

British Ski and Snowboard

Freestyle Selection Policy

1. Selection Policy

- 1.1. This Policy for selection to British Teams and Squads, and for the determination of entries to international competition, shall apply with effect from 1 October 2014 until further notice.

2. Aims of the Selection Policy

- 2.1. To ensure that fair and just criteria and practices are employed in the issue of Licences for and entry of competitors to international competition.
- 2.2. To support the overall competition and development objectives of British Ski and Snowboard.
- 2.3. To ensure transparency and accountability in the Selection process.

3. Process and Timetable

- 3.1. Selections will normally be made in May, for entries to competitions in the next FIS Competition Year (which commences 1 July). Selections for the winter events will normally be finalised in early November and athletes are requested to submit all applications by 31 October. Other selections may be made throughout the Competition year, depending on circumstances. Selections to specific competitions such as Olympic Winter Games, World Ski Championships and World Junior Ski Championships, will be scheduled to ensure that athletes have a reasonable opportunity to meet the criteria.
- 3.2. Meetings other than the May meeting will normally be used only to add to or upgrade selections already made, and not to de-select individuals.
- 3.3. Current members of British Teams will automatically be considered for re-selection. While other athletes with suitable results may be considered, all are advised to apply to the Panel for selection, stating their competition and training plans for the coming season.
- 3.4. Throughout the document, evidence of the achievement of specified levels of FIS Points is to be taken from the current published FIS Points List. The Panel may, in its absolute discretion, choose to calculate an athlete's prospective FIS Points from more recent results than are included in the current list, and use these instead. Video evidence in support of claims related to current skill levels will be considered if supplied.

4. Selection to British Teams

- 4.1. British Teams may be established for the purpose of recognising suitably qualified athletes, making arrangements for their development and distributing any funding or support for which the governing body is accountable. Teams may be established for any or all Events, depending on the circumstances at the time.
- 4.2. The British Team shall be selected from among athletes who are expected to participate, during the season under discussion, in the FIS World Cup. Selections may also be made to define other Teams e.g. for entry to FIS World Ski Championships and Junior World Ski Championships, and athletes selected to these Teams shall be entitled, for the period following selection to them until the end of the Championships in question, to claim membership of the "British [World Championship / Junior World Championship] Team".

5. FIS Licences

- 5.1. An applicant for an international ("FIS") Start Licence must be registered as a performer with their Home Nation Governing Body.

- 5.2. Minimum criteria for the award of a FIS Start Licence include the athlete's acceptance of the British Ski and Snowboard Athlete Agreement and behaviour that conforms to British Squad and Team Codes of Conduct.
- 5.3. In all cases where reference is made to FIS Points below, the definitive source of information shall be the current FIS Freestyle Points list unless it can be demonstrated that a recalculation using the athlete's most recent results gives a better score. The same principle shall apply in relation to the FIS Alpine Points List, where relevant.
- 5.4. For entries to Ski Cross events, the Selection Panel must additionally satisfy itself that the athlete has demonstrated sufficient technical skill and fitness to compete safely in the event. Where an athlete applies for the first time for a start in Ski Cross, such evidence will normally be drawn from an established competition record in either Moguls or Alpine events.
- 5.5. The issue of a FIS Start Licence is a necessary but not a sufficient condition to enable the athlete to enter an international competition. All entries to international competition must be made by BSS on the athlete's behalf, and will be authorised by one of the following procedures:
- 5.5.1. where the athlete is in a programme run by, or with the direct approval of the BSS Performance Director and his staff, each decision to make an entry to a specific competition shall be at the discretion of the nominated coach or manager, who shall be accountable to the Selection Panel for all decisions made;
- 5.5.2. otherwise, where the athlete is in a programme run by one of the Home Nations, entries shall be made by BSS on the request of the duly appointed coach or manager, whose name shall have been agreed between the Home Nation Governing Body and BSS prior to the issue of any Licence, and such entries shall be made to competitions at FIS B level or below but not to Junior World Ski Championships.
- 5.6. in all cases, decisions on entry to specific competitions shall be made with due regard to the criteria set out in the remainder of this document.
- 5.7. The FIS events are categorised as follows: A level includes World Cup, World Championships and Olympic Winter Games. B level includes Continental Cup, International Youth and World Junior Ski Championship events. C level comprises all other FIS competitions including FIS Race and National Championships listed on the FIS Calendar.

