



**Association of Ontario
Snowboarders**

2012 Ontario Winter Games – Athlete Selection Criteria

Approved by the AOS Board of Directors December 13, 2011

Introduction

1. Snowboarding events will be a part of the Ontario Winter Games. Athletes will compete in the following disciplines: Alpine, Snowboard Cross and Slope Style.
2. As the governing body for the sport of Snowboarding in Ontario, the Association of Ontario Snowboarders (AOS) has been granted the right by the Sports Alliance of Ontario (SAO) to enter eligible athletes into the snowboarding events at the 2012 Ontario Winter Games (OWG).
3. The snowboard events of the OWG are scheduled to be held on March 9th and 11th 2012.
4. The purpose of this policy is to set out the process for identifying which athletes will be invited by the AOS to participate in the **2012 Ontario Winter Games**.
5. The intent of the policy is to:
 - a) Assure a fair and open process; and
 - b) Assure that the best athletes are selected.

Objective

6. The AOS's objective at the 2012 Ontario Winter Games is to provide a high level competitive experience for Ontario's athletes in the Train to Train stage (stage 4) of the Long Term Athlete Development Plan for Snowboarding in Canada.

Selection Committee

7. The AOS shall appoint a Selection Committee that will be responsible for interpreting and applying this policy.

Eligibility

8. To be eligible to be selected to participate in the 2012 Ontario Winter Games, an athlete must:
 - a) Be a member in good standing with the AOS
 - b) Have purchased a Competitive Membership for the 2012 season;
 - c) Train with a coach licensed with the Canadian Snowboard Coaching Program
 - d) Born between January 1st 1996 and December 31st 1998**
 - e) Resident of Ontario on December 31st, 2011;
 - f) Be medically fit to compete.
 - g) Submit an application, using the form attached hereto as "Appendix A", confirming her or his desire to participate in the Ontario Winter Games.

Team Size

9. The AOS may enter a total of 48 athletes (24 Male and 24 female) in all three disciplines, Alpine, Snowboard Cross and Slope Style.

Ranking Process – Alpine, Slopestyle and Snowboard Cross

10. Eligible athletes that have submitted their application shall be ranked, within their discipline and by gender, according to their best two (2) AOS results in competitions entered during the period from January 1, 2011 through to the selection date.

12. Should a tie exist the athlete with the next best result shall be given the higher ranking.

Selection Process

13. The Selection Date for the 2012 Ontario Winter Games Team shall be January 25, 2012

14. Athletes shall ordinarily be selected for participation in the Ontario Winter Games in the order of their ranking. However, the following sections also have a bearing on the final selection.

15. Selection rankings notwithstanding, the AOS shall have the power to select athletes to participate in the Ontario Winter Games in an order other than that indicated by the rankings.

16. The Selection Committee shall have the authority and sole discretion to award up to sixteen of the available positions on an exception basis to other eligible riders who apply for consideration. The grounds for any such decisions must be set out in detail in the minutes of the meeting of the Selection Committee.

17. Athletes wishing to be considered on an exceptional basis are required to send their resume, photos and videos by January 24, 2012.

Your resume should include:

- How long you've been riding and where you ride
- Provide details outlining your yearly training and competitive schedule
- Your coaches name
- # of events entered in the 2011 season, please include the event location, date and competition results
- A letter of recommendation from your coach

18. Factors that will be considered by the Selection Committee include, but are not limited to:

- Participation and success in competitive events
- Medical condition that prevented the athlete from competing in AOS events during the time points are accumulated.
- The athletes commitment to a training and competitive program
- A completed resume, photos and videos

- Anomalies in competitions, arising from factors such as weather, abnormally small field sizes, or the gross inflation of the point's value of the event, which are determined to be a factor in the attainment of or failure to attain points.
- Other extenuating circumstances.

19. 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.

20. All athletes applying for the consideration must e-mail their completed application form attached to this policy (page 4) to the AOS by **midnight EST January 24, 2012**.

21. Positions that are not awarded on an exception basis will be awarded based on the ranking criteria.

22. Appeals to the OWG criteria can be made under the AOS' Appeal policy. A non-refundable appeal fee shall apply.

Awarding and Accepting OWG Positions

23. The Selection Committee shall notify athletes who have been selected for the OWG by January 25, 2012. Such riders must accept the position by **5:00 PM EST January 29, 2012**; positions that are not accepted will be offered to alternate athletes.



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APPENDIX "A" 2012 Ontario Winter Games Application Form

All athletes interested in participating in the 2012 Ontario Winter Games must complete the following application form. Selections are made in accordance with the Ontario Winter Games Selection Protocol.

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Name:
Address:
City:
Province:
Postal
Code:
Tel:
Cellular:
Email:
Birth Date:

Discipline ___ PGS ___ SLOPESTYLE ___ SBX

Application forms must be returned to
Janet Richter: aosadmin@ontariosnowboarders.ca

Application Deadline: January 24, 2012