

BOBSLEIGH CANADA SKELETON
YOUTH WINTER OLYMPIC SELECTION AGREEMENT – SKELETON
1ST YOUTH WINTER OLYMPIC GAMES
INNSBRUCK 2012

PREAMBLE TO PARTS 'A', 'B', & 'C'

1. **Part 'A'** of the Bobsleigh Canada Skeleton (BCS) selection agreement represents the most current information of the Youth Olympic qualification system of the International Bobsleigh and Tobogganing Federation (FIBT). In addition to Part 'B' requirements, athletes nominated by BCS must first qualify for entry in the Youth Olympic Games according to FIBT qualification system. BCS has no control over the details or changes to the FIBT qualification system. If required, actual documentation of the qualification system can be obtained from the FIBT.

2. **Part 'B'** of the BCS Youth Olympic selection agreement represents the internal criteria to be used by BCS in determining which athletes, of those eligible for nomination according to Part 'A', will actually be nominated to the Youth Olympic Team.

3. **Part 'C'** of the BCS selection agreement is the athlete acknowledgement and acceptance form.

BOBSLEIGH CANADA SKELETON
QUALIFICATION SYSTEM FOR 1ST YOUTH WINTER OLYMPIC GAMES
INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF BOBSLEIGH AND TOBBOGANNING
INNSBRUCK 2012
PART 'A'

SECTION 1 – INTRODUCTION

This Part 'A' of the Bobsleigh Canada Skeleton (BCS) selection agreement represents the Qualification System for the 1st Winter Olympic Games of the International Federation of Bobsleigh and Tobogganing (FIBT) for Skeleton. These criteria, along with Part 'B', set forth the method by which BCS will determine its Youth Olympic Team nominations for submission to the Canadian Olympic Committee. Section 2 of this part is excerpts of the FIBT Skeleton Qualifying system (IF Standard) and details of the qualification system can be obtained from the FIBT.

Following the 2010-2011 season BCS will conduct a review of Part 'A'. If the FIBT produces an addendum to the Qualification System to clarify the terms of the Qualification System or to address other issues which may have been overlooked initially or have unexpectedly arisen. Athletes will be informed by BCS (via email and/or verbally) of any changes thusly made to Part 'A'.

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF BOBSLEIGH AND TOBOGGANING (FIBT)

SKELETON

EVENTS

Individual Men

Individual Women

ATHLETES / NOC QUOTA

Athlete Quota

30 Athletes

15 Men

15 Women

NOC Quota

2 Athletes

1 Man

1 Woman

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

Participation in the Winter Youth Olympic Games is guaranteed for the best athletes. The qualification takes place via participation in the International Federation's competition activity. Qualification is achieved by the athletes' results. They gain a qualification slot for their NOC.

During the qualification period, the best results of each athlete in the Qualification races are totalled by name. The athlete quota is attributed to the NOC. NOCs can choose with which athletes they wish to fill the places, provided that the selected athlete has participated and classified in a minimum of three (3) FIBT youth qualification races on two (2) different tracks during the qualification period.

The NOC quotas for the Winter Youth Olympic Games are based on the updated FIBT ranking. This will include two (2) qualification series:

- American Series (including Asia and Oceania)
- European Series (including Africa)

In cases of equal points, the following decision criteria apply for the FIBT ranking:

- First, the highest single points results obtained;
- Next, the highest single points obtained during the previous races.

System in Detail

Participation, for each of the men's and women's competitions in the Youth Olympic Games is limited to a total of 15 athletes, which includes one guaranteed athlete for the host nation.

The distribution per continent for each of the Men's and Women's competitions (including the host nation) is represented within the following quotas:

- Europe / Africa – Total of 7 athletes

Seven (7) highest ranked NOCs in the European Series with 1 athlete (excluding host nation)

- America – Total of 4 athletes

Four (4) highest ranked NOCs in the American Series with 1 athlete

- Asia / Oceania – Total of 3 athletes

Highest placing NOC from each continent in the American Series, plus the next highest ranked athlete (NOC)

- Host Nation – 1 athlete

Qualification period:

- October 1, 2010 – December 11, 2011

Events for qualification:

- 6 competitions (double races) on three (3) different tracks in North America
- 6 competitions (double races) on three (3) different tracks in Europe

Qualification Point Allocations:

- Skeleton EC/AC points system

HOST COUNTRY REPRESENTATION

The NOC of the nation organising the Youth Olympic Games will have the right to take part in the Youth Olympic competitions, with one women's skeleton and one men's skeleton athlete, provided that the concerned athletes have participated and classified in a minimum of three (3) FIBT youth qualification races on two (2) different tracks during the qualification period.

