



**Bobsleigh CANADA Skeleton
National Skeleton Program - Selection Process & Criteria
2011 – 2012**

The following outlines the process Bobsleigh Canada Skeleton (BCS) will follow in selecting the best / most qualified athletes for each level of FIBT competition for the 2011-12 competitive season. This Selection Process has been designed in support of BCS' mandate to develop and sustain World and Olympic Champions in preparation for the Sochi (RUS) 2014 Olympic Winter Games and beyond.

For the 2011-12 competitive season, BCS will utilize a Selection Race Series consisting of three (3) races on two (2) different Canadian tracks for team selections. This format has been adopted in order to continue to increase the level of competition and performance expected of athletes participating in BCS Programs, as well as to evaluate those athletes with the greatest potential for success in Sochi 2014 and throughout the 2011-12 World Cup, InterContinental Cup and Europa Cup circuits. Through participation during this series of competitions, athletes will earn "Selection Points" equivalent to FIBT WC points, to which will ultimately assist in determining the teams for which they begin to compete with during the 2011-12 season.

SELECTION PROCESS

Eligibility for National Skeleton Program – Selection Process

Eligibility for National Team participation is based upon the following;

1. Athletes having participated in all races of the Selection Race Series, unless authorized by the Head Coach;
2. Athletes must participate in National Training Camps, including meetings and functions as specified by BCS Coaching Staff (conflicts to be resolved via written documentation provided 1week prior to event);
3. Athletes must maintain a minimum level of physical ability as determined by Head Coach;
4. Athletes must be members in good standing of a recognized BCS club and / or provincial association;
5. Athletes must have a valid passport;
6. Athletes must be eligible for a Canadian FIBT license;
7. Athletes must sign a 2011-12 Athlete Agreement prior to participating in any FIBT sanctioned event (including any and all FIBT races).
8. No athlete will be entered into an international competition for BCS with positive results from anti-doping testing;

Selection Race Series

Following pre-season training, BCS will hold an on-ice evaluation process that will include three (3) Selection Races consisting of a two (2) run race in Calgary and two (2) x two (2) run races held in Whistler, for a total combined run total of six (6) runs, over three (3) races on two (2) tracks.

All Selection Races will be conducted in accordance with FIBT rules (where applicable), with any modifications to the Selection Race Rules announced at the pre-race meeting(s)/draw(s). Athletes are responsible for representing themselves at these meetings. Athletes must utilize equipment for all selection races that meets FIBT rules for international competition and will be available for the entire season (sled, runners, etc.).



Points earned during the Selection Race series will be in accordance to the World Cup Competition - FIBT Points System allocations (as published in the FIBT Bobsleigh and Skeleton Rule Book 2010). Each two (2) run race will be at a standard (x1) WC points weighting.

General Race Format will be as follows:

1. Race draws for the races will be held following the final training runs.
2. All equipment must conform to the FIBT regulations in force and pass the appropriate technical inspections.
3. Specific race protocols will be announced at the race draw, to reflect the known race conditions (times, weather).
4. Protests must be verbally made to a jury member within five minutes of the race ending, and must be submitted in writing within twenty minutes of the race conclusion, along with a \$100.00CAD protest fee.

Selection Points Totals & Athlete Rankings

For the first two (2) races of the 2011-12 Season (WC#1-2), total combined points, earned by the conclusion of Selection Race #3, will be used to rank athletes with respects to their fellow competitors. Based on rank and those considerations as outlined in the 2011-12 Selection Criteria documentation, athletes will have then achieved a "Position" which will then dictate the competitive team / circuit for which they are assigned.

Teams will consist of the respective number of members for which Canada has qualified for, as determined by the 2010-11 season points totals (FIBT Quota). *Please refer to the 2011-12 Selection Criteria for team selection for the remainder of the 2011-12 competitive season.*

Those athletes that have met the "Pre-Selection Eligibility" requirements, based on the 2010-11 seasons results, will be awarded a priority position on the World Cup team (for the first two (2) WC races), ahead of those athletes participating in the Selection Race Series. Conditions for Pre-Selection, as per the 2011-12 Selection Criteria apply.

Those Male and Female athletes that have been identified, during the National Development Selection Process, as having "future potential" (as determined by the BCS / IPP Coaching Staff) will be invited to participate in the National Skeleton Program - Selection Race Series.

