

**BOBSLEIGH CANADA SKELETON  
OLYMPIC SELECTION AGREEMENT - SKELETON  
FOR XXI WINTER OLYMPIC GAMES  
Vancouver 2010**

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

1. **Part 'A'** of the Bobsleigh Canada Skeleton (BCS) selection agreement represents the most current information of the 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 Olympic Games according to the 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 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 Canadian Olympic Committee for membership on the Olympic Team.
  
3. **Part 'C'** of the BCS selection agreement is the athlete acknowledgement and acceptance form.

**BOBSLEIGH CANADA SKELETON  
QUALIFICATION SYSTEM FOR XXI WINTER OLYMPIC GAMES  
INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF BOBSLEIGH AND TOBBOGANNING  
VANCOUVER 2010  
PART 'A'**

**SECTION 1 - INTRODUCTION**

This Part 'A' of the Bobsleigh Canada Skeleton (BCS) selection agreement represents the Qualification System for the XXI Winter Olympic Games of the International Federation of Bobsleigh and Tobogganing (FIBT) for Bobsleigh. These criteria, along with Part 'B', set forth the method by which BCS will determine its 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 2008-2009 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**

Men's Skeleton Competition  
Women's Skeleton Competition

## **ATHLETE / NOC QUOTA**

### **ATHLETES QUOTA**

**50 Athletes**  
30 Men (Including host nation)  
20 Women (Including host nation)

### **NOC QUOTA**

**6 Athletes**  
3 Men  
3 Women

## **QUALIFICATION SYSTEM**

### **GENERAL PRINCIPLES**

Participation on the Olympic Winter Games is guaranteed for the best athletes. Representation of the host country and non-represented continents is also guaranteed, provided that athletes are ranked among the top 60 men or top 45 women in the FIBT ranking.

The FIBT recognizes five continents: Africa, America, Asia, Europe and Oceania.

The qualification process takes place via participation in the Federation's competition activity. Qualification is achieved by the athletes results. They gain a qualification slot for their NOC.

The athlete quota is attributed to the NOC. They can choose with which athletes they wish to fill the places provided that the said athletes have taken part and were ranked, in the 2008/09 and/or 2009/2010 competition seasons, in at least five international FIBT competitions on three different tracks.

No spare athletes are allowed in the Olympic Village. If an athlete has an accident or becomes otherwise incapacitated during the official training period, the athlete could be replaced by another athlete who is not part of the NOC's athlete quota, according to the IOC/VANOC late athlete replacement policy.

During the 2009/2010 season, the best results of each athlete are totaled by name for the FIBT Ranking List, regardless of the race series in which results were scored.

- World Cup
- InterContinental Cup
- Europa Cup
- America Cup

The number of races taken in account is the same as the number of World Cup races that are carried out during the qualification period.

The NOC quotas for the Olympic Winter Games are based on the updated ranking. In cases of equal points, the following decision criteria apply for the FIBT ranking:

- First, the highest single point result obtained;
- Next, the highest single points obtained during the previous race.

### **SYSTEM IN DETAIL FOR MEN'S SKELETON**

**The participation in the Olympic Winter Games is limited to:**

- 3 NOC's with 3 athletes
- 7 NOC's with 2 athletes
- 7 NOC's with 1 athletes

The chosen athletes must be ranked among the top 60 athletes of the FIBT ranking of the 2009/10 season during the qualification period.

### **SYSTEM IN DETAIL FOR WOMEN'S SKELETON**

**The participation in the Olympic Winter Games is limited to:**

- 2 NOC's with 3 athletes
- 4 NOC's with 2 athletes
- 6 NOC's with 1 athletes

The chosen athletes must be ranked among the top 45 athletes of the FIBT ranking of the 2009/10 season during the qualification period.

## **HOST NATION QUALIFICATION**

If the male and female competitors of the NOC of the nation organizing the Olympic Winter Games fail to qualify, the NOC will still have the right to take part in the Olympic competitions, with one male and one female athlete respectively, provided that the athletes concerned have taken part and were ranked in at least five international FIBT competitions, on three different tracks, during the 2008/2009 and/or 2009/2010 competition seasons and ranked among the top 60 men or top 45 women in the FIBT Ranking.

