



Selection Criteria for the 2023 FIS Freeski and Snowboard Junior World Championships Big Air, Halfpipe & Slopestyle

Wanaka, New Zealand, August 27th – September 8th, 2023

Expression of Interest Form: [Here](#)

1.0 Vision

New Zealand pathway athletes compete at the 2023 Junior World Championships and represent New Zealand to a high standard while also benefitting from the opportunity of experiencing a pinnacle international event while at home.

2.0 Introduction

Snow Sports New Zealand intends on entering developing athletes to give them a chance to shine on the international stage at appropriate levels of competition for their age and stage of development.

Participation in the JWC 2023 Team is intended to provide an opportunity for eligible athletes to test themselves against the rest of the world in their age group.

The FIS JWC offers an insight into competing at an elite level in the future and how major events are run (World Championships/World Cups etc). Athletes are expected to compete in all 3 Park and Pipe disciplines at the 2023 JWC to demonstrate the complete skillset required for future major event success.

Results gained and overall performance at the competition will allow an assessment of how the eligible athletes compare against their international peers at a given point in time.

Snow Sports New Zealand has 6 spots per discipline per gender to allocate for JWC 2023 for both snowboard and freeski.

3.0 Goals

1. NZ athletes win Junior World titles.
2. NZ Junior athletes prepare for and target a Top-8 ranking or better.

3. NZ Junior athletes are benchmarked against the rest of the world.
4. NZ Junior athletes are given the opportunity to experience high level competition and be more prepared for future elite level events.
5. NZ Junior athletes secure FIS points which build towards quota spots for future FIS World Cups.

4.0 Eligibility criteria

To be eligible for participation athletes must:

1. Hold a NZ passport.
2. Be a current financial member of Snow Sports NZ.
3. Meet FIS age and rules eligibility for the event. Athletes must be born between 2005 and 2009.
4. Hold a current FIS licence.
5. Have proved through previous results or training the ability to safely compete in the JWC courses.

5.0 Expression of Interest

To participate in Junior World Championships 2023 athletes must fill in the Expression of Interest form by June 16, 2023.

[The Expression of Interest form can be found here.](#)

6.0 Allocation of Quota Spots

Freeski: there are 6 spots available for each gender per discipline. Snowboard: there are 6 spots available for each gender per discipline.

JWC Quota Spots will be allocated by the following process:

1. The first 6 athletes in each discipline and gender will be allocated a spot in Halfpipe, Big Air and Slopestyle.
2. If over 6 athletes apply in a particular discipline and gender the spots will be allocated by the Selection Panel (7.0) and by the Selection Criteria (8.0, 9.0).
3. Allocated spots will be communicated to athletes by June 23rd.
4. In the event there are free quota spots after June 23rd, the Selection Panel will attempt to fill those quota spots by applying the Selection Criteria (8.0, 9.0) to the remaining athletes.
5. Athletes not allocated spots will be communicated with where they sit on a prioritized reserve list by June 30th.

7.0 The Selection Panel

The panel for the 2023 Junior World Championships is:

- Tom Willmott (Convenor)
- Tommy Pyatt
- Sean Thompson

The panel will be assisted by Luke Hetzel - GM High Performance.

8.0 Over-Riding Selection Criteria

Athletes are allocated quota spots based primarily on their competition results, Progression Tracking, and Rocket Ship Profile (for TAP's athletes only).

The Selection Panel will use the above three measures to rank athletes if required. All previous competition results will be evaluated with a consideration for strength and depth of field.

9.0 Additional selection factors

- a. Current FIS Point and/or WSPL Rankings.
- b. Performance standards as shown in 11.0.
- c. A high degree of fitness and a commitment to maintain a fitness and training programme as agreed with the applicable coach(es).
- d. Demonstrated good behaviour, including a commitment to training.
- e. Attendance at training camps.
- f. Demonstrated compatibility with others in a team environment.
- g. Demonstrated compliance with the rules of events and competitions.
- h. Understanding and respect for the obligations that accompany being a member of a New Zealand Team when competing at the JWC, including respect for team members and support staff.
- i. Willingness to promote Snow Sports NZ in a positive manner.
- j. Demonstrated ability to take personal responsibility for themselves and their results.
- k. Proven ability to be reliable.
- l. Any other factor(s) the Snow Sports NZ Selectors consider relevant.

10.0 Selection Dates

June 17th 2023: Expressions of Interests close.

June 23rd 2023: Quota spots communicated/allocated.

June 30th 2023: Any remaining quota spots allocated.

