

# **NATIONAL BOBSLEIGH PROGRAM**

## **INTERNAL NOMINATION PROCEDURES**

### **FOR THE XXV OLYMPIC WINTER MILANO CORTINA 2026**

**FOR QUALIFYING, NOMINATING & SELECTING  
CANADIAN BOBSLEIGH ATHLETES TO THE  
CANADIAN OLYMPIC TEAM**

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#### **2026 OLYMPIC INTERNAL NOMINATION PROCEDURES**

#### **FOR THE XXV OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES MILANO 2026**

#### **PREAMBLE**

These Bobsleigh Canada Skeleton (BCS) National Bobsleigh Program (NBP) 2026 Olympic Internal Nomination Procedures (INP) outline the processes by which BCS qualifies quota places in accordance with the International Bobsleigh & Skeleton Federation (IBSF) Bobsleigh Qualification System for Milano Cortina 2026 (BQS), and by which athletes become eligible and are nominated by BCS to the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) for selection to the Canadian Olympic Team (COT) for the XXV Olympic Winter Games in Milano Cortina 2026 (2026 OWG).

*Adjustments were made to the INP to clarify the intent behind Priority 2, addressing discrepancies between how staff originally defined it and how it was perceived by athletes upon review.*

*All changes are highlighted in green in Section 6 under Priority 2.*

These BCS NBP INP have been designed in alignment of BCS' Mission:

**Bobsleigh CANADA Skeleton develops World and Olympic Champions.**

In keeping with BCS' Mission, fairness, equal opportunity, fielding medal potential athletes and development of NextGen athletes are the guiding principles of these BCS NBP INP.

#### **1. OBJECTIVE**

In keeping with BCS' Mission and the guiding principles, the objectives of these BCS NBP INP are:

**Primary Objective:** to nominate the maximum number of medal potential NBP athletes to the COT for the 2026 OWG.

**Secondary Objective:** to nominate BCS designated NBP NextGen athletes to the COT for the 2026 OWG to provide major games experience in

alignment with the BCS NBP 2030 High Performance Plan.

## **2. ESTABLISHMENT BCS NBP INP**

The High Performance Director (HPD) has drafted these BCS NBP INP, in consultation with the High Performance Committee (HPC), in compliance with the IBSF BQS and the COC's Team Selection Policy, using previous INPs, the COC's Guide to Drafting INPs and other relevant resources, as applicable.

The draft of these BCS NBP INP was sent to the HPC, and the COC for review and comment. The HPD then reviewed and considered the comments and suggestions and edited these BCS NBP INP, as appropriate.

These BCS NBP INP were published on the Publication Date and notified by email to the current BCS NBP Athletes with National Team Athlete Status and published on the BCS website:

<https://www.bobsleighcanadaskkeleton.ca/en/team/bobsleigh/criteria/>

Following publication and prior to the deadline for Athlete Acknowledgement and Acceptance as set out in **clause 5.2.1.**, the HPD will host a meeting to review these BCS NBP INP with the current BCS NBP Athletes with National Team Athlete Status.

## **3. DECISION MAKING AUTHORITY**

### **3.1. HIGH PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE (HPC)**

#### **3.1.1. Composition of the HPC**

The HPC will be comprised of:

- NBP High Performance Director (Chair)
- NBP High Performance Manager; and
- NBP Technical Coaches.

Note: Other technical staff and/or key personnel, as applicable, may be consulted from time to time and/or invited to participate in HPC meetings and if any named member is not available or is in a conflict of interest situation, a replacement may be designated, at the sole discretion of the HPD.

#### **3.1.2. Responsibilities of the HPC**

The HPC is the sport technical body that is responsible for reviewing, evaluating and discussing the relevant nomination factors to assist the HPD in making nomination(s) to the BCS NBP Selection Committee, including but not limited to the following:

- the number of quota places qualified by BCS and allocated to the COC;
- the interpretation and application of these BCS NBP INP;
- the pool of NBP athletes with respect to eligibility, qualification, consideration of nominations and/or identification of Substitute Non-Nominated Athletes (if applicable); and/or
- the use of discretion, if applicable, in accordance with these BCS NBP INP.

