



Selection Policy

New Zealand FIS Alpine World Junior Championships Team 2024

(Herein after referred to a 'WJC Team' and 'Athletes')

The purpose of this selection policy is to select the U21 WJC Team to represent New Zealand at the 2024 FIS Alpine World Junior Championship in Portes du Soleil, France.

The program for the FIS Alpine World Junior Championships is available online via the FIS Calendar. The rules for the WJC are laid out in the [FIS International Competition Rules](#).

Process and Timing

The selection policies and processes are agreed and overseen by the Alpine Sport Committee and approved by the Board of Snow Sports NZ.

Snow Sports NZ Alpine Selection Committee will be chosen from Snow Sports NZ stakeholders and will be a minimum of three in number, plus a convenor.

Athletes will be long listed and notified by the 21st November with reference to the 10th FIS points list 2023/2024.

The final team selection will be made by the Snow Sports NZ Alpine Selection Committee on the 20th of December with reference to the 13th FIS points list 2023/2024.

The Snow Sports NZ Alpine Selection Committee will advise the Snow Sports NZ Board of the athletes selected, for final ratification.

Disclaimer: The selection guidelines listed below are considered to be the minimum standard. Meeting the guidelines does not guarantee selection to the WJC Team but does provide an opportunity to be evaluated through the selection process. There shall be no appeals process.

Team Size

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

A maximum of four (4) men and four (4) women can start each event.

In Downhill a maximum number of 8 athletes per gender may take part in official training.

Criteria Rules

1. Eligibility

To be eligible for selection:

- Athletes must be current members of Snow Sport NZ and in good standing
- Athletes must hold a current New Zealand passport
- Athletes must hold a valid New Zealand FIS Licence
- Athletes must be born between 2003 and 2007 (inclusive)
- Athletes must meet any event specific minimum eligibility criteria as set out by the Local Organizing Committee (LOC)

2. Minimum Qualification Criteria

Ladies	FIS List Points
Slalom	65
Giant Slalom	65
Super-G	80
Downhill	80
Men	
Slalom	65
Giant Slalom	65
Super-G	80
Downhill	80

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. 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 if there are available quota places.

5. Team Combined and Mixed Team Events

NZL criteria to be determined on receipt of event rules from the LOC.

6. Medical Clearance

All long list and selected athletes will be required to disclose whether or not they are fit to compete at the WJC and provide information on any significant injuries they are carrying. This may require supporting documentation from a recognised medical professional

7. Additional Selection Criteria:

When considering the Minimum Qualification Criteria, the Snow Sports NZ Alpine Selection Committee may also take into account any one or more of the following factors regarding an Athlete:

- a) demonstrated compatibility with others in a team environment;
- b) demonstrated compliance with the rules of events and competitions;
- c) 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;
- d) willingness to promote Snow Sports NZ in a positive manner;
- e) demonstrated an ability to take personal responsibility for themselves and their results;
- f) any other factor(s) the Snow Sports NZ Selectors consider relevant.

8. Team Member Requirements

- Long listed athletes are required to pay a deposit of \$500. These funds will be used for a deposit on accommodation fees if selected. This must be paid by 30th November. The deposit will be refunded if the athlete is not selected to the team.
- Selected athletes are required to confirm their place on the team and submit a signed [Snow Sports NZ Alpine Event Agreement](#) by 3rd January 2024.
- Snow Sports NZ will book team accommodation and assist with team logistics