

# British Ski and Snowboard

## *Freestyle Selection Policy*

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### 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 2012 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). 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 the fullest 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.

### 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 defined as consisting of those British athletes who have been awarded a FIS "A" Licence; additionally in Ski Cross the athlete must have met the criteria for issue of an "A" Licence as a result of competing in Ski Cross competition and not on the basis of Alpine FIS Points.
- 4.3. The British B Team may be selected from candidates that have a FIS B licence who are on training programs formally recognised by BSS. It is recognition that those candidates should in due course meet the selection criteria for FIS A licence and hence British Team, by virtue of 4.2. Additionally candidates must have attended at least 3 B level events and achieved, in at least 2 of those events, the minimum score required for a B licence.

## 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 (see 5.7.4 below).
- 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. FIS “C” Licence

- 5.5.1. Any member of a Home Nation Governing Body squad will be eligible for a FIS C 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.
- 5.5.2. Athletes seeking an international ski cross licence for the first time only require 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

Results from other recognised ski cross competitions such as the Audi Ski Cross tour can be used for consideration when applying for a FIS C Licence for ski cross.

- 5.5.3. Others may apply, and will be considered by reference to the same criteria as pertain to selection to Home Nation squads at the time.

### 5.6. FIS “B” Licence

- 5.6.1. To qualify for a “B” Licence, 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.
  - 5.6.1.1. MO, DM: three instances of a judges’ score of 15.0 or more, of which at least 3.0 shall have been awarded for Air, in either FIS Race, World Junior Ski Championships, other FIS competition at C level or higher or the British Freestyle Championships, during the previous 12 months;
  - 5.6.1.2. HP, SS: two instances of a place in the top 25% of the field in either FIS Race, World Junior Ski Championships or the British Freestyle Championships, during the previous 12 months; 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 within the red zone, or higher, of the diagram in Appendix C. . Video evidence supporting claims of tricks performed will be taken into consideration if supplied.

5.6.1.3.

SX: A minimum of 2 results in the top 50% of the field at FIS C level competitions.

Or

Athletes achieving 2 results in the top 70% of a FIS B level (Europa Cup) and within 8% of the time of the winner of the qualification round.

Or

Athletes who achieve a top 32 result at the World Junior Championships for men or top 16 result at the World Junior Championships for women.

5.6.1.4. AE: have qualified two different inverted Aerial manoeuvres of DD 2.00 or above, for performance on snow. Licences in Aerials will be awarded provisionally at the start of the season, and reviewed for confirmation in October prior to the winter season but after summer training and water ramp competition.

5.6.2. In exceptional circumstances, the Selection panel may take into account other factors in choosing whether to award a "B" Licence. 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. In the event that the Panel judges that insufficient competitions have been scheduled to provide reasonable opportunities for athletes to demonstrate two instances of qualifying results, the Panel is authorised to issue a C Licence with the rider that entry to nominated B level events may be permitted on a case by case basis.

## **5.7. FIS "A" Licence**

5.7.1. In addition to the selection criteria set out below, candidates for an A Licence must meet, at the time of the selection decision, the minimum FIS criteria for entry to FIS World Cup.

5.7.2. MO, DM: A competitor achieving a minimum of 50 FIS Points and having achieved a judges' score of 19.0 or more, of which at least 3.5 shall have been awarded for Air, in at least three events at Continental Cup (B) level will qualify for an "A" Licence.

5.7.3. AE: A competitor who has achieved a minimum of 50 FIS Points, qualified two double somersaults at or over DD 2.60 (Women) or one jump of 3.15 plus more than one jump of 2.85 (Men) for performance on snow, and received a minimum judges' score of 70 (men) or 60 (Women) in snow (not water ramp) competition, on two occasions during the preceding 12 months, will qualify for an "A" Licence. For the avoidance of doubt, two scores obtained in a single competition are admissible. Licences in Aerials will be awarded provisionally at the start of the season, and reviewed for confirmation in October prior to the winter season but after summer training and water ramp competition. .

5.7.4. SX: A competitor achieving a minimum of 100 FIS Points and two Europa Cup results of top 8 for men and top 4 for women will qualify for an A Licence.

For reselection, athletes must achieve two results in the top 50% of field at a A level event and be within 6% of qualification time of the winner of the qualification round.