### **3.2. HIGH PERFORMANCE DIRECTOR**

As set out herein or otherwise, the HPD is responsible for:

- Interpreting and applying these BCS NBP INP;
- establishing and consulting with the HPC;
- confirming the number of quota spots qualified by BCS in accordance with the IBSF BQS;
- considering the pool of NBP athletes with respect to eligibility, qualification, and nomination;
- considering and determining whether to identify Substitute Non-Nominated Athlete(s);
- nominating eligible athletes (and identifying Substitute Non-Nominated Athletes, if applicable) to the SC for review and ratification;
- discussing and reviewing with the SC the list of eligible athletes;
- submitting the SC ratified list of nominated eligible athletes to the COC for selection to the COT for the 2026 OWG; and
- notifying the athletes of the confirmation of their selection by the COC to the COT for the 2026 OWG.

### **3.3. BCS NBP SELECTION COMMITTEE (SC)**

#### **3.3.1. Composition of the SC**

The SC will be comprised of:

- BCS Chief Executive Officer(Chair);
- BCS High Performance Director;
- Impartial Technical Expert

#### **3.3.2. Responsibilities of the SC**

Note: At the sole discretion of the Chair:

- If any named member is not available or is in a conflict of interest situation, a replacement may be designated; and

- Other technical staff and/or key personnel, as applicable, may be invited to participate in a portion of the SC's meeting(s)

The SC shall review these BCS NBP INP, the nomination(s) (and identified Substitute Non-Nominated Athletes if applicable) of the HPD, any supporting information presented by the HPD and/or such other information as the Committee may deem appropriate, and make such enquiries of the HPD and/or invited persons (as specified herein), in order to review such nomination(s) and to ensure that the nomination(s) are made in accordance with these BCS NBP INP.

It is the responsibility of the SC to review and ratify the list of nominated eligible athletes for submission to the COC for selection to the COT for the 2026 OWG.

#### **4. IBSF BOBSLEIGH QUALIFICATION SYSTEM (BQS), FOR Milano Cortina 2026**

BCS, NBP athletes and these BCS NBP INP are bound by the IBSF BQS which can be found on the IBSF website:

[Qualification System, Milano Cortina 2026](#)

##### **4.1. 2026 OWG COT BOBSLEIGH QUOTA**

The maximum number of athletes that may be nominated to the COC for selection to the COT for the 2026 OWG is the number of quota places qualified by BCS and allocated to the COC as set out in the IBSF BQS.

##### **4.2. CHANGES TO THE IBSF BQS**

These BCS NBP INP are based on the IBSF BQS as presently known and understood as of the Publication Date and on the latest information available to BCS. Any changes to the IBSF BQS by the IBSF or International Olympic Committee (IOC) will apply automatically to these BCS NBP INP as of the date of their approval and may necessitate changes to these BCS NBP INP. Should such a circumstance occur, BCS will review and amend these BCS NBP INP to comply with the latest IBSF BQS. Amendments to these BCS NBP INP will be communicated directly to the affected parties by email and posted on the BCS website as soon as reasonably possible.

#### **5. ELIGIBILITY**

##### **5.1. IBSF ELIGIBILITY**

Only those athletes who achieve the minimum OWG BQS eligibility standards as set forth by the IBSF and according to the IBSF BQS may be considered for nomination by BCS to

the COC for selection to the COT.

## **5.2. COT ELIGIBILITY**

In addition to satisfying the eligibility requirements in the IBSF BQS in order to be eligible for nomination to the COC for selection to the COT for the 2026 OWG, candidates must fulfil the following conditions:

### **5.2.1. Athlete Acknowledgement and Acceptance Agreement Requirement:**

Athletes with confirmed BCS National Team Athlete Status as of the Publication Date of these BCS NBP INP must sign, submit, and comply with the BCS 2026 OWG Athlete Acknowledgment and Acceptance Agreement (attached as Appendix A) no later than **May 16th, 2025**. Notification will be provided by email, and the signed agreement must be returned within the specified timeframe.

Any athlete whose BCS National Team Athlete Status is confirmed after the Publication Date of these BCS NBP INP shall sign, submit, and be comply with the BCS 2026 OWG Athlete Acknowledgment and Acceptance Agreement, attached as **Appendix A**, within 14 calendar days of having such status confirmed.

