



TALENT PATHWAY - MOGULS

PURPOSE

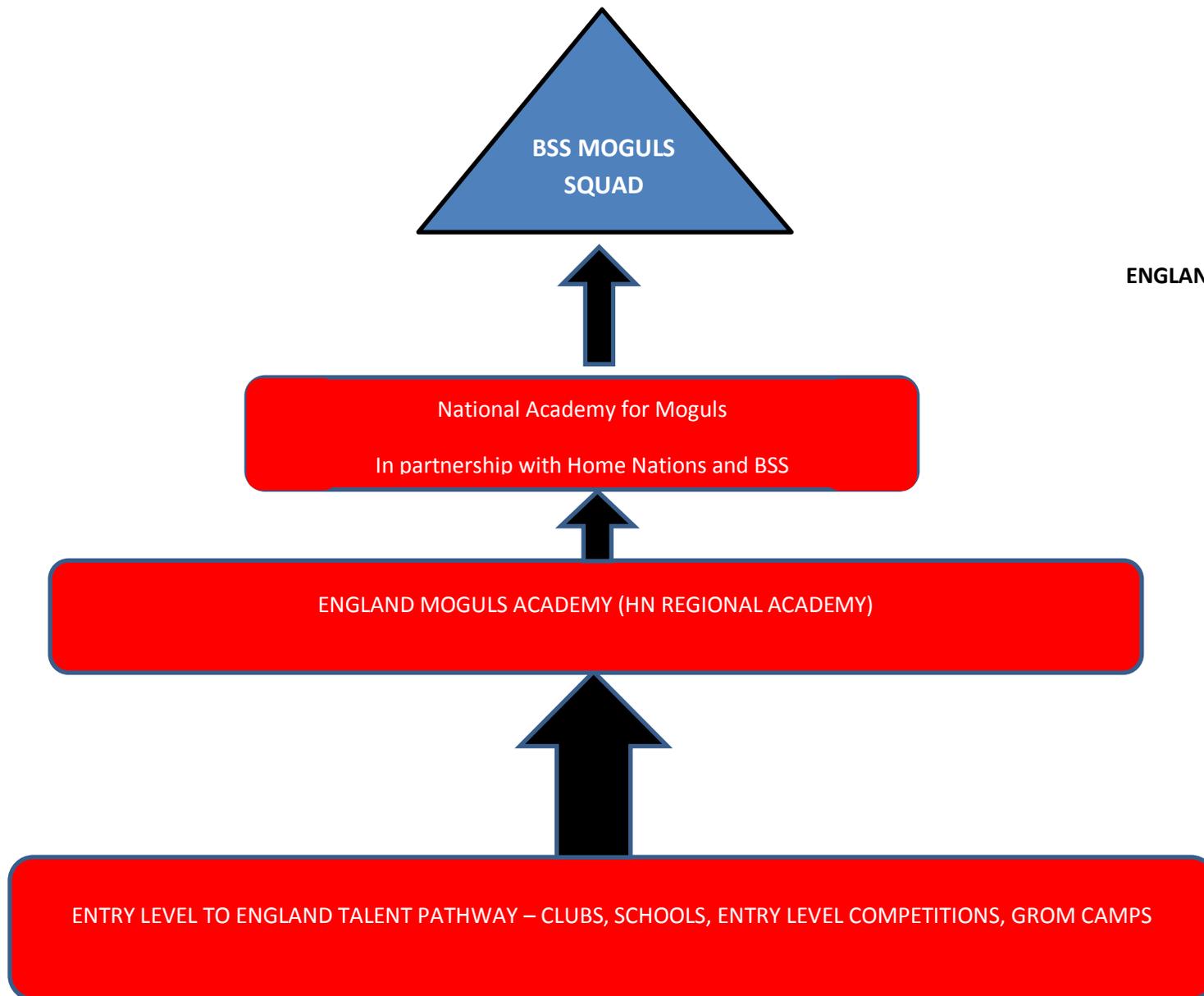
This document is designed to detail the talent pathway for athletes in Freestyle Skiing (Moguls)

The diagram on page 2 is a flow chart which show the potential steps taken by athletes on their journey to reach British Ski and Snowboard World Class Performances Programmes.

TIERS WITHIN THE ENGLAND TALENT PATHWAY

ENGLAND MOGULS ACADEMY > NATIONAL ACADEMY FOR MOGULS

Each tier is detailed below.



ENGLAND TALENT PATHWAY
MOGULS

ENTRY LEVEL TO ENGLAND TALENT PATHWAY

This is an athlete's first engagement in the pathway, where athletes get started in the sport. Engagement could be through clubs, talent ID events, moguls training sessions or through being identified at relevant competitions. Athletes who are interested in Moguls and who can already ski or snowboard but aren't engaged in the talent pathway are urged to contact Snowsport England Talent Officer Ian Findlay on i.findlay@snowsportengland.org.uk

ENTRY POINT TO THE TALENT PATHWAY

- Athletes who are interested in Moguls are encouraged to contact facilities which offer regular Moguls training sessions (Chill Factor and Snozone Castleford). These sessions will introduce athletes to moguls skiing and offer great coaching to help you get started. Athletes are also encouraged to enter Moguls competitions at these venues, a English Indoor moguls championships and a British Indoor moguls championships take place every year. These events are a lot of fun and are open to all ages and abilities.

