

2018 Ontario Winter Games – Athlete Selection Criteria

Approved by the Snowboard Ontario Board of Directors October 17th 2017

Introduction:

1. Snowboarding events will be a part of the Ontario Winter Games. Athletes will compete in the following disciplines: Parallel Giant Slalom, Snowboard Cross and Slope Style.
2. Recognized by the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport as the Provincial Sport Organization for the sport of Snowboarding in Ontario, Snowboarder Ontario (SO) has been granted the right by the Ministry of Tourism Culture and Sport to enter eligible athletes into the snowboarding events of Parallel Giant Slalom, Slopestyle and Snowboardcross at the 2018 Ontario Winter Games (OWG).
3. The Ontario Winter Games Snowboard events will be held between February 28th and March 1st, 2018. Snowboard events will be as follows

Discipline	Date	Location
Snowboardcross	Wednesday February 28 th 2018	Craigleith Ski Club
Slopestyle	Thursday March 1 st 2018	Blue Mountain Resort
Parallel Giant Slalom	Thursday March 1 st 2018	Blue Mountain Resort

4. The purpose of this policy is to set out the process for identifying which athletes will be invited by the SO to participate in the 2018 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 to compete

General Consideration:

6. The SO's objective at the 2018 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.
7. Snowboard Ontario shall appoint a Selection Committee that will be responsible for interpreting and applying this policy.

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Team Structure:

8. As outlined by the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport Snowboard Ontario may enter a total of 80 athletes, Alpine, Snowboard Cross and Slopestyle. (Alpine 16 males and 16 females, SBX 16 males and 16 females, SBS 8 males and 8 females)

Identification of Eligibility:

9. To be eligible to be selected to participate in the 2018 Ontario Winter Games, an athlete must:
 - a) Be in good standing with Snowboard Ontario
 - b) Ontario must be the athletes' province of origin/place of residence for the prior 12 months.
 - c) Be a member of an active club/program with SO or CS, working with a CSCP licensed coach whose training/certification fulfills the needs of the LTAD stage 4 athletes
 - d) Have held a SO membership for the 2016/17 season
 - e) Have purchased an Advanced Competitive Membership for the 2018 season
 - f) Have been born in the identified years
 - Females born in 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006
 - Males born in 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005
 - g) Be a resident of Ontario on December 31st, 2017
 - h) Be medically fit to compete

Ranking Process:

10. Eligible **Parallel Giant Slalom and Snowboard Cross** athletes shall be ranked, within their category and by gender, by first determining their Ontario rank according to their best result from either the 2017 Ontario Provincial Championships PGS/SBX Results or the below qualification events. Each athletes rank will then be divided by the number of participants x 100 to determine their percentage of rank.
 - Parallel Giant Slalom - Sunday January 14 2018, Horseshoe Resort Barrie
 - Snowboardcross - Sunday January 21 2018, Sir Sam's Haliburton
11. Eligible **Slopestyle** athletes shall be ranked using the Canadian Ranking List as of January 22nd 2018 and will include results from the below qualification result.
 - Slopestyle Sunday January 14, 2018 Horseshoe Resort, Barrie
12. Should a tie exist the athlete with the next best result shall be given the higher ranking.

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Selection Process:

13. The Selection Date for the 2018 Ontario Winter Games Team shall be on or before January 22, 2018.
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 SO 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 six 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 14, 2018 to aosadmin@ontariosnowboarders.ca

Your resume should include:

- How long you've been riding and where you ride & Your coaches name
 - Provide details outlining your yearly training and competitive schedule
 - # of events entered in the 2017 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 SO 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.



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20. Positions that are not awarded on an exception basis will be awarded based on the ranking criteria.
21. Appeals to the OWG criteria can be made under the SO' Appeal policy. A non-refundable appeal fee shall apply.

Awarding and Accepting OWG Positions

22. The Selection Committee shall notify athletes who have been selected for the OWG on or before January 22, 2018. Such riders must accept the position by 5:00 PM EST January 23, 2018; positions that are not accepted will be offered to alternate athletes.
23. The cost to participate in the 2018 OWG is \$160.00 and includes Accommodations, lift ticket, transportation and meals.