11.0 Performance standards

Based on the SSNZ performance tracking data and analysis the following performance standards are likely for JWC 2023.

Freeski

Men

| | Podium Rails | Podium Jumps/Pipe | Top-8 Rails | Top-8 Jumps/Pipe |
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| Slope | Average spin index of 630. | Spin index of 1350 with two axes, or 1440 for one axis. Likely a combination of doubles and triples | Average spin index of 540 | Average spin index 1200 |
| Big Air | | Average spin index of 1620, left and right. Both jumps with technical grabs | | Average spin index of 1350, left and right. |
| Pipe | | Average spin index of 850+ with 1-2 doubles and average amplitude 10ft or above. Variety of directions and switch | | Average spin index of 720 with average amplitude of 7ft. Multiple 720-900 degree spins at 10ft or above. One switch hit at 7ft or above. |
| Women | | | | |
| | Podium Rails | Podium Jumps/Pipe | Top-8 Rails | Top-8 Jumps/Pipe |
| Slope | Average spin index of 450 | Average spin index of 810 with multiple axes (cork, misty, flat) | Average spin index of 270 | Average spin index of 540 with off-axis tricks |
| Big Air | | Average spin index of 990, 2 out of 4 directions. 1 double or 2 off-axis tricks with technical grabs | | Average spin index of 720, 2 out of 4 directions. Both off-axis |
| Pipe | | Average spin index of 540+ with an average amplitude of 6ft or above. Variety of directions, axes and grabs with 1+ switch hit | | Average spin index of 360+ at amplitude of 4ft or above. Variety of spin direction and grabs |

| Snowboard | | | | |
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| Men | | | | |
| | Podium Rails | Podium Jumps/Pipe | Top-8 Rails | Top-8 Jumps/Pipe |
| Slope | Average spin index of 480. (2 rails with 540 degrees of rotation, 1 with 360). | Average spin index of 1440 | Average spin index 270. (2 rails with 360 degrees rotation, 1 90 degrees) | Average spin index of 1260 minimum |
| Big Air | | 2 1440s. Mixture of flat and double. | | 1 1260s, mixture of flat and double. |

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| | | Minimum 1 switch takeoff. | | Minimum 1 switch takeoff. |
| Pipe | | Average Spin index 810+. 10ft – 12ft Amp. 1-2 double corks | | Average spin index of 750+. 7ft Amp. 1 double cork. Unique grabs and tweaks |
| Women | | | | |
| | Podium Rails | Podium Jumps/Pipe | Top-8 Rails | Top-8 Jumps/Pipe |
| Slope | Average spin index 360 across 3 rails. | 2 720s and 1 900 | Average spin index of 180 across 3 features | 2 540s and 1 720 |
| Big Air | | Average 900 spin index | | Average 540 spin index |
| Pipe | | Average Spin index 630+. 6ft – 8ft Amp. Two inverted tricks. | | Average spin index of 420+. 4ft Amp. Unique grabs and tweaks |

12.0 Appeals Process

- An athlete may lodge an appeal with the SSNZ Chief Executive at any time. All appeals must be submitted in written form.
- The SSNZ NZ Chief Executive will attempt to respond to the athlete within one day (twenty-four (24) hours), but not later than five (5) days (120 hours) of lodgement of the appeal.
- The SSNZ Chief Executive will consult with the members of the relevant Selection Panel and any other person as may be deemed appropriate to properly respond to the athlete.
- An appeal by an athlete may only be made on one or more of the following grounds:
 - The applicable selection criteria have not properly been followed, applied and/or implemented.
 - The athlete seeking selection was not afforded a reasonable opportunity to satisfy the applicable selection criteria.
 - The selection process was affected by actual bias.
 - There was no material on which the selection decision could reasonably be based.
- Determination of Appeal. Upon determination of the appeal the SSNZ Chief Executive shall communicate his or her decision together with an appropriate recommendation to both the SSNZ Board and the athlete.

- The SSNZ Board after due consideration of the findings and recommendation of the SSNZ Chief Executive shall decide as to the course of action to be followed by SSNZ which shall be communicated to the athlete at the earliest opportunity.
- If at the conclusion of the above process the athlete remains dissatisfied, the athlete may file an application for appeal with the Sports Tribunal of New Zealand ("Sports Tribunal"). Thereafter the appeal shall be determined in accordance with the Rules of the Sports Tribunal (see sportstribunal.org.nz).
- The decision of the Sports Tribunal shall be binding on the parties and, subject to any right of review and/or appeal as set out in the Rules of the Sports Tribunal, no party to the appeal may institute or maintain proceedings in any Court or other Tribunal.