ENGLAND MOGULS ACADEMY (HN REGIONAL ACADEMY)

- Athletes are selected to this squad based on the selection policy which is available here www.freestylesnowsports.co.uk Athletes are invited to apply for selection which will take place in may each year with a secondary selection in November. Athletes who feel they meet the published criteria and who can demonstrate this to the selectors are invited to apply. This squad is primarily England based squad and is designed to prepare athletes for introduction to Moguls competitions on snow and to develop athletes towards competing in FIS competitions for eventual selection to the National Academy and BSS Squads. The squad will focus on individual skill development both on and off snow and is provided through structured training throughout the year. This squad will also offer training camps abroad during certain school holidays (Easter/Summer) to further develop athletes all mountain performance.

NATIONAL ACADEMY FOR MOGULS

- Partnership with Snowsport Scotland and British Ski and Snowboard to provide targeted support (on snow/off-snow) to the most talented athletes who have been identified as having potential to progress to BSS Programmes. This stage may also encompass UK Sport and Sport England Performance Foundation athletes; athletes who have been identified as likely to progress quickly to UK Sport Podium Potential. Selection policy available here www.freestylesnowsports.co.uk

BSS MOGULS SQUAD

- The pinnacle of the sport is the British Moguls Squad. A detailed selection policy can be found on www.teambss.org.uk From this squad, teams are selected to compete in World Cup, World Championships and Olympic Games (separate selection policy). Athletes in this squad will be full time athletes training and competing around the world in recognised events.

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www.snowsportengland.org.uk

Sport England

www.sportengland.org.uk

Sports Aid

www.sportsaid.org.uk

Dare2b

www.dare2b.com

ENGLAND MOGULS ACADEMY – SELECTION POLICY

Selection to the England Moguls Academy has three components.

1. **MINIMUM STANDARD** – Athletes must have competed in a minimum of two moguls competition either indoor (English Indoor or British Indoor Championships Only) or outdoor in the last twelve months.
2. **SKIING SKILLS EVALUATION** – Athletes who meet the minimum standard will then be invited to carry out a skills assessment with the England Moguls Coaches.
Athletes must achieve a minimum of 5 Refinement with a maximum of 1 Acquisition.

Skill (to be completed both in and out of the moguls)	Acquisition (Red)	Consolidation (Amber)	Refinement (Green)
Stance/Balance (Athletic balance and stance in a variety of conditions, both on piste and in moguls, demonstrated through a variety of exercises, performed with and without poles, as well as independent single ski exercises)			
Edging (Athletes must be able to demonstrate the ability to both skid and carve skis in a variety of conditions)			
Rotational skills (Athletes should demonstrate strong rotational skills in exercises such as braquage and also in basic jumps such as twisters)			
Initiation of turn (Athletes should be able to initiate the turn in a variety of conditions through up unweighting and down			

unweighting in a variety of conditions)			
Turn execution (in moguls) (Athletes should demonstrate control, adaptability and agility in the moguls in order to execute a variety of turns)			
Turn execution (out of moguls) (Athletes should demonstrate control, adaptability and agility on piste in order to execute a variety of turns)			
Completion of turn Athletes should be able to complete a turn appropriately in order to control descent, speed and line without losing control.			
Pole planting (in moguls) (Athletes should be able to ski moguls planting poles on the face, crest or backside of the moguls. They should also be able to ski moguls without poles)			
Tactics – line choice (Athletes should be able to maintain a skiing line or switch according to the exercise selected by the coach)			
Tactics – adaptation skills (Athletes should be able to demonstrate a variety of turns in moguls using the fall fill(line?), shoulders or crest/spine of the moguls)			

Athletes who complete the above evaluations will then be invited to join the England Moguls Academy. Once in the England Moguls Academy the following support will be offered, please note that financial contributions may be needed.

- **Provide regular high-quality technical coaching leading to on-snow (mountain environment) training and competition**
- **Introduction to “the athletic lifestyle” and “becoming an athlete”**
- **Support cross-over and transfer athletes from other disciplines**
- **Invite athletes to “snow-camp”**
- **Provide guidance and support to athletes and parents**

Athletes in the England Moguls Academy who achieve a judges score of a minimum 12 points in the British Championships, Home Nation Championships or similar snow competitions at a comparable or higher level, including open events run by other nations may apply to British Ski and Snowboard for a FIS C licence to enable them to compete in certain FIS Moguls Competitions.

NATIONAL ACADEMY FOR MOGULS

Selection for the National Academy for Moguls is based on athletes performance in Moguls competitions. Athletes are expected to achieve;

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.

Athletes who are selected to the NATIONAL ACADEMY FOR MOGULS will receive the following;

- **Off-season support through UK based training/competitions alongside athletes in the England Moguls Academy**
- **Provide regular on snow-training and key competition support to athletes**
- **Provide support to athletes who are in external programmes (Club, College, Other National Team)**
- **Develop S&C and performance lifestyle support services to athletes**
- **Prepare athletes for progression to BSS Squads through FIS/NorAm/EC**