5.8. FIS "C" level

- 5.8.1. Any member of a Home Nation Governing Body Freestyle squad will be eligible for a FIS Licence. This will also be issued to a candidate who needs the licence in order to be a member of the said squad, assuming they meet the rest of the criteria. Athletes at this level will be permitted to enter competitions at no higher than C level.
- 5.8.2. Athletes seeking an international ski cross licence for the first time only, may qualify by having current British Alpine Seeding System (BASS) points equal to or less than those shown below.

Age on 31 December of Competition Year	Male	Female
15	290	270
16	240	230
17 or more	200	190

- 5.8.1. Results from other recognised ski cross competitions such as the Audi Ski Cross tour can be used for consideration when applying for a FIS Licence for ski cross.
- 5.8.2. Other athletes may apply, and will be considered by reference to the same criteria as pertain to selection to Home Nation squads at the time.

5.9. FIS “B” and “A” level events

- 5.9.1. To come into consideration for selection to FIS B and A level events, an athlete must normally have points on the current FIS Points List; note that this is only possible if the athlete has already participated in some FIS competitions.
- 5.9.2. Where selection criteria quote the achievement of specific competition results, these must have been obtained no earlier than 12 months prior to the start of the FIS Competition Year for which selection is being considered.

5.10. FIS “B” level

- 5.10.1. To enter events at “B” level, an athlete should normally have achieved results as set out below. In all cases, results achieved in international competition of sufficient quality are to be preferred to results obtained solely in British Championships.
 - 5.10.1.1. MO, DM: three instances of a judges’ score of 50.0 or more, in either FIS Race, World Junior Ski Championships, other FIS competition at C level or higher or the British Freestyle Championships; the candidate must also be securely and consistently performing in competition, one rotational air if female and two rotational airs if male. Rotational airs include upright rotations, off axis airs, loops, back and front flips, see Appendix C.
 - 5.10.1.2. HP, two instances of a place in the top 25% of the field in either FIS level, World Junior Ski Championships or the British Freestyle Championships; equivalent results in non-FIS events considered by the Panel to be of sufficient standing will be taken into account; the candidate must also be securely and consistently performing tricks at or above level 9 (Ladies) or level 11 (Men) in the tables in Appendix A.
 - 5.10.1.3. SS: two instances of a place in the top 25% of the field in either FIS level, World Junior Ski Championships or the British Freestyle Championships; equivalent results in non-FIS events considered by the Panel to be of sufficient standing will be taken into account; the candidate must also be securely and consistently performing tricks at or above level 11 (Ladies) or level 9 (Men) in the tables in Appendix B.
 - 5.10.1.4. SX: minimum 35 Ski Cross FIS points or 150 or below Alpine points in any Alpine event.
 - 5.10.1.5. AE: have qualified two different inverted Aerial manoeuvres of DD 2.00 or above, for performance on snow, see Appendix D.
- 5.10.2. In exceptional circumstances, other factors may be taken into account in choosing whether to permit entry to “B” level. Such factors may include accepting results from other competitions if insufficient events appear on the FIS Calendar, provided always that the Panel is satisfied that the event meets a standard that is the equivalent of a FIS event.

5.11. FIS “A” level

- 5.11.1. In addition to the selection criteria set out below, candidates for entry to “A” level events must meet, at the time of the selection decision, the minimum criteria set by FIS for entry to FIS World Cup.
- 5.11.2. MO, DM: a judges’ score of 60.0 or more, in at least three events at Continental Cup (B) level; the candidate must also be securely and consistently performing in competition, airs at or over DD 0.70 (See Appendix C for MO Degrees of Difficulty). Candidates seeking such entry after their first season of competition at this level shall qualify either by this means or by having current FIS Points equivalent to the award of an Additional Quota spot.
- 5.11.3. AE: have qualified (Ladies) two double somersaults at or over DD 2.60, or (Men) one jump of DD 3.15 plus more than one jump of DD 2.85, for performance on snow, and received a minimum judges’ score of 60 (Ladies) or 70 (Men) in snow (not water ramp) competition, on two occasions. For the avoidance of doubt, two scores obtained in a single competition are admissible. Candidates seeking such entry after their first season of competition at this level shall qualify either by this means or by having current FIS Points equivalent to the award of an Additional Quota spot. (See Appendix D for AE Degrees of Difficulty).
- 5.11.4. SX: a minimum of 100 FIS Ski Cross points.