The selection of the athlete will be based on FIBT Ranking of the 2009/10 season set up during the qualification period.

If no athlete can achieve this condition, the host Nation will have no representative.

## **CONTINENTAL REPRESENTATION**

Male and female athletes belonging to NOCs of non-represented continents may also take part in the Olympic competitions, with one male and one female athlete respectively, provided that the athletes concerned have taken part and were ranked in at least five international FIBT competitions on three different tracks during the 2008/09 and/or 2009/10 competition seasons, and ranked among the top 60 men or top 45 women in the FIBT Ranking List.

The selection of the athletes will be based on FIBT Ranking of the 2009/10 season set up during the qualification period.

If no athlete can achieve this condition, that continent will have no representative.

## **REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA POSITIONS**

Places earned and not taken up are reallocated until all 30 places (Men) or 20 places (Women) are filled, in the following order of priority:

- The highest ranked NOC(s) of non represented continents.
- If the number of non represented continents surpasses the number of places available for reallocation, only the highest ranked athlete in the FIBT ranking will enable his/her NOC to send an athlete to fill a reallocation position.
- In cases of equal points, the following decision criteria will be applied:
  - a) First, the highest single points result obtained;
  - b) Next, the highest single points obtained during the previous race.

After this, if there are places still available for reallocation, only NOCs which do not already have a qualified athlete by the end of the qualification period will be considered.

- Among the potential candidates for reallocation, only the highest ranked athlete in the FIBT ranking will enable his/her NOC to send an athlete to fill a reallocation position, provided that the athletes concerned have taken part and were ranked in at least five international FIBT competitions on three different tracks, during the 2008/2009 and/or 2009/2010 competition seasons, and ranked among the top 60 men or top 45 women in the FIBT Ranking List.
- In cases of equal points, the following decision criteria will be applied:
  - a) First, the highest single points result obtained;
  - b) Next, the highest single points obtained during the previous race.

### **SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Athletes must comply with the following requirements:

- They must be 18 years of age on the opening date of the Olympic Winter Games;
- They must possess a valid International FIBT license;
- They must be medically suitable for practicing skeleton racing;
- They must possess appropriate and adequate insurance coverage against accidents and third-party civil liability.

## **QUALIFYING TIMELINE**

1 October 2009	Start of Qualification period
Qualifying events:	7 races from 1 Oct. 2009 to 17 Jan. 2010
10 January 2010	Deadline for NOCs which want to be considered for reallocation spots to inform the FIBT of their request in writing.
End of qualification period:	
17 January 2010	For qualification via FIBT races
20 January 2010	FIBT will inform the NFs, NOCs and VANOC of the places earned by qualified NOCs
22 January 2010	NOCs must inform the FIBT and VANOC that the earned places will be taken up
25 January 2010	FIBT to notify NFs of the unused quota position (if any) attributed to an NOC within the framework of the reallocation process
26 January 2010	End of reallocation period
1 February 2010	Deadline for Vancouver 2010 Organizing Committee to receive entry forms submitted by the NOCs

**BOBSLEIGH CANADA SKELETON**  
**OLYMPIC SELECTION CRITERIA FOR XXI WINTER OLYMPIC GAMES**  
**Vancouver 2010**  
**PART 'B'**

**SECTION I - 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 Olympic Team nominations for submission to the COC. Therefore, if BCS qualifies for entry in the Olympic Winter 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 2010 Olympic Team must be those who:

i) Have met the Olympic Selection Criteria in Part 'A' or be deemed to have met the 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 regulations in each event, and overall, subject to points 1.1 above.

1.3 - The final qualification date is midnight, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009 (or upon publication of the 2009-2010 FIBT Ranking List for Race #1-#4). Olympic Team nominations must be submitted to the COC no later than 11:59am EST January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

1.4 - Following the 2008-2009 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.

## **SECTION II - INTERNAL NOMINATION PROCEDURES**

### **ELIGIBILITY**

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

1. Be Canadian Citizens;
2. Have a valid Canadian Passport that does not expire before Sept 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010;
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 and VANOC eligibility conditions form no later than January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010.
6. Sign and submit the BCS Athlete Acknowledgement and Acceptance form (Part 'C') no later than October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

### **NOMINATION STANDARD**

2.1 - To be eligible for nomination, athletes must meet the following results criteria during the period of November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008 to December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009\*. Once the following results are attained, an athlete is then considered QUALIFIED.

