

British Ski and Snowboard Selection Policy

Freestyle and Snowboard 2018-19

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Introduction

The aim of the British Freestyle and Snowboard selection process is to support a long-term performance pathway, the development of athletes and the delivery of programmes to produce consistent World Class performances, most notably at the FIS World Freestyle Ski and Snowboard Championships, Junior World Freestyle Ski and Snowboard Championships, the Olympic Winter Games, European Youth Olympic Festival and the Youth Olympic Games.

This document describes the selection policy and process for selection of athletes to be invited to join British elite squads/teams and/or to represent Great Britain in Freestyle Ski and Snowboard events. Selection will be made without bias or discrimination. The policy and processes are agreed and overseen by the Freestyle and Snowboard Discipline Committees of British Ski and Snowboard (BSS), the National Governing Body for skiing and snowboarding in Great Britain. The policy and processes are approved by the Board of BSS. BSS aims to identify a clear performance pathway with defined selection criteria and processes for selection to BSS Squads in the appropriate age categories.

1.1 Aim

The aim of this document is to identify the selection criteria and process for selection to the British Ski and Snowboard Squads/teams, the award of Licences to compete in international competition and the selection of individuals to compete in events at each level. Criteria are laid out within the age group categories as defined by the International Ski Federation (FIS) and identified within this document. BSS selection will be adopting a multi factor approach by considering achievement in competition, technical skills and athletic capacity.

1.2 Remit

The Freestyle and Snowboard Selection Panels will carry out selection in respect of all Events falling within the jurisdiction of the FIS Freestyle and Snowboard Disciplines, as follows: Moguls and Aerials, Ski Cross and Snowboard Cross, Park and Pipe, Alpine Snowboard.

The Selection Panels will select the Teams for the World Championships, Junior World Ski and Snowboard Championships and other FIS competitions. The Panels will recommend athletes to the British Olympic Association for selection to teams for the various competitions run under the Olympic banner.

For Olympic events BSS will agree and publish the Selection Criteria and Procedures in co-operation with the British Olympic Association (BOA) for the Olympic Winter Games, the European Youth Olympic Winter Festival and the Youth Olympic Winter Games.

The Selection Panels will select athletes into the following British Squads for Ski and Snowboard Cross and Moguls:

- BSS World Cup Squad – those athletes who are eligible, based on criteria laid out in the relevant Appendix, to compete in World Cup competitions.
- BSS Europa Cup Squad — those athletes who are eligible, based on criteria laid out in the relevant Appendix, to compete in Europa Cup competitions. This Squad is not mandatory and may be formed for any Event or Event Group on the recommendation of the Head Coach.

The Selection Panels will select athletes into the following British Squads for Park and Pipe:

BSS Main Team – those athletes who are eligible, based on criteria laid out in the relevant Appendix, to compete in World Cup competitions, where eligible.

For clarity, if an athlete has not been selected to either the World Cup or Europa Cup Squad (where formed), they may still be eligible to attend training camps if approved by the Head Coach, in consultation with the Head of Coaching and Performance Director.

2 Formation of Freestyle and Snowboard Selection Panels

The BSS Freestyle and Snowboard Discipline Committees will appoint the Chair of the various Freestyle and Snowboard Selection Panels and the pathway representatives. The Chairs may invite others with specialist knowledge to contribute for all or part of a meeting. Panel members must declare all conflicts of interest to the Chair at the start of the meeting.

If for any reason the Chair is unable to be present for a duly scheduled meeting, the Panel shall appoint an Acting Chair for the duration of that meeting. The Acting Chair shall exercise those voting powers (if any) due to them as a member of the Panel, as well as any casting vote to which the Chair is entitled, but shall not be additionally entitled to exercise the Chair's vote.

The role of the Chair is to adjudicate the process, to be equitable to all Athletes, and to ensure that the process is applied with respect to meeting the objectives of BSS, as stated at the top of this document. The BSS Freestyle and Snowboard Discipline Committees may substitute an individual in place of any of the roles that are not filled at the time of the selection meeting. Such nomination must be agreed with 75% of Panel voting members in agreement.

2.1 Quorum

The quorum for all Selection Panels shall be one person fewer than the number eligible to vote on any given issue, save that in all cases the quorum shall be not less than three members eligible to vote. A meeting that is inquorate with respect to certain issues may still proceed provided that it is quorate for the purposes of voting on the remaining issues.

2.2 BSS Selection for Olympic or World Championships

Selection Panels shall be constituted for Moguls/Aerials, Cross, Park and Pipe and Parallel respectively, to the extent that BSS/BOA intends to field teams in each Event group.

If voting is tied, the Chair has a casting vote.

