



**2020 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS SKELETON TEAM
SELECTION PROCESS & CRITERIA**

**FOR SELECTING CANADIAN SKELETON ATHLETES TO THE
2020 WCH SKELETON TEAM**

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PURPOSE

The following outlines the process Bobsleigh CANADA Skeleton (BCS) will follow in selecting athletes to the 2020 World Championships Skeleton Team (WCHST). This process and criteria has been designed in support of BCS' mission to develop and sustain World and Olympic Champions. Fairness, equal opportunity, the desire to field competitive teams for international competition and the development of NextGen athletes are the guiding principles of the 2020 WCHST Selection Process and Criteria.

IMPORTANT NOTE: For the avoidance of doubt, this selection process for the 2020 WCHST shall not be a precedent for selection to any future World Championships and/or Olympic Games quota positions.

1) 2020 WCHST SELECTION PROCESS

A) ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to participate in the 2020 World Championships Skeleton Team Selection Process, candidates must fulfill the conditions below. The candidate must:

- i) be a member in good standing of BCS;
- ii) unless a written exemption is granted by the High Performance Director in advance, have participated in and/or competed in all required events and/or competitions in the 2019-20 Season (including but not limited to during the Eligibility Period) to which they were selected to participate, including:
 - (1) NSP camps;
 - (2) Canadian Championships;
 - (3) Competitions (OWG / WCh / WC / ICC / NAC and/or EC); and/or
 - (4) Such other mandatory events as may be notified to the athlete from time to time in advance.("Season" means the 12 month period from April 1st through March 31st annually.)
- iii) have paid all outstanding fees;
- iv) have a passport valid for a period of at least 6 months beyond the end of the upcoming competitive season;
- v) have a valid a Canadian IBSF license;
- vi) not have a current sanction imposed resulting from an anti-doping rule violation; and
- vii) demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the NSP Coaching staff, sufficient on-ice sliding proficiency.

B) ELIGIBILITY PERIOD

The Eligibility Period for selection to the 2020 WCHST shall begin on Saturday, November 16, 2019 and end on Sunday, February 16, 2020.

2) 2020 WCH IBSF PARTICIPATION QUOTA

As per the current season's IBSF International Skeleton Rules, quotas for the 2020 WCh are based on the 2019-20 IBSF Ranking as calculated at the end of the Eligibility Period.

The quotas for participation in the World Championships are as follows:

- i) Men: Nations with 3 athletes in the Top 30: 3 starting places
Nations with 2 athletes in the Top 50: 2 starting places
Nations with 1 athlete in the Top 60: 1 starting place
- ii) Women: Nations with 3 athletes in the Top 25: 3 starting places
Nations with 2 athletes in the Top 35: 2 starting places
Nations with 1 athlete in the Top 45: 1 starting place

The defending Junior World Champion is also entitled to participate.

3) 2020 WCHST SELECTION CRITERIA

A) FINAL SELECTION PROCESS

Upon completion of the Eligibility Period, the High Performance Director will nominate the list of eligible athletes to the Selection Committee, in accordance with the criteria set out herein, for selection to the 2020 WCHST. The Selection Committee will review the nominations and ratify the selection in accordance with the criteria set out herein.

The Selection Committee will be comprised of:

- i) BCS Board Member (Committee Chair);
- ii) BCS Chief Executive Officer;
- iii) BCS High Performance Director;
- iv) Athletes Representative - Bobsleigh; and
- v) Independent participant.

Note: If any named member is not available the High Performance Director may designate a replacement at his/her sole discretion.

B) 2020 WCHST SELECTION

The maximum number of athletes that may be selected to the 2020 WCHST is the number of 2020 WCh quota places qualified by BCS as set out in section **2)**. For the avoidance of doubt, BCS may select fewer athletes than the maximum quota spots.

- i) 2020 WCHST - Eligibility:
In addition to meeting the eligibility requirements as per section **1)A)** at the time of nomination, to be selected to the 2020 WCHST, candidates must fulfill the following conditions:
 - (1) execute the current year's BCS Athlete Agreement;
 - (2) have been selected to either the Senior Skeleton Team or Development Skeleton Team for the 2019-20 season; and
 - (3) be eligible to compete at the 2020 IBSF World Championships under the current IBSF rules.

ii) 2020 WCHST Position Allocations:

In accordance with the quota places qualified by BCS as per section **2**), per discipline, at the end of the Eligibility Period the High Performance Director (HPD) shall nominate the following eligible athletes to the Selection Committee:

(1) For each discipline in which BCS qualifies three (3) 2020 WCh quota spots:

- (a) WCHST Position 1 - designated to the highest ranked eligible athlete based on the 2019-20 IBSF Ranking;
- (b) WCHST Position 2 - designated to the second highest ranked eligible athlete based on the 2019-20 IBSF Ranking; and
- (c) WCHST Position 3 - designated by BCS, at its sole discretion, to any eligible athlete, otherwise it shall be designated to the third highest ranked eligible athlete based on the 2019-20 IBSF Ranking.

(2) For each discipline in which BCS qualifies two (2) 2020 WCh quota spots:

- (a) WCHST Position 1 - designated to the highest ranked eligible athlete based on the 2019-20 IBSF Ranking; and
- (b) WCHST Position 2 - designated to the second highest ranked eligible athlete based on the 2019-20 IBSF Ranking.

(3) For each discipline in which BCS qualifies one (1) 2020 WCh quota spot:

- (a) WCHST Position 1 - designated to the highest ranked eligible athlete based on the 2019-20 IBSF Ranking.

Ties

In the event of a tie in any ranks used to determine nominations in this section, the tie will be broken by the tied athlete's respective cumulative push times in the most recent IBSF race in which the athlete's competed together in (The athlete with the lowest cumulative push time will be deemed to be the athlete of higher rank).

In the event that the tied athlete's never competed in an IBSF race together, BCS shall use discretion as set out in this 2020 WCHST Selection Process & Criteria document.

C) BCS DISCRETION

i) Use of Discretion

BCS may use discretion as set out in accordance with this 2020 WCHST Selection Process & Criteria and/or in the event of circumstances such as but not limited to:

- (1) Injury or long term sickness resulting in missed BCS Push Testing Opportunities and/or SRS Race(s) and/or IBSF Competitions and/or other events;
- (2) In the event of a tie not broken in accordance with the provisions herein;
- (3) "Acts of God" - adverse weather conditions or other external factors resulting in modified or cancelled BCS Push Testing Opportunities and/or SRS Race(s);
- (4) "IBSF Rulings" - decisions made by the IBSF which impact the nations rankings or athlete results or qualification standards;
- (5) Such other circumstances and/or events that in the determination of the Selection Committee and/or HPD, as appropriate, warrants the use of discretion in order to fulfil the purpose set out in this document.

ii) Factors Considered for Discretion

In the event BCS uses discretion in accordance with a purposeful reading of this 2020 WCHST Selection Process & Criteria, the following factors will be considered:

- (1) The Purpose set out herein;
- (2) Competitive results during the Eligibility Period, including but not limited to push times, single race heat results, official training results;
- (3) NextGen Skeleton Athlete designation; and
- (4) Such other factors that in the determination of the Selection Committee and/or HPD, as appropriate, may be considered in order to fulfil the purpose set out in this document.

D) APPEALS - INTERNAL

Any dispute of the Selection Process may be dealt with through the BCS Appeals Policy.