



Selection Criteria for FIS Youth Events

(2018/19)

1. Introduction

The philosophy of the Snow Sports NZ selection process is to support a long-term performance pathway and to provide an opportunity for the development of athletes to achieve world class performances.

Selection will be made without bias or discrimination. The selection policies and processes are agreed and overseen by the Alpine Sport Committee and approved by the Board of SSNZ.

The aim of this document is to outline the selection criteria and process for selection to International FIS Youth Events.

The [Calendar of FIS Youth Events](#) can be found online and are set by the FIS.

The rules for FIS Alpine Youth Competitions are set out in the [International Competition Rules](#) in section 608.

2. Process and Timing

The SSNZ Alpine Youth Selection Committee will select athletes for the U16 & U14 Squads that will represent New Zealand at FIS Alpine Youth Competitions. Selection meetings for these races will be held in spring immediately after the publication of the End of Season SSNZ National Points List.

SSNZ Alpine Youth Selection Committee will be nominated by the Alpine Sports Committee and will comprise of:

- 1 representative from the Alpine Sport Committee
- 2 Alpine Coaches
- The SSNZ Alpine Manager (non-voting member)

3. Team Size

FIS ICR 608.4.1

'The quota per nation is max. 4 (four) U14 and 6 (six) U16 resulting in the total number of max. 10 competing athletes per nation per event. No more than 4 (four) athletes of the same gender may be registered within each age category.'

'In case of events within multiple races the quota is for the event and not for the race.'

The NZ U16 Youth Squad will comprise of 3 girls and 3 boys with an additional 2 girls and 2 boys as alternates.

The NZ U14 Youth Squad will comprise of 2 girls and 2 boys with an additional 1 girl and 1 boy as alternates.



4. FIS Youth Squad Selection Criteria

SSNZ support a multi-factor approach to selection to define and select athletes with the greatest potential by considering achievement in competition, ski skills/racing, athletic capacity.

The major factor will be performance on snow.

4.1 Eligibility

To be eligible for selection:

- Athletes must be current members of Snow Sport NZ in good standing
- Athletes must hold a New Zealand passport
- Athletes must hold SSNZ National Points

4.2 Criteria

- Performances in all New Zealand National Point events will be taken into consideration.
- Athletes who do not achieve a top 3 place in one race at a New Zealand Youth Series event are unlikely to be considered for selection.

5. Requirements

- If selected, athletes are required to confirm their place in the squad by 12th November.
- Athletes are required to pay a deposit of \$500. These funds will be used for a "2019 NZ Alpine Youth Squad" jacket and a deposit on pre-event training fees. This must be paid by 12th November.
- All Athletes will be required to submit:
 - Signed FIS Athlete's Declaration
 - Scanned copy of their passport ID page
 - Signed SSNZ Alpine Event Agreement/Consent Form