



**Alberta Snowboarding Association  
Canada West Ski Area Association (CWSAA)  
Pass Allocation Criteria, Policy, and Procedure**

## **1. BACKGROUND**

The Alberta Snowboarding Association (ASA) receives an annual allocation of Competitors All-Area Passes (Passes) from the Canada West Ski Areas Association (CWSAA) for distribution to athletes who are developing their competitive snowboarding skills.

The CWSAA established the Passes in the early 1990's as a form of financial aid to Ski Racers 20 years of age and under. The eligibility was based on FIS points. Over time, the up to 400 annual passes have been distributed between Alpine Skiing, Freestyle Skiing, Disabled Skiing, and Snowboarding. Snowboarders in Alberta have been allocated 35 passes per year for the past three seasons.

The CWSAA provides the ASA with a guideline to assist in establishing this Pass Allocation Policy.

## **2. POLICY**

The ASA distributes Passes to Alberta athletes in a fair and equitable way and in conformance with the CWSAA ALL-AREA COMPETITORS PASS QUALIFICATIONS (latest edition). Disputes arising from the distribution or misuse of passes are referred to the ASA Appeals Tribunal.

## **3. DEFINITIONS**

3.1. **ASA:** The Alberta Snowboarding Association recognized by the Canadian Snowboarding Federation as an accredited sports body.

3.2. **CWSAA:** Canada West Ski Areas Association, an organization representing ski area operators in Western Canada who provide the Passes to competitive athletes.

3.3. **Pass:** Competitors All-Area Pass as issued to the ASA by the CWSAA. The number of passes is based on a formula that considers the number of members of the ASA and will vary from year to year.

3.4. **Club:** A Snowboarding Club which is a sanctioned member of the ASA and has been in good standing in the 2006/2007 season and will continue to be in good standing for the 2007/2008 season.



## **4. PROCEDURES**

### **4.1. General**

4.1.1. A selections committee of two (2) Board Members and the Office Manager will be nominated by the ASA Board Members. This committee will choose athletes based on criteria set out in this document. The selections committee may not vary from the criteria set out in the policy and the selections must be ratified by the full Board prior to posting.

4.1.2. The selections committee shall select which athletes will tentatively be offered passes, pending any appeals, and will post the names on the ASA website by July 16, 2007. Riders offered passes must accept or decline the CWSAA pass no later than August 15, 2007. Any appeal of the ASA decision must be received in writing at the ASA office by 4:30pm July 20, 2007 in person, by fax, by email or courier. The appeal will be heard according to the appeal process (Sec. 4.1.4.) with a decision prior to August 31, 2007. Final posting of the pass recipients will be posted no later than September 7, 2007.

Proof of Club membership, possession of Alberta Health Care Card and payment must be provided before 4:30 pm September 21, 2007. The distribution of the passes will occur after all information and payments are collected.

4.1.3. The ASA Board selection committee shall select nominees from the previous year membership of the ASA.

4.1.4. Any decision by the selections committee regarding the athlete selection for a CWSAA pass may be appealed by any member of the ASA in good standing who is materially affected by the decision. The member must appeal by 4:30 pm July 20, 2007. If an appeal is received it will be conducted in accordance with the guidelines set out in the ASA Appeals Protocol for selection appeals with the exception that submission of notice to appeal (by appellant) must be received at ASA office by July 20, 2007.

### **4.2. Competitor Passes – Qualifications & Requirements**

To be eligible to qualify for a pass the athletes must meet the following minimum requirements.

4.2.1. CWSAA candidates must hold current Canadian Citizenship, is an Alberta resident and hold an Alberta Health Care Card at the time of picking up the pass and have been a member in good standing with the ASA, CSF, and CWSAA during the 2006/2007 season. The Candidate must hold a current membership with the ASA for the 2007/2008 season and have been born in 1987 or later unless he/she qualifies under sec. 4.2.5.



4.2.2. CWSAA candidates must hold a valid FIS license with accompanying CAIP insurance and competed in at least two (2) CSF NorAm events and one (1) Alberta/BC Cup event for the 2006/2007 season, unless they have been deemed injured and the injury status has been reported to FIS.

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4.2.2.1. Any athletes wishing to replace an Alberta Cup or CSF NorAm event requirement with another event must apply to the ASA office at least one (1) month prior to the event that will be missed. The athlete must complete the application form and submit a letter of reasoning for missing the event.

4.2.2.2. The ASA CWSAA Committee will consider the athlete's application and inform the athlete no later than ten (10) days following receipt of application.

