



Selection Criteria for Youth International Alpine Competitions

(2023/2024)

1. General Principle

Please note that when considering athlete performance under Section 6, Selectors will rank performance at GS and SL ahead of performance in a single tech discipline. The general principle at Youth level (U14-U16) is that athletes should develop their skills in both technical disciplines equally, and SG where opportunities arise for U16.

2. Process and Timing

In order to be considered for selection athletes must be nominated by their SSNZ affiliated club and must make a commitment to attend calendared FIS Childrens races. Nominations and completed Expression of Interest forms must be received by SSNZ on or before October 2nd 2023.

A Snow Sports NZ Alpine Youth selection committee (nominated by the ASC and approved by the Snow Sports NZ Board) will select athletes for U14-U16 squads to represent New Zealand at Youth International Alpine Competitions. Selection meetings will be completed within 5 working days of October 2nd 2023, and athletes who meet criteria will be ranked and offered a place on the NZ Alpine Youth Squad.

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

3. Age Limits

As per [ICR 608.3 and 607.3](#)

4. Quota Management

1.1. Quota regulations for events as per [ICR 608.4](#)

1.2. Athletes in each age group for both boys and girls, who meet selection criteria, will be ranked. Places at Youth International Alpine Competitions will be filled in accordance with the quota regulations above. If a higher ranked athlete is unable to attend an event, a place will be offered to the next available athlete from the ranked list.

5. Eligibility

Athletes must:

- 2.1. be a current member of SSNZ in good standing; and
- 2.2. hold a current New Zealand passport, and hold a current SSNZ National Points licence.



6. Criteria

Selectors will assess athletes based on:

- 6.1. Overriding criteria - Ability to compete with credibility on the international stage.
- 6.2. Results at National Points races. U16: Slalom, Giant Slalom and Super G. U14: Slalom and Giant Slalom results only.
- 6.3. Combined and individual discipline podiums at the NZ Alpine Youth Championships.
- 6.4. Outstanding results at equivalent international children's events may also be taken into consideration.

Selectors will also consider:

- 6.5. Behaviour in a sports team environment.
- 6.6. Exceptional circumstances – consideration of instances such as injury, illness or bereavement will be given on application to Snow Sports NZ.

7. Requirements

Upon selection to the NZ Alpine Youth Squad:

- 7.1. Athletes are required to confirm their targeted events by close of business on November 6th, 2023; after which, available places will be offered to ranked athletes.
- 7.2. Athletes are required to submit the following to SSNZ:
 - 7.2.1. a signed FIS Athlete's declaration
 - 7.2.2. a scanned copy of their passport ID page
 - 7.2.3. completed and signed SSNZ Alpine Event Agreement/Consent Form