



**BOBSLEIGH CANADA SKELETON
OLYMPIC SELECTION AGREEMENT
YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES GANGWON 2024
SKELETON**

PREAMBLE

The intention of this document is to select the best athletes possible for the Youth Olympic Games Gangwon 2024 (YOG 2024) and shall be conducted in two steps, as follows:

Part 'A' is the **International Bobsleigh & Skeleton Federation (IBSF)** Qualification System – Skeleton which determines the number of quota spots (i.e. number of athletes) allocated by the IBSF that **Bobsleigh Canada Skeleton (BCS)** may nominate to the **Canadian Olympic Committee (COC)** for selection to the YOG 2024 **Canadian Youth Olympic Team (CYOT)**.

Part 'B' is the **Internal Nomination Procedures – Skeleton (INP-S)** to determine which athletes shall be nominated to the COC for selection to the YOG 2024 CYOT.

In order to be eligible to be nominated to the COC for selection to the YOG 2024 CYOT, the Athlete must agree to the terms and conditions in this Agreement by executing this Agreement and the Athlete Acknowledgement and Acceptance (Part 'C') form by the date(s) specified herein.

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IBSF QUALIFICATION SYSTEM - SKELETON
PART 'A'**

1. INTRODUCTION

Only those athletes who are eligible according to the **IBSF Qualification System – Skeleton (QS-S)** may be submitted by BCS for nomination to the YOG 2024 CYOT.

Any changes to the QS-S may necessitate changes to this Agreement. Such changes shall be notified to the Athlete via email and posted on the BCS website as soon as reasonably possible.

2. IBSF QUALIFICATION SYSTEM - SKELETON

Please refer to the QS-S document for the YOG 2024 attached as **Appendix A** to this Agreement. The document is also available online on the IBSF website:

<https://www.ibsf.org/en/inside-ibsf/downloads>

The QS-S determines the number of quota spots (i.e. number of athletes) allocated by the IBSF to BCS for the YOG 2024, IBSF's athlete eligibility requirements and other relevant terms and conditions for competition in the sport of Skeleton at the YOG 2024.

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INTERNAL NOMINATION PROCEDURES - SKELETON
PART 'B'**

1. INTRODUCTION

This Part 'B' is BCS's INP-S to determine athletes for nomination to the COC for inclusion in the YOG 2024 CYOT.

Only those athletes who are eligible under Part 'A' of this Agreement may be nominated as part of BCS's INP-S. BCS only qualifies Athletes in accordance with the QS-S as set out in Part 'A'.

CYOT nominations must be submitted to the COC no later than **December 18th, 2023, 11:59pm EST**.

1.1. OBJECTIVE

The primary objective of the INP-S is to nominate the maximum number of medal potential athletes to the YOG 2024 CYOT.

The secondary objective is to provide major games competition experience at the YOG 2024 for BCS identified NextGen athletes as part of BCS's development program.

2. YOUTH OLYMPIC SELECTION PROCESS & CRITERIA

The qualification period for selection of the athletes to be nominated by BCS to the COC for inclusion in the YOG 2024 CYOT shall be: **January 1st to December 10th, 2023 (BCS-QP)** during which period the YOG 2023 qualification IBSF Youth Series competitions will be contested.

At the end of the BCS-QP, BCS will follow the procedure below to nominate athlete(s) to the COC for inclusion in the YOG 2024 CYOT.

The BCS **High Performance Director (HPD)**, or in the case there is no HPD, a designate assigned by the **BCS Board of Directors (Designate)**, will determine and accept the maximum number of quota spots allocated to BCS per the QS-S, determine the list of eligible athletes and nominate eligible athletes to the Selection Committee based on the following:

2.1. ELIGIBILITY

In order to be eligible for nomination to the COC for selection to the YOG 2024 CYOT all athletes must:

- Be recognized by law as a Canadian Citizen (Rule 41 of the Olympic Charter);