REALLOCATION PROCEDURE

Places earned and not taken up are reallocated as follows:

Each qualification series will be considered separately for reallocation.

Only NOCs which do not already have a qualified men's skeleton athlete by the end of the qualification period are given priority for a reallocation position in the men's event. Only NOCs which do not already have a qualified women's skeleton athlete by the end of the qualification period are given priority for a reallocation position in the women's event.

Among the potential candidates for reallocation, only the highest ranked skeleton athlete in the FIBT ranking will enable his/her NOC to send an athlete to fill a reallocation position, provided that the concerned athletes have participated and classified in a minimum of three (3) FIBT youth qualification races on two (2) different tracks during the qualification period.

In cases of equal points, the following decision criteria will be applied:

- a) First, the highest single points results obtained;
- b) Next, the highest single points obtained during the previous race.

If after following the reallocation procedures there are spaces remaining within a qualification series, the reallocation positions will be offered to the next best ranked NOCs not yet qualified in the other series until the maximum number of competitors is achieved.

If, after the additional reallocation has occurred, there is still a position available, the NOC with the best second ranked skeleton athlete will be taken into consideration for reallocation, provided that the concerned

athletes have participated and classified in a minimum of three (3) FIBT youth qualification races on two (2) different tracks during the qualification period.

In that case, the concerned NOC will exceptionally be granted a higher NOC Quota than the maximum stated in section A.

Qualification timeline

1 October 2010 to 11 December 2011: YOG 2012 IF qualification period

FIBT Youth Olympic Games Qualification Dates*:

Oct.31 – Nov.06 2011, Igls, Austria (2 races)

Nov.07 – Nov.13 2011, Park City, Utah (2 races)

Nov.14 – Nov.20 2011, Calgary, Alberta (2 races)

Nov.21 – Nov.27 2011, Winterberg, GER (2 races)

Nov.28 – Dec.04 2011, Königssee, GER & Lake Placid, NY (2 races in each venue)

* - Races times and locations are subject to change

12 to 15 December 2011: Final reallocation period for unused quota places

16 December 2011: Entries deadline (by name) for all sports

Additional information on sleds, weight regulation and runners

Standard skeleton sleds, according to FIBT regulations, are used. The following weight exceptions are applied:

- The combined weight of the sleds and the athlete with complete race equipment may not exceed 105 kg for men and 90 kg for women.
- The weight of the sled alone may not exceed 37 kg for men and 32 kg for women
- If the combined weight of the sled and the athlete with his equipment exceeds 105 Kg for men or 90kg for women, the weight of the sled alone may not exceed 31 kg for men and 29 kg for women.

FIBT standard runners must be used.

BOBSLEIGH CANADA SKELETON
OLYMPIC SELECTION CRITERIA FOR 1ST WINTER YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES
INNSBRUCK 2012
PART 'B'

SECTION 1 - INTRODUCTION

1.1 – This Part 'B' of the Bobsleigh Canada Skeleton (BCS) selection agreement represents the internal nomination procedures of BCS for Skeleton. These criteria, along with Part 'A', set forth the method by which BCS will determine its Youth Olympic Team nominations for submission to the COC. Therefore, if BCS qualifies for entry in the Youth Winter Olympic Games in accordance with International Federation rules and regulations as outlined in Part 'A', athletes nominated by BCS to the COC for membership on the 2012 Olympic Team must be those who:

- i) Have met the Youth Olympic Selection Criteria in Part 'A' or be deemed to have met the Youth Olympic Selection Criteria in Part 'A' according to Section II of Part 'B'.

AND

- ii) Qualify for nomination in accordance with Section II of Part 'B' entitled "INTERNAL NOMINATION PROCEDURES".

1.2 – Bobsleigh Canada Skeleton may nominate to the COC up to the maximum number of athletes permitted by Olympic entry regulation in each event, and overall, subject to points 1.1 above.