Chair of Selectors: BSS Performance Director

- BSS Head Coach for each Event or Event Group
- Chair of Freestyle Discipline Committee (or nominated representative)- vote for Freestyle Ski disciplines
- Chair of Snowboard Discipline Committee (or nominated representative)- vote for Snowboard disciplines
- GB Park & Pipe Performance Manager (for Park & Pipe Selection Panel only)
- BSS Head of Coaching
- Olympic Team Manager (non-voting)
- Independent Observer (non-voting)

2.3 BSS Selection for Junior World Freestyle and Snowboard Championships

Selection Panels shall be constituted for Moguls/Aerials, Cross, Park and Pipe and Parallel respectively, to the extent that BSS intends to field teams in each Event group.

If voting is tied, the Head of Talent has a casting vote.

Chair of Selectors: BSS Performance Director (non-voting)

- BSS Head Coach for each Event or Event Group
- Chair of Freestyle Discipline Committee (or nominated representative)- vote for Freestyle Ski disciplines
- Chair of Snowboard Discipline Committee (or nominated representative)- vote for Snowboard disciplines
- GB Park & Pipe Performance Manager (for Park & Pipe Selection Panel only)
- BSS Head of Coaching
- BSS Head of Talent
- Nominated Team Manager (non-voting)
- Independent Observer (non-voting)

2.4 BSS Selection for World University Games (WUGs)

Chair of Selectors: BSS Head of Talent

- Discipline Coach nominated by BSS
- British Universities and Colleges Sport representative

2.5 BSS Selection for World Cups and Europa Cups

The Head Coach or Programme Manager for the relevant Event shall nominate athletes for entry to individual World Cup and Europa Cup competitions, and these shall be ratified by the Performance Director and Head of Coaching. Such nominations shall be made from among those athletes selected by the appropriate Panel according to the detailed criteria defined for the Event. Entries will be confirmed three days before the final entry deadline for the event.

2.6 BSS Squad Selection

A Selection Panel shall be constituted for each separate Event Group.

If voting is tied, the Chair has a casting vote.

Chair of Selectors: BSS Performance Director

- BSS Head Coach for the Event Group
- Chair of Freestyle Discipline Committee (or nominated representative) - vote for Freestyle Ski disciplines
- Chair of Snowboard Discipline Committee (or nominated representative) - vote for Snowboard disciplines
- BSS Head of Coaching

- BSS Programme Manager (non-voting)
- GB Park & Pipe Performance Manager (for Park & Pipe Selection Panel only)

3 Athlete Agreements

- 3.1. Athletes awarded a FIS Licence must sign a BSS FIS Licence Holder's Agreement acknowledging their acceptance of BSS discipline and confirming their acceptance of the FIS Athlete Declaration.
- 3.2. Athletes selected to a squad must sign a current BSS Squad Member's Agreement, setting out the athlete's obligations to BSS, and provide evidence of valid insurance to cover them throughout the season as a condition of confirmation and retention of their squad status.
- 3.3. All athletes selected to and taking up places in a programme must enter in to an athlete programme agreement. This document sets out the costs of the programme and what an athlete can expect in return for their commitment to meet those costs.

4 Process and Timings

Squad selections will be made between May-July of each year. The selectors reserve the right to add athletes to squads during the season following outstanding performances or remove athletes from squads for lack of performance or progress. Discussions on squad programme participation will take place in April and May. The selectors reserve the right to remove athletes from squads if there is a breach of the signed BSS Squad Member's Agreement or BSS FIS Licence Code of Conduct. Selection minutes are not made public but are circulated to the Freestyle and Snowboard Selection Panels. Redacted versions are available to any athlete wishing to appeal the selection process results (see appeals process).

5 Eligibility

The Selection Panels will only consider athletes who hold, or are eligible under FIS rules to hold, a FIS Licence issued by Great Britain for the competition season (1 July to 30 June the following year) to which the selections pertain. Athletes will not be eligible for selection to specific competitions if:

- they are currently serving a suspension for a doping or other disciplinary offence, or
- 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.

6 FIS Licences

FIS Licence Category	Level of competition covered
A	World Cup, World Championships and Olympic Winter Games
B	Continental Cup events, Junior World Championships and EYOWF
C	All other FIS competitions including FIS Race and National Championships listed on the FIS Calendar.

The detailed criteria and process for the issue of FIS Licences are published on the BSS Web Site at

<https://www.teambss.org.uk/sites/default/files/FREESTYLE%20FIS%20LICENCE%20INFORMATION%201819%202.pdf>

7 Prolonged absence from competition

- 7.1. An athlete who, having competed at a given level, fails to compete for a continuous period of twelve months, will not automatically 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 after which the relevant Selection Panel shall consider whether the approval to compete is justified. In making such a judgement, the Selection 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 in these circumstances will 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.

