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# CWSAA COMPETITORS PASS QUALIFICATION CRITERIA

## **Overview**

The Canada West Ski Areas Association Competitors Pass Program aims to support FIS level athletes ages 15 to 19 by providing subsidized access to multiple ski resorts under one common pass. Special consideration may be given to athletes up to two years over the base age range or one year younger than the minimum age with a letter from their respective National Sports Organization; confirming that the athlete is under serious consideration for nomination to their National Team in the upcoming competition year.

To ensure these criteria are met, Freestyle BC will recognize the following FIS, Freestyle Canada, and/or AFP identified events when creating the CWSAA pass ranking list:

- BC Timber Tour
- Canadian Cup
- Canadian Open Tour
- AFP Platinum, Gold or Silver
- Canada Winter Games
- Canadian Selections
- NorAm Cup
- Junior National Championships
- Canadian National Championships
- Junior World Championships
- World Cup
- World Championships

To comply with the CWSAA Pass agreement, athletes must:

1. Be a member in good standing with Freestyle BC;
2. Be a member of a Freestyle BC club program or;
3. Be a member of the BC Freestyle Ski Team;
4. Commit to participating in a minimum of 4 events from the list above.
5. The athlete must attend 1 Canada Cup or Canadian Open tour event;
6. The athlete must attend 1 BC Timber Tour event;



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

1. The CWSAA pass ranking list will sum an athlete's three best results from the prior season; normally, *four results are used; however, with the shortened 2019-2020 season and the lack of competitions in 2020-2021 COVID-19, we have adjusted the criteria accordingly.* Mogul athletes will have their results summed using the Relative Point Average (RPA) method. Park and Pipe athletes will have their results calculated using the place value point method.
2. Freestyle BC will ask nominated athletes and coaches to commit to a pass based on the previous season's quota. Passes allocation will not be confirmed until the final allocation is issued from CWSAA to Freestyle BC, scheduled to be announced in early September.
3. A limited number of Coaches' passes will be available to Coaches who travel with their FIS Teams. Passes will be approved for Athletes first, and any surplus passes will then be available to Coaches. Allotments for Coaches will use the same formula as is used with athlete quotas.
4. CWSAA Competitors Pass is non-refundable and not transferable. Selling a day pass acquired with the CWSAA Competitors Pass will not only result in the CWSAA Competitors Pass being nullified but is considered illegal by the ski areas, and theft charges can be laid.
5. Competitor Passes are the property of the CWSAA. Unused passes are not automatically available for substitution to another Athlete or Coach in the same PTSO. Surplus allocation will be returned to the CWSAA for redistribution at the discretion of the Competitor Pass Chair.

## **Disqualification or Termination**

1. An athlete who was disciplined for pass infractions or other disciplinary issues at a host ski area such as breach of the Alpine Skier/Rider Responsibility Code or other irresponsible behaviour or who has received sanctions by their PTSO may have their Competitor Pass privilege cancelled immediately and may be automatically disqualified from purchasing the Competitors Passes in future years.
2. The respective PTSO must return the pass of any athlete who decides to stop participating in the organized training and competition program of his/her club or provincial team during the season.
3. Any PTSO that does not adequately monitor its athletes or knowingly allows athletes to continue using the pass against the above rule will jeopardize their eligibility for future competitor passes.
4. Once a pass is approved, it becomes non-refundable except in cases of serious injury.
5. If an athlete is injured and can no longer train regularly with their Club in an official return to competition plan, they must return their pass.
6. If an athlete is seriously injured during the season and cannot participate in training or competition, a pro-rated refund of the pass may be available. However, the pass must be immediately returned to the CWSAA office, together with a detailed doctor's note explaining the athlete's inability to participate for the remainder of the season.
7. It is within the rights of the Provincial Governing Bodies to 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.