1.3 – The final qualification date is midnight, December 5th, 2011 (or upon publication of the 2011-2012 FIBT Ranking List for races achieved up to that point). Youth Olympic Team nominations must be submitted to the COC no later than 11:59am EST on December 12th, 2011.

1.4 – Following the 2010-2011 season, BCS will conduct an internal review of Part 'B'. BCS has the discretion to create an addendum to Part 'B' to clarify the terms of Part 'B' or to address other issues which may have been overlooked initially or have unexpectedly arisen. Athletes will be informed by BCS of any changes made to Part 'B' through direct email and posted on the BCS website. No changes shall be made after the date of October 1st, 2011.

SECTION II – INTERNAL NOMINATION PROCEDURES

ELIGIBILITY

In order to be eligible for nomination to the Canadian Olympic Committee for Youth Olympic Team selection, all athletes must:

1. Be Canadian Citizens;
2. Have a valid Canadian Passport that does not expire before March 31, 2012;
3. Be a member in good standing of Bobsleigh Canada Skeleton;
4. Be in compliance with all relevant IF, and IOC requirements for eligibility;
5. Sign and submit the COC athlete agreement no later than January 1st, 2012.
6. Sign and submit the BCS Athlete Acknowledgement and Acceptance form (Part 'C') no later than October 31, 2011.

NOMINATION STANDARD

2.1 – To be eligible for nomination, athletes must meet the following results criteria during the period of October 31, 2010 to December 5th, 2011*. Once the results are attained, an athlete is then considered QUALIFIED.

MALE ATHLETES

Will adhere the FIBT qualification process of participation and classification in a minimum of three (3) FIBT youth qualification races on two (2) different tracks during the qualification period.

FEMALE ATHLETES

Will adhere the FIBT qualification process of participation and classification in a minimum of three (3) FIBT youth qualification races on two (2) different tracks during the qualification period.

****As of December 5th, 2011 or upon publication of the 2011-2012 FIBT Ranking List for races completed to this date.***

NOMINATION PROCEDURES

2.2.1 - Qualified Athlete > NOC Quota:

In the event that a greater number of athletes, than allowed by the NOC's quota, attain the Nomination Standard by December 5th, 2011, the following process will occur;

The Selection Committee will review the FIBT rank* of all qualified athletes and if they determine that they are WITHIN REASONABLE PROXIMITY of each other, then the following Nomination Procedure may be utilized:

- QUALIFIED athletes will participate in a Youth Olympic Selection Race, to be held in Calgary on or between the dates of December 5th, 2011 to December 11th, 2011. The athlete with the highest overall Selection Points Ranking, upon completion of the Youth Olympic Selection Race will be selected to fill the Nomination;
- The Youth Olympic Selection Race will consist of a two (2) run race. Other National Program or Inter-Provincial Team athletes may participate in the race, however as forerunners only;

2.2.2 – Qualified Athletes = NOC Quota:

In the event that an equal number of athletes are QUALIFIED by December 5th, 2011 as allowed by NOC Quota, there will be no Youth Olympic Selection Race required, as all QUALIFIED athletes will be granted Nomination.

INJURY / FITNESS

2.3 – All nominated athletes may have their injury/health status assessed by the **BCS Team Doctor** prior to the COC nomination deadline. In the event that an athlete is deemed injured (or ill) by the BCS team doctor as a result of having completed this assessment, the BCS medical and coaching staff shall decide if the athlete will be sufficiently recovered to be nominated to the Youth Olympic Team. Injuries to athletes occurring after the nomination deadline will be dealt with similarly, and subject to the IYOGOC late athlete replacement policy.

SELECTION PROCESS

2.4 – Upon completion of the Selection Procedures, the Team Lead will nominate the list of eligible athletes to the Selection Committee. The Selection Committee may 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.

2.5 – The internal nomination process will be completed by December 12th, 2011.

NOC QUOTA CHANGES

2.6 – Should, by means of a reallocation or other circumstance, there be an increase in number of Male or Female nominations allowed, the athlete to fill this nomination will be the 2nd place rank from the Youth Olympic Selection Race.

