



2019 Canada Winter Games – Selection Criteria
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The purpose of this policy is to set out the process for identifying which athletes will be invited by Snowboard Ontario to participate in the **2019 Canada Winter Games**.

The intent of the policy is to:

- a) Assure a fair and open process
- b) Assure that the best athletes are selected.

The Canada Winter Games are scheduled to be held February 15th to March 3rd, 2019 in Red Deer, Alberta. The sport of Snowboarding is included in the 2019 Canada Winter Games and shall consist of the following events in both genders: Parallel Giant Slalom, Snowboardcross, Halfpipe and Slopestyle with the events taking place in week 2 of the games and scheduled for February 23rd – March 3rd, 2019 (including travel days).

Selection Committee

The Snowboard Ontario Board of Directors shall appoint a Selection Committee that will be responsible for interpreting and applying this policy.

Eligibility

To be eligible to be selected to participate in the 2019 Canada Winter Games, an athlete must:

- a) Be a member in good standing with Snowboard Ontario
- b) Compete and continue to compete for Ontario for the duration of the 2018-2019 season
- c) Have purchased a Snowboard Ontario Competitive Membership for the 2018/19 season;
- d) Be a resident of Ontario on December 31st, 2018;
- e) Meet the age requirements outlined by the Canada Games Council for his/her respective discipline
- f) Meet all eligibility requirements outlined in the Technical Package
https://canadagames.ca/sites/cgc/files/2019_Technical_Package_-_Snowboard_-_v2.0_-_2018.06.01%5B1%5D.pdf
- g) Be medically fit to compete.
- h) Accept their position to participate in the Canada Winter Games by January 7th, 2018.

Age Requirements

The age requirements to participate in the 2019 Canada Games, as dictated by the Canada Games Council with input from Canada~Snowboard, are as follows:

Freestyle

Maximum age is 17 years old as of December 31, 2018.

Minimum age is 13 years old as of December 31, 2018.

Year of Birth: 2001-2005 inclusive.

Parallel Giant Slalom

Maximum age is 19 years old as of December 31, 2018.
Minimum age is 15 years old as of December 31, 2018.
Year of Birth: 1999-2003 inclusive.

Snowboard Cross

Maximum age is 19 years old as of December 31, 2018.
Minimum age is 15 years old as of December 31, 2018.
Year of Birth: 1999-2003 inclusive.

Team Size

The number of athletes selected for the Canada Winter Games is based on a predetermined team size according to the Canada Games Council.

Each Province may enter a total of 12 athletes, with a maximum of 6 male and 6 female in all four disciplines; Alpine, Halfpipe, Snowboard Cross and Slope Style.

There is a maximum of 2 athletes per discipline per gender.

Ranking Process- Alpine and Snowboard Cross

Eligible athletes shall be ranked, within their discipline and by gender, by first determining their Canadian rank using the 4th FIS Snowboard Points List 2018/2019.

All athletes must have a minimum of 2 points.

Ranking Process – Freestyle

Eligible Freestyle athletes (Slopestyle and Halfpipe) shall be ranked, within their discipline and by gender, using their points from the most current Canadian Ranking List as of December 19th, 2018. Freestyle athletes' points will then be used to determine which athletes will be selected.

All athletes must have a minimum of 2 points.

Breaking a Tie:

Should a tie exist, the athlete with the next best result from the 2018 Canadian National Championships shall be given the higher ranking.

Selection Process

The Selection Date for the 2019 Canada Winter Games Team shall be December 21st, 2018.

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

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 one or more events during the time points are accumulated.
- The athletes commitment to a training and competitive program

- 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.

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.

Appeals

Appeals to the CWG Selection Criteria can be made under SO's Appeal policy. A non-refundable appeal fee shall apply.

Athletes selected to represent snowboarding on Team Ontario will be required to attend all orientation sessions hosted by the Games prior to the 2019 Canada Winter Games. (Dates yet to be determined)