- Be in possession of a Canadian Passport valid for a period of at least 6 months beyond the end of the YOG 2024;
- Be a member in good standing of BCS;
- Be in compliance with all relevant IBSF requirements for eligibility;
- Be in compliance with all relevant **International Olympic Committee (IOC)** requirements for eligibility
- Have been born between **January 1st, 2006 and December 31st, 2009**;
- Sign, submit, and comply with the COC Athlete Agreement and Organizing Committee (OCOG) Conditions of Participation form no later than December 1, 2023). Where the athlete is under the age of 19 years, the parent or guardian must also sign these agreements.
- Sign and submit the attached Athlete Acknowledgment and Acceptance Form, Part 'C', no later than the Release Date, see Part 'C'.
- Compliance with vaccination requirements and policies of the of the NSO, COC and the host country of the event (if applicable)

2.2. SKELETON ATHLETE NOMINATION – MEN’S & WOMEN’S INDIVIDUAL

In accordance with the quota places qualified and accepted, per section 2, by Canada for the YOG 2024 and as set out in Part 'A' of this Agreement, per discipline, the HPD and/or Designate shall nominate the following athletes to the Selection Committee:

- a) For each discipline in which Canada qualifies and accepts, per section 2, three [3] quota places:
 - i) Quota Place 1 – the highest ranked athlete based on the IBSF Youth Olympics Ranking List upon completion of the QS-S;
 - ii) Quota Place 2 – the second highest ranked athlete based on the IBSF Youth Olympics Ranking List upon completion of the QS-S; and
 - iii) Quota Place 3 – the third highest ranked athlete based on the IBSF Youth Olympics Ranking List upon completion of the QS-S.
- b) For each discipline in which Canada qualifies and accepts, per section 2, two [2] quota places:
 - i) Quota Place 1 – the highest ranked athlete based on the IBSF Youth Olympics Ranking List upon completion of the QS-S; and
 - ii) Quota Place 2 – the second highest ranked athlete based on the IBSF Youth Olympics Ranking List upon completion of the QS-S.
- c) For each discipline in which Canada qualifies and accepts, per section 2, one [1] quota place:
 - i) Quota Place 1 – the highest ranked athlete based on the IBSF Youth Olympics Ranking List upon completion of the QS-S.

2.2.1. TIE BREAKER

In the event of a tie in the IBSF Youth Olympics Ranking List, the tie will be broken by the respective athlete’s highest single point-scoring IBSF Youth Series competition during the BCS

QP for each athlete. If this does not determine a clear winner, the HPD and/or Designate shall use discretion, in accordance with section 2.3, to break a tie.

2.3. DISCRETION

The HPD and/or Designate shall use discretion in accordance with this Agreement and/or in the event of unforeseen circumstances such as but not limited to:

- a) Injury or long term sickness resulting in missed competitions within the BCS-QP;
- b) In the event of a tie that is not broken by section 2.2.1 herein;
- c) "Acts of God" (adverse weather conditions or other external factors resulting in modified or cancelled competitions);
- d) "IBSF Rulings" (decisions made by the IBSF which impact the nations rankings or athlete results / qualification standards); and/or
- e) such other circumstances and/or events that in the determination of the BCS Skeleton Selection Committee warrants the use of discretion.

2.3.1. PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

In the event of the use of discretion, the Selection Committee shall consider PERFORMANCE INDICATORS including but not limited to the following:

- a) 2023-2024 Youth Series competition results; and
- b) 2023-2024 Youth Series competition push performance analysis including relative start times and relative start speeds.

For the avoidance of doubt, PERFORMANCE INDICATORS shall not be determinative in selecting athletes for nomination and the Selection Committee may consider such other factors as it deems appropriate in the circumstances.

2.4. SELECTION COMMITTEE

The BCS Selection Committee will consider and review the nominations by the HPD and/or Designate, confirm that the *BCS Youth Olympic Selection Agreement – YOG 2024 – Skeleton* set out herein have been followed and approve the nominations, of the duly selected eligible athletes, to the COC for inclusion in the YOG 2024 CYOT.

The BCS Selection Committee shall be comprised of:

- i. BCS Board Member (Committee Chair);
- ii. Athletes Representative - Bobsleigh; and
- iii. Independent participant.