### **5.2.2. At The Time of Nomination to the SC, athletes must:**

- Be a member in good standing of BCS with current National Team Athlete status, including but not limited to having a valid fully executed BCS Athlete Agreement, be committed to a BCS approved Individual Performance Plan (IPP), as applicable, have paid all outstanding fees owing to BCS; and fulfilling such other associated membership and National Team Athlete status obligations as may be required from time to time;
- Confirm, if requested, to the satisfaction of BCS, health and competitive readiness, as set out in **clause 8**;
- Be recognized by law as a Canadian Citizen (Rule 41 of the Olympic Charter);
- Be in possession of a Canadian Passport that does not expire on or **before August 22, 2026**; and
- Comply with any other relevant IBSF, COC and IOC requirements for eligibility to compete representing Canada at the 2026 OWG.
- Comply in all respects with the Anti-Doping Rules of the IBSF, the Canadian Anti-Doping Program ("CADP"), the IOC and the Anti-Doping Rules of any other Anti-Doping Organization that has authority and must not be serving a period of ineligibility or provisional suspension for an anti-doping rule violation at the time of nomination, or during the Games

## **6. NBP 2026 OWG NOMINATION CRITERIA & PROCESS**

### **6.1. QUALIFICATION PERIOD**

The BCS NBP 2026 OWG qualification period (NBP-QP) shall be:

**March 1, 2025 to January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026.**

## **6.2. NOMINATION PROCESS**

Upon completion of the NBP-QP and subject to the number of quota places qualified by BCS and allocated to the COC as set out in the IBSF BQS, **clause 4**, per discipline, the HPD shall, following consultation with the HPC and in accordance with the criteria set out in these BCS NBP INP, recommend athletes to the SC for nomination to the COC for selection to the COT based on the criteria set out below.

Where a selection decision may be made using discretion pursuant to these BCS NBP INP, it shall be made in accordance with **clause 7**.

### **6.2.1. Bobsleigh Pilot Nomination**

Bobsleigh Pilots shall be nominated as follows:

On **January 19, 2026**, following the NBP-QP, the HPD will nominate eligible athletes (Pilots, bobsleigh crew and Alternate Athletes) to the SC in the following priority order until all available quota places have been filled. Quota spots are assigned to the NOC, *not to individual athletes*.

Pilots who meet the **A Standard** will be nominated first, followed by those who meet the **B Standard**. If any spots remain, Pilots who meet the **C Standard** will be considered for nomination to fill the remaining places. Bobsleigh crew and Alternate Athletes will be nominated in accordance with clause 6.2.2.

**Priority 1** - Fill maximum quota spots to achieve Primary Objective: *to nominate the maximum number of medal potential NBP athletes within the same discipline to the COT for the 2026 OWG*.

To fulfil this objective, athletes must achieve at least one of the following A Standard performances:

- **A Standard:** Athletes who meet the A Standard will be nominated first. In order to be nominated pursuant to the A Standard, an athlete must:
  - Achieve a podium finish at the 2025 World Championships and at least three top-10 finishes in World Cup competition in the same discipline during the NBP-QP; OR
  - Achieve a podium finish in the Olympic Test Event and at least two top-10 finishes in World Cup competition in the same discipline during the NBP-QP; OR
  - Achieve three top 6 finishes in World Cup competition during the NBP-QP in the same discipline; OR
  - Achieve a top-5 IBSF combined ranking by the end of the 2026 NBP-QP.

**Priority 2** - Fill any remaining quota spots to achieve the Secondary Objective: *to nominate NBP NextGen athletes based on competency in both disciplines to the COT for the 2026 OWG to provide major games experience in alignment with the BCS NBP 2030 High Performance Plan*.

To fulfil this objective, athletes must meet NextGen requirements and achieve more than one of the performance outcomes outlined in the B Standard to be considered for nomination at the sole discretion of the HPC.

**B Standard:** NextGen Games Experience - Athletes must meet NextGen requirements and performance standards that align with hitting Standard A in 2030

- **NextGen Requirements**
  - Meet NGBP Age Threshold
    - Men: 1994 or later
    - Women: 1995 or later
  - Confirmed intent to participate in the 2030 OWG
- **Performance Outcomes to be taken into consideration:**
  - Meet IBSF Athlete Eligibility Requirements (**see clause 5.1**).
  - NBP Push Standard
  - Show year over year progression, toward achieving A Standard in 2030
  - Achieve a combined rank of top 20 or better by the end of the BCS-QP to be considered for nomination.
  - GMP Evaluation - Physical, Psychological, Technical & Tactical competencies
  - assessment of the following:
    - 2025 Canadian Push Championship Results
    - GMP Evaluating Physical, Psychological, Technical & Tactical competencies
    - Physical Performance Score (**see Appendix B**)
    - Canadian Championships & Evaluation Race Series (ERS), Results
    - IBSF Competition Performances - Results from international competition
    - Major games experience
    - Competitive readiness (**see clause 8**);
    - Skillset alignment with the OWG track profile
    - Positive contribution to and adherence to NBP values and culture - Commitment to team principles and high-performance environment

**Priority 3** - Fill any remaining quota spots with athletes who are demonstrating ongoing development in GMP core competencies and are progressing toward achieving an A Standard at future OWG.

