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BC SNOWBOARD ASSOCIATION 2011 CANADA~SNOWBOARD NATIONALS (SPEED) BC ATHLETES SELECTION PROTOCOL

Introduction

1. The 2011 Canada~Snowboard Nationals (Speed) are scheduled as follows:
April 5 to 10, 2011: Lake Louise, AB
Snowboard Cross, Parallel Giant Slalom
2. Event Notice and Schedule can be found at: www.canadasnowboard.ca.
3. Each Provincial Snowboard Association is allotted a set number of quota spots for each discipline. BC Snowboard Association ("BCSA") has been allocated the following spots:
Snowboard Cross (male and female): 12
Parallel Giant Slalom (male and female): 2
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.
5. The final decision on the selection of athletes to participate in the 2011 Canada~Snowboard Nationals shall be made by the Executive Committee on the basis of recommendations by the Selection Committee.
6. The list of qualified athletes will be posted at www.bcsnowboard.com and communicated by email distribution on or before March 22, 2011.
7. The Selection Committee shall consist of:
 - a) BC Snowboard Executive Director (Chairperson);
 - b) BC Snowboard Athlete Program Director; and
 - c) BC Provincial Snowboard Cross Team Head Coach.

Eligibility

1. To be eligible to be selected to represent BC and to participate in the 2011 Canada~Snowboard Speed Nationals ("Nationals"), an athlete must:
 - a) hold a current BCSA Advanced Competitor License and be in good standing;
 - b) have approved medical insurance with Canadian Athlete Insurance Program (CAIP);
 - c) have a current FIS license;

- d) accept the invitation from BCSA to attend within the time specified for acceptance;
and
 - e) pay the required entry fees online to Canada~Snowboard.
2. An athlete can participate in more than one discipline.

Ranking Process

Snowboard Cross

1. Athlete ranking will be determined by combining the BC Snowboard Provincial Series Overall Results with the athlete's FIS points from the 7th FIS Points List to obtain the athlete's qualification score ("Qualification Score").
2. BC Snowboard Provincial Series Overall Results are determined by the average of the Assigned Points from the top two results in the Provincial Series.
3. In the event an athlete attended the 2011 Canada Winter Games (CWG) and was unable to participate in Provincial Series events during that time frame, the athlete's CWG result may be used as one of the results used to calculate the athlete's average.
4. The Assigned Points for Provincial Series and CWG results are based on the FIS 50 point scale; the Assigned Points for Provincial Finals results are based on the FIS 70 point scale.
5. The BC Snowboard Provincial Series FIS Overall Results and the 2010-2011 BC Snowboard Provincial Series Overall Points Calculation Policy are posted at: www.bcsnowboard.com.
6. Eligible athletes shall be ranked, by gender, according to his/her Qualification Score ("Selection Ranking").
7. Should a tie exist, the athlete with the single best result from the 7th FIS List will be used (as measured by FIS Points) shall be given the higher ranking.
8. Should a tie continue to exist, the next best result from the 7th FIS List will be used until the tie is broken.

Parallel Giant Slalom

1. An athlete interested in participating in the 2011 Canada~Snowboard Nationals Parallel Giant Slalom, must submit his or her application by email to bcsnow@telus.net prior to March 14, 2011, expressing his or her interest to participate and providing details of his or her competition experience in Parallel Giant Slalom.
2. The Selection Committee will create a Selection Ranking for Parallel Giant Slalom based on each athlete's experience in Parallel Giant Slalom during the last 12 months.

Selection Exceptions

Athletes shall ordinarily be selected for participation in the 2011 Canada~Snowboard Nationals in the order of their ranking, however, the following considerations will also have a bearing on the final selection:

1. Selection Ranking notwithstanding, the Selection Committee shall have the power to withhold any athlete from participation in the 2011 Canada~Snowboard Nationals if doing so is warranted, in the view of the BCSA's medical advisors, by the pace of that athlete's rehabilitation from a health related curtailment of activities.
2. Selection Ranking notwithstanding, the Selection Committee shall have the power to select athletes to participate in the 2011 Canada~Snowboard 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.
3. 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
 - The athlete's competitive experience
 - 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.
4. 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.

General

1. The Selection Date for the 2011 Canada~Snowboard Nationals shall be March 15, 2011.
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.
4. Issues not otherwise covered by this selection protocol shall be resolved by the Executive Committee of BCSA, in consultation with the Selection Committee.