Selection Criteria for FIS Alpine World Junior Championships

Val di Fassa, Italy, 17.02 - 27.02.2019

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 which Snow Sports NZ will apply when selecting a team to represent New Zealand at the 2019 FIS Alpine World Junior Championship in Val di Fassa, Italy.

The Program for the FIS Alpine World Junior Championships is available online.
The rules for WJC are laid out in the FIS International Competitions Rules, Rules for the Organisation of a FIS World Junior Championships and the Rules for the Nation Team Event.

2. Process and Timing

The SSNZ Alpine Selection Committee will select athletes for the U21 Team that will represent New Zealand at the 2019 FIS Alpine World Junior Championships in Val di Fassa.

- Athletes will be long listed and notified by the 18th October 2018 with reference to the 5th FIS points list 2018/2019.
- The final team selection will be made by the SSNZ Alpine Selection Committee on the 24th January 2019 with reference to the 12th FIS points list 2018/2019.

SSNZ Alpine Selection Committee will be nominated by the Alpine Sports Committee and will comprise of:
- 1 representative from the Alpine Sport Committee
- The SSNZ Performance Director
- 2 Pathway Representatives (with suitable experience)
- The SSNZ Alpine Manager (non-voting member)

3. Team Size

The total team size may be up to sixteen (16) with a maximum of ten (10) per gender.

An additional two (2) men and two (2) women may increase the team size to a maximum of eighteen (18) if qualified for the ZK quota by being ranked in the top 500 for men or top 400 for women in two (2) of three (3) of the following disciplines: Downhill (DH), Slalom (SL), Giant Slalom (GS).

A maximum of four (4) men and four (4) women can start each event. An additional two (2) men and two (2) women may start if qualified for the ZK quota.

4. FIS Alpine World Junior Championships Selection Policy

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 factors will be performance on snow and FIS Points.

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 a New Zealand FIS Licence
- Athletes must be born between 1998 and 2002 (inclusive)

4.2 Minimum Qualification Criteria

Ladies	FIS List Points
Slalom	50
Giant Slalom	50
Super-G	65
Downhill	65
Men	
Slalom	50
Giant Slalom	50
Super-G	65
Downhill	65

4.3 Crossover in technical disciplines (Slalom, Giant Slalom)

An athlete who is awarded a quota spot in one technical discipline but has not met criteria in the other technical discipline will automatically be deemed to have passed qualifying criteria in the other technical discipline and may be considered for selection in the second technical discipline if there are available spots

4.4 Crossover in speed disciplines (Super-G, Downhill)

An athlete who is awarded a quota spot in one speed discipline but has not met criteria in the other speed discipline will automatically be deemed to have passed qualifying criteria in the other speed discipline. Subject to a review of the difficulty of the Downhill course and any limitations applied by FIS, such athletes may be considered for selection for the other speed event and the AC event if there available quota places.

5. Medical Clearance

5.1 Athletes named to the team who are returning from injury status will require a medical clearance for participation. This will be completed by a sports physical exam by a SSNZ approved physician. Once named, athlete will contact SSNZ Medical Director for appropriate paperwork and direction.

5.2 Athletes who are not fit to compete due to any injury or illness from which he/she is not expected to recover adequately by the time of the 2019 WJC will be ineligible for consideration at the time of selection.

6. Additional Nomination Factors:

6.1 When considering the Over-Riding Criteria the SSNZ Alpine Selection Committee may also take into account any one or more of the following factors about an Athlete:

a. adequate fitness and a commitment to maintain a fitness and training programme as agreed with the applicable coach(es);
b. demonstrated good behaviour, including a commitment to training and attendance at training camps;
c. demonstrated compatibility with others in a team environment;
d. demonstrated compliance with the rules of events and competitions;
e. understanding and respect for the obligations that accompany being a member of a New Zealand Team when competing at the World Junior Championship, including respect for team members and support staff;
f. willingness to promote Snow Sports NZ in a positive manner;
g. demonstrated an ability to take personal responsibility for themselves and their results;
h. proven ability to be reliable; and
i. any other factor(s) the Snow Sports NZ Selectors consider relevant.

7. Requirements

- Long listed athletes are required to pay a deposit of $500. These funds will be used for a team jacket and a deposit on pre-event training fees if selected. This must be paid by 12th November. The deposit will be refunded if the athlete is not selected to the team.
- If selected, athletes are required to confirm their place on the team by 26th January.
- Logistics and accommodation will be handled by SSNZ.
- All Athletes will need to send in a signed SSNZ - Alpine event agreement.