



**2017 Sports Experts Speed Nation Snowboardcross Nationals
Athlete Qualification & Selection Policy
Approved by the Board of Directors February 24th 2017**

INTRODUCTION

Snowboard Ontario (SO) supports and implements Canada Snowboard's Long-Term Athlete Development Plan (LTAD). The LTAD is a framework encompassing every element of snowboarding, with the rider as the central focus. The LTAD seeks to enable Canadians to step regularly on top of podiums as a result of support from the program and not necessarily due to exceptional performances. It provides a solid foundation for riders of all ages and levels, allowing long-term participation, enjoyment and achievement.

1. The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance to the Snowboard Ontario High Performance Committee and the Snowboard Ontario Membership on the criteria to be used in selecting athletes for attendance at the 2017 Sports Experts Speed Nation Snowboardcross Nationals.
2. Each province is allocated a select number of quota spots that are awarded to selected athletes. This document sets out the process for identifying those athletes who will be invited by Snowboard Ontario to participate in the 2017 Sports Experts Speed Nation Snowboardcross Nationals.
3. Final decisions on the selection of athletes to participate in the 2017 Sports Experts Speed Nation Snowboardcross Nationals shall be made by the Snowboard Ontario High Performance Committee.

ELIGIBILITY

4. To be eligible to be selected to participate in the 2017 Sports Experts Speed Nation Snowboardcross Nationals athlete must:
 - a. Be a member of SO in good standing;
 - b. Have an active FIS license and SAIP insurance to compete in the FIS events
 - c. Have an Advanced Competitor License to compete in the U15 Category (FIS license and SAIP not required for U15)
 - d. Compete in at least two (2) LTAD Train-to-Train - Stage 4, LTAD Train-to-Compete – stage 5 and/or LTAD Train-to-Win – stage 6 (FIS races and NorAms) events in the 2017 competitive season
 - e. Be medically fit to compete.



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ALLOCATION OF COMPETITIVE OPPORTUNITIES

5. The number of competitive opportunities available to SO athletes for the 2017 Sports Experts Speed Nation Snowboardcross Nationals is outlined in the Canada Snowboard National Championships Qualification Process.
6. Senior FIS Quota Spots will be filled by all eligible FIS athletes either Junior or Senior.
7. SO may choose to offer competitive opportunities to fewer athletes than the number allowed by the provincial quota.
8. National Development Group Athletes are included in Provincial Quota.
9. The list of athletes chosen to represent Ontario at the 2017 Sports Experts Speed Nation Snowboardcross Nationals will be published **March 1, 2016**. The number of selections will not exceed Ontario's quota limit and alternates may be named in each discipline.
10. Any additional quota spots that become available from Canada Snowboard will be announced as soon as they become available.

RANKING PROCESS 2017 Sports Experts Speed Nation FIS Snowboardcross Nationals

11. First Priority will go to the number 1 ranked male and female from the 2017 Ontario Snowboard Provincial Championships.
12. Second Priority will go to the number 1 ranked male and female from the 2017 Ontario Snowboard Overall Series.
13. The remaining Quota Spots will be awarded to male and female riders ranked, within their gender, by first determining their Canadian rank using the most current FIS Snowboard Points List 2016/17. Each athlete's rank will then be divided by the number of participants x 100 to determine their percentage of rank. Both male and female athletes' percentage of rank will then be used to determine an overall rank.
14. Should a tie exist on the FIS points list, the athlete with the higher percentage of rank from the



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2017 SO points shall be given the higher ranking.

RANKING PROCESS Sports Experts Speed Nation U15 Snowboardcross Nationals

15. First Priority will go to the number 1 ranked male and female from the 2017 Ontario Snowboard Provincial Championships U16 and U14 Categories.
16. Second Priority will go to the number 1 ranked male and female from the 2017 Ontario Snowboard Overall Series U16 and U14 Categories.
17. The remaining Quota Spots will be awarded to male and female riders ranked, within their category and by gender, by first determining their Ontario rank using the Ontario Provincial Overall Series Rank. Each athlete's rank will then be divided by the number of participants x 100 to determine their percentage of rank. Both male and female athletes' percentage of rank will then be used to determine an overall rank.
18. Should a tie exist, the athletes with the best percentage of rank from the 2017 Ontario Provincial Championships shall be given the higher ranking.

GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

19. Athletes shall ordinarily be selected for participation in the 2017 Sports Experts Speed Nation Snowboardcross Nationals in the order of their ranking. However, the following sections also have a bearing on the final selection.
20. Selection rankings notwithstanding, SO shall have the power to select athletes to participate in the 2017 Sports Experts Speed Nation Snowboardcross Nationals in an order other than that indicated by the rankings. SO shall also have the power to select fewer male or female athletes, than the number allowed by the provincial quota provided that the grounds for any such decision are set out in detail.
21. The SO Selection Committee shall recognize and consider situations of athletes who may not otherwise meet the selection criteria, through circumstances such as receiving training, coaching and competitive opportunities in a different program.



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22. Grounds that will be considered by the SO Selection Committee include, but are not limited to:
- a. Participation and success in competitive events
 - b. The athlete's commitment to a long-term training and competitive program
 - c. Anomalies in competitions, arising from factors such as weather, abnormally small field sizes, or the gross inflation of the point values of the event, which are determined to be a factor in the attainment of or failure to attain points
 - d. Other extenuating circumstances
23. 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

24. Appeals to 2017 Sports Experts Speed Nation Snowboardcross Nationals selections can be made under SO's Appeals policy. A non-refundable appeal fee of \$100.00 shall apply.

***Please note that this policy is subject to change based upon revised 2017 Sports Experts Speed Nation Snowboardcross Nationals information from Canada Snowboard.**

Necessary changes shall be at the SO Board's sole discretion.