- **C Standard:** If any quota spots remain after nominating A and B Standard athletes, additional athletes meeting the C Standard will be considered for nomination taking into account the performance requirements listed below. Athletes considered under the C Standard may have met some components of the A Standard but do not qualify for the B Standard due to factors such as age, developmental stage, or previous pilot experience at an Olympic Games. Selection order for C Standard will be determined at the sole discretion

of HPC, in accordance with these BCS NBP INP. For the avoidance of doubt a NextGen athlete who does not qualify through the B standard may still be considered for nomination through C standard

Nominations will be based on an assessment of the following:

**Performance Results to be considered for nomination under the C Standard:**

- NBP Push Standard
- Partial achievement of one of the A Standard performances (e.g. 2 top 6 World Cup finishes in same discipline, or, a podium result at the Olympic Test Event and 1 Top 10 finish on the World Cup in the same discipline).
- Canadian Championships & ERS Results
- GMP Evaluation - Physical, Psychological, Technical & Tactical competencies
- Physical Performance Score (**see Appendix B**)
- Major games experience
- Competitive readiness (**see clause 8**);
- Skillset alignment with the OWG track profile
- Positive contribution to and adherence to NBP values and culture - Commitment to team principles and high-performance environment

**Performances may be considered for nomination under the C Standard:**

- Have achieved a top 8 finish at the 2025 World Championships; or
- Highest-ranked athlete(s), who have not met the A or B standard, on the 2025-26 IBSF Combined Ranking List.

**6.2.2. Bobsleigh Crew & Alternate Athlete Nominations**

The nomination of Bobsleigh Crew, including Alternate Athletes as defined in the IBSF BQS, will be determined at the sole discretion of the HPC in accordance with these BCS NBP INP. Nominations will be based on an assessment of the following:

- 2025 Canadian Push Championship Results
- GMP Score - Evaluating Physical, Psychological, Technical & Tactical competencies
- Physical Performance Score (**see Appendix B**)
- Ice House Team Pushing Results - Performance metrics from team push tests
- Canadian Championships & ERS Results
- IBSF Competition Performances - Results from international competition
  - Start time percentage back from the leader
- Major games experience
- Competitive readiness (**see clause 8**);
- Skillset alignment with the OWG start profile



- Positive contribution to and adherence to NBP values and culture - Commitment to team principles and high-performance environment

#### **6.2.3. Bobsleigh Pilot Tie Breaker**

In the event of a tie in pilot ranks in the respective 2025-26 IBSF Ranking List, the tie will be broken by the points scored from the respective athletes' highest single point scoring IBSF race during the NBP-QP. The athlete with the highest score will be considered to be the athlete of higher rank. If this does not determine a clear winner, the HPC shall use discretion to break the tie in accordance with these BCS NBP INP.

#### **6.2.4. Substitute Non-Nominated Non-Travelling Athlete Identification**

The HPC may, at its sole discretion in accordance with these BCS NBP INP, identify up to one (1) eligible men's and women's pilot(s) respectively, and/or up to two (2) crew in each of men's and women's bobsleigh, as Substitute Non-Nominated Athlete(s).

For clarity, a Substitute Non-Nominated Athlete is not considered nominated to the COT unless selected to replace a nominated athlete as outlined in clause 10.

### **6.3. BCS REVIEW & RATIFICATION**

Following the recommendations(s) from the HPD, the SC will convene, review and ratify the nomination(s) and/or identified Substitute Non-Nominated Athlete(s) (if applicable) in accordance with its responsibilities as set out in these BCS NBP INP.

If for any reason, the SC does not ratify the list of nominated athletes, the SC shall return the matter to the HPD for reconsideration and re-nomination to the SC for ratification.

For the avoidance of doubt, the HPD may amend the list of nominated athlete(s) and/or identified Substitute Non-Nominated Athlete(s), with or without consultations of the HPC, throughout the review process until such time as the nomination(s) are ratified by the SC.

### **6.4. COC SELECTION CONFIRMATION**

Following ratification of the nomination(s) by the SC, the HPD will submit the ratified nomination(s) to the COC, no later than **January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026**, for selection to the COT for the 2026 OWG.