5.7.5. HP,SS: Referring to the GBR SlopeStyle Performance Chart, a competitor who is securely and consistently performing tricks in the World Cup (Grey) zone of the chart at Appendix C and has finished in the top 25% of at least three events at B level or non-FIS equivalent will qualify for an "A" Licence. Video

evidence supporting claims of tricks performed will be taken into consideration if supplied.

- 5.7.6. Notwithstanding the qualification levels set out above, the award of an “A” Licence will be subject to the Panel’s 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 “A” and “B” level events**

- 6.2.1. To come into consideration for selection to FIS A and B 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. 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.

### **6.3. FIS World Cup**

- 6.3.1. A competitor who holds an “A” Licence for a given event is permitted to enter any World Cup 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 Selection Panel. For the avoidance of doubt, other lists (e.g. Alpine FIS Points) shall not be used to rank athletes for this purpose.
- 6.3.2. The same principle as in 6.3.1 above shall apply for entries to other competitions where quotas apply, with the exception of World Ski Championships and Olympic Winter Games (see 6.4 and 6.5 below).
- 6.3.3. Notwithstanding the provisions of 6.3.1 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.
- 6.3.4. Notwithstanding the qualification levels set out above, all entries to World Cup competition will be subject to the Panel’s 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.

### **6.4. World Ski Championships**

- 6.4.1. Entries will be made from among holders of a FIS “A” Licence based on the quotas set by FIS and by reference to each athlete’s position on the current FIS Points list.

### **6.5. Olympic Winter Games, Youth Olympic Winter Games**

- 6.5.1. In addition to any of the criteria listed above, an athlete seeking entry to

World Ski Championships or Olympic Winter Games must satisfy all criteria set by either FIS or IOC as applicable.

- 6.5.2. 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. See Appendix A.

## **6.6. FIS Junior World Ski Championships, International Youth Championships**

- 6.6.1. 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.

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*Chair, British Freestyle Selection Panel*

*17 October 2012*

## **Appendix A**

### **Criteria for selection to the 2014 Olympic Winter Games in Sochi, RUS**

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## Appendix B – Approval of Athletes' Programmes

The Selection Panel has decided that, in order to provide itself with better information on which to make selections to teams and for entries to individual competitions, each athlete seeking selection shall be required to submit specific details of their coaching, training regime and competition plans for the approaching season. In order to do this in a structured fashion, this information must be received by the Selection Panel no later than 30 September of the year in which each FIS Calendar Year commences.

Athletes shall submit a package of supporting information that demonstrates a commitment to a training and competition programme relevant to the level of licence sought.

The information required is:

- A 12 months programme that indicates the proposed training and the competitions to be targeted;
- A set of targets and goals for the short, medium and longer term;
- Name and qualifications of the athlete's coach;
- Name(s) and qualifications (if different) of those who will be designing and delivering the training and competition activities or, if training within a programme of another nation, details of that programme;
- Information of any cross training with other disciplines that they take part in, where it will take place and the coach or club that organises the training.

Athletes applying for selection for an Aerials skiing licence need to comply with FIS regulations regarding qualification of Aerial manoeuvres for performance in competition. Great Britain will, in addition to any qualification procedure designed within its own systems, accept as valid the records of qualifications achieved within the programme of another nation provided that the BSS has examined and approved the procedures adopted by that nation, and that sufficient evidence of qualification is provided by the athlete. At the time of publication of this Appendix, the Aerials programmes of the following Nations have been approved as meeting the BSS's requirements:

Switzerland (SUI)