8 Appeals Process

Please see BSS website for the BSS Appeals Process. It can be found under [ABOUT US/GOVERNANCE/POLICIES](#)

Appendix A: British Ski and Snowboard Cross Eligibility Criteria

A.1 BSS Ski Cross and Snowboard Cross World Cup Squad

A.1.1 Athletes must meet the following FIS points criteria

World Cup Squad	Men	Ladies
Ski Cross	100 FIS points	100 FIS Points
SBX	50 FIS Points	50 FIS Points

FIS points obtained outside A level and Europa Cup competitions shall be subject to additional scrutiny by the Head Coach to assure the Panel of their quality. Athletes must also meet the criteria listed below at A.1.2.

A.1.2 Athletes must be able to perform the following skills in their chosen discipline as assessed by the Head Coach:

- Consistently land a straight jump of 15-20m (Men) or 12-15m (Ladies) in a half pipe run.
- Produce an amplitude of 1m (Men) or 50cm (Ladies) in a half pipe run.
- Complete a GS course using mostly edges.
- Switch ride with good edging (SBX athletes only).
- Perform a gate start with a minimal reaction time.

A.1.3 Athletes must also demonstrate

- Commitment to a dry land training programme agreed with the Head Ski Cross and Snowboard Cross Coach.
- Commitment to a full preseason training schedule (mid-June start), as agreed with BSS Ski Cross and Snowboard Cross Coach, including a minimum of three BSS summer training camps.

A.2 BSS Ski Cross and Snowboard Cross Europa Cup Squad

A.2.1 Athletes must meet the following minimum FIS points criteria

Europa Cup Squad	Men	Ladies
Ski Cross	50 FIS points	50 FIS Points
SBX	20 FIS Points	20 FIS Points

A.2.2 Athletes must be able to perform the following skills in their chosen discipline as assessed by the Head Coach:

- Consistently land subsequent straight jumps of 10m (Men) or 8m (Ladies), with good speed management between features.

- Produce a half pipe run reaching the top of the coping.
- Experience in a GS course, using edges consistently.
- Basic turn in switch (SBX athletes only).
- Experience of producing gate starts.

A.2.3 Athletes must also demonstrate

- Commitment to a dry land programme agreed with the Head Ski and Snowboard Cross Coach.
- Commitment to the BSS Ski Cross/ Snowboard Cross Europa Cup Programme.

Selection will be made following publication of the first FIS point list of each season. A further review will take place in December in line with the release of the second FIS point list. Athletes may be selected to either the World Cup or Europa Cup Squads if they meet both the Performance and FIS points criteria.

A.3 World Cup Entries

Any athlete wishing to compete in a World Cup must meet the World Cup Squad Performance and FIS Point criteria as outlined in A.1.1. Final selection will be made by the Selection Panel as outlined in section 2.5.

A.4 Europa Cup Entries

Any athlete wishing to compete in a Europa Cup must meet the Europa Cup minimum FIS point criteria as outlined by FIS. Final selection will be made by the Selection Panel as outlined in section 2.5.

A.5 FIS Freestyle World Ski and Snowboard Championships

Athletes must have competed in a World Cup during the current season in order to be eligible for selection.

The following criteria will be considered by the Selection Panel, in no particular order, to fill quota spots qualified by GBR:

- World Cup Ranking
- Performances in last two World Cup competitions
- Any recent injuries or fitness concerns that might affect performance

A.6 FIS Freestyle Junior World Ski & Snowboard Championships

In order to be eligible for selection, athletes must meet the FIS age eligibility criteria and have a minimum of 25 points for Ski Cross and 15 points for Snowboard Cross. If FIS points have been

obtained outside of Europa Cups, eligibility for selection must be approved by the Head Ski Cross and Snowboard Cross Coach.

The following criteria will be considered by the Selection Panel, in no particular order, to fill quota spots qualified by GBR:

- FIS ranking against last published FIS point list preceding Junior World Championships (1st July 2018)
- Any recent injuries or fitness concerns that might affect performance

A.7 European Youth Olympic Winter Festival

Selection for EYOWF will be published in a separate document in July 2018.

A.8 World University Games

To be eligible for consideration, athletes must have two results at Continental Cup level or higher; results not gained at Europa Cup competitions shall be subject to additional scrutiny by the Head Coach to assure the Panel of their quality.

The Panel shall consider all athletes nominated by the Head Coach, with a view to selecting the best Team likely to perform at a standard commensurate with participation in Europa Cup.