### **6.5. ATHLETE RESPONSIBILITIES FOLLOWING COC CONFIRMATION**

Sign, submit, and comply with the COC Athlete Agreement and Organising Committee (OCOG) Conditions of Participation form no later than January 21, 2026 (no later than COC registration requirement deadline). Where the athlete is under the age of 18 years, the parent or guardian must also sign these agreements.

## **7. BCS DISCRETION-BASED ASSESSMENT**

### **7.1. CIRCUMSTANCES**

BCS, including but not limited to the HPD, HPC and/or the SC may use its discretion based on athlete assessments applying these BCS NBP INP, as well as in the event of the following non-exhaustive circumstances:

- a) Injury or long term sickness resulting in missed competitions and/or other events within the NBP-QP;
- b) In the event of a tie that is not broken by **clause 6.2.3**;
- c) Adverse weather conditions or other external factors resulting in modified or cancelled competitions and/or other events;
- d) "IBSF Rulings" - decisions made by the IBSF which impact the nations rankings, athlete results and/or qualification standards as set out in these BCS NBP INP.
- e) In the event of a venue change at the 2026 OWG which impacts the nature of the INP standards; and/or
- f) Such other circumstances and/or events that in the determination of the SC, HPC and/or HPD, as appropriate, warrants the use of discretion.

### **7.2. FACTORS TO BE CONSIDERED**

In the event BCS uses discretion in its assessment as set out in **clause 6.2**, the SC and/or HPC and/or HPD may consider all relevant factors achieved during the NBP-QP including but not limited to the following:

- a) NBP Gold Medal Profile evaluation; and/or
- b) Performance Indicators:
  - Team Ice House Push Testing and/or Evaluation results;
  - Major events (World Championship, Olympic Winter Games), performance and results, including performance results at the venue of the 2026 OWG
  - IBSF rank(s);
  - Competitive Readiness, as defined in **clause 8**;
  - Team cohesion and upholding cultural values to elevate teammates and performance
  - Commitment to a BCS approved IPP, as applicable.

For clarity, no single factor, including the NBP Performance Score Rubric or Performance Indicators, will solely determine decisions. Discretion may be applied considering other relevant factors as appropriate.

## **8. INJURY / ILLNESS / COMPETITIVE READINESS**

Throughout the NBP-QP, nomination process and while a member of the COT, athletes are required to maintain Competitive Readiness and to immediately report any injury, illness, or change in training that could affect their ability to compete at their highest level at the 2026 OWG.

Notification detailing such injury, illness or change in training must be sent in writing to the HPD without delay.

“Competitive Readiness” is defined as: being at or returning to the level of performance that justified the athlete’s selection to the COT under Section 6.2.

All athletes who are eligible for selection may, at the BCS Team Physician’s and/or the HPC’s discretion, have their health status assessed by the BCS Team Physician or designate. The final decision on Competitive Readiness will be made solely by the HPC at its discretion, based on the information it deems appropriate. This may include, but is not limited to:

- Completion of the Return to Sport (RTS) protocol
- Performance results and progress throughout the NBP-QP
- Suitability of training and adherence to the Individual Performance Plan (IPP)
- Fitness and other Competitive Readiness indicators, such as peer benchmarking, injury history and recovery, professionalism, technical skills, tactical awareness, IST recommendations, and developmental trajectory
- Submitted medical documentation
- Consultation with relevant personnel
- Any other relevant performance-related information

### **8.1. Injury, Illness & Not Competitive Ready PRIOR TO Nomination to the SC**

In the event that an athlete is injured, ill or determined not to be Competitive Ready prior to the HPD making nomination recommendations to the SC, the HPD, in consultation with the BCS Team Physician and IST Lead and such other persons as the HPD may deem appropriate in the HPD’s sole discretion, shall determine whether the athlete will be sufficiently recovered to compete at their highest level at the 2026 OWG in order to warrant the athlete’s nomination.

Injured, ill or athletes determined not to be Competitive Ready may, at the HPD’s sole discretion, be subject to a proof of fitness and/or Competitive Readiness test to be determined by the HPD in consultation with HPC. This test will consist of a controlled performance such as a competition or observed test with a predetermined expected outcome. These athletes will not travel with the team until this requirement has been satisfied.

### **8.2. Injury, Illness & Not Competitive Ready AFTER Nomination to the SC**

In the event that an athlete is determined to be injured, ill or not Competitive Ready after the athlete’s nomination is ratified by the SC, but prior to the athlete’s nomination being accepted by the COC for selection to the COT for the 2026 OWG, the SC shall make itself available to reconsider the nomination(s) in light of the injury or illness.

