



**Selection Criteria:
Bobsleigh Canada Team Selection 2009-2010**

I. Eligibility

To be eligible for participation on any BCS sanctioned Team, athletes must attend a National Team Program (NTP) or National Development Program (NDP) Camp in 2009. They must be a member in good standing of a recognized BCS club and/or provincial association; have a valid passport, and be eligible for a FIBT license. All athletes will be required to sign a BCS Athlete Agreement prior to participating in any BCS sanctioned event (including any and all FIBT races).

All athletes must attend all BCS meetings and functions as specified by the BCS coaching staff. If a conflict arises, provide written notification to the Program Manager, Bobsleigh at least 1 week prior to the commencement of the specific event.

II. Pilot / Push Athlete Combinations

All World Cup Pilots from the 2008-09 Season will have the Head Coach designate his or her Push Athletes prior to the National Team Selection Races (up to a maximum of four (4) men per male pilot, and two (2) women) per female pilot. The Head Coach will use the attached criteria guidelines.

Remaining Pilots will select push athletes for their teams prior to the National Team Selection Races. Teams must be declared at the Team Captain's Meeting & Race Draw. They may use the following push athlete criteria to help in their decisions.

- Off-ice testing: 30 meters, 45 meters, vertical jump, power clean and any other testing done by the National Team Coaching Staff.
- Individual Push Competition: On the Calgary Ice Push Facility
- 3-man Push Competition (push athletes only): On the Calgary Ice Push Facility
- International (World Cup/Championships) push times and push experience/history
- Team cohesion, attitude and work ethic.
- International Race results.

Pilots may use input from the Coaching Staff as needed. There is no implied priority of these criteria.



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III. BCS Sled/Runner Allocations

A. Prior to each year's National Team Selection Races the BCS Head Coach will allocate BCS sleds based upon the following criteria:

1. The top ranked Pilot based upon criteria set in Section XI of this document where the highest ranked pilot will receive first choice on sled allocation.
2. The next ranked Pilot will receive second choice on sled allocation.
3. The next ranked Pilot shall pick third, and this process will continue until all sleds are allocated.

B. After the Selection Races, a new pilot ranking will be established based on the Selection Race results. Pilots not selected to the National team may lose their sled selection. New Pilots on the team may choose from newly available sleds.

C. At any given time, other allocations may occur if all Pilots involved and the Head Coach are in agreement. If a sled is irreparably damaged, the Head Coach MAY re-allocate sleds if deemed appropriate.

D. The Head Coach may withhold equipment from a Pilot if, in his judgment, that Pilot has a history of poorly maintaining BCS equipment or does not yet have the requisite driving skills to preserve the equipment in a reasonable manner.

F. Four-man sled allocation will follow the same procedure.

G. Runners which are the property of BCS will be allocated following the same allocation procedure.

H. In consideration of the athletes being allocated BCS equipment, they are required to adhere to the following rules:

- i. **BCS sleds and runners may not be altered by an athlete without permission from the Head coach and BCS sled mechanic.**
- ii. **Only BCS approved personnel can allow inspection of BCS sleds or runners.**
- iii. **Athletes will not share BCS technology, directly or indirectly, with anyone other than BCS National Team athletes or BCS staff.**
- iv. **All Athletes must sign a BCS confidentiality agreement.**



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IV. 2009-10 National Team Selection Races

A. There will be National Team Trials Races held in Whistler from October 12-25. These races will determine the athletes to be selected to the 2009-10 National Team and National Development Team competitive programs.

B. Selection Races will consist of two (2) races per discipline for Men, and three (3) races for the Women. All races will consist of two (2) runs per race. All eligible athletes may race in the selection races. If track conditions or the weather deteriorate and the field needs to be reduced, priority will be given based upon last season's ranking.

C. 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. Pilots must utilize equipment for all selection races that meets FIBT rules for international competition and will be available to them for the entire season (sled, runners, etc.)

D. Points will be awarded for the final race ranking in each of the races according to the following points table:

1 st	10
2 nd	6
3 rd	4
4 th	3
5 th	2
6 th	1

-bonus points will be awarded based on the average time of the top three places, 1/10th of a point for each 1/10th second ahead of the average time:

Example: 1st – 115.30 2nd – 117.05 3rd – 117.45

-average time is 116.60 seconds

-1st place finisher is 1.3 seconds ahead of the average time, receives 1.3 points

E. General Race Format will be as follows: Race draws for the races will be held following the final training runs. Athletes must have completed the minimum number of training runs to be eligible for the Selection Race Series.

- All equipment must conform to the FIBT regulations in force - technical checks will be conducted. All equipment used in the Selection Races must be available to the pilots for the entire season.
- Specific race protocols will be announced at the race draw, to reflect the known race conditions (times, weather).