FIBT QUOTA – Available Positions

For the 2011-12 season, Canada has qualified for the following number of athletes on each perspective circuit:

National Team

WORLD CUP TEAM: 3 Men / 3 Women

National Development Team

INTERCONTINENTAL CUP TEAM: 2 Men / 3 Women

EUROPA CUP: 2 Men / 2 Women



Final Selection

Upon completion of the selection procedures, the Head Coach will nominate the list of eligible athletes to the Selection Committee. The Selection Committee will be comprised of: BCS Board Member (Committee Chair), Chief Executive Officer, High Performance Director and an independent participant. The Selection Committee will confirm the nominees, and render a final decision.

Appeals to Bobsleigh Canada Skeleton - Internal

Any dispute with regards to the selection and nomination to the National Skeleton Program will be dealt with by Bobsleigh Canada Skeleton's appeal procedure as outlined in Bobsleigh Canada Skeleton's 2011-12 Athlete's Agreement.

Unforeseen Circumstances

There may be an occasion, where unforeseen and intervening circumstances do not allow the BCS National Skeleton Program – Selection Process & Criteria to be fairly and objectively applied. In this case, an appeal may be made by the athlete(s) in question to the BCS Appeals Committee who reserves the right to rule on an appropriate course of action.

The selection procedures above are based on FIBT rules and regulations as presently published. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in FIBT rules and regulations will be distributed to all athletes immediately. Fairness, equal opportunity and the desire to field the most competitive teams for international competition are the guiding principles and will determine the administration of the selection criteria described below. The 2011-12 National Skeleton Program - Selection Process & Criteria are based on the latest information available to BCS. However, these criteria are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances (weather, budget, etc.) and no doubt have not accounted for every possible contingency. If a scheduled event cannot be held or must be interrupted, BCS will first try to re-schedule the event. Second, BCS will try to change the venue but will not guarantee funding for travel to the new venue. Finally, if a venue change is not feasible, ranking will be based first on the portion of that event completed or if no portion has been completed, then ranking will be based on last trials conducted.

BCS reserves the right not to take the full contingent of athletes based on budgets, competitive schedules, and/or coaches / selection committee discretion.

Thank you for your attention to these matters and good luck to all, en route to Sochi 2014.



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2011-12
Men & Women**

SELECTION CRITERIA

PRE-SELECTION ELIGIBILITY

To a maximum of two (2) individuals per discipline (Men & Women), those athletes that have met the following performance criteria (based on the 2010-11 season results), will be eligible for Pre-Selection to the 2011-12 World Cup Team for at least the first two (2) races of the season. Inclusion on the World Cup team for subsequent races will be subject to those conditions listed below.

Pre-Selection eligibility will be awarded to those individuals that have met the performance standards in the following priority order:

- #1. 1st Overall - FIBT Ranking (Men & Women)
- #2. 2nd Overall – FIBT Ranking (Men & Women)
- #3. 3rd Overall – FIBT Ranking (Men & Women)
- #4. 1st Place – World Championships / Olympic Winter Games (Men & Women)
- #5. 2nd Place – World Championships / Olympic Winter Games (Men & Women)
- #6. 3rd Place – World Championships / Olympic Winter Games (Men & Women)

Position #1 (when applicable) will be awarded to the athlete with the highest Pre-Selection priority, while Position #2 (when applicable) will be awarded to the athlete with the second highest Pre-Selection priority.

Pre-Selected athletes will be required to prove health status, through consultation with the BCS team physician, prior to ratification of the Pre-Selected status. Ratification of Pre-Selection will be completed prior to the beginning of the 2011-12 Selection Race Series and subject to the approval of the Selection Committee.

For those athletes that have not met the above Pre-Selection Eligibility performance standards, the following criteria will determine the remaining positions within the National Skeleton Program.



WORLD CUP TEAM (Positions #1 - #3)

The **World Cup Skeleton Team** may consist of the maximum of three (3) Men and three (3) Women as per FIBT allowed quotas. Consideration for the World Cup Team will be given to athletes who are Pre-Selected or have participated in the Selection Process and meet the following criteria:

1. For each discipline, Positions #1 - #3 will be designated to athletes for the first two (2) WC races of the 2011-12 competitive season based on the following:
 - a. Pre-Selected Athletes (where applicable);
 - b. 1st and 2nd based on total combined points from the Selection Race Series;
 - c. 3rd highest ranking, based on total combined points from the Selection Race Series (where applicable).
 - d. Medical/injury status.