Appendix B: GB Park and Pipe Eligibility Criteria

B.1 GB Park and Pipe Squad Selection Criteria

To be eligible for consideration for selection to the GB Park and Pipe Squad skiers and snowboarders must clearly show they reach the following level and trick criteria, as charted on the traffic lights profile system. Any athlete who does not yet have an up to date traffic lights profile and wishes to apply for selection should send clearly filmed footage of their two best tricks, with the landing clearly visible, to the BSS office at alex.mckeown@teambss.org who will pass this on to the Park and Pipe coaches in order for a profile to be generated and included for consideration if the appropriate level is evident. Please also send a report from your coach to support your performance level demonstrated in the footage. The deadline for applications is 12th June 2018.

B.1.1 Snowboard Slopestyle/Big Air

B.1.1.1 Male athletes must profile at level 6 on the traffic lights profile tool, 2018 edition, equivalent to a trick performance level of one 1080 with grabs on a large kicker.

B.1.1.2 Female athletes must profile at level 3+ on the traffic lights profile tool, edition 2018, equivalent to a trick performance level of two 540s performed in different directions with grabs on a large kicker.

B.1.2 Snowboard Halfpipe

Selection for Snowboard Halfpipe events will be made on a case by case application basis. For further details email alex.mckeown@teambss.org. Each case will be considered in relation to current world class performance levels.

B.1.3 Ski Slopestyle/Big Air

B.1.3.1 Male athletes must profile at level 6 on the traffic lights profile tool, 2018 edition, equivalent to a trick performance level of two, double corked 1080s performed in different directions with grabs on a large kicker.

B.1.3.2 Female athletes must profile at a level 3+ on the traffic lights profile tool, 2018 edition, equivalent to a trick performance level of two 540s performed in different directions with grabs on a large kicker.

B.1.4 Ski Halfpipe

B.1.4.1 Male athletes must profile at level 6 or above on the traffic lights profile tool, 2018 edition, equivalent to a trick performance level of two 900s and an inverted trick with a minimum amplitude of three metres out of the lip of the pipe, performed with grabs.

A1.4.2 Female athletes must profile at level 4 on the traffic lights profile tool, edition 2018, equivalent to a trick performance level of two 540s performed in different directions, with a minimum amplitude of two metres out of the lip of the pipe, performed with grabs.

B.1.5 Home Nations Level Athletes

Any athletes who do not make the above levels but who want to apply to be selected on to the Home Nations teams as part of GB Park and Pipe Pathway should apply for selection via their relevant Home Nation via the following links. The deadline for selection to Home Nations Teams is 20th June 2018.

https://snowsportengland.org.uk/park_and_pipe

<https://snowsportscotland.org/disciplines/park-pipe>

<https://www.snowsportwales.co.uk/snowboard/squad/>

B.2 FIS Freestyle World Ski and Snowboard Championships

Athletes must have competed in a World Cup during the current season in order to be eligible for selection.

The following criteria will be considered by the Selection Panel, in no particular order, to fill quota spots qualified by GBR:

- World Cup Ranking
- Performances in last two World Cup competitions
- Any recent injuries or fitness concerns that might affect performance

B.3 FIS Freestyle Junior World Ski & Snowboard Championships

B.3.1 Snowboard

Participation in Junior World Snowboard Championships is restricted to those competitors whose thirteenth (13th), seventeenth (17th) or any birthday between those two occurs in the calendar year that contains the start of the FIS Competition Year in which the competition is scheduled.

B.3.1.1 Snowboard Slopestyle/Big Air

B.3.1.1.1 Male athletes must profile at level 6 on the traffic lights profile tool, 2018 edition, equivalent to a trick performance level of one 1080 with grabs on a large kicker.

B.3.1.1.2 Female athletes must profile at level 3+ on the traffic lights profile tool, edition 2018, equivalent to a trick performance level of two 540s performed in different directions with grabs on a large kicker.

B.3.1.2 Snowboard Halfpipe

Selection for Snowboard Halfpipe events will be made on a case by case application basis. For further details email alex.mckeown@teambss.org. Each case will be considered in relation to current world class performance levels.

B.3.2 Freestyle Ski

Participation in Junior World Ski Championships shall be limited to those competitors whose fourteenth (14th), nineteenth (19th) or any birthday between those two occurs in the calendar year that contains the start of the FIS Competition Year in which the competition is scheduled.

B.3.2.1 Ski Slopestyle/Big Air

B.3.2.1.1 Male athletes must profile at a level 5 on the traffic lights profile tool, 2018 edition, equivalent to a trick performance level of two 900s and one double cork 900 or 1080 performed with grabs on a large kicker.

