



**2026-2027**

## **ASA Provincial Team Selection Criteria (M&W)**

**Effective: January 29th, 2026**

### **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 The document outlines the criteria and process to select athletes to the 2026-2027 ASA Provincial Team
  - 1.2 The document shall be interpreted and applied in accordance with the principles of procedural fairness and natural justice.
  - 1.3 The following disciplines will make up the criteria for selection to the 2026-2027 ASA Provincial Team
    - Halfpipe (HP)
    - Slopestyle (SS)
- \*\*\* Athletes competing in speed disciplines who wish to apply for selection to the Provincial Team will be assessed on an individual basis. Assessment criteria will be communicated directly to the athlete through a one-on-one review process.\*\*\*
- 1.4 The athletes named to the 2026-2027 ASA Provincial Team will continue to train with ASA sanctioned clubs, under the direction of the club's certified coaches, and receive support from ASA as a Member of the 2026-2027 ASA Provincial Team.
  - 1.5 ASA defines high performance as a sport program that aims to develop athletes through the LTAD pathway from Train to Compete up to Train to Win, where athletes are competing at FIS level and above competitions.

### **2.0 DEFINITIONS**

- 2.1 ASA: Alberta Snowboarding Association
- 2.2 LTAD: Long Term Athlete Development
- 2.3 FIS: Federation International de Ski & Snowboard
- 2.4 CSF: Canada Snowboard Federation
- 2.5 HPP: High Performance Pathway
- 2.6 CSCP: Canadian Snowboard Coaching Program
- 2.7 YTP: Yearly Training Plan
- 2.8 NORAM: FIS North American Cup



## 2.9 CRL: Canadian Ranking List

### 3.0 GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 The ASA Provincial Team recommendations will be determined by an athlete's performance during the 2025-2026 season commencing December 1, 2025 through to approximately April 30, 2026 (end of season).
- 3.2 The selection is for one-year ONLY – 2026-2027 season commencing July 1, 2026 ending June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2027
- 3.3 The purpose of the ASA Provincial Team is to provide those athletes identified on a performance pathway supplemental tools and resources, to support their athletic results.

### 4.0 ELIGIBILITY

In order to be eligible for nomination to the ASA Provincial Team an athlete must:

- 4.1 Must be between the ages of 13 and 19 years of age as of January 1, 2026.  
Year of Birth (2007-2013)
- 4.2 Must be a Canadian Citizen
- 4.3 Must be a permanent resident of Alberta for 12 months prior to January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026 and continue to hold Alberta as their permanent residence for the duration of the 2026-2027 season
- 4.4 Be a member in good standing of CSF and ASA with valid 2026-2027 compete/FIS license and a minimum SAIP 3 insurance by September 1, 2026.
- 4.5 Not be under suspension or other sanction for any doping or doping-related offense at time of EOI submission or during the team selection process outlined in section 5.0 and 7.0
- 4.6 Be an active member of an ASA sanctioned club, training with a licensed CSCP coach, certified to coach LTAD stage 4-5.
- 4.7 Be medically fit to compete by EOI submission or during the team selection process outlined in section 5.0 and 7.0
- 4.8 Competed in a minimum of two (2) Challenger WSPL (FIS CoC, NC, UVS, AWG, EYOF) sanctioned competitions (or Snr Nationals Air Nation) in the 2025-2026 season.
- 4.9 Meet the minimum skill competency, as outlined in Appendix A

The following athletes are ineligible for nomination to the ASA Provincial Team:



- 4.10 Any athlete who is a member of Canada Snowboard's National Team including Development or Next Gen program

## **5.0 SELECTION CRITERIA**

Alberta's male and female athletes within the freestyle disciplines of SS and HP will be ranked as per the final published WSPL list of the 2025-2026 season, (approximately June 30, 2026). Canadian athletes will be extracted based on the final published WSPL list and placed on the CRL per discipline.

### **5.1 Female athletes:**

- 5.1.1 For SS, athletes must be within the top **20** of all CAN female athletes and within the top 175 World Rank
- 5.1.2 For HP, athletes must be within the top **20** of all CAN female athletes and within the top 175 World Rank

### **5.2 Male athletes:**

- 5.2.1 For SS, athletes must be within the top **25** of all CAN male athletes and within the top 175 World Rank
- 5.2.2 For HP, athletes must be within the top **20** of all CAN male athletes and within the top 175 World Rank

In addition to the ranking, athletes must also be able to provide evidence through their EOI that they meet the minimum technical skills in the discipline(s) in which they are applying to for the 2026-2027 ASA Provincial Team.