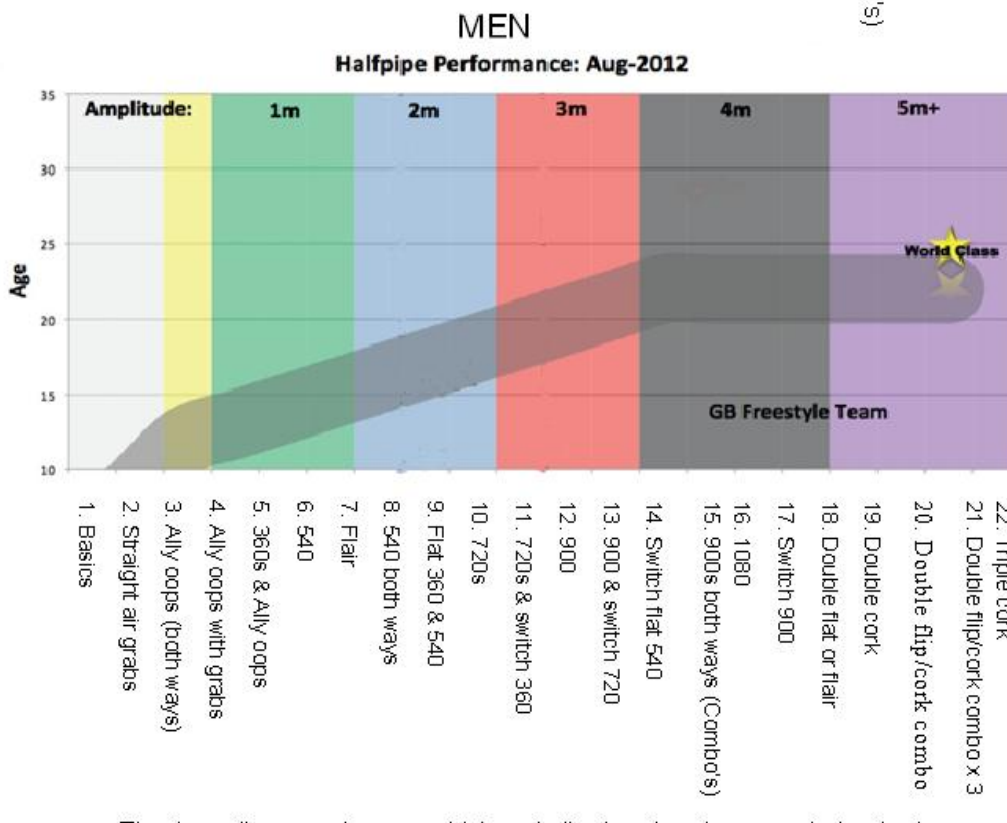
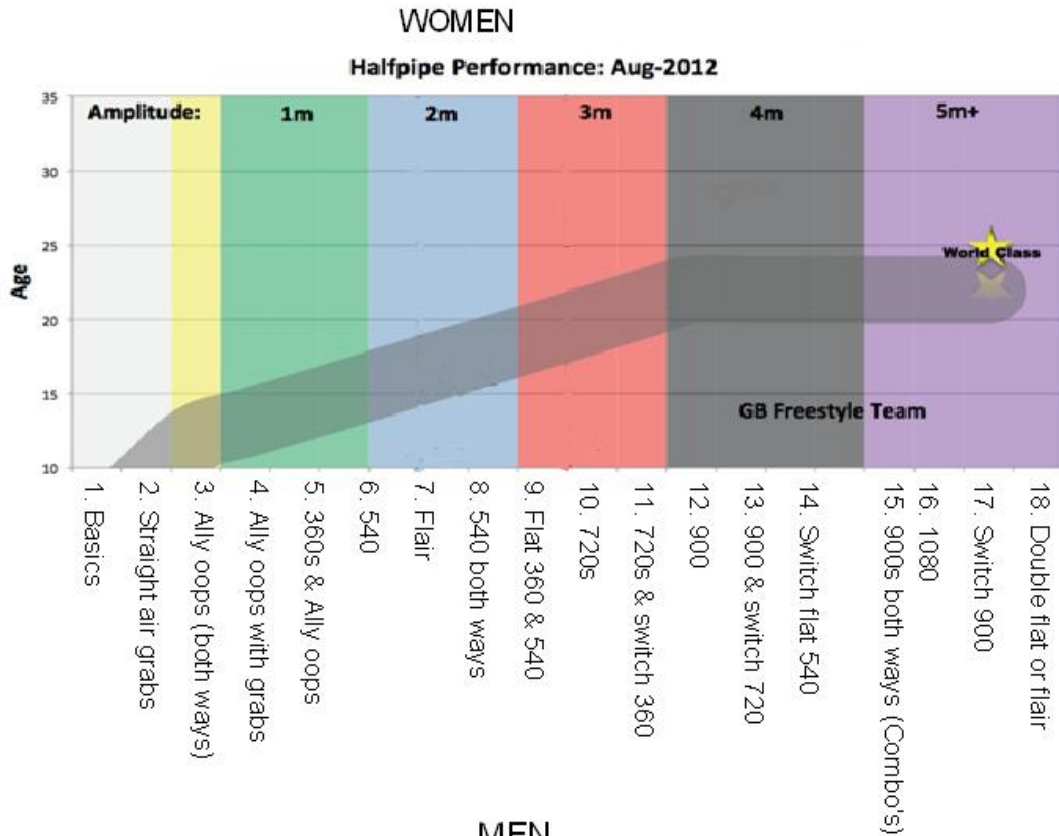
United States of America (USA)