B.3.2.1.2 Female athletes must profile at a level 3+ on the traffic lights profile tool, 2018 edition, equivalent to a trick performance level of two 540s performed in different directions with grabs on a large kicker.

B.3.2.2 Ski Halfpipe

B.3.2.2.1 Male athletes must profile at a level 4 on the traffic lights profile tool 2018 edition, equivalent to a trick level performance of a 720 and a 900 with a minimum of two metres of amplitude out of the lip of the pipe and one inverted trick, performed with grabs.

B.3.2.2.2 Female athletes must profile at a level 3 on the traffic lights profile tool 2018 edition, equivalent to a trick performance of two 540s performed in different directions, with a minimum of one metre of amplitude out of the lip of the pipe, performed with consistent grabs.

B.4 European Youth Olympic Winter Festival

Selection for EYOWF will be published in a separate document in July 2018.

B.5 World University Games (WUGS)

To be eligible for consideration, athletes must be able to consistently perform the below tricks and meet all BUCS [criteria](#). The Panel will also need to confirm all eligible athletes are adequately supported by current form.

B.5.1 Ski and Snowboard Slopestyle

B.5.1.1 Male athletes must profile to a trick level performance of a 1080, performed with grab, on a large kicker.

B.5.1.2 Females athletes must profile to a trick level performance of two 540s, performed with grabs, on a large kicker.

B.6 Selections over quota

In all cases where more athletes meet the selection criteria than there are places available in the competition, reference shall be made to their relative performance levels on the Park & Pipe traffic lights profile system. Where more than one athlete meets criteria and a choice must be made, the athletes shall be ranked as follows:

B.6.1 athletes with a better training score shall be ranked higher

B.6.2 athletes with the same profile score shall be ranked so that the younger athlete is ranked higher.

If still tied, the Selection Panel shall consider all other relevant factors at its disposal, including recent competition results, series rankings and FIS points, to make an equitable decision between the competing athletes.

Appendix C: British Moguls Eligibility Criteria

C.1 BSS Moguls World Cup Squad

A.1.1.1

Athletes must have met the minimum FIS points criteria based on the first FIS points list, published on July 1st 2018.

World Cup Squad	Men	Ladies
Moguls	2 x Top 50% at Europa Cup/Nor Am + 50 FIS points	2 x Top 30% at Europa Cup/Nor Am + 50 FIS Points

If FIS points have been obtained outside of Europa Cups, eligibility for selection must be approved by the Head Moguls Coach.

A.1.1.2

Athletes must also demonstrate

- Commitment to a dry land training programme agreed with the Head Moguls Coach.

Selection will be made following publication of the first FIS point list of each season. A further review will take place in December in line with the release of the second FIS point list. Athletes may be selected to the World Cup Squad if they meet all criteria.

C.2 World Cup Entries

Any athlete wishing to compete in a World Cup must meet the World Cup Squad criteria as outlined in A.1.1. Final selection will be made by the Selection Panel as outlined in section 2.4.

C.3 EuropaCup Entries

Any athlete wishing to compete in a Europa Cup must meet the Europa Cup minimum FIS point criteria as outlined by FIS. Final selection will be made by the Selection Panel as outlined in section 2.4.

C.4 FIS Freestyle World Ski Championships

Athletes must have competed in a World Cup during the current season in order to be eligible for selection.

The following criteria will be considered by the selection panel, in no particular order, to fill quota spots qualified by GBR:

- World Cup Ranking
- Performances in last two competitions
- Any recent injuries or fitness concerns that might affect performance

In the event of more athletes eligible than quota spots, rank on the current FIS point list will be used to determine selections.

C.5 FIS Freestyle Junior World Ski Championships

Athletes must have competed in a Europa Cup during the current season and have a minimum of 40 FIS points in order to be eligible for selection.

The following criteria will be considered by the selection panel, in no particular order, to fill quota spots qualified by GBR:

- Europa Cup Ranking
- Performances in last two Europa Cup competitions
- Any recent injuries or fitness concerns that might affect performance

In the event of more athletes eligible than quota spots, rank on the current FIS point list will be used to determine selections.

C.6 European Youth Olympic Winter Festival

Selection for EYOWF will be published in a separate document.

C.7 World University Games (WUGS)

To be eligible for consideration, athletes must have two results at Continental Cup level or higher; results not gained at Europa Cup competitions shall be subject to additional scrutiny by the Head Coach to assure the Panel of their quality.

The Panel shall consider all athletes nominated by the Head Coach, with a view to selecting the best Team likely to perform at a standard commensurate with participation in Europa Cup.