

**CWSAA RACER PASS: QUALIFICATIONS & GUIDELINES**

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**General**

The Canada West Ski Areas Association believes that deserving young Ski and Snowboard athletes should be given all the support possible to reach their goal to one day represent Canada in Olympic Games, World Championships or World Cups. For this reason CWSAA created the ALL AREAS COMPETITORS PASS to facilitate eligible Athletes access to western Canada's Ski and Snowboard Resorts for the purpose of training and competition. All athletes must understand that the use of the competitors pass is a privilege that carries with it the responsibility to represent their respective Sports Discipline in a sportsman-like fashion showing leadership to their fellow athletes.

The 2012/2013 season is a season of transition for the Competitor Pass Program as we accommodate a change in age categories which will affect the definition of a "Junior" athlete for the Alpine Skiing organizations. For that reason some special and temporary rules will be in place for the Alpine Skiing organizations.

**Who will qualify for a pass in the 2012/2013 season?**

1. Competitors born between 1993 and 1997, belonging to an ACCREDITED NATIONAL SPORTS BODY in a CWSAA Province, promoting the sports of Alpine Ski Racing, Ski Cross, Freestyle Ski Competitions and Snowboard Competitions.
2. All athletes must be must be actively training and competing in disciplines that are part of the Olympic Games, World Championships and World Cups.
3. Selected Athletes born in 1991 or 1992 who are members of a Provincial team, who may be considered for promotion to National Team status within the current competition year. A written submission sent to the CWSAA office by the President or General Manager of the respective Provincial Sports Association stating the reason for this request is required.
4. Provincial and Club Coaches, (traveling coaches), of the Provinces that are part of CWSAA.
5. Managers of the provincial division responsible for the Program Development of the Provinces that are part of CWSAA.
6. Carded members of the Canadian Disabled Alpine Ski Team who are permanent residents in one of the Provinces that are part of CWSAA.

NOTE: ACCREDITED means the sports body that is representing Canada in Olympic, World Championship and World Cup Competitions.

CWSAA PROVINCES include: British Columbia, Yukon, Alberta, Saskatchewan, The Northwest Territories and Manitoba.

### **Additional Guidelines to be considered for Qualification**

- a. Athletes must be full members of a Ski Racing, Ski Cross, Freestyle or Snowboard Club in one of the CWSAA Provinces.
- b. Alpine Skiing Athletes must be FIS points holders, or have applied for FIS registration at the start of the competition year or be registered and actively training and competing at the U16 level.
- c. Freestyle and Snowboard Athletes must be FIS points holders, or have applied for FIS registration at the start of the competition year.
- d. Athletes at a Sports Academy or National Sports School located in one of the CWSAA Provinces, but not normally residing in one of those Provinces, shall be eligible to receive a Competitors Pass based on his/her National ranking.
- e. Coaches' passes will generally be issued to coaches of Teams or Clubs that have competitors competing in FIS level events first, followed by Provincial or Regional Junior Series. Coaches' passes are part of the total provincial quota, therefore they should be held to the absolute minimum.

### **Pass Distribution to Provincial Sports Associations**

For Alpine Skiing Associations for the 2012/2013 season the distribution of the competitors' passes is based solely on the number passes that were originally approved for the 2011/2012 season. All Alpine Skiing Provincial Sports Associations should submit their list of FIS registered athletes and U16 athletes born in 1997 using the attached template to the CWSAA office no later than August 13th 2012. Athletes should be listed in order of ranking highest to lowest; all FIS registered athletes must receive passes before U16 athletes.

For Freestyle and Snowboarding Associations the distribution of the competitors' passes is based solely on the number of FIS registered athletes within each Provincial Sports Association. All Provincial Sports Associations should submit their list of FIS registered athletes using the attached template to the CWSAA office no later than August 13th 2012. Athletes should be listed in order of ranking highest to lowest.

For Freestyle and Snowboarding Associations each provincial discipline will get their percentage of passes from eligible requests submitted by all, out of the total number of passes approved for distribution. Registered FIS athletes that do not hold any points may be eligible for a pass, should not all passes be distributed to athletes with FIS points based on the percentage distribution above.

Developing Provincial Sports Associations that do not yet have a FIS program or registered FIS athletes should submit the names of those FIS age athletes born between 1993 and 1997 who they think should be considered in the pass distribution. Written submissions from the President or General Manger must accompany these requests.

## **Disqualification**

1. An Athlete who was disciplined for pass infractions or other disciplinary issues in a host ski area such as breach of the Alpine Skier/Rider Responsibility Code or who has received sanctions by their PSO during the previous season will automatically be disqualified from purchasing the All Area Competitors Passes in future years.
2. Athletes who, during the course of the competition season discontinue participating in competitions or regularly scheduled training programs of their teams, except due to injury, must return their pass to the respective Provincial Governing Body forthwith; a prorated refund will be given less a non-refundable handling charge. Failure to return these passes will be considered fraud and is just cause for prosecution. Furthermore any governing body that does not properly monitor this issue or that knowingly allows athletes to continue using the pass against the above rule will jeopardize their eligibility for future competitors passes.
3. The Provincial Governing Bodies may disqualify an Athlete for other disciplinary reasons besides pass infractions. The cancellation of the All-Area Competitors Pass may be one of the disciplinary actions open to them.

### List of Olympic, World Championship and World Cup Disciplines

ALPINE FREESTYLE SNOWBOARD  
DOWNHILL MOGULS HALF PIPE  
SUPER G DUAL MOGULS PARALLEL SLALOM/GIANT SLALOM  
GIANT SLALOM AERIALS BOARDERCROSS  
SLALOM HALF PIPE SLOPESTYLE  
COMBINED SLOPESTYLE BIG AIR\*  
SKI CROSS

Note: \* World Cup & World Championships only