



## Aiming for Excellence

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### Update on Team Alberta Selection and Sanctioning

The selected athletes were all the athletes above 90% as per the selection criteria. One or two Force Majeure's were included as well. Many of the pre-selected athletes will still be overseas during Nationals. This opened up more spots and we were able to include all those who met the 90%. (2 Masters athletes were included).

The appeals committee met on the 7th of February and reviewed all of the appeals. Masters were not considered as they had all agreed that they did not want to take spots from development athletes so they would provide their own support. The review process considered all of the races this season, since the athletes who sent in appeal letters had not reached the 90% criteria in the competitions designated as selection races. The goal was not to make as small a team as possible, but to include as many athletes as possible within the budget. In the first pass athletes were sanctioned to the maximum team size of 35. Athletes that were sanctioned had a qualifying percentage of greater than 87%. Several selected athletes turned down their offers so spots were offered to the next three athletes on the list.

All the logistics changed when Nationals were relocated to Canmore on Sunday and the budget was, and is being, re-worked. We were unable to book a large enough block of rooms so Canmore athletes were asked to stay at home and provide their own meals, accommodation and transportation. The same option was offered to other Bow Valley athletes as many of them have beds in Canmore as well. Consistent with past "home" events, the appeals committee decided to offer sanctioning to as many athletes as possible within the budget, this resulted in offers being sent to all athletes who had obtained a qualifying percentage of 80% or more.

The Selected fee remains at \$500 because it was set based on the costs which cannot be covered by gaming funds. Those have not changed. The sanction fee was broken into two parts - \$750 which covers everything except dinners and accommodation which will be billed separately to those who choose to lodge with Team Alberta. If the \$750 ends up being high, we will issue refunds after the event. Refunds have occurred in the past but athletes have never been charged more than the original team fee.

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