



**Canada West Ski Areas Association (CWSAA)
All Areas Competitor Pass Distribution Policy (2017-2018)**

1. Introduction

BC Snowboard Association receives an annual allocation of All Areas Competitor Passes from Canada West Ski Areas Association (CWSAA) for distribution to BC Snowboard athletes who are developing their competitive snowboarding skills.

CWSAA believes that deserving young Ski and Snowboard athletes should be given all the support possible to reach their goal to one day represent Canada in Olympic Games, World Championships or World Cups. For this reason CWSAA created the ALL AREAS COMPETITORS PASS to facilitate eligible athletes access to western Canada's Ski and Snowboard Resorts for the purpose of training and competition. All athletes must understand that the use of the Competitor Pass is a privilege that carries with it the responsibility to represent their respective Sports Discipline in a sportsman-like fashion showing leadership to their fellow athletes.

CWSAA has provided BC Snowboard with the authority to distribute CWSAA All Areas Passes to BC Snowboard athletes and coaches.

2. Policy

BC Snowboard Association distributes the All Areas Competitor Passes to BC athletes and coaches in a fair and equitable fashion and in accordance with the CWSAA All Areas Competitor pass Qualifications and Guidelines.

The BC Snowboard Canada West Ski Areas Association (CWSAA) All Areas Competitor Pass Distribution Policy is designed to assist qualified competitive BC Snowboard members who compete in FIS disciplines.

3. Definitions

BC Snowboard: BC Snowboard Association, recognized by Canada Snowboard as the governing body for competitive snowboarding within British Columbia.

CWSAA: Canada West Ski Areas Association, an organization representing ski area operators within Western Canada which provides the All Areas Competitor Passes to the governing bodies.

Competitor Pass (Pass): Competitor's All Areas Passes are issued to BC Snowboard by CWSAA. The number of Passes is based on a pro-rated formula through CWSAA based on the number of qualified athletes of BC Snowboard and other governing bodies, and will vary from year to year.

Club: A BC based Snowboard Club sanctioned by BC Snowboard which is in good standing with BC Snowboard and Canada Snowboard.

3. Eligibility

To qualify for a CWSAA All Areas Pass the athlete must meet the following requirements:

- a) hold an Advanced membership in BC Snowboard for previous and current year;
- b) hold a FIS license (Canadian) for current year;
- c) be resident in BC for previous and current year;
- d) complete the CWSAA Application and Waiver provided;
- e) be a current member of a snowboard club or team sanctioned by BC Snowboard; and
- f) provide the BC Snowboard – CWSAA Competitors Pass Report, if requested (to be completed by the athlete and his/her coach).

All athletes must meet the following age eligibility rules for the 2017/2018 season:

- a) Snowboard athletes in Alpine, Snowboard Cross and Big Air must be born between 1998 and 2002;
- b) Snowboard athletes in Half Pipe and Slopestyle must be born between 1999 and 2003;
- c) There are no age restrictions for carded members of the Canadian Para National Team who are permanent residents in BC.

Special consideration may be given to athletes up to 2 years over the base age range or 1 year younger than the minimum age with a letter from their respective National Sports Organization confirming that the athlete is under serious consideration for nomination to their National Team in the upcoming competition year.

4. Distribution of Athletes Passes by BC Snowboard

CWSAA passes will be distributed to eligible BC Snowboard athletes based on the following order of priority, until the total allotted CWSAA passes are distributed:

- a) to the athletes with the highest FIS points in each discipline, based on the last FIS list from the previous season; athletes must have competed in at least 1 FIS event in previous season; or in the case of no FIS points
- b) to BC Snowboard members by his/her ranking within the BC Snowboard Provincial Series by discipline.

In the event of a tie of FIS points or ranking, that tie will be broken by the best individual score used to arrive at the total points creating the tie.

5. Accountability

BC Snowboard reserves the right to request an updated CWSAA Competitors Pass Report during the season to ensure that the athlete is actively training and competing.

The purpose of the Report is to ensure that the Competitor Pass is being used for its intended purpose. Failure to complete the Report will result in Pass cancellation and ineligibility in the future.

6. Distribution of Coach Passes

Coach passes are part of the overall provincial quota and will be kept to a minimum.

The priority for Coach Pass distribution is:

- a) Coach passes will be issued to approved BC Snowboard Provincial Team coaches and support staff;
- b) Coach passes will be approved for purchase by a coach of a BC Snowboard sanctioned club (based on 5 athletes to 1 coach ratio), upon the following conditions being met:
 - 1) Coach must have a minimum of Canadian Snowboard Coaching Program Comp Intro certified status;
 - 2) Coach must be in good standing with BC Snowboard and Canada Snowboard;
 - 3) Club must provide confirmation of coach employment; and
 - 4) Club must have a minimum of five (5) athletes participating in the Club programs who hold CWSAA pass for the current season.

7. Appeals

Any person wishing to appeal a BC Snowboard selection decision must do so in accordance with the BC Snowboard Appeals Policy.

7. General

Circumstances not otherwise covered by this Distribution Policy shall be brought before the Executive Committee of BC Snowboard through the Executive Director for approval.

9. Contact Information

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