



HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAM SELECTION PROTOCOL 2025-26 NATIONAL SKATEBOARD TEAM PARK AND STREET

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Ratified by Canada Skateboard's Executive Director:

Please be aware that this version replaces and repeals any other previously approved versions of Canada Skateboard's National Team Selection Protocol.

INTRODUCTION

1. The High Performance Program (HPP) consists of those skateboarders formally named by Canada Skateboard and who are then eligible to receive support directly from Canada Skateboard. Skateboarders named to the HPP are recognized as members of Canada Skateboard's National Skateboard Team in the disciplines of Street or Park.
2. This "*High Performance Program Selection Protocol*" sets out the process of:
 - a) Identifying those skateboarders who are eligible for selection to the 2025 /26 Canadian National Team in the disciplines of Street and Park; and
 - b) Determining which skateboarders shall be offered positions on the Canada Skateboard's 2025 / 26 National Team Program valid from April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026.
3. This High Performance Program Selection Protocol and other Canada Skateboard Selection Protocols are located on the 'Resources' page of the Canada Skateboard website at: <http://canadaskateboard.com/resources/>
4. Skateboarders eligible for selection to the HPP are identified, ranked, and offered a position on Canada Skateboard's 2025 / 26 National Team Program, according to Canada Skateboard's formal 'Selection Process' detailed in sections #15 and #16 in this document.

TERMS

5. The following abbreviated terms are used in this Selection Protocol:
 - a) HPP High Performance Program
 - b) OWSR Olympic World Skate Ranking List
 - c) CSRL Canadian Skateboard Ranking List
 - d) OG Olympic Games

GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

6. The Selection Committee will consist of Canada Skateboard's High Performance Director, National Team Coach, Brand and Events Manager, and the Executive Committee. If required, the committee will seek input from:
 - Team Managers
 - Strength and Conditioning Coaches
 - Health Services Professionals (IST)
7. The Selection Committee will meet on or before March 15th to identify and recommend skateboarders for selection to the HPP for the 2025 / 26 season.
8. The Selection Committee's recommendations shall be made on the basis of:
 - a) Performances from events in Phase 1 of the Paris 2025 / 26 Olympic Qualification
 - b) Professional and amateur events in 2023 as identified in the Canadian Ranking List
 - c) Technical video submission
 - d) Evidence surrounding lifestyle choices and practices
9. All HPP skateboarder selections are valid from April 1, 2025 through March 31st 2026.
10. The maximum number of available positions in the HPP shall be identified at the outset of the selection process. This number will be based on program constraints of the HPP.

IDENTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY

National Team

11. To be eligible for selection to the National Team, a skateboarder must:
 - Canadian Citizen
 - Be in good standing with Canada Skateboard;
 - Ranked by name on the Canada Skateboard Ranking List

SELECTION PROCESS

12. **Ranking Process:** Skateboarders will be ranked by discipline and gender in the following Priorities.

- Ranking list is available here: [RANKING | Canada Skateboard](#)

13. **Selection**

- Skateboarders meeting priority one (1) will be automatically be offered a position on Canada Skateboard's National Team
- Skateboarders meeting priority two (2) will be invited to apply before March 1, 2025

Priority 1:

Skateboarders qualifying into the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

Priority 2:

- Skaters ranked within the top 10 of their respective disciplines on the Men's Canada Skateboard Ranking List
- Skaters ranked with the top 5 of their respective disciplines on the Women's Canada Skateboard Ranking List;
- Additional skaters within the top 20 of Canada Skateboard's Men's Street Ranking List identified with strong potential based on technical ability
- for a position on the Canadian National Skateboard Team
- Applicants will be considered for a position on Canada Skateboard's National Team based on the following criteria
 - Number of skaters meeting Priority 1;
 - National Ranking;
 - Performance progression (improving results / increasing ranking);
 - Technical skill level demonstrated video evidence based on the [World Skate International Judge Criteria](#);
- Additional criteria will be considered based on quantitative and qualitative observations in 2023 and evidence submitted in application process:
 - Physical fitness and lifestyle choices;
 - Commitment and training practices
 - Potential to be competitive on an international level by Los Angeles 2028.
- Application details to be released before February 15th, 2025 / 26.

EXCEPTIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

15. Canada Skateboard may, at any time, require a skateboarder who appears, by reason of a health related curtailment of activities, to be unable to participate in training or competition activities to obtain a medical assessment conducted by a Canada Skateboard recognized doctor or other health support practitioner. The medical assessment is for the purpose of confirming the degree of the skateboarder's ability to compete and to determine the expected timeline for the skateboarder's recovery.
16. It may occur that a skateboarder may, by reason of a health related curtailment of activities or extraordinary circumstances, be unable to participate in a minimum of three national or international level events in the program year just ended. In such circumstances the skateboarder's eligibility for selection shall be reviewed on the basis of his or her projected medical rehabilitation as well as such other information (results, video, coaches' assessments, etc.) as may be available to the National Team & NextGen Program Coaches.

APPROVAL AND APPEAL PROCESS

17. Final decisions on skateboarder selection shall be ratified by Canada Skateboard's Executive Board of Directors, on the basis of recommendations by the High

Performance Director.

18. Canada Skateboard's Executive Board of Directors, in consultation with the High Performance Director, shall resolve issues not otherwise addressed by this Selection Protocol.
19. Any decision made by the professional staff relating to the operation and conduct of the HPP may be appealed by any individual directly affected by a Canada Skateboard decision, as long as they are in good standing with Canada Skateboard and their Community Skateboard Club; and provided there are sufficient grounds for an appeal according to the Canada Skateboard '*Appeals Protocol*', available on the resource page at www.canadaskateboard.ca