## **9. ATHLETE REMOVAL from the COT**

Athletes may be removed from the COT at any time, for reasons including, but not limited to:

- a) Inability to maintain Competitive Readiness, because of injury, illness or other reasons;
- b) Failure to immediately report any injury, illness, or change in training that could affect their ability to compete at their highest level;
- c) Failure to adhere to the anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures of the IOC, IBSF, WADA, CCES, COC or any other anti-doping organization with authority over the athlete;
- d) if the athlete is provisionally suspended or is imposed a period of ineligibility for an anti-doping rule violation; and/or
- e) where an athlete is found to have breached the BCS Athlete Agreement and/or any associated policy(ies), including but not limited to the Universal Code of Conduct to Prevent and Address Maltreatment in Sport, the BCS Athlete Code of Conduct and/or any COC, IBSF and/or IOC policies, or the policies of any other sport organization with authority over the athlete.

For the avoidance of doubt, all disciplinary proceedings that fall under BCS' authority shall be conducted in accordance with the BCS Athlete Agreement and other relevant BCS policies, available on the BCS website: <https://www.bobsleighcanadaskelton.ca/en/team/policies/>

Any athlete removals from the COT following the **January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026** COT nomination deadline are subject to the approval of the COC Team Selection Committee, as applicable.

## **10. ATHLETE REPLACEMENT**

### **10.1. After COT Nomination Deadline Before Milano Cortina 2026 Sport Entries Deadline**

Should a nominated athlete, at any time between the **January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026** COT nomination deadline and the **January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026** 4:59pm EST Milano Cortina 2026 Sport Entries deadline, decline his or her nomination or be unable to compete for reasons including but not limited to those set out in **clause 9** and/or other unforeseen circumstances, BCS may at its sole discretion replace that athlete with a Substitute Non-Nominated Athlete, subject to the approval of the COC Team Selection Committee.

### **10.2. After Milano Cortina 2026 Sport Entries Deadline Before First Team Captains' Meeting**

Should a nominated athlete, at any time between the **January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026** Milano Cortina 2026 Sport Entries deadline and the **First Team Captains' Meeting** for the relevant discipline, be unable to compete for reasons including but not limited to those set out in **clause 9** and/or other unforeseen circumstances, BCS may at its sole discretion replace that athlete with an Ap Alternate Athlete or Substitute Non-Nominated Athlete subject to the IOC/Milano Cortina Late Athlete Replacement Policy and IBSF regulations.

### **10.3. After First Team Captains' Meeting**

Should a nominated Bobsleigh Crew athlete, after the **First Team Captains' Meeting** for the relevant discipline, be unable to compete for reasons including but not limited to those set out in **clause 9** and/or other unforeseen circumstances, BCS may at its sole discretion replace that athlete with an Ap Alternate Athlete subject to the IOC/Milano Cortina Late Athlete Replacement Policy and IBSF regulations.

## **11. INTERPRETATION**

These BCS NBP INP shall be interpreted in a purposeful manner in order to give meaning to the intention and Objectives and in the context of BCS's Mission as set out herein.

In the event of ambiguity, omission or lack of clarity in these BCS NBP INP and/or related processes, a final and binding decision or determination will be made by BCS, including but not limited to the HPD, HPC and/or SC, as appropriate, in its sole discretion.

## **12. CHANGES to these BCS NBP INP**

BCS may, from time to time, amend or update these BCS NBP INP in accordance with the requirements of the IBSF, COC, IOC and/or any other unforeseen circumstance in accordance with the terms and conditions of these BCS NBP INP.

Such changes must be reasonably justifiable in accordance with fundamental principles of natural justice and procedural fairness.

In the event of a change to these BCS NBP INP, BCS shall inform the COC of the changes and the reasons for those changes as soon as reasonably possible. Such changes shall be notified to the affected parties in writing and posted on the BCS website as soon as reasonably possible.

This clause shall not be used to justify changes after a competition or trials that formed part of these BCS NBP INP unless it is related to an unforeseen circumstance(s).

## **13. UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES**

In the event of unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of BCS that prevent the SC from fairly implementing these BCS NBP INP as written, the SC, HPC and/or HPD, as appropriate, shall have full discretion to resolve the matter as they see fit, taking into account factors and circumstances that they deem relevant.

## **14. ON-SITE AT THE OLYMPIC GAMES**

Once the nominations are accepted by the COC, all athletes selected to the COT will have equal

status as qualified COT members.

The designated BCS NBP OWG Team Leader shall have authority for changes to an Athlete's COT status including, but not limited to athlete removal decision(s) and/or use of Ap Alternate Athlete(s) at the 2026 OWG.