- 5.11.5. HP,SS: Referring to the Half Pipe and Slope Style Performance Charts in Appendix A and B, securely and consistently performing tricks at or above level 13 and having finished in the top 25% of at least three events at B level or non-FIS equivalent.
- 5.12. Notwithstanding the qualification levels set out above, the decision will be subject to evaluation of the athlete's performance in the round, and of the prevailing levels of performance in the Event in question by athletes from other nations.

6. Entries to specific competitions

- 6.1. The Selection Panel will make selections to individual competitions or competition series by selecting from among holders of FIS Licences suitably qualified athletes according to the above criteria, and taking account of any further considerations as set out below.

6.2. FIS World Cup

- 6.2.1. The FIS events are categorised as follows: A level includes World Cup, World Championships and Olympic Winter Games. B level includes Continental Cup, International Youth and World Junior Ski Championship events. C level comprises all other FIS competitions including FIS Race and National Championships listed on the FIS Calendar.
- 6.2.2. A competitor who has met the criteria for entry to a given Event at "A" level is permitted to enter any World Cup in that Event except that, if the number of World Cup quota spots is insufficient to enable all those who wish to enter to do so, entries will be awarded in order of the competitors' FIS Points. These shall be drawn from the current Freestyle FIS Points List, updated as necessary according to the most recent results available on the FIS web site. This calculation will be made based on the data available at the point in time when the application was made to the BSS office. For the avoidance of doubt, other lists (e.g. Alpine FIS Points) shall not be used to rank athletes for this purpose. The same principle as above shall apply for entries to other competitions where quotas apply, with the exception of World Ski Championships and Olympic Winter Games (see below)
- 6.2.3. Notwithstanding the provisions above, the Panel may choose to withhold award of all places in a competition if, on examining the qualifications of those applying, it considers that other better qualified athletes may apply; in such circumstances the Panel will seek applications from all qualified athletes before making a decision.
- 6.2.4. Notwithstanding the qualification levels set out above, all entries to World Cup competition will be subject to evaluation of the athlete's performance in the round, and of the prevailing levels of performance in the Event in question by athletes from other nations.

6.3. World Ski Championships

- 6.3.1. Entries will be made from among athletes who have competed in World Cup during the previous 12 months, or are expected to compete in World Cup during the current season, based on the quotas set by FIS and by reference to each athlete's position on the current FIS Points list, World Cup Ranking List and in consideration of the athlete's current fitness and form, as judged by the Selection Panel.
- 6.3.2. In addition to any of the criteria listed above, an athlete seeking entry to World Ski Championships must satisfy all criteria set by FIS.

6.4. Olympic Winter Games, Youth Olympic Winter Games

- 6.4.1. For Olympic Winter Games and Youth Olympic Winter Games, selections are made by the British Olympic Association on the advice of British Ski and Snowboard, to selection criteria agreed between the two bodies. These will be published separately.
- 6.4.2. In addition to any of the criteria set by BSS/BOA, an athlete seeking entry to Olympic Winter Games or Youth Olympic Winter Games must satisfy all criteria set by either FIS or IOC as applicable.

6.5. FIS Junior World Ski Championships, International Youth Championships

- 6.5.1. Selection criteria for World Junior Ski Championships or International Youth Championships will be the same as those for entry to "B" level competitions. Only athletes that meet the FIS age eligibility criteria may be considered.

7. Prolonged absence from competition

- 7.1. An athlete who, having competed at a given level, fails to compete for whatever reason for a continuous period of twelve months, will normally not be authorised to compete at the same level, even if the formal criteria to compete at the previous level are still met. In such circumstances the athlete will be required to demonstrate full fitness and competition readiness by competing in at least two events at a lower approved level, after which the Panel shall consider whether the approval to compete at the former level is justified. In making such a judgement, the Panel shall consider all the evidence at its disposal and shall be entitled, in cases of doubt, to continue to withhold entry to the higher level of competition until it is satisfied that the required level of performance has been reached.
- 7.2. If the previous approval was to compete at FIS C level, the athlete will in these circumstances be required to qualify again according to the criteria prevailing at the time.
- 7.3. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the above are intended to cover absence from competition for any reason, including officially recorded Injury Status.

