



EQUIPMENT POLICY

The mission of Bobsleigh Canada Skeleton is to develop Olympic and World Champions. A significant factor in achieving this mission is having world-class equipment for BCS athletes to utilize in national and international events. To help in this process Bobsleigh Canada Skeleton invests in equipment research, development, fabrication and acquisitions. This continuing investment will ensure our athletes have consistent access to world-class equipment and technology.

1. General:

- 1.1. All equipment utilized by National Program Athletes, either in training or competition must conform to FIBT regulations. Equipment that does not meet the requirements of, or deemed illegal by FIBT rules is not permitted and may result in sanctions upon the athlete in possession or using the equipment as per BCS Dispute Policy;
- 1.2. Only with the consent of the Head Coach and/or High Performance Director, may an athlete, **for testing in training purposes**, possess and utilize equipment (on-ice) that does not adhere and conform to FIBT rules;
- 1.3. The athlete agrees to honor and adhere to the BCS sponsorship and marketing properties policies regarding the equipment.

2. BCS Owned Equipment:

- 2.1. BCS equipment will be allocated and used based upon an agreement between the athlete and BCS;
- 2.2. Neither party may sell or conditionally sell, rent or lend the equipment to a third party;
- 2.3. BCS equipment can only be used by the athlete assigned to that equipment;
- 2.4. An athlete who has been allocated equipment from BCS must use the equipment as his/her primary equipment, unless approved by the Head Coach;
- 2.5. BCS Confidentiality Policy and the Equipment Policy forbid a third party to test drive or examine the equipment for any reason without prior consent from BCS;
- 2.6. Allocated equipment is for the use of BCS National Team athletes only. If the Athlete decides not to use the equipment for competition, or fails to be named to either the National Team or National Development Program, then BCS may re-allocate the equipment to another party;
- 2.7. Equipment will not be allocated on a daily or per race basis;
- 2.8. At the sole discretion of the Head Coach, the equipment can be removed from the use of the athlete (Examples: abuse, crashes, lack of skills, knowledge, etc).

3. Maintenance and Repair:

- 3.1. An allocation meeting will be performed annually. The equipment will be inspected and evaluated with the Head Coach, athlete and/or Sled Technician. Any problems or concerns will be noted;
- 3.2. Once assigned, athletes may be required to attend an individual pre-season meeting with the Sled Technician and Head Coach to review the status of the allocated equipment. A post season review to assess any damages may also be required;

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- 3.3. The athlete is responsible for keeping the equipment in a well-maintained condition, subject to normal wear and tear. The ongoing monitoring and assessment of equipment may be done in conjunction with equipment staff or the Head Coach to ensure proper maintenance;
- 3.4. BCS will do a maximum value of repairs or modifications per year during the off-season. The amount of repairs or modifications will depend on the athlete's rank within the team, the availability of the shop time and the budget of BCS;
- 3.5. The equipment will be repaired to adhere to safety and FIBT rules and regulations but will not necessarily be re-painted during the off-season. Only as required;
- 3.6. No permanent changes or modifications will be done to BCS owned equipment without the expressed consent of BCS. Any repair or modification that does not meet the requirements of, or deemed illegal by FIBT rules is not permitted. Adjustments, approved by the Head Coach, will be permitted;
- 3.7. The Head Coach, High Performance Director and/or the Sled Technician will ensure that the returned equipment is in an approved condition. Damage over and above normal wear and tear, may have the repairs charged to the athlete. Accidents and unforeseen situations are a part of the sport. Athletes should only be responsible for negligence resulting in damages. Equipment is to be returned with no personal sponsor decals, old race numbers, etc. A charge may apply for removal;
- 3.8. If applicable repair work is required it will be done by a BCS approved service provider (SAIT, etc) at a rate shop, to be determined annually, including any additional material cost as determined by the approved shop.

4. Athlete Owned Equipment:

- 4.1. All equipment utilized by National Program Athletes, either in training or competition must conform to FIBT regulations. Equipment that does not meet the requirements of, or deemed illegal by FIBT rules is not permitted and may result in sanctions upon the athlete in possession or using the equipment as per BCS Dispute Resolution Policy;
- 4.2. World Cup equipment will initially (once) be painted in BCS sponsor colors at BCS' expense. Subsequent painting, as per BCS requirements, is the cost of the owner unless prior approval has been given by BCS;
- 4.3. BCS will do a maximum value of repairs or modifications per year during the off-season. The amount of repairs or modifications will depend on the athlete rank within the team, the availability of the shop time and the budget of BCS;
- 4.4. Any additional or specialty repair work will be done by the BCS approved service provider (SAIT, etc) at a rate shop, to be determined annually, including any additional material cost as determined by the approved shop, at the owner's expense.

5. Other Equipment Allocation:

- 5.1. All equipment such as helmets, start shoes, speed suits and otherwise will be allocated when appropriate;
- 5.2. Any equipment that is allocated to an athlete may not be resold or auctioned for personal gain, without prior consent by BCS. Athletes are encouraged to provide acceptable equipment no longer required to development athletes or charitable causes, at no cost.

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