

**BOBSLEIGH CANADA SKELETON
OLYMPIC SELECTION AGREEMENT - BOBSLEIGH
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.

General Principles

The qualification process takes place via participation in the Federation's competition activity. Qualification is achieved by the 'pilots' results. Pilots gain a qualification slot for their NOC. Participation in the Olympic Winter Games is guaranteed for the best Bob teams. Representation of the host country and non-represented continents is also guaranteed, provided that athletes are ranked among the top 50 men or top 40 women in the FIBT Ranking.

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

SYSTEM IN DETAIL FOR MEN'S BOBSLEIGH

During the 2009/2010 season, the best results of each Pilot are summed up by name for the FIBT Ranking, regardless of the race series in which results were scored:

- World Cup
- Europe Cup
- America Cup

The number of races scored 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:

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

The quotas are assigned to the NOCs. They can choose the pilots who may make use of this quota, provided that the pilots concerned have taken part and were ranked in at least five international FIBT races on three different tracks, during the 2008/09 and/or 2009/10 competitions seasons. They must also have been ranked among the top 50 pilots of the FIBT ranking of the 2009/10 season by the deadline of 17 January 2010.

The participation in the Olympic Winter Games is limited to:

- 2-Man Bobsleigh: 30 crews including host nation
- 4-Man Bobsleigh: 30 crews including host nation

Teams per NOC:

- 3 NOCs with 3 crews
- 7 NOCs with 2 crews
- 7 NOCs with 1 crew

The athletes' quota per NOC is established according to the number of bob crews qualified, according to the following table:

Number of crews qualified	2-Man	4-Man	Athletes quota
	1	0	2
	2	0	4
	3	0	6
	0	1	4
	0	2	8
	0	3	12
	1	1	4/5*
	2	1	5/6*
	3	1	6/7*
	1	2	8/9*
	2	2	8/9*
	3	2	9
	1	3	12/13*
	2	3	12/13*
	3	3	12/13*

* only if the 2-Man pilot is different from the pilot in the 4-Man

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

SYSTEM IN DETAIL FOR WOMEN'S BOBSLEIGH

During the 2009/2010 season, the best results of each Pilot are summed up by name for the FIBT Ranking, regardless of the race series in which results were scored:

- World Cup
- Europe Cup
- America Cup

The number of races taken into 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:

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

The quotas are assigned to the NOC. They may choose the pilots who may make use of this quota, provided that the pilots concerned have taken part and were ranked in at least five international FIBT races on three different tracks during the 2008/2009 and/or 2009/2010 competition seasons. They must have been ranked among the top 40 pilots of the FIBT ranking 2009/10 by the deadline of 17 January 2010.

The participation in the Olympic Winter Games is limited to:

- Women's Bobsleigh: 20 crews including host country

Teams per NOC:

- 2 NOCs with 3 crews
- 4 NOCs with 2 crews
- 6 NOCs with 1 crew

The athletes' quota per NOC is established according to the number of bob crews qualified, according to the following table

Number of crews qualified:	<u>Women's Bob</u>	<u>Athletes quota</u>
	1 crew	2
	2 crews	4
	3 crews	6

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

HOST NATION QUALIFICATION

If the male and female pilots of the NOC of the nation organizing the Olympic Winter Games fail to qualify via the qualification process set out above, the NOC will still have the right to take part in the Olympic competitions, with one 2-man bob team, one 4-man bob team and one women's bob team respectively, provided that the pilots of these teams 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 50 men or top 40 women in the FIBT Ranking.

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

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

CONTINENTAL REPRESENTATION

Male and female pilots belonging to NOCs of non-represented continents may also take part in the Olympic Winter Games. Maximum of one 2-man bob team or one 4-man bob team and one women's bob team per continent, provided that the pilots of these teams 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 50 men or top 40 women in the FIBT Ranking.

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

If no pilot 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 crews (Men) or 20 crews (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 pilot in the FIBT ranking will enable his/her NOC to send a team 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 team by the end of the qualification period will be considered.

- Among the potential candidates, only the highest ranked pilot in the FIBT ranking will enable his/her NOC to send a team 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.

The pilots concerned must have taken part and have been ranked in at least five international FIBT races on three different tracks, during the 2008/09 and/or 2009/10 competition seasons. They must also have been ranked among the top 50 men or top 40 women in the FIBT Ranking 2009/10 by the deadline of 17 January 2010 and provided the NOC's informed the FIBT of their request by the 10 January 2010.

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 licence;
- They must be medically suitable for practising bobsleigh 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 qualifications 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	Timeline for Vancouver 2010 Organizing Committee to receive entry forms submitted by the NOCs

BOBSLEIGH CANADA SKELETON

OLYMPIC SELECTION CRITERIA
Vancouver 2010
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 Bobsleigh. 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, January **18**, 2010. Olympic Team nominations must be submitted to the COC no later than 11:59am EST January **18**, 2010.