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Appendix A – HP Performance Chart

HALF PIPE AIRS PERFORMANCE CHART

LEVEL	EXAMPLE
1	Basics
2	Straight air grabs
3	Ally oops (both ways)
4	Ally oops with grabs
5	540s & Ally oops
6	720s & Ally oops
7	Flair
8	540 both ways
9	Flat 360 & 540
10	720s
11	720s & switch 360
12	900
13	900 & switch 720
14	Switch flat 540
15	900s both ways (Combos)
16	1080
17	Switch 900
18	Double flat or flair
19	Double cork
20	Double flip/cork combo
21	Double flip/cork combo x 3
22	Triple cork

Appendix B – SS Performance Chart

SLOPESTYLE AIRS PERFORMANCE CHART

LEVEL	EXAMPLE LADIES	EXAMPLE MEN
1	Basics	Basics
2	Straight air & grabs	Grabs & 180s
3	180 or 360	360s
4	360	540s
5	540 or 720	Switch 180s & 360s
6	Switch 180 or 360	540s, 720s & switch 540s
7	Corked or inverted spins:	Flips, corked/inverted spins
8	180 or 360	Corked 720 or 900
9	540 or 720	Switch 720 or 900
10	540 or 720 switch	1080 or 1260
11	720 or 900	Switch 1080
12	360 or 540 switch	Switch corked 1080 or 1260
13	720 or 900 switch	Switch 1080 or 1260 (both ways)
14	1080 or 1260	Double corked or double flip
15	1080 or 1260 switch	3 different doubles
16	Double flips front or back	4 different doubles including 1260
17		Triple cork

Appendix C – MO Degree of Difficulty Chart

MOGULS AIRS DEGREE OF DIFFICULTY

Basic examples

JUMP + CODE	DD MEN	DD LADIES
Single	0.40	0.50
Double	0.54	0.64
Triple	0.67	0.77
Quad	0.77	0.87
Quint	0.83	0.93
180 1	0.54	0.64
360 3	0.70	0.80
540 5	0.80	0.90
720 7	0.85	1.00
900 9	0.97	1.07
1080 10	1.02	1.12
Off axis 360 3o	0.71	0.81
Off axis 720 7o	0.83	0.98
Back flip b	0.70	0.80
Back full bF	0.83	0.98
Back double full bdF	0.99	1.09
Back flip simple grab bPg	0.75	0.85
Back flip truckdriver bPG	0.77	0.87
Front flip f	0.73	0.83
Loop l	0.73	0.83
Loop + truckdriver lG	0.80	0.90
Cork/D spin 720 7oA	0.83	0.98
Rodeo 720 7oB	0.88	1.03
Cork/D spin 1080 10oA	0.99	1.09

Refer to FIS website for full list:

http://www.fis-ski.com/mm/Document/documentlibrary/FreestyleSkiing/04/40/27/MogulAirDegreeofDifficultyChart_October2014_English.pdf

Appendix D – AE Degree of Difficulty Chart

AERIALS DEGREE OF DIFFICULTY

Basic examples

JUMP	CODE	DD
Back Tuck or Pike	bT or bP	2.000
Back Lay	bL	2.050
Back Full	bF	2.300
Back Lay Tuck	bLT	2.600
Back Lay Lay	bLL	2.650
Back Full Tuck	bFT	2.850
Back Lay Full	bLF	2.900
Back Full Full	bFF	3.150
Back Lay Tuck Tuck	bLTT	3.200
Back Double Full Tuck	bdFT	3.225
Back Lay Double Full	bLdF	3.275
Back Double Full Full	bdFF	3.525
Back Full Full Full	bFFF	4.050

Refer to FIS website for full list:

http://www.fis-ski.com/mm/Document/documentlibrary/FreestyleSkiing/04/40/29/AerialJumpCodeandDegreeofDifficultyChart_November2013_English.pdf