**As of December 5th, 2011 or upon publication of the 2011-2012 FIBT Ranking List for races completed to this date.*

SECTION III – UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES & CHANGES TO THIS DOCUMENT

3.1 – In the event of unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of Bobsleigh Canada Skeleton that prevent the Selection Committee from fairly implementing these internal nomination procedures as written, the Selection Committee shall have full discretion to resolve the matter as they see fit, taking into account factors and circumstances that they deem relevant.

Examples of unforeseen circumstances include, but are not limited to “Acts of God” (adverse weather conditions or other external factors resulting in modified or cancelled competitions) and/or “FIBT rulings” (decisions made by the FIBT which impact the nation’s rankings or athlete results / qualification standards).

Unforeseen circumstances do not include instances of injury, illness or poor health, disqualifications or doping infractions.

3.2 – The CEO, High Performance Director, and/or Team Lead reserves the right to make changes to this document, which in its discretion are necessary to ensure selection of the best team possible for the 2012 Winter Youth Olympic Games. Any changes to this document shall be communicated directly to all Youth Olympic Games eligible athletes via email and/or verbally no later than October 1st, 2011.

This clause shall not be used to justify changes after a competition or trials that formed part of the internal nomination procedure unless it is related to an unforeseen circumstance.

The purpose of this section is to allow for changes to this document that may become necessary due to a typographical error or a lack of clarity in a definition or wording before it has an impact on athletes. The purpose of such changes must be in order to avoid disputes over the meaning of the provisions of this document rather than to allow changes to be made to justify selection of different athletes than would have otherwise been selected. Such changes must be reasonably justifiable in accordance with fundamental principles of natural justice and procedural fairness. In the event of a change to this document, Bobsleigh Canada Skeleton shall inform the COC of the changes and the reasons for those changes as soon as possible.

SECTION IV – ENTRY AT THE YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES

4.1 – Once the final nomination list from Bobsleigh Canada Skeleton is accepted by the COC (maximum of two (2) athletes), all athletes will have equal status as qualified Youth Olympic Team members. The respective event entries will be determined by the current “by name” FIBT standings.

SECTION V – ATHLETE ACKNOWLEDGMENT

5.1 – All potential Youth Olympic Team members are required to read, sign and return the attached Athlete Acknowledgement and Acceptance form (Part ‘C’) to Bobsleigh Canada Skeleton by 11:59pm GMT, January 1st, 2012.

5.2 – The above-mentioned BCS Athlete Acknowledgement and Acceptance (Part ‘C’) form must be signed and dated no later than October 31st, 2011, otherwise the athlete will not be eligible for nomination to the Youth Olympic Skeleton Team.

SECTION VI – APPEALS TO BOBSLEIGH CANADA SKELETON – INTERNAL NOMINATION PROCEDURES

6.1 – Any dispute with regards to nomination of the Youth Olympic Team members to the COC will be dealt with by Bobsleigh Canada Skeleton’s appeal procedure as outlined in the Bobsleigh Canada Skeleton’s 2011/2012 Athlete’s Agreement (available on website), or may be brought directly to the SDRCC on the consent of all parties in the discretion of the SDRCC.

BOBSLEIGH CANADA SKELETON
SIGNATURE

DATE

BOBSLEIGH CANADA SKELETON
ATHLETE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND ACCEPTANCE
Innsbruck 2012
PART 'C'

Youth Olympic Selection Agreement Release Date: March 2011

I, _____, a registered member or athlete of Bobsleigh Canada Skeleton (BCS) hereby acknowledge that:

1. I have read and accept the Youth Olympic Selection Criteria established by BCS, attached hereto as Part 'A', and Part 'B' to be applied to the selection of athletes and teams to the Youth Olympic Team in the sport of Skeleton; and
2. I understand that I will be informed by BCS if amendments occur in Part 'A' and/or Part 'B' to clarify the terms or address unforeseen circumstances which may occur; and
3. I understand that an athlete's right of appeal with respect to the BCS internal nomination procedures must be made in accordance with section VI of Part 'B'.
4. I understand that the Olympic Charter grants the COC exclusive jurisdiction over the naming of athletes who will represent Canada at the Youth Olympic Games.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 201__.

Athlete's Signature

Legal Guardian's Signature

Name (Please Print)

Name (Please Print)

Witness's Signature (Witnessed by unrelated third party)

Name (Please Print)