

INTRODUCTION:

- The High Performance Program (HPP) consists of those athletes formally named by Snowboard Ontario (SO) and who are then eligible to receive support directly from SO, based on available funding. Athletes' named to the HPP are recognized as members of Snowboard Ontario's Provincial A Team or Snowboard Ontario's Provincial B Team in the disciplines of Alpine, Halfpipe, Slopestyle & Big Air, Snowboardcross or Para-Snowboard.
- 2. This "High Performance Program Selection Protocol" sets out the process of:
 - a. Identifying those athletes who are eligible for selection to the 2017/18
 High Performance Program in all of the snowboard disciplines; Alpine,
 Halfpipe, Slopestyle & Big Air, Snowboardcross and Para-Snowboard; and
 - Determining which athletes shall be offered positions on the 2017-2018
 Alpine, Halfpipe, Slopestyle & Big Air, Snowboardcross and Para-Snowboard Provincial A Team or B Team.
- This High Performance Program Selection Protocol and other Snowboard Ontario Selection Protocols are published on the Snowboard Ontario web site (www.ontariosnowboarders.ca)
- 4. Athletes eligible for selection to the HPP are identified, ranked and offered Provincial Team positions according to SO's formal 'Selection Process' detailed in this document.



TERMS:

5. The following abbreviated terms are used in the Selection Protocol:

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SO Snowboard Ontario

CS Canada Snowboard

CRL Canadian Ranking List

HPP High Performance Program

• CSCP Canadian Snowboard Coaching Program

• LTAD Long Term Athlete Development

PGS Parallel Giant Slalom

PSL Parallel Slalom

SBX Snowboardcross

• SS Slopestyle

• BA Big Air

HP Halfpipe

GENERAL CONSIDERATION:

- 6. The Selection Committee will be comprised of the HPP Manager, and the High Performance Committee.
- 7. The Selection Committee will meet on or before June 15, 2017 to identify and recommend athletes for the HPP for the 2017-18 season.
- 8. Snowboard Ontario will notify recommended athletes and post selections no later than June 16th 2017.
- 9. The Selection Committee's recommendations shall be made on the basis of the athlete's performance during the 2016-17 season as outlined in the eligibility and selection criteria section of this document.
- 10. All HPP athletes' selections are for a one-year period, ending on May 30th, 2018.



11. The maximum number of available positions is outlined in the Team Structure section of this document.

Note: Due to financial constraints, the HPP may **not** be able to support the athletes financially.

12. Athletes ranking based on the selection process will ordinarily determine the order of selection (for available HPP positions). However, the Snowboard Ontario HPP Manager has the right to recommend athletes for selection in an order other than that indicated by the rankings. The grounds for any such recommendations must be set out in detail, and must be in accordance with the Exceptional Considerations set out below.

IDENTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY:

- 13. To be eligible for selection to the HPP, an athlete must:
 - a. Be in good standing with Snowboard Ontario
 - b. Ontario must be the athletes' province of origin/place of residence for the prior 12 months.
 - c. Athletes must be a member of an active club/program with SO or CS, working with a CSCP licensed coach whose training/certification fulfills the needs of the LTAD stage 4-5 athletes
 - d. Athletes must have held a SO membership for the 2016/17 season
 - e. Have participated in the 2017 Ontario Provincial Championships and the 2017 Canadian National Championships in their discipline
 - f. Athletes cannot be current members of the CS HPP (National Team, NextGen or Development Groups)

14. Age:

- Slopestyle/Halfpipe: born prior to December 31, 2005 (12+)
- Alpine/Snowboardcross: born prior to December 31, 2002 (15+)
- Para-Snowboard: case by case basis
- 15. An athlete who does not meet the eligibility criteria set out above may be considered for the selection if she or he meets the conditions of the Exceptional Considerations provisions set out below.



TEAM STRUCTURE:

- 16. Snowboard Ontario will name athletes in each of the four (4) Olympic disciplines (Slopestyle & Big Air, Halfpipe, Alpine and Snowboardcross) and one (1) Parasnowboard discipline (Snowboardcross). Genders will be weighted by participation with a minimum of one (1) athlete per discipline per gender (where applicable).
- 17. A maximum of 60 athletes will be named to the HPP/Ontario Provincial teams, with a maximum of 3 athletes per discipline per gender to the Provincial A Team and 3 athletes per discipline per gender to the Provincial B Team.

ATHLETE SELECTION CRITERIA:

- 18. Slopestyle & Big Air/Halfpipe
 - a. Any Ontario athlete who is named Canadian Senior National or Junior National Champion will automatically be named to the provincial team
 - b. The most current Canadian Ranking List for the respective disciplines as of June $\mathbf{1}^{\text{st}}$, 2017 will be used to determine the ranking order

19. Alpine/Snowboardcross

- Any Ontario athlete who is named the Canadian Senior National or Junior FIS National Champion will automatically be named to the provincial team
- b. The most current FIS points list for the respective disciplines as of June 1st, 2017 will be used to determine the ranking order

20. Para-Snowboard

- a. Any Ontario athlete named Para-Snowboard Provincial Champion will be named to the team
- Para-Snowboard athletes will have needed to participate in a minimum of 2 provincial events to be considered

EXCEPTIONAL CONSIDERATIONS:



- 21. An athlete may be considered for the HPP if she or he resides outside of the province of Ontario as they attend a post-secondary institution, but Ontario remains their primary place of residence. In such circumstances the athlete shall remain eligible for selection.
- 22. An athlete may be considered for the HPP if she or he resides outside of the province of Ontario to receive the required level of training not available in Ontario and is out of the province temporarily during the year. (I.e. Due to lack of facilities, coaching, competitions).
- 23. It may occur that an athlete may, by reason of a health related curtailment of activities or extraordinary circumstance, be unable to participate in the Ontario Provincial Championships. In such circumstances the athlete shall remain eligible for selection.
- 24. If an athlete did not participate in the most current Ontario Provincial Championships and/or National Championships, the selection committee will request additional information from athletes prior to selection. Each athlete will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis, and in such circumstances the athlete may remain eligible for selection.
- 25. Para-Snowboard athletes may be waived the requirement of a club membership for the 2017/18 season due to the nature of developing Para-Snowboard programs in the province.

ATHLETIC OBLIGATION:

- 26. As part of the Snowboard Ontario HPP athletes will be required to meet the following expectation and obligation.
 - a. Accept their team position through completion of the SO HPP Athlete Contract within 1 week of notification of selection to the HPP
 - b. Participate in a minimum of two (2) fitness testing sessions schedule for HPP athletes pre and post season. If the athlete is unable to attend the fitness testing session they will be required to submit testing results within two (2) weeks of the scheduled session.



- c. Participate in any auxiliary training organized and scheduled by SO for the HPP athletes.
- d. Participate in the minimum number of events required to be eligible for selection to the HPP for the discipline you represent.
- e. Always act and participate in a respectful and sportsman like manner while representing SO.
- f. Adhere to the SO Athlete Code of Conduct
- g. Always wear supplied SO clothing for award ceremonies, podium appearances, and other team appearances as directed by Snowboard Ontario.
- h. Submit a yearly training program to the High Performance Manager, with quarterly updates on progress and changes, on an agreed upon schedule set forth by Snowboard Ontario.

APPEALS:

27. Appeals to Snowboard Ontario's Provincial Team Selections may be made by any member of Snowboard Ontario who is materially affected by the selection, and who is a member in good standing. Appeals must be made under SO's Appeals policy which can be found on Snowboard Ontario's website www.ontariosnowboarders.ca

A non-refundable appeal fee of \$50 shall apply.