## **15. APPEALS**

All disputes related to nomination decisions made under this the INP shall be referred directly to the **SDRCC** due to the timelines required by the COC and IOC to confirm entries for the 2026 OWG. To file an appeal, visit [SDRCC Appeals Process](#). Appeals must be filed with the SDRCC no later than 11:59pm on January 21, 2026 and must be resolved no later than the end of the day on January 25, 2026.

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**APPENDIX 'A'  
BCS 2026 OWG ATHLETE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND ACCEPTANCE AGREEMENT**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a member in good standing of Bobsleigh Canada Skeleton (BCS) with current National Team Athlete status hereby acknowledge and confirm that:

- 1) I have read, understood and accept these BCS NBP INP established by BCS including the IBSF BQS established by the IBSF;
- 2) I accept and acknowledge that these BCS NBP INP were appropriately established;
- 3) I agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of these BCS NBP INP;
- 4) I accept that these BCS NBP INP will be applied in the sport of Bobsleigh for the qualification of quota places by BCS according to the IBSF BQS, eligibility for nomination of athletes to the COC by BCS and confirmation of nominations of athletes to the COT by the COC;
- 5) I understand that changes may occur to these BCS NBP INP and that such changes shall be notified to me via email and posted on the BCS website as soon as reasonably possible.
- 6) I understand that an athlete's right of appeal with respect to these BCS NBP INP must be made in accordance with **clause 15.** of these BCS NBP INP; and
- 7) I understand that the Olympic Charter grants the COC exclusive jurisdiction over the naming of athletes who will represent Canada at the Olympic Games.

Athlete's Signature:

Date:

Athlete's Name (Please Print):

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**APPENDIX 'B'  
NBP PERFORMANCE SCORE RUBRIC**

<b>ATHLETE NAME</b>	<b>TIME FROM PUSH STANDARD*10 (A)</b>	<b>APE SCORE/100 (B)</b>	<b>TOTAL A + B</b>
<b>Athlete A</b>	+1.5	7.67	<b>9.17</b>
<b>Athlete B</b>	+1.8	7.12	<b>8.92</b>
<b>Athlete C</b>	+1.3	7.18	<b>8.48</b>
<b>Athlete D</b>	+0.9	6.87	<b>7.77</b>
<b>Athlete E</b>	+0.1	7.36	<b>7.46</b>
<b>Athlete F</b>	+0.7	6.54	<b>7.24</b>
<b>Athlete G</b>	+0.4	6.66	<b>7.06</b>
<b>Athlete H</b>	+0.0	7.01	<b>7.01</b>
<b>Athlete I</b>	+0.1	6.67	<b>6.77</b>
<b>Athlete J</b>	-1.0	6.98	<b>5.98</b>
<b>Athlete K</b>	-0.3	5.89	<b>5.59</b>
<b>Athlete L</b>	-0.5	5.79	<b>5.29</b>
<b>Athlete M</b>	-1.7	5.37	<b>3.67</b>



Amount of time between an athletes' Single Push Testing score and the respective NBP Push Standard + indicates faster - indicates slower	Calculated based on the NBP APE Scoring Tables attached as <b>Appendix C</b>	Total
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NBP Push Standard - Pilots		NBP Push Standard - Crew	
Men:	≤ 5.20 sec	Men:	≤ 5.15 sec
Women:	≤ 5.60 sec	Women:	≤ 5.55 sec
Monobob:	≤ 5.70 sec		

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**APPENDIX 'C'  
NBP APE SCORING TABLES**

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ATHLETIC PERFORMANCE EVALUATION POINTS TABLE - MEN**

Power (40%)				Speed (60%)					
CMJ (cm)		Loaded CMJ-25kg (cm)		30m (sec)		45m (sec)		15-45m Fly (sec)	
65	100	55	100	3.55	100	4.95	100	2.90	100
64.25	99	54.25	99	3.56	99	4.96	99	2.91	99
63.5	98	53.5	98	3.57	98	4.97	98	2.92	98
62.75	97	52.75	97	3.58	97	4.98	97	2.93	97
62	96	52	96	3.59	96	4.99	96	2.94	96
61.25	95	51.25	95	3.60	95	5.00	95	2.95	95
60.5	94	50.5	94	3.61	94	5.01	94	2.96	94
59.75	93	49.75	93	3.62	93	5.02	93	2.97	93