Note:

- *If any named member is not available the BCS Board of Directors may designate a replacement at his/her sole discretion.*
- *Other technical staff and/or key personnel, as applicable, may be invited to participate in a portion of the BCS Selection Committee meetings*

3. CYOT ATHLETE REMOVAL

3.1. INJURY / FITNESS

Notwithstanding the above, all nominated athletes may have their injury/health status assessed by the BCS Team Physician prior to the COC nomination deadline. In the event that an athlete is deemed injured (or ill) by the BCS Team Physician, or equivalent, the HPD and/or Designate, in consultation with the BCS Team Physician, shall determine whether the athlete will be sufficiently recovered, to be nominated to the YOG 2024 CYOT.

3.2. ATHLETE MISCONDUCT

In the instance where an athlete is found to have breached the BCS Athlete Code of Conduct and the disciplinary action or sanction results in the recommendation that the athlete is removed from the YOG 2024 COT, BCS shall notify the COC immediately.

Any athlete removals from the YOG 2024 CYOT following the **December 18th, 2023** Team Nomination deadline are subject to the approval of the COC Team Selection Committee and the appropriate IBSF and/or 'IOC Late Athlete Replacement Policy' may apply.

For the avoidance of doubt all disciplinary proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with the BCS Athlete Agreement and/or BCS Policies & Procedures, available online at:
<http://www.bobsleighcanadaskelton.ca/en/>

4. INTERPRETATION

This Agreement shall be interpreted in a purposeful manner in order to give meaning to the intention set out herein.

5. CHANGES

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

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 BCS shall inform the COC of the changes and the reasons for those changes as soon as reasonably possible. Such amendments shall be notified to the affected Athlete and coaches and posted on BCS's website as soon as reasonably possible.

This section shall not be used to justify changes after a competition or trials that formed part of the INP-S unless it is related to an unforeseen circumstance(s).

6. UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

In the event of unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of BCS that prevent the Selection Committee from fairly implementing these INP-S 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.

7. ON-SITE AT THE YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES

Once the nominations are accepted by the COC, all athletes will have equal status as qualified YOG 2024 CYOT members.

The designated BCS 'Team Leader' shall have authority for changes to an Athlete's nomination status (including, but not limited to athlete removal decision(s) and/or use of alternates) at the YOG 2020.

8. APPEALS TO BCS / INTERNAL NOMINATION PROCEDURES

Any dispute in relation to this Agreement and/or nomination to the YOG 2024 CYOT shall be conducted in accordance with the 2023-24 BCS Athlete Agreement and/or related policies or may be brought directly to the SDRCC on the consent of all parties and the SDRCC.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Athlete's Name
(Please Print)

Athlete's Parent/Legal Guardian's Name
(Please Print)

Athlete's Parent/Legal Guardian's Signature

Witness's Name
(Please Print)

Witness's Signature
(Witnessed by unrelated third party)

Bobsleigh Canada Skeleton Representative

Date

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ATHLETE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND ACCEPTANCE FORM
PART 'C'**

Release Date: **October 15th, 2019**

I, _____, a registered athlete member of BCS hereby acknowledge that:

1. I have read and accept the QS-S established by the IBSF and the INP-S established by BCS, attached hereto as Part 'A', and Part 'B' to be applied to the nomination of athletes to the YOG 2024 CYOT in the sport of Skeleton;
2. I understand that changes may occur to Part 'A' and/or Part 'B' and that such changes shall be notified to me via email and posted on the BCS website as soon as reasonably possible.
3. I understand that an athlete's right of appeal with respect to the INP-S must be made in accordance with section **8** of Part 'B'; and
4. I understand that the Olympic Charter grants the COC exclusive jurisdiction over the naming of athletes who will represent Canada at the Youth Olympic Games.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Athlete's Name
(Please Print)

Athlete's Parent/Legal Guardian's Name
(Please Print)

Athlete's Parent/Legal Guardian's Signature

Witness's Name
(Please Print)

Witness's Signature
(Witnessed by unrelated third party)