

WORLD ALPINE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2017 – MINIMUM SELECTION CRITERIA

The 2017 World Alpine Championships will be held from the 6th February to 19th February in St. Moritz, Switzerland.

It will be some time before precise details of the organisation of this event are published, but BSS is currently expecting to be allowed to select up to 24 athletes with a maximum of 14 from any one gender. It is expecting to be allowed to enter four athletes into each event. BSS is currently expecting SL, GS, SG, AC and DH events for both Men and Women along with a mixed gender Team Parallel Slalom competition.

For the 2015 World Championships BSS simplified its minimum selection criteria substantially. In the technical events and in the men's SG they were based on a realistic chance of getting a bib number around 65-70 or better. They were also designed to allow for the likelihood of having to go through a qualification race for men's SL and GS. The analysis of bib numbers during the 2015 World Championships has not given a conclusive reason to move these criteria and accordingly BSS is leaving them unchanged for the 2017 World Championships.

1. Eligibility Criteria

Selection is open to any British athlete who meets the following eligibility criteria:

- Athletes must hold a British passport
- Athletes must be registered with FIS as British
- Athletes must meet or exceed the BSS selection criteria set out below in one or more of the Alpine disciplines

Athletes will not be eligible for nomination if:

- They are currently serving a suspension for a doping or other disciplinary offence
- The BSS medical officer considers after a medical examination, or report from the official medical support team, that an athlete is not physically fit to compete.

2. Selection Criteria

BSS will select athletes based on the following criteria for nomination.

The Senior Alpine Selection Committee will select the team taking into account the FIS list published immediately prior to the selection meeting.

The Senior Alpine Selection Committee will also need to confirm all nominations are adequately supported by current form.

We expect to form the Senior Alpine Selection Committee in accordance with procedures laid out in the BSS Alpine Squads selection policy published in December 2015. Any substantive changes to this will be notified.

If there are more athletes qualified on these criteria than there are quota slots for specific events or than GBR has overall allocations for, the Senior Alpine Selection Committee will need to make choices. These choices should be led primarily by considerations of world rankings on the FIS list published immediately prior to the final selection meetings, but the selectors may need to take into account other factors as they see fit and are specifically allowed to do so. Any such other factors will need to be detailed in the minutes of that selection meeting.

Criteria

Men	FIS points
Slalom	30
Giant Slalom	35
Super G	40
AC	45*
Downhill	45*
Women	
Slalom	30
Giant Slalom	35
Super G	40
AC	45*
Downhill	45*

*See comment on Downhill selection below

Crossover in technical events

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

Crossover in speed events and Downhill selection *

Selectors are cognisant that the severity of the Downhill courses at World Championships varies and have not assessed the severity of the course at St Moritz. Given this context there may be no automatic crossover selection between SG, AC and DH. It is also possible that athletes will not have their selection for AC or DH finally confirmed until after training runs in the resort. Athletes wishing to race either AC or DH who have met SG criteria but not the AC or DH criteria above are advised to discuss this with BSS well in advance of selection meetings. BSS will try to be in touch with athletes for whom this is an issue.

Team Parallel Slalom

If it is clear that GBR will be awarded a slot in the Team Parallel Slalom event, and selection for the individual events will not produce a satisfactory team, then the selectors have the rights to select athletes to ensure a full team, possibly including reserves. These athletes will be deemed eligible for both the SL and GS individual events.

3. Draft Selection Timelines

At this stage these dates cannot be precise and may be subject to change. However BSS is hoping that the following timelines will be in place and will look to publish precise dates before the end of October 2016.

June 2015 to January 2017	Qualification Period
September 2016	Announcement of precise selection dates
December 2016	Submission of long list of potential athletes
Mid-January 2017	Senior Alpine selection committee meeting and publication of proposed nominations
Mid-January 2017	BSS board ratification of proposals
Mid-January 2017	BSS publishes British team for World Championships

4. Coaches

The Senior Alpine Selection Committee will appoint management of the World Championships team in conjunction with the Alpine Business Manager and BSS. Historically there has been scope for ratification of some private sector coaches and the selection committee and BSS hope to be able to consider applications in a constructive fashion.

5. Appeals Process

All BSS appeals must be made in writing, with accompanying evidence and additional information to the BSS office. Given the short timelines involved in selection, notification of appeal will need to be within 36 hours of the publication of the list of proposed nominations. Precise timings will be advised nearer the date. A £250 bond must be included with the submission of the appeal. The bond will be returned if the appeal is successful.

All appeals will be considered on an individual basis and must be made on the grounds that this selection policy was not followed. Appeals will first be reconsidered by the original selection committee, who will explain their reasons for the decision to the athlete. If the athlete is not happy with the process or the outcome of the Selection Committee's final decision, then the athlete may opt to refer the matter to an internal appeals committee.

A BSS Appeals Chairman will be appointed by the BSS Chief Executive and he/she will constitute an internal Appeals Committee made up of at least three people who did not sit on the original Selection Committee but including at least one person with specific Alpine experience.

In cases of appeal against non-selection for teams/squads, all appellants should be aware that it is not the task of the Appeal Panel to substitute its selection views for those of the original committee. They are asked only to determine whether, on all the facts which they had – or should have had – before them, the original Selection Committee made a reasonable and fair decision using the currently applicable Selection policies. The Appeal Panel has no power to alter these policies but may comment on them.

Given the short timelines involved and the importance of allowing reasonable preparation for other athletes involved, for championship selections there will be no further appeals process.