



# Yorkshire Freestyle Ski Team Selections

The Yorkshire Freestyle Ski Team is performance based that promotes Freestyle Skiing and serves as a feeder squad for the elite England and Great Britain Squads. The aim is to coach and nurture young performance athletes to achieve international honours with the ultimate aim being competing in the World Cup, World Ski Championships and Winter Olympics. Selection takes place in May each year and is based on results in competition and commitment to training. Results obviously play a large part in deciding squad structure as it is results in competition that reflect the strength of the squad. Technical ability and commitment obviously play a major role in deciding the longevity of performers in the squads. Results need to be correlated chronologically to ensure maintenance or development of performance.

With Moguls the overall score is a fair indicator of ability and performance in a number of different competitions. Therefore, the selection criteria in this discipline can readily fall in line with GB and England selection. It is recognised that there are different performance indicators between male and female athletes and we in line with FIS recognise this when correlating competition results.

Because Park & Pipe competitions have variable marking schemes between different competitions, only relative performance within one competition can be considered. Therefore, a percentage model is applied. We also recognise that Freestyle Skiing is a highly technical discipline as it involves All Mountain skills. Therefore competition in and training for Alpine events is also taken into consideration, especially in Moguls and Skier Cross.

There are a number of different national and regional competitions that count towards squad selection. These competitions are those recognised or affiliated to the Home Nations Ski Associations (England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland); the British Snow Tour held at various UK locations; the Brits in Laax. We do not take into account local competitions. Please take advice from the Selectors if you are unsure.

## **Yorkshire Squad Selectors' Panel**

Peter Handford-Styring (Squad Manager)

Martin Carr (Chairman of Yorkshire Freestyle)

Jeffrey Fozzard

Nabeel Nasser

Richard Wilkinson

Please remember selection for a squad is not a right of passage: it must be earned. Because an individual is in a particular squad one year it does not necessarily mean they will remain in that squad in subsequent years. Like any successful sports squad there will be movement in and out of and between squads. Members of squads are required to sign an agreement that covers behaviour and commitment. Anyone who persistently disregards that agreement may be removed from the squad having been given sufficient warnings.

## Selection Criteria

To qualify for a particular squad, a performer must normally have competed in at least 3 events (Moguls and/or Park & Pipe) and have made the qualifying standard in at least 2 separate competitions (on different dates). However, from year to year the number of competitions is diminishing so this will be taken into account.

### Yorkshire A

**Moguls:** Score over 12 in competition on an artificial surface or on snow.

**Park & Pipe:** Finish in the top 30% of competition (split Male/Female).

### Yorkshire B (Breakthrough)

**Moguls:** Score over 6 in competition on an artificial surface or on snow.

**Park & Pipe:** Finish in the top 60% of competition (split Male/Female).

### Yorkshire Development

**Moguls:** Score over 3 in competition on an artificial surface or on snow or demonstrate the ability in training to achieve this is open competition.

**Park & Pipe:** Show ability in competition and training.

### Alpine Performance

We will monitor results from Alpine competitions such as slalom and giant slalom as well as cross-over events such as Ski Cross when making decisions. This will be particularly important for members specialising in the Moguls discipline.

### Training Commitments

It is recognised that some squad members are not local and so not every training session can be attended. However it is expected that squad members will train at least once in every two week period (holidays excluded). When training they must abide by the terms and conditions of squad membership.

Recognised training sessions are held at Sheffield Ski Village on Thursday evenings (6.30-8.30 pm) and Saturdays (12.30-1.30 pm) and on snow at Sno!Zone, Castleford when scheduled. For those specialising in Moguls the Sno!Zone sessions are particularly important. For Park & Pipe, participation at Grom Camps is also considered valuable training.

We also acknowledge the importance of alpine training so encourage Race Training as a complementary training activity. We are looking into the introduction of Logbooks to monitor training and competition.

1. Entry into a squad will require the performer AND their parent/guardian to sign the Terms and Conditions of the Yorkshire Squad relating to performance, training and behaviour prior to acceptance being confirmed.
2. While athletes are members of any England or GB Squad they become Graduates of the Yorkshire Squad. Once National membership ends they may return to the Yorkshire Squad so long as selection criteria are achieved.