59	92	49	92	3.63	92	5.03	92	2.98	92
58.25	91	48.25	91	3.64	91	5.04	91	2.99	91
57.5	90	47.5	90	3.65	90	5.05	90	3.00	90
56.75	89	46.75	89	3.66	89	5.06	89	3.01	89
56	88	46	88	3.67	88	5.07	88	3.02	88
55.25	87	45.25	87	3.68	87	5.08	87	3.03	87
54.5	86	44.5	86	3.69	86	5.09	86	3.04	86
53.75	85	43.75	85	3.70	85	5.10	85	3.05	85
53	84	43	84	3.71	84	5.11	84	3.06	84
52.25	83	42.25	83	3.72	83	5.12	83	3.07	83
51.5	82	41.5	82	3.73	82	5.13	82	3.08	82
50.75	81	40.75	81	3.74	81	5.14	81	3.09	81
50	80	40	80	3.75	80	5.15	80	3.10	80
49.25	79	39.25	79	3.76	79	5.16	79	3.11	79
48.5	78	38.5	78	3.77	78	5.17	78	3.12	78
47.75	77	37.75	77	3.78	77	5.18	77	3.13	77
47	76	37	76	3.79	76	5.19	76	3.14	76
46.25	75	36.25	75	3.80	75	5.20	75	3.15	75
45.5	74	35.5	74	3.81	74	5.21	74	3.16	74
44.75	73	34.75	73	3.82	73	5.22	73	3.17	73
44	72	34	72	3.83	72	5.23	72	3.18	72
43.25	71	33.25	71	3.84	71	5.24	71	3.19	71
42.5	70	32.5	70	3.85	70	5.25	70	3.20	70
41.75	69	31.75	69	3.86	69	5.26	69	3.21	69
41	68	31	68	3.87	68	5.27	68	3.22	68
40.25	67	30.25	67	3.88	67	5.28	67	3.23	67
39.5	66	29.5	66	3.89	66	5.29	66	3.24	66
38.75	65	28.75	65	3.90	65	5.30	65	3.25	65

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**ATHLETIC PERFORMANCE EVALUATION POINTS TABLE - WOMEN**

Power (40%)				Speed (60%)					
CMJ (cm)		Loaded CMJ- 25kg (cm)		30m (sec)		45m (sec)		15-45m Fly (sec)	
55	100	45	100	3.90	100	5.55	100	3.30	100
54.25	99	44.25	99	3.91	99	5.56	99	3.31	99
53.5	98	43.5	98	3.92	98	5.57	98	3.32	98
52.75	97	42.75	97	3.93	97	5.58	97	3.33	97
52	96	42	96	3.94	96	5.59	96	3.34	96
51.25	95	41.25	95	3.95	95	5.60	95	3.35	95
50.5	94	40.5	94	3.96	94	5.61	94	3.36	94
49.75	93	39.75	93	3.97	93	5.62	93	3.37	93
49	92	39	92	3.98	92	5.63	92	3.38	92
48.25	91	38.25	91	3.99	91	5.64	91	3.39	91
47.5	90	37.5	90	4.00	90	5.65	90	3.40	90
46.75	89	36.75	89	4.01	89	5.66	89	3.41	89
46	88	36	88	4.02	88	5.67	88	3.42	88
45.25	87	35.25	87	4.03	87	5.68	87	3.43	87

44.5	86	34.5	86	4.04	86	5.69	86	3.44	86
43.75	85	33.75	85	4.05	85	5.70	85	3.45	85
43	84	33	84	4.06	84	5.71	84	3.46	84
42.25	83	32.25	83	4.07	83	5.72	83	3.47	83
41.5	82	31.5	82	4.08	82	5.73	82	3.48	82
40.75	81	30.75	81	4.09	81	5.74	81	3.49	81
40	80	30	80	4.10	80	5.75	80	3.50	80
39.25	79	29.25	79	4.11	79	5.76	79	3.51	79
38.5	78	28.5	78	4.12	78	5.77	78	3.52	78
37.75	77	27.75	77	4.13	77	5.78	77	3.53	77
37	76	27	76	4.14	76	5.79	76	3.54	76
36.25	75	26.25	75	4.15	75	5.80	75	3.55	75
35.5	74	25.5	74	4.16	74	5.81	74	3.56	74
34.75	73	24.75	73	4.17	73	5.82	73	3.57	73
34	72	24	72	4.18	72	5.83	72	3.58	72
33.25	71	23.25	71	4.19	71	5.84	71	3.59	71
32.5	70	22.5	70	4.20	70	5.85	70	3.60	70