



GANGWON 2024 WINTER YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES

IMPORTANT DATES AND FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Important Dates

Date	Detail	Discipline
1 Jan 2022	Qualification Period starts.	ALL
17 – 25 Jan 2023	Alpine FIS Junior World Champs	Alpine
28 Jan – 4 Feb	Cross Country FIS Junior World Champs	Cross-Country
31 Jan – 4 Feb	Nordic Combined FIS Junior World Champs	Nordic
20-26 Mar 2023	Moguls & Aerials FIS Junior World Champs	Moguls
27-28 Mar 2023	Skicross FIS Junior World Champs	Skicross
31 Mar – 1 Apr 2023	Snowboardcross FIS Junior World Champs	Snowboardcross
3 April 2023	Athletes to have completed Athlete Application and submit to NZOC. Referred to the Long List	ALL
17 Jul 2023	Last date for SSNZ to apply for late athlete applications.	
17 July 2023	Athletes submit name and contact details to the NZOC for the purposes of Drug Testing	ALL
27 Aug – 8 Sep 2023	Freeski FIS Junior World Championships	Freeski Snowboard
1 Dec 2023	Qualification Period closes	ALL
18 Dec 2023	FIS confirms quota spots to NZOC	
20 Dec 2023	Last date for SSNZ to submit nominations to NZOC for consideration	ALL
19 Jan 2024	Games Begin	ALL
2 Feb 2024	Games Close	ALL

2. Frequently Asked Questions

What are FIS YOG Points

1. FIS YOG Points are a system that the FIS use to allocate nation quota spots to countries for the Youth Olympic Games.
2. During the YOG qualification period (1 July 2022 – 17 Dec 2023) the FIS Points list is calculated using only YOG age eligible athletes. This list is referred to as the YOG FIS points list. This list is then ranked, and YOG FIS points are calculated on that ranking using this [annex](#).

3. Eligibility requirement related to FIS YOG Points – if you are actively competing in FIS events then you will be allocated FIS YOG points. FIS are yet to publish the YOG FIS points list on their website – we expect this to happen near the end of the 22/23 Nth Hemi season.
4. Two important notes re FIS YOG Points
 - a. YOG FIS points are **not** used by Snow Sports NZ to nominate athletes.
 - b. YOG FIS points are used by FIS to allocate quota spots to nations.

What is a Nation Spot?

5. A Nation Spot (often referred to as a quota spot) is a start spot that is allocated to a country. While individuals qualify a National Spot, it is NOT allocated to the athlete that qualified it. In some cases, one athlete can qualify the spot and a different athlete is selected.
6. For YOG, Nation spots are qualified at the 2023 FIS Junior World Championships events. This is the only opportunity to qualify a nation spot.

Does qualifying a nation spot guarantee me a place at the games?

7. No – if you qualify a Nation Spot for the games this does not guarantee that you will be selected for the Games. It simply means that there is a spot allocated for a New Zealand athlete.

What should I do if I get injured and can't compete?

8. If you get injured and cannot compete at an event that the nomination panel will use to confirm nomination it is essential that you inform the SSNZ Chief Executive Officer BEFORE the event takes place.
9. If you inform the Snow Sports NZ Chief Executive Officer BEFORE the event you may be able to apply under clause 6 Extenuating circumstances for special nomination consideration.
10. If you DO NOT inform the Snow Sports NZ Chief Executive Officer BEFORE the event, the nomination Panel are under no obligation to consider your requests under Clause 6 – Extenuating Circumstances.

What is the difference between being nominated and selected?

11. The Snow Sports NZ nomination panel nominates athletes who meet criteria (and team officials) to the New Zealand Olympic Committee for selection to the Games Team. The nomination panel is made up of people external to Snow Sports NZ.
12. Nomination does not guarantee selection.

Who selects the team for the Youth Olympics?

13. The New Zealand Olympic Team Selectors are the only people that can officially select athletes and team officials to the Games Team.

Who am I best to talk to if I don't understand how the nomination and/or selection works?

14. If you don't understand the nomination criteria or have questions, please contact the Snow Sports NZ Chief Executive nic@snosports.co.nz

If I get selected in one event, can I start in other events?

15. There is provision to allow 'permissions to start' in other disciplines that that you have qualified for.
16. Permissions to start are not guaranteed.
17. When considering allowing athletes to start in non-qualified disciplines the paramount concern is ensuring the participant will be safe

How old do I need to be to participate in the Games?

18. The age eligibility for each discipline is different. Please check the nominations criteria carefully.

Can I bring my coach and/or support staff with me to the Games?

19. Coaching and other support staff are selected by the NZOC. Snow Sports NZ will advocate for athletes to have their personal coach attend the game with them. Coach accreditations are very limited so it is not guaranteed that every athlete selected will have their personal coach with them at the games.

Who pays for an athlete to attend YOG?

20. The NZOC cover the majority of the costs associated with attending the games. Snow Sports NZ will also support selected team members where possible. It is anticipated that there will be some athlete contribution required to attend.

What happens if I get nominated and not selected?

21. There are processes for athlete to appeal their non-nomination and/or non-selection. The appeal process is outlined in the nomination criteria. If you are unsuccessful in your nomination/selection to the Games team you should contact the SSNZ CEO as soon as possible.