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BC SNOWBOARD ASSOCIATION 2012 CANADA~SNOWBOARD NATIONALS BC ATHLETES SELECTION PROTOCOL December 1, 2011

Introduction

1. The 2012 Canada~Snowboard Nationals are scheduled as follows:
March 12-19, 2012 | Snow Crown Style Nationals | COP, Alberta
April 1-8, 2012 | Speed Nationals | Nakiska, Alberta
2. The official Nationals Event Guide and Schedule will be posted by Canada~Snowboard at www.canadasnowboard.ca.
3. Each Provincial Snowboard Association is allotted a set number of quota spots for each discipline. BC Snowboard Association (BC Snowboard) will publish the allotted quota spot details upon receipt of same from Canada~Snowboard.
4. The BC Athletes Selection Protocol is designed to outline the selection of BC athletes to participate in each discipline at the Canada~Snowboard Nationals "Nationals".
5. The final decision on the selection of athletes to participate in the 2012 Canada~Snowboard Nationals shall be approved by the Executive Committee on the basis of recommendations by the Selection Committee of each discipline.
6. The list of qualified athletes will be posted at www.bcsnowboard.com and communicated by email distribution on or before March 11, 2012.
7. The Selection Committee for each discipline shall consist of:
 - a) BC Snowboard Executive Director (Chairperson)
 - b) BC Snowboard Provincial Team Head Coach for that discipline; and
 - c) BC Snowboard Provincial Team Assistant Coach for that discipline or 1 BC Snowboard Development Team Head Coach if an Assistant Coach is not in place.

Eligibility

1. To be eligible to be selected to represent BC and to participate in the 2011 Canada~Snowboard Nationals ("Nationals"), an athlete must:
 - a) hold a current BCSCA Advanced Competitor License and be in good standing;
 - b) have approved medical insurance with Sport Accident Insurance Program (SAIP);
 - c) have a current FIS license (if competing in a FIS event); and
 - d) accept the invitation from BC Snowboard to attend within the time specified for acceptance.
2. An athlete can participate in more than one discipline.

Ranking Process

Snowboard Cross (FIS)

1. The athlete's total point score from the BC Snowboard Provincial Series Overall Results for the discipline of Snowboard Cross will be added to the athlete's FIS points from the 6th FIS points list in that discipline to obtain the athlete's Qualification Score for Nationals.
2. Eligible athletes shall be ranked, within their discipline and by gender, according to his/her Qualification Score.
3. Should a tie exist, the athlete with the single best result from the 6th FIS List (as measured by FIS Points) shall be given the higher ranking.
4. Should a tie continue to exist, the next best result from the 6th FIS List will be used until the tie is broken.

Snowboard Cross (ages: 14 and under)

1. The athlete's total point score from the BC Snowboard Provincial Series Overall Results (14 and under category) for the discipline of Snowboard Cross will be used to obtain the athlete's Qualification Score for Nationals.
2. Eligible athletes shall be ranked, within their discipline and by gender, according to his/her Qualification Score.
3. Should a tie exist, the athlete with the single best result from the BC Snowboard Provincial Series Overall Results shall be given the higher ranking.
4. Should a tie continue to exist, the next best result from the BC Snowboard Provincial Series Overall Results will be used until the tie is broken.

Slopestyle (13 and over)

1. The athlete's total point score from the BC Snowboard Provincial Series Overall Results for the discipline of Slopestyle will be added to the athlete's FIS points from the 6th FIS points list and the athlete's TTR points list in that discipline to obtain the athlete's Qualification Score for Nationals.
2. Eligible athletes shall be ranked, within their discipline and by gender, according to his/her Qualification Score.
3. Should a tie exist, the athlete with the single best result from the 6th FIS List will be used (as measured by FIS Points) shall be given the higher ranking.
4. Should a tie continue to exist, the next best result from the 6th FIS List will be used until the tie is broken.
5. The National Slopestyle Event will also have an Open Qualification where a BC athlete with a current BC Snowboard Advanced Competitor License may register and qualify through the Open category. Details will be posted in the Official Event Guide at www.canadasnowboard.ca.

Slopestyle (ages: 12 and under)

1. The athlete's total point score from the BC Snowboard Provincial Series Overall Results (for the 14 and under category) for the discipline of Slopestyle will be added to the athlete's TTR points list in that discipline to obtain the athlete's Qualification Score for Nationals.
2. Eligible athletes shall be ranked, within their discipline and by gender, according to his/her Qualification Score.
3. Should a tie exist, the athlete with the single best result from the BC Snowboard Provincial Series Overall Results shall be given the higher ranking.
4. Should a tie continue to exist, the next best result from the BC Snowboard Provincial Series Overall Results will be used until the tie is broken.

Halfpipe

1. There are no Halfpipe events scheduled within the BC Snowboard Provincial Series for the 2011-2012 season.
2. BC athletes interested in participating in the Nationals Halfpipe event are requested to send an email with his/her Halfpipe results for the last 2 seasons to admin@bcsnowboard.com prior to March 10, 2012.
3. The Selection Committee will review the Applications, contact the coach of the athlete if applicable, and issue a list of qualified athletes to represent BC in the Nationals Halfpipe competition based on the athlete's application and earned FIS and TTR points for Halfpipe.

Speed (PGS/PSL)

1. There are no PGS or PSL events scheduled within the BC Snowboard Provincial Series for the 2011-2012 season.
2. BC athletes interested in participating in the Nationals PGS and/or PSL events requested to send an email with their PGS and/or PSL results for the last 2 seasons to admin@bcsnowboard.com prior to March 10, 2012.
3. The Selection Committee will review the Applications and provide a list of qualified athletes to represent BC in the Nationals PGS and PSL competition based on the athlete's application and earned FIS points for PGS and PSL.

General

1. The Selection Date for Nationals shall be March 10, 2012.
2. Qualification Scores for different disciplines are not added together, but are maintained separately for each discipline.
3. The list of BC athletes qualified for Nationals will be published at www.bcsnowboard.com and distributed by email and Facebook.
4. Athletes shall ordinarily be selected for participation in the Nationals in the order of their ranking. However, the following sections also have a bearing on the final selection.

5. Selection rankings notwithstanding, the Selection Committee shall have the power to withhold any athlete from participation in Nationals if doing so is warranted, in the view of the BC Snowboard's medical advisors, by the pace of that athlete's rehabilitation from a health related curtailment of activities.
6. Selection rankings notwithstanding, the Selection Committee shall have the power to select athletes to participate in the Nationals in an order other than that indicated by the rankings. The Selection Committee shall also have the power to select fewer male or female athletes, in any or all disciplines.
7. The grounds for any such decisions must be set out in detail in the minutes of the meeting of the Selection Committee. Grounds which may be considered in such decisions shall include, but may not be limited to:
 - The athlete's commitment to a long term training program
 - The athlete's level of physical conditioning
 - The athlete's level of mental training
 - Anomalies in competitions, arising from factors such as weather or abnormally small field sizes, which are determined to be a factor in the attainment of or failure to attain results
 - Gaps in the points used to rank athletes, which may be taken to represent a significant gap in performance ability.
8. Any decision to select an athlete in an order other than indicated by the rankings shall be done through consultation with the coaches of the athletes involved.
9. Issues not otherwise covered by this selection protocol shall be resolved by the Executive Director in consultation with the Executive Committee of BC Snowboard.