#### **MALE ATHLETES**

*Pure Circuit Qualification Route:*

- 2.1.1. FIBT World Cups - 4 x Top 10 results **OR** FIBT InterContinental Cups - 6 x Top 3 results, one of which must be attained in the 2009-2010 competitive season\*;

*World Championship Qualification Route:*

- 2.1.1 FIBT World Championships 2009 - 1 x Top 3 **AND** 2 x Top 10 World Cup **OR** 3 x Top 3 Intercontinental Cup results, one of which must be attained in the 2009-2010 competitive season\*;

**OR**

- 2.1.2 FIBT World Championships 2009 – 1<sup>st</sup> Place **AND** 1 x Top 10 World Cup **OR** 1 x Top 3 InterContinental Cup result, of which must be attained in the 2009-2010 competitive season\*;

*Combination Circuit Qualification Route:*

In the event that an athlete participates on two different circuits from 2008-09 to 2009-10, a combination of WC / IC results may be used to qualify athletes. This combination of points may only be presented as follows:

- 2.1.5 FIBT World Cups – 2 x Top 10 **AND** FIBT InterContinental Cup – 3 x Top 3 over the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 seasons\*, one of which must be attained in the 2009-2010 competitive season\*.

**FEMALE ATHLETES**

*Pure Circuit Qualification Route:*

- 2.1.6 FIBT World Cups - 4 x Top 8 results **OR** FIBT InterContinental Cups - 6 x Top 3 results, one of which must be attained in the 2009-2010 competitive season\*;

*World Championship Qualification Route:*

- 2.1.7 FIBT World Championships 2009 - 1 x Top 3 **AND** 2 x Top 8 World Cup **OR** 3 x Top 3 InterContinental Cup results, one of which must be attained in the 2009-2010 competitive season\*;

**OR**

- 2.1.8 FIBT World Championships 2009 – 1<sup>st</sup> Place **AND** 1 x Top 8 World Cup **OR** 1 x Top 3 InterContinental Cup result, of which must be attained in the 2009-2010 competitive season\*;

*Combination Circuit Qualification Route:*

In the event that an athlete participates on two different circuits from 2008-09 to 2009-10, a combination of WC / IC results may be used to qualify athletes. This combination of points may only be presented as follows:

- 2.1.9 FIBT World Cups – 2 x Top 8 **AND** FIBT InterContinental Cup – 3 x Top 3 results over the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 seasons, one of which must be attained in the 2009-2010 competitive season.

***\* As of December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009 or upon publication of the 2009-2010 FIBT Ranking List for races completed to this date.***

## NOMINATION PROCEDURES

2.2 - Bobsleigh Canada Skeleton will nominate the Olympic Skeleton Team to the COC based on the following selection criteria and process:

### 2.2.1 Qualified Athletes > NOC Quota:

In the event that a greater number of athletes, than allowed by the NOC's quota, attain the Nomination Standard by December 13, 2009, the following Nomination Procedure will be utilized:

- The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> nominations will be allocated to those athletes with the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> highest rankings, respectively, as per the published FIBT Ranking List\*\*. In the event of equal points, the decision criteria as it relates to equal points (as stated in Section A) will apply;
- All remaining **QUALIFIED** athletes will participate in an Olympic Selection Race Series, to be held in Whistler post-Christmas, 2009. The athlete with the highest overall Selection Points Ranking, upon completion of the Olympic Selection Race Series, will be selected to fill the last remaining Nomination;
- The Olympic Selection Race Series will consist of two (2) separate, two (2) run races. Nominated athletes may participate in the Olympic Selection Race Series, however as forerunners only;

***\*\* In the event that the NOC quota is only 2 positions, the first nomination will be awarded to the highest FIBT ranked athlete as of December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009 or immediately upon publication of the 2009-2010 FIBT rankings for races completed to this date. The remaining nomination will then be determined by the Olympic Selection Races Series criteria as stated above.***

### 2.2.2 Qualified Athletes < NOC Quota:

In the event that fewer athletes attain the Nomination Standard by December 13, 2009, than allowed by NOC Quota, the following Nomination Procedure will be utilized:

- Those athletes that have **QUALIFIED**, by December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009 will be granted Olympic Nomination;
- All remaining **UNQUALIFIED** athletes will then participate in the Olympic Selection Race Series. The athlete(s) with the highest overall Selection Points Ranking(s), upon completion of the Olympic Selection Race Series, will be selected to fill the last remaining Nomination(s);
- The Olympic Selection Race Series will consist of two (2) separate, two (2) run races. Nominated athletes may participate in the Olympic Selection Race Series, however as forerunners only.