Canada (CAN).

## Appendix C – Performance Charts – HP, SS

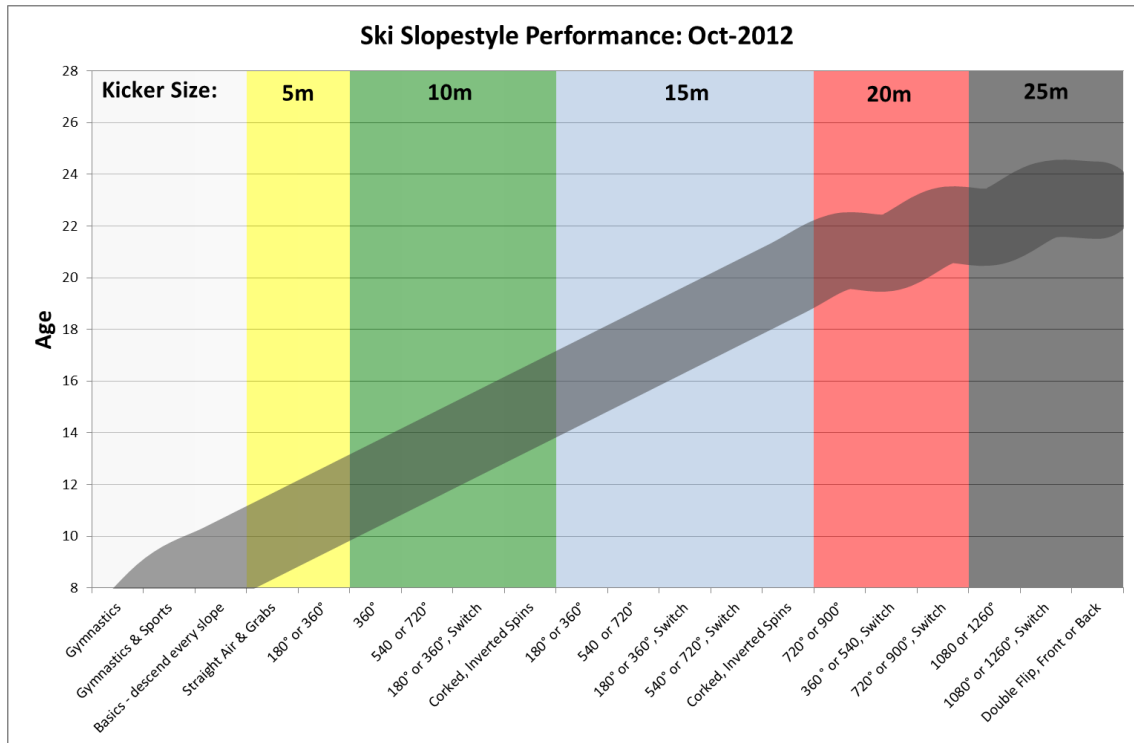
The following charts are to be used when evaluating the performances of HalfPipe and SlopeStyle athletes: paragraphs 5.6.1.2, 5.7.5 refer. Age is included for coaching and development reasons and will not be taken into account when making selection decisions except for determining eligibility to compete under the prevailing rules.

