

NATIONAL SPORT SCHOOL
Snowboarding Criteria
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Introduction:

The National Sport School (NSS) was established in 1994 to support high-performance student athletes in grades 9 through 12. The school is committed to providing an environment for student-athletes to pursue excellence in both their athletic and academic careers. The National Sport School is located at Ernest Manning High School, 3600 16 Avenue SW Calgary. The school operates year round.

Snowboarding is one of fifteen (15) Olympic Sports represented by athletes currently attending the school. To assist in the admission process, the National Sport School and CODA contacts the respective Sport Governing Body to determine if the athlete meets the criteria for acceptance by their sport association.

Requirements for Recommendation – New Students

As part of the application process for Sport School, the athlete must have a recommendation from their governing sport body. Recommendations are currently being provided by the Alberta Snowboarding Association (ASA) on behalf of the Canadian Snowboard Federation (CSF).

Athletes will be evaluated in one chosen Olympic snowboard discipline (Alpine, Halfpipe, or Snowboardcross). Meeting General, Training, and Performance criteria does not ensure admission to Sport School. Final decisions on admission will be made by the school and CODA

All new admission snowboard athletes must apply for a recommendation for Sport School admission and provide the following:

- A summary of competitive results for the past season (additional results from previous seasons may be included); and
- An evaluation from the prior season's coach and snowboard club (this evaluation may be brief but should comment on the athletes skills, attitude, training schedule, competitions entered, achievements and progression).

Snowboarding Admission Criteria:

General:

- Athletes must be a member in good standing with their Provincial Snowboard Association and the Canadian Snowboard Federation; and
- Athlete must be a member of a Snowboard Club holding a club membership in the Alberta Snowboard Association or other Provincial Snowboard Association (PSA).

Please note an athlete's academic grades will be evaluated by the NSS principal based on NSS academic criteria. Athletes shall obtain a letter of recommendation from their Provincial Snowboard Association or the CSF. The PSA shall obtain input from the athlete's previous year's coaches and club prior to making any recommendation.

Training:

Athletes must have completed a minimum of one year of snowboard coaching and training and one year of competition in CSF or FIS sanctioned events

Athlete must enroll in a competitive or high performance training & coaching program with a CSF sanctioned club that involves in-season training and coaching and pre-season training appropriate for their discipline. (The club should have coaches with qualifications for High Performance Programs, at least CASI level II and NCCP level III or higher or equivalent.)

Training must be directed to snowboard disciplines currently designated as Olympic events (alpine (parallel giant slalom), half pipe, or Snowboardcross).

Performance:

Athlete must have competed in a minimum of four (4) FIS or provincially sanctioned snowboard events in their designated discipline. Results in other high level snowboard events may also be considered. (E.g. US Open, Europa Cup events, etc). Results from these events will be the basis for performance evaluation.

Athletes applying for grades 9 or 10 will require a minimum of two results in the top one-third (1/3) of the entry field, among riders in the event, ages 13 or 14.

Athletes applying for grades 11 or 12 will require a minimum of two results in the top twenty-five percent (25%) of the entry field, among riders in the event, ages 15 and 16.

Appeal

Any new admission athletes not meeting these criteria and not receiving a favorable recommendation for Sport School may make an appeal. The appeal, to an independent panel, will review the applicant's skills, injury status, performance and suitability for Sport School.

Returning Students

All athletes returning to Sport School must provide the following:

- A summary of competitive results for the past season. (Additional results from previous seasons may be included); and
- An evaluation from the prior season's coach and snowboard club. (This evaluation may be brief but should comment on the athlete's skills, attitude, training schedule, competitions entered, achievements and progression).

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An athlete's eligibility for Sport School is determined on an annual basis. For students now in the school, they will be expected to meet the new admission requirements as outlined above. In those cases where the athlete does not meet the performance guidelines, the coach and club evaluation will be the primary basis for a recommendation.

Recommendations may be withheld for failure to continue training, failure to compete, poor results, and/or loss of good standing with the PSA or CSF.

Additionally the NSS may refuse admission for returning athletes due to insufficient academic results or behavior problems.