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 \$100.00CDN protest fee.



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V. 2009-10 National Team (World Cup Team) Pilot Selection

A. Pilot Pre-Selection: If there is a male or female pilot(s) who has achieved a top 4 2008-09 World Cup overall ranking (as published by the FIBT), a top 4 2009 World Championship or a top 4 2009 Whistler World Cup result in a discipline, then this pilot will be given a bye through the National Team Selection Races and be deemed pre-selected and placed on the 2009-10 National Team. This pilot and his/her team will race in the National Team Selection Races.

B. Pilot Selection:

Men's Bobsleigh:

The top 2 highest ranked pilots after the 2009-10 Selection races will be selected to the World Cup Bobsleigh Program. This includes any pre-selected pilots.

The pilots with the next highest point total after the 2009-10 Selection Races will be selected to the National Development Team, to a maximum of 4 pilots.

Remaining Pilots, as determined by the guidelines set by the FIBT, will be selected by the Head Coach, and be based on the following criteria:

- 2009-10 Selection Race results
- Physical ability, as outlined in Section II
- Current driving ability, as determined by the Head Coach and the Driving Coaches.
- 2008-09 Race Results
- Commitment to BCS World Cup and Olympic Programs
- Attitude and work ethic

Women's Bobsleigh:

The top 3 highest ranked pilots after the 2009-10 Selection races will be selected to the World Cup Bobsleigh Program. This includes any pre-selected pilots.

The pilots with the next highest point totals after the 2009-10 Selection Races will be selected to the National Development Team, to a maximum of 4 pilots.

Remaining Pilots as determined by the guidelines set by the FIBT will be selected by the High Performance Committee, and be based on the following criteria:

- 2009-10 Selection Race results
- Physical ability, as outlined in Section II
- Current driving ability, as determined by the Head Coach and the Driving Coaches.
- 2008-09 Race Results
- Commitment to BCS World Cup and Olympic Programs
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C. Once the World Cup Team is competing internationally, the lowest ranked Pilot on the World Cup Team may be replaced by the next ranked Pilot as determined by the Head Coach if the lowest ranked Pilot does not maintain the agreed upon benchmarks set by the Head Coach and Pilot. This decision is at the discretion of the Head Coach and will be based on the relative value in experience to be gained by that Pilot and the next ranked driver and their performances to date.

D. No pilot will be entered into an international competition for the BCS with positive results from anti-doping testing.

VI. 2009-10 National Team (World Cup Team) Push Athlete Selection

A. After the conclusion of the Selection Races, the Head Coach will select the Push Athletes for the respective National teams. The Head Coach will use the attached criteria guidelines.

B. For the 2010 Olympic Winter Games, the BCS/COC OWG Selection Criteria will serve to select the athletes participating. Olympic Push athletes will be selected based on the 2010 BCS/COC OWG Selection Criteria.

C. All nominated athletes shall have their injury/health status assessed by the BCS team doctor during camp prior to the 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 National Team.

D. The Head Coach has the discretion to select any and all alternate Push Athletes based on the overall needs of the team.

E. No Push Athlete will be entered into an International competition for BCS with positive results from anti-doping testing.

VII. 2009-10 World Cup Start Positions

A. Pilots will start the season in rank order in each discipline as determined by their overall FIBT rank. After the first international race, Pilots shall be ranked for start order in each discipline based on their current FIBT ranking in that discipline.

VIII. International Federation Eligibility

A. All athletes and teams selected must be eligible to participate in the World Cup under all FIBT rules.

IX. 2009-10 National Team Selection Race Qualifying

A. Canadian Pilots will be ranked and entered into the start order for the 2009-10 National Team Selection races in the following order:

1. 2008-09 FIBT 2MAN Men's Ranking



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2. 2008-09 2MAN Women's Ranking
3. 2008-09 4Man Ranking

X. Unforeseen circumstances and changes to this document

There may be an occasion where unforeseen and intervening circumstances do not allow the 2009-10 National Team Selection Criteria to be fairly and objectively applied. In this case, an appeal can 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 CEO, Program Manager, and/or Head Coach reserve the right to make changes to this document, which in its discretion are necessary to ensure selection of the best teams possible to the 2009-10 National Team. Any changes to this document shall be communicated directly to all athletes. This clause shall not be used to justify changes after a competition or trials that formed part of the internal selection 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 fairness.

XI.-Appeals

Any dispute with regards to nomination of the 2009-10 National Team will be dealt with by Bobsleigh Canada Skeleton's appeal procedure as outlined in Bobsleigh Canada Skeleton's 2009/2010 Athlete's Agreement, or may be brought directly to the SDRCC on the consent of all parties in the discretion of the SDRCC. An Expedited Appeals Process will be in place due to the time limitations between selection and departure on tour.