



**2017 Sport Chek Air Nation Freestyle Nationals  
Athlete Qualification & Selection Policy  
Approved by the Board of Directors February 24<sup>th</sup> 2017**

**INTRODUCTION**

Snowboard Ontario 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 the podiums due to the system supporting them, not because of exceptional performances. It provides a solid foundation for all riders at 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 (SO) Selection Committee and the SO Membership on the criteria to be used to:
  - a. Qualify athletes for attendance at the 2017 Sport Chek Air Nation Freestyle Nationals
  - b. Select athletes to represent Snowboard Ontario in the Open Slopestyle semi finals using provincial quota
2. The 2017 Sport Chek Air Nation Freestyle Nationals Competitions are designed to be inclusive and open to as many athletes as possible that meet the eligibility set out below (section.5). All athletes that meet the eligibility are encouraged to register online as soon as possible to ensure their entry to the event.
3. Canada Snowboard has allocated a select number of quota spots to each province for the Open Slopestyle Semi-Finals. This document sets out the process for identifying those athletes who will awarded these quota spots and not be required to qualify through Day 1 of Competition (athletes will go directly to Semi-Finals competition).
4. Final decisions on the selection of athletes to participate in the 2017 Sport Chek Air Nation Freestyle Nationals shall be made by the SO High Performance Committee

**ELIGIBILITY**

5. To be eligible to participate in the 2017 Sport Chek Air Nation Freestyle Nationals athletes must:
  - a. Be a member in good standing of Snowboard Ontario
  - b. Have an Advanced Competitor License and to be eligible to compete in FIS events
  - c. Have an active FIS license and SAIP insurance
  - d. Have competed in at least two 2016-2017 Canadian Ranking List events with a minimum value of 10 points
  - e. Be medically fit to compete.



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**ALLOCATION OF ONTARIO QUOTA**

6. Canada Snowboard has allocated 1 female and 1 male quota spot available to SO athletes for the 2017 Sport Chek Air Nation Freestyle Nationals OPEN Slopestyle Semi-Finals.
7. The Snowboard Ontario quota spots for the 2017 Sport Chek Air Nation Freestyle Nationals OPEN Slopestyle Semi-Finals will be awarded to the highest ranked Male and Female athletes from the Canadian Ranking List as of February 28, 2017.
8. The athletes selected for the Ontario quota spots for the 2017 Sport Chek Air Nation Freestyle Nationals OPEN Slopestyle Semi-Finals will be published **March 1, 2017**. The number of selections will not exceed Ontario's quota limit and alternates may be named in each discipline.

**APPEALS**

9. Appeals regarding the 2017 Sport Chek Air Nation Freestyle 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 Sport Chek Air Nation Freestyle Nationals information from Canada Snowboard.**

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