### 2.2.3 **Qualified Athletes = NOC Quota:**

In the event that an equal number of athletes are **QUALIFIED** by December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009\*, as allowed by NOC Quota, there will be no Olympic Selection Race Series required, as all **QUALIFIED** athletes will be granted Nomination.

2.3 - Any athlete(s) nominated via FIBT Ranking alone, must maintain a competitive level of performance for the remaining WC events, post-nomination. This ensures that all nominated athletes are maintaining the highest level of performance and therefore maximizing the greatest number of NOC quota positions possible through WC competition.

Should an athlete's performance be deemed "sub-standard" by the Head Coach, replacement of this athlete may be requested by the Head Coach to the Selection Committee. Sub-standard is defined as having result(s), post-nomination, which are significantly lower than those achieved over the 2009-2010 season (on an individual basis).

The Head Coach and Selection Committee will also take into consideration injury, illness or mutually agreed upon equipment experimentation between the Head Coach and athlete, when determining sub-standard results.

In the event that the winner of the Olympic Selection Race is an athlete from the InterContinental Cup team, this individual may replace the lowest ranked WC athlete, defeated during the Olympic Selection Race, for the duration of the WC season. Again in an effort to maximize the greatest number of NOC quota positions for the Games.

## **INJURY / FITNESS**

2.4 - All nominated athletes shall 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 Olympic Team. Injuries to athletes occurring after the nomination deadline will be dealt with similarly, and subject to the VANOC late athlete replacement policy.

## **SELECTION PROCESS**

2.5 - 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, Program Manager and an independent participant. The Selection Committee will confirm the nominees, and render a final decision.

2.6 - The internal nomination process will be completed on December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009 or upon publication of the 2009-2010 FIBT Ranking List for Races completed to this date.

## **NOC QUOTA CHANGES**

2.7 – Should by means of a drop in Nation rank within the FIBT point standings (which ultimately dictate NOC quota allocations), either the Male or Female teams lose a spot AFTER Christmas (post Olympic Selection Races), the final athlete named to the team will be the first person removed from the team.

### **SECTION III – UNFORESEEN 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 nations 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, Program Manager, and/or Head Coach reserves the right to make changes to this document, which in its discretion are necessary to ensure selection of the best teams possible for the 2010 Olympic Games. Any changes to this document shall be communicated directly to all National Team Members (World Cup & InterContinental Cup Members) via email and/or verbally.

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 OLYMPIC GAMES**

4.1 - Once the final nomination list from Bobsleigh Canada Skeleton is accepted by the COC (maximum of six (6) athletes), all athletes will have equal status as qualified 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 Olympic Team members are required to read, sign and return the attached Athlete Acknowledgment and Acceptance form (Part 'C') to Bobsleigh Canada Skeleton.

5.2 - The above-mentioned BCS Athlete Acknowledgement and Acceptance (Part 'C') form must be signed and dated no later than October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009, otherwise the athlete will not be eligible for nomination to the Olympic Skeleton Team.

## **SECTION VI - APPEALS TO BOBSLEIGH CANADA SKELETON - INTERNAL NOMINATION PROCEDURES**

6.1 - Any dispute with regards to nomination of the Olympic Team members to the COC 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.

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BOBSLEIGH CANADA SKELETON  
SIGNATURE

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DATE

**BOBSLEIGH CANADA SKELETON**  
**ATHLETE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND ACCEPTANCE**  
**Vancouver 2010**  
**PART 'C'**

Olympic Selection Agreement Release Date: October 2009

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

1. I have read and accept the 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 Olympic Team in the sport of Bobsleigh; 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 Olympic Games.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_\_.

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Athlete's Signature

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Witness's Signature

(Witnessed by unrelated third party)

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