1.4 - Once the COC accepts those athletes nominated by BCS according to Part B 1.1 above, it is up to the Head Coach to determine the participating members of the Canadian Olympic squad that will be entered in events at the Games.

1.5 - 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 on or before Dec. 31/2009
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 27th, 2010.

NOMINATION STANDARD

2.1 - To be eligible for nomination, pilots must meet the following results criteria in the period of 01 October 2009 to 17 January 2010. This period will be referred to as the "OWG Qualification Period."

Pilots

Two-man

Ranked in the top 2 of Canadian entries "by name" in the FIBT World Ranking.

If Canada has qualified for 3 sleds, the 3rd ranked Canadian Pilot in the FIBT World Ranking will qualify

Four-man

Ranked in the top 2 of Canadian entries "by name" in the FIBT World Ranking.

If Canada has qualified for 3 sleds, the 3rd ranked Canadian Pilot in the FIBT World Ranking will qualify

Brakemen

Based on the follow criteria the BCS Bobsleigh Head Coach will nominate the National Team brakeman to the Olympic Team:

*Please note that the following factors will be considered along with any other factors, which in the sole and absolute discretion of the National Team Head Coach, he/she deems relevant. The Coach shall be free to assign different weightings to the importance of factors considered in their decision making process as they deem appropriate to the goal of fielding the best possible Team for the 2010 Olympic Games.

Factors considered by the National Team Coach shall include but not be limited to the following and any other factors deemed relevant:

2009-2010 World Cup Push Results

Physical Performance Factors

- Dry Land Physical testing results
- Ice House Push testing results (single, team pushes)

Previous Season's results

Injury/Medical Status

NOMINATION PROCEDURES

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

- i) Pilots: The two (2) highest ranked pilots in the FIBT "by name" 2009/2010 FIBT Pilot standings (as at January 17, 2010) will be selected. If Canada has qualified for 3 sleds to compete in the Olympics, the third (3rd) highest ranked Canadian will be nominated to the Olympic Team. In the event of a tie for the second or third nomination entry, the tie will be broken by the highest single point scoring race during the OWG qualifying period for each pilot; and if required, the best scores at the races immediately previous.
- ii) Brakemen: As outlined in Part 'A', the maximum number of brakemen is determined by the number of pilot entries.

Factors considered by the Head Coach shall include but not be limited to the following and any other factors deemed relevant:

2009-2010 World Cup Push Results

Physical Performance Factors

- Dry Land Physical testing results
- Ice House Push testing results (single, team pushes)

Previous Season's results

Injury/Medical Status

To be eligible, athletes must have competed in a minimum of one (1) FIBT sanctioned race in the 2009/2010 OWG qualifying period.

BCS will name 2 spare athletes for men's bobsleigh, and 2 alternate athletes for women's bobsleigh that will be alternates according to the criteria outlined in section 2.1. These athletes will not be nominated to the Olympic Team. Should there be an injury to a member of the Olympic

Team and the Olympic Team member is unable to compete, the spare(s) will be used as a substitute.

- iii) Injury/Fitness: 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 Olympic Team. Injuries to athletes occurring after the nomination deadline will be dealt with similarly, and subject to the late athlete replacement policy (see note above)

SELECTION PROCESS

2.3 - 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.

The internal nomination process will be completed on January 17th. The Team will be announced internally on January 18th; and publically on January 24th.

SECTION III – UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES & CHANGES TO THIS DOCUMENT

3.1 – There may be an occasion where unforeseen and intervening circumstances do not allow the 2010 Olympic 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.

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 (be sure to include all affected parties). 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 nineteen (19) athletes), all athletes will have equal status as qualified Olympic Team members. The respective event entries will be determined by the current “by name” World Cup standings, crew start performances and health status; with changes to the crews to be made at the coaches’ discretion to improve start performances.

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. This form must be received by October 31/2009. Failure to fully complete and return the attach form by the required date may result in your inability to become a member of the Olympic Team.

SECTION VI - APPEALS TO BOBSLEIGH CANADA SKELETON INTERNAL NOMINATION PROCEDURES

6.1 – These internal nomination procedures expressly adopt the Bobsleigh Canada Skeleton Dispute Resolution/Appeals Policy as the mechanism to resolve disputes between athletes and Bobsleigh Canada Skeleton related to decisions made under these Internal Nomination Procedures. Therefore, any dispute relating to the Bobsleigh Canada Skeleton Internal Nomination Procedures for the 2010 Olympic Games must be brought according to said Policy, or may be brought directly to the SDRCC on the consent of all parties in the discretion of the SDRCC.

BOBSLEIGH CANADA SKELETON DATE

SIGNATURE

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

Olympic Selection Agreement Release Date: November 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__.

Athlete's Signature Witness's Signature
(Witnessed by unrelated third party)

Name (Please Print) Name (Please Print)