4.2.3. CWSAA candidates must be a member of an ASA sanctioned Snowboard Club and be enrolled in a competitive snowboard training program for the duration of the 2007/2008 season. (Confirmation of enrolment will be required prior to the issuance of any CWSAA passes.)

4.2.4. CWSAA candidate must not hold National Team status or National Development Team status if National Development Team pays for lift expenses.

4.2.5. Athletes in a high performance program with an accredited ASA club and in the CSF development program shall be considered members of the Alberta Provincial Team for the sole purpose of distribution of passes to athletes of age 21 – 22 years (athletes born in 1985 or 1986) Overall FIS ranking will determine who will get pass as in Section 5. A written submission must be sent to the CWSAA office signed by the ASA president stating the reason for the request for a pass for an older (age 21-22) athlete.

4.2.6. Athletes enrolled at the National Sports School for the 2007/2008 school year in Alberta but not normally residing in Alberta shall be eligible for a CWSAA pass if he/she was an ASA member the previous year. Athletes qualifying under this clause are not required to have an Alberta Health Care Card but must prove alternative Provincial Health Care coverage.

In the event that circumstances develop, not specifically considered in the policy, the ASA Board of Directors has full authority to make decisions within the spirit of the policy.



#### **4.3. Coach Passes - Requirements**

4.3.1. Of the thirty-five (35) passes available to the ASA, up to fifteen per cent (15%) or five (5) passes, may be reserved for coaches.

4.3.2. A club holding ASA club membership may be eligible for a CWSAA Coach Pass. Passes will be assigned to a club, with the club advising the ASA of the name of the coach that will use the Coach Pass for the season.

4.3.3. The club must have a minimum of three (3) athletes carrying CWSAA Passes to receive one coach pass.

4.3.4. Coach Passes will be issued after all Athlete Passes have been allocated and accepted.

4.3.5. There will be no more than one (1) Coach Pass allocated to a club, unless the total number of CWSAA Pass carrying athletes is twelve (12) or more.

4.3.6. There shall be a maximum of two (2) Coach Passes for any club. To receive the second Coach Pass, a club must have a minimum of twelve (12) athletes carrying CWSAA Passes.

4.3.7. Where there are more eligible clubs than available Coach Passes, the clubs with the greatest number of athletes carrying CWSAA Passes shall receive a pass first. In the event that clubs have an equal number of athletes carrying CWSAA passes, there shall be a random draw for the remaining Coach Passes.

#### **5. ATHLETE SELECTION**

Based on an estimated allotment of thirty-five (35) passes for the 2007/2008 season the following is an estimated preliminary allocation. Modifications may be made by the Board of Directors.

	Men	Women	Total
Halfpipe	9	4	13
Snowboardcross	8	5	13
Alpine	3	1	4
Coaches			5

Passes allocated to discipline based on proportion of Canadian FIS athletes with 6th FIS list points. Gender allocation based on similar criteria modified at ASA BOD discretion for Alberta demographics.



Passes shall be offered to those athletes that meet the above established criteria and rank in the top 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of Canadian FIS ranked athletes.

#### 5.1. Halfpipe

Pass allocation to qualified athletes will be based on FIS List #6 of the 2006/2007 season, in order, beginning with the highest FIS ranked qualified rider and X spots below (X being the number of available Passes).

#### 5.2. Alpine

Pass allocation to qualified athletes will be based on FIS List #6 of the 2006/2007 season, in order, ranked beginning with the highest FIS ranked qualified rider and X spots below (X being the number of available Passes).

#### 5.3. Snowboardcross

Pass allocation to qualified athletes will be based on FIS List #6 of the 2006/2007 season, in order, ranked beginning with the highest FIS ranked qualified rider and X spots below (X being number of available Passes).

### **6. DISQUALIFICATION**

6.1. An athlete who has been disciplined by CWSAA or the ASA for CWSAA Pass infractions and pass related Behavioural issues in previous seasons will automatically be disqualified from receiving the Pass in future years.

6.2. Athletes who, during the course of the competition season, discontinue participating in training and competition, except due to injury, must return their pass to the ASA. Failing to do so, the athlete will have their Pass revoked by the ASA and not voluntarily returning the pass will be considered fraud by the CWSAA. A prorated refund may be provided, less a non-refundable handling charge, by the CWSAA.

6.3. The ASA may disqualify an Athlete for other disciplinary reasons besides Pass infractions including contravention of the Athlete code of conduct. The cancellation of the Pass may be one of the disciplinary actions. Discipline will be done in accordance of the ASA Discipline Policy.