## **6.0 TEAM STRUCTURE**

- 6.1 The number of athletes nominated to the 2026-2027 ASA Provincial Team is based on:

- The number of athletes that meet or exceed the selection criteria; and
- ASA's ability to run the Provincial Team (i.e. financial constraints)

- 6.2 ASA will work to provide ancillary services to support the athletes on the 2026-2027 ASA Provincial Team to supplement their ASA clubs programming. Level of support will be determined by the size of the Team and any financial constraints

## **7.0 COMMITMENT CRITERIA**

- 7.1 Once nominated to the ASA Provincial Team, athletes must adhere to the following commitment criteria:



- 7.1.1 Be based in Alberta full time, training with an ASA sanctioned club and ASA/CSCP certified and licensed coach
- 7.1.2 Always act and participate in a respectful and sportsmanlike manner, maintaining compliance with ASA's Code of Conduct
- 7.1.3 Always wear ASA supplied outerwear clothing for award ceremonies, podium appearances (if provided) and other ASA supplied clothing for Provincial Team appearances as directed by ASA.
- 7.1.4 Agree to attend all ASA Provincial events, and where conflict exists with a larger event i.e. NAC Air Nation, World Cup etc. written notice to ASA leadership minimum 30 days in advance of competition is to be provided seeking exemption.
- 7.1.5 Adherence to ASA Provincial Team's attendance requirements, as follows:
  - 7.1.5.1 Must attend all training sessions and sanctioned events, unless the athlete has been excused.
  - 7.1.5.2 An athlete is only excused when:
    - Prior approval from ASA Leadership
    - Provides doctor's note indicating reason for absence
  - 7.1.5.3 Maximum of three (3) unexcused occurrences, over the course of the season will be tolerated, whether in the form of missed training/session attendance, tardiness or early departures
  - 7.1.5.4 Exceeding the number of unexcused occurrences, the athlete will be removed from the ASA Team including all associated benefits, such as CanWest Pass

## **8.0 SELECTION PROCESS**

Eligible athletes who are seeking consideration for nomination to the 2026-2027 ASA Provincial Team must submit their EOI between July 1, 2026 and August 15th, 2026 to [highperformance@albertasnowboarding.com](mailto:highperformance@albertasnowboarding.com)

### **8.1 Expression of Interest (EOI) requirements**

EOI's must be submitted in a slide deck format containing the following information:



- 8.1.1 Athlete's Name
- 8.1.2 Athlete's DOB
- 8.1.3 Athlete's Club
- 8.1.4 Athlete's Coach Name & Contact Information
- 8.1.5 How athlete meets the minimum eligibility requirements as outlined in Section 4.0
- 8.1.6 Letter from athlete's coach confirming athlete meets minimum skill competencies outlined in Appendix A.
- 8.1.7 Athlete confirms in slide deck that they have read, understand and agree to section 7.0 Commitment Criteria
- 8.2 Only athletes who submit an EOI by the submission deadline (see 8.0) will be considered for nomination
- 8.3 The selection committee will determine and communicate to the nominated athletes for the 2026-2027 ASA Provincial Team on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026
- 8.4 Athletes must accept or decline in writing to [highperformance@albertasnowboarding.com](mailto:highperformance@albertasnowboarding.com) by 5pm MST, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026
- 8.5 ASA will announce the 2026-2027 Provincial Team no later than October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026

## **9.0 UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES & REVISIONS**

- 9.1 Subject to any revisions of an athlete's decision to decline selection after Team announcement, or an athlete's inability to participate in the 2026-2027 season due to injury or illness, ASA reserves the right to determine the appropriate course of action based on circumstances
- 9.2 ASA may exercise discretion to revise these criteria prior to the end of the eligibility period(s), as reasonably necessary to avoid dispute(s) in the selection process
- 9.3 ASA may at any time disqualify an eligible athlete from being considered for



nomination based on current or past behaviors of the athlete which is inconsistent with ASA's code of conduct. ASA will advise the affected athlete in writing of their decision

9.4 It may occur that an athlete, may by reason of health-related curtailment of activities or extraordinary circumstances, be unable to participate in the minimum number of events as identified under 4.0 eligibility. In such circumstances, the athlete's eligibility for selection shall be reviewed on the basis of the athletes projected medical-rehabilitation, as well as additional information provided in the EOI.

## **10.0 APPEALS**

10.1 Any dispute relating to the selection criteria must be conducted in accordance to ASA's [appeals policy](#).



## **APPENDIX A.**

Minimum skill competencies for consideration to the 2026-2027 ASA  
Provincial Team

### **Halfpipe technical minimum standards:**

#### **MEN:**

Straight airs at 6ft'  
2 way 720's at 5ft'  
2 way 540's 5ft'  
Consistent, grabbed  
all in same run, in an  
18ft pipe

#### **WOMEN:**

Straight airs at 3ft'  
2 way 540 at 2ft'  
Consistent, grabbed,  
all in same run, in an  
18ft pipe

### **Slopestyle technical minimum standards:**

#### **MEN:**

2 way 1080's  
2 way 900's  
Must be able to land a  
switch rail trick

#### **WOMEN:**

2 way 360  
1 way 540  
Boardslide/lipslide at  
90\* through entire rail  
feature

\*\* Tricks must be completed over features 50ft in length from take-off to  
knuckle. Tricks must be grabbed and consistently landed.

### **Rail technical minimum standards:**

#### **MEN:**

2 way 270 boardslides  
Must be able to land switch  
switch rail trick

#### **WOMEN:**

2 way 180 rail tricks  
Boardslide/lipslide at  
90\* through entire rail  
feature

\*\* Tricks must be completed on a downhill 'handrail' type feature of 15ft'  
length  
or greater

Those athletes with additional competition or creative/unique skills should  
identify and provide evidence of the competency in skills to support their  
application for consideration to the Provincial Team.