### HalfPipe

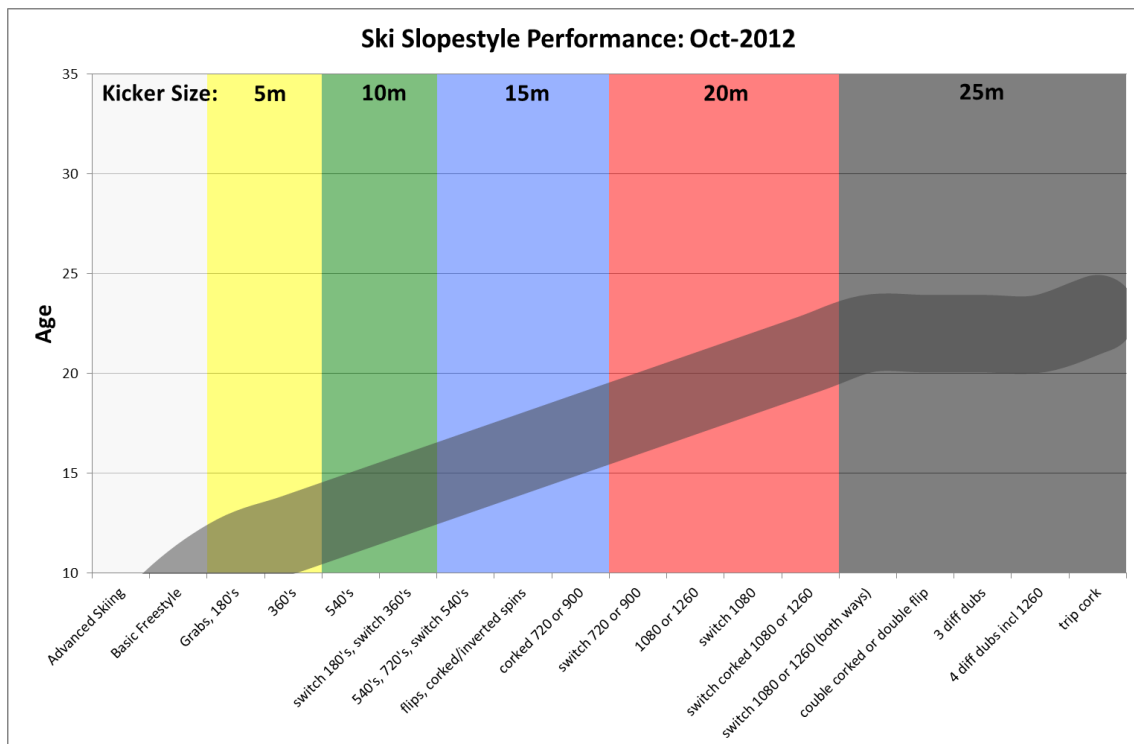


# SlopeStyle

## Women



## Men



### Amendment information

Date	Amendments	Comments
30 September 2012	Adjustments to levels to be achieved; addition of criteria for SlopeStyle.	
9 January 2012	Adjustments to criteria for each Licence level; addition of YOWG criteria; adjustment of WJSC criteria; addition of Appendix B (information required from athletes).	
14 October 2006	Various. Addition of Annex A – Selection Index calculation system.	Major revision to accommodate new FIS Points system and also to set out new policy for 2010 Olympic quadrennial.
23 July 2007	Emphasises primacy of Index Points over other parameters such as placing in British Championships.  Revises and makes explicit timetable for conducting selections.  Clarifies requirement to apply for consideration.  Revises criteria for award of B and A Licences to include other measures of performance in addition to Selection Index Scores.	
25 May 2008	Removes British Championships results as significant contributors to selection for HP and SX.  Clarifies distinction between AE and MO criteria for Licence issue.	
13 June 2009	Change from using SSGB Selection Index Points to using FIS Points in addition to other criteria.	The Selection Index Points system has become unwieldy because of the small populations under consideration, and is not understood by most of the athletes. FIS Points, although a flawed system, are used to award quota

Date	Amendments	Comments
	<p>Various other changes to clarify the selection process and remove anomalies.</p> <p>Inclusion of published selection criteria for OWG Vancouver 2010</p>	<p>spots, so it has become invidious to deny an athlete a place in World Cup once they have earned the quota spot to participate.</p>
<p>9 May 2010</p>	<p>Removal of: preamble concerning change from using Selection Index Points (2009); Vancouver 2010 OWG Selection Criteria.</p> <p>Re-establishment of criteria for defining British Teams at different levels.</p>	<p>Sochi OWG Selection Criteria to be added to Appendix A when available.</p>