



**BC Athletes Selection Protocol
2016 Canada~Snowboard Nationals
December 1, 2015**

Introduction

1. The official National Event Guides and Schedules will be posted by Canada~Snowboard at www.canadasnowboard.ca.
2. Air Nation (Freestyle) and Speed Nation (Alpine) National Championships have open registration for current Provincial Advanced members. Registration details are contained in the Event Guides on Canada~Snowboard website.
3. Each Provincial Snowboard Association is allotted a set number of quota spots for Snowboard Cross Nationals, these numbers are listed in the Speed Nation SBX Event Guide on Canada~Snowboard website.
4. The BC Athletes Selection Protocol is designed to outline the selection process for BC athletes to participate in Snowboard Cross Nationals.
5. The final decision on the selection of athletes to participate in the 2016 Canada~Snowboard Nationals shall be approved 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 and Facebook distribution on or before March 12, 2016.
7. The Selection Committee for each discipline shall consist of:
 - a) BC Snowboard Executive Director (Chairperson);
 - b) BC Provincial Snowboard Cross Team Head Coach; and
 - c) BC Provincial Snowboard Cross Team Assistant Coach.

Eligibility

1. To be eligible to be selected to represent BC and to participate in the 2016 Speed Nation: SBX Nationals, an athlete must:
 - a) hold a current BC Snowboard 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) pay the required entry fees as noted in the Event Guide.
2. An athlete can participate in more than one event if qualified.

Ranking Process

Snowboard Cross (FIS) – Junior Nationals and Senior Nationals

1. The athlete's total point score from the Like Me Snowboard Series (presented by BC Snowboard) Overall Results for the discipline of Snowboard Cross will be added to the athlete's FIS points from the 7th 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 7th 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 7th FIS List will be used until the tie is broken.

Snowboard Cross: U15 Nationals (ages 13 and 14)

1. The athlete's total point score from the BC Provincial Series Overall Results (includes Like Me Snowboard Series and other sanctioned events) in the U15 Open Age 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 Like Me Snowboard Series (presented by BC Snowboard) Overall Results shall be given the higher ranking.
4. Should a tie continue to exist, the next best result from the Like Me Snowboard Series (presented by BC Snowboard) Overall Results will be used until the tie is broken.
5. Consideration may be given to athletes from the BC Provincial Series Overall Results (includes Like Me Snowboard Series and other sanctioned events) U13 Open Age Category, after consultation with the athlete's coach.

General

1. The Selection Date for Nationals shall be March 12, 2016.
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:
 - a) Selection rankings notwithstanding, the Selection Committee shall have the power to withhold any athlete from participation in Nationals if doing so is warranted, ie injury and the pace of that athlete's rehabilitation from an injury.

- b) 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.
 - c) 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.
5. 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.
 6. Issues not otherwise covered by this selection protocol shall be resolved by the Executive Director in consultation with the Executive Committee of BC Snowboard.