2. For each subsequent 2011-12 World Cup event, Positions #1 - #3 will be designated to athletes based on the following:
 - e. Men's Teams
 - i. Positions #1 - #3;
 - ii. Must maintain a ranking of Top 6 or better in the FIBT Standings (by the conclusion of the race, as per unpublished FIBT results) to be re-selected to the Team;
 - iii. If an athlete is ranked worse than the above (i.e. 7th), the Head Coach reserves the right to select athletes to compete at the appropriate competition level.
 - f. Women's Team
 - i. Positions #1 - #3;
 - ii. Must maintain a ranking of Top 6 or better in the FIBT Standings (by the conclusion of the race, as per unpublished FIBT results) to be re-selected to the Team;
 - iii. If an athlete is ranked worse than the above (i.e. 7th), the Head Coach reserves the right to select athletes to compete at the appropriate competition level.

3. If a change of athlete is deemed appropriate, based on the discretion of the Head Coach and the above performance standards, the Head Coach may submit his request to the Selection Committee for consideration. The Selection Committee will review the application and ratify the final decision. Logistical considerations will commence immediately upon approval.



INTERCONTINENTAL CUP TEAM (Positions #4 - #5 (Men) ; #4 - #6 (Women))

The **InterContinental Cup Skeleton Team** may consist of the maximum of two (2) Men and three (3) Women as per FIBT allowed quotas. Consideration for the InterContinental Cup Team will be given to athletes who have participated in the Selection Process and meet the following criteria:

InterContinental Cup Team

1. For each of the disciplines, Positions #4 - #5 (Men) ; #4 - #6 (Women) will be designated to athletes for the first two (2) races of the 2011-12 competitive season based on the following:
 - a. 4th-5th (Men & Women) & 4th-6th (Women only) highest ranking, based on total combined points from the Selection Race Series results and Head Coach discretion.
 - b. Medical/injury status.

2. For each subsequent 2011-12 InterContinental Cup event, Positions #4 - #5 (Men) ; #4 - #6 (Women) will be designated to athletes based on the following:
 - a. Men's Teams
 - i. Positions #4 - #5;
 - ii. Must maintain a ranking of Top 20 or better in the FIBT Standings (by the conclusion of the race, as per unpublished FIBT results) to be re-selected to the Team;
 - iii. If an athlete is ranked worse than the above (i.e. 21st), the Head Coach reserves the right to select athletes to compete at the appropriate competition level.
 - b. Women's Team
 - i. Positions #4 - #6;
 - ii. Must maintain a ranking of Top 20 or better in the FIBT Standings (by the conclusion of the race, as per unpublished FIBT results) to be re-selected to the Team;
 - iii. If an athlete is ranked worse than the above (i.e. 21st), the Head Coach reserves the right to select athletes to compete at the appropriate competition level.



EUROPA CUP TEAM (Positions #6 -#7 (Men) ; #7 - #8 (Women))

The **Europa Cup Skeleton Team** may consist of the maximum of two (2) Men and two (2) Women as per FIBT allowed quotas. Consideration for the Europa Cup Team will be given to athletes who have participated in the Selection Process and meet the following criteria:

Europa Cup Team

1. For each of the disciplines, Positions #6-#7 (Men) - #7-#8 (Women) will be designated to athletes for the first two (2) races of the 2011-12 competitive season based on the following:
 - a. 6th - 7th (Men) & 7th - 8th (Women) highest ranking, based on total combined points from the Selection Race Series results and Head Coach discretion.
 - b. Medical/injury status.

2. For each subsequent 2011-12 Europa Cup event, the above positions will be designated to athletes based on the following:
 - a. Men's Teams
 - i. Positions #6 - #7;
 - ii. Must maintain a ranking of Top 50 or better in the FIBT Standings (by the conclusion of the race, as per unpublished FIBT results) to be re-selected to the Team;
 - iii. If an athlete is ranked worse than the above (i.e. 51st), the Head Coach reserves the right to select athletes to compete at the appropriate competition level.
 - b. Women's Team
 - i. Positions #7 - #8;
 - ii. Must maintain a ranking of Top 50 or better in the FIBT Standings (by the conclusion of the race, as per unpublished FIBT results) to be re-selected to the Team;
 - iii. If an athlete is ranked worse than the above (i.e. 51st), the Head Coach reserves the right to select athletes to compete at the appropriate competition level.