



New Zealand Alpine Ski Team

Selection Process and Criteria Overview

Snow Sports New Zealand has established selection policies for The New Zealand Alpine Ski Team. (Hereinafter referred to as 'NZ Ski Team' and 'Athletes')

The purpose of the selection policy is to identify New Zealand athletes who qualify for teams/events based on the established performance criteria for the specific team/event.

A Selection Committee will be assembled to evaluate/rank athletes in the following areas:

- Results/Rankings
- Physical Conditioning
- Commitment to the Sport
- General Mental Attitude
- Athletic Potential

The Selection Committee may comprise the following:

- Snow Sports NZ personnel including Alpine Committee members, Coaching Staff
- Club/Training Provider Head Coaches or Programme Directors
- Winter Performance Programme Manager
- Regional Representatives
- Snow Sports NZ may invite additional members to join this panel as required, depending on the situation and at its discretion

Disclaimer: The selection guidelines listed below are considered to be the minimum standard. Meeting the guidelines does not guarantee selection to the NZAST but does provide an opportunity to be evaluated through the selection process.

The Selection Committee will render a recommendation to the Snow Sports NZ Board based on the above evaluation. In exceptional cases an outstanding athlete who has not qualified because of injury, illness, or other force majeure may be selected for the team/event. The athlete's club/training provider is responsible for identifying any athlete to be considered for force majeure and must provide supporting written documentation.

The selection committee's responsibilities in the selection process:

- Assemble Selection Committee - follow established selection protocol/criteria.
- Review any force majeure athletes on a case-by-case basis.
- Understand the selection process.
- Represent the athletes fairly and objectively at selection meetings.



Criteria Rules (Applicable to all Athlete Selection Criteria)

1. Eligibility for Consideration:

Selectors will consider for selection only those Snow Sports NZ alpine members in good standing and who have a valid FIS NZL license.

An athlete shall be considered ineligible for consideration if previously suspended or removed from team membership without being reinstated by the ASC. Also, athletes who have previously declined and offer of team membership shall not automatically be offered team membership regardless of results achieved during the competition season unless the athlete specifically request consideration from the SSNZ Alpine Manager and Chairman of the ASC

2. World Rank Criteria:

- 2.1 Snow Sports NZ will collate athletes who meet the FIS World Ranking qualification standards based on the year specific **INTERNAL BASE FIS LIST**, scheduled to be published on the FIS website on 20th April 2018.
- 2.2 Final team status will be determined after the 1st FIS points list 2017/18, scheduled for publication 1st July 2018.
- 2.3 Selections will be made twice annually.
The October Selections will be made from the most current FIS List and will provide a means of including new athletes to the team based on southern hemisphere winter performances.
These second selections will be announced in October and team status will be valid until 31st May.
- 2.4 An Athlete who has been named to the NZ Ski Team or Development Team at the time of the pre-base list in the previous year, but does not meet the FIS criteria in the current year may be given an extension of 1 year on the team in cases of force majeure. Athletes will be required to submit an individual performance plan to support their case for extension.

3. Physical Conditioning:

Athletes who meet the World Rank (Internal Base list 2018) criteria would be required to undertake physical testing under the guidance of a Snow Sports NZ appointed Physical Trainer. Physical testing results are not designed to prohibit selection to any team but will formally provide information about where the athletes are, and what they need to aim for.

Testing period is May – June

4. Selection Recommendation:

Snow Sports NZ will appoint selectors.

The selectors will evaluate/rank athletes in the following areas:

- a) Results/Rankings (FIS BASE LIST)
- b) Physical Conditioning (Physical testing results, provided by SSNZ appointed Physical Trainer)
- c) Commitment to the sport (Report required by Training Provider/Coach)
- d) General Mental Attitude (Report required by Training Provider/Coach)
- e) Athletic Potential (Report required by Training Provider/Coach)

5. Snow Sports New Zealand Alpine Ski Team:

The Snow Sports NZ Board will evaluate the recommendation from the selectors, confirm the athletes selected and name the team, for athletes who meet the above criteria. Athletes would be named to the respective A, B & C Snow Sports New Zealand Ski Teams on approximately 12th June. The naming of the Snow Sports NZ Development Squad would be at the same time.



6. Athlete Injury Clause

An athlete injured prior to May 1 of the competition calendar season will be named to the respective team at the time of injury for only the following season. The athlete must qualify through normal nomination criteria in any successive years (including those athletes who are repeatedly injured in the following year). In order to qualify for maintaining team status at the time of injury for the following year, an athlete must follow a prescribed rehabilitation or medical programme as approved by Snow Sports NZ.

7. Medical Clearance

New athletes named to the team may require a medical clearance for participation. This will be completed by a sports physical exam by a Snow Sports NZ approved physician. Medical clearance must be obtained prior to athlete participation in team activity.

8. Drug Free Sport NZ (formerly the NZ Sports Drug Agency)

It is the responsibility of each athlete and their coach to be familiar with this Act. Under the Act, Drug Free Sport NZ has the power to conduct tests in and out of competition. It is the duty of all athletes on the Drug Free Sport NZ register competing overseas to inform Drug Free Sport NZ of their whereabouts. This can be done by completing a short form and emailing the information direct from the agency website: www.drugfreesport.org.nz

9. Acceptance to "Team" or Event

Athletes nominated to the team must contact Snow Sports NZ to accept or decline their nomination within ten (10) days of notification. All athletes accepting their nominations will be required to sign an athlete agreement in order to be eligible to be named to the "Team". Team naming will occur after the nominated athletes have signed the Snow Sports NZ athlete agreement.

Selected athletes will retain "Team" status for the term 12th June until the 11th June of the following year unless terms of the athlete agreement have not been met.

“National A Team” Status

Men’s Criteria

- A FIS World Ranking of 80 or better in SL, GS or SG; or
- A FIS World Ranking of 75 or better in DH
- Physical, Meets Current Elite Podium Standards

Women’s Criteria

- A FIS World Ranking of 70 or better in SL, GS or SG; or
- A FIS World Ranking of 65 or better in DH
- Physical, Meets Current Elite Podium Standards

“National B Team” Status

Men’s Criteria

- A FIS World Ranking of 250 or better in SL, GS or SG; or
- A FIS World Ranking of 150 or better in DH
- Physical, Meets Current Elite Podium Standards

Women’s Criteria

- A FIS World Ranking of 200 or better in SL, GS; or
- A FIS World Ranking of 150 or better in DH, SG
- Physical, Meets Current Elite Podium Standards

“National C Team” Status

Men’s Criteria

- A FIS World Ranking of 450 or better in SL, GS; or
- A FIS World Ranking of 250 or better in DH, and less than 45 FIS points in SL or GS
- A FIS World Ranking of 300 or better in SG, and less than 45 FIS points in SL or GS
- Physical, is tracking towards, Meets Current Elite Podium Standards

Women’s Criteria

- A FIS World Ranking of 400 or better in SL, GS; or
- A FIS World Ranking of 200 or better in DH, SG, and less than 50 FIS points in SL or GS
- Physical, is tracking towards Meets Current Elite Podium Standards

“Development Team” Status

- FIS Points under 50 points in SL, GS or SG if the athlete is a Junior (U21)
- Physical, Meets minimum standard but not Elite Podium Standard, tracking towards Elite Podium Standards
- Athletes who meet the criteria and are tracking towards C, B or A criteria may stay on the team for a maximum of 3 years.
- First Year U18 Athlete may be eligible based on outstanding international performances and with a supporting coach’s letter.