



Selection Criteria for the FIS Freeride Junior World Championships Ski and Snowboard

1. Vision

1.1 New Zealand's Freeride athletes win medals at the FIS Freeride Junior World Championships

2. Introduction

2.1 Snow Sports New Zealand intends on sending the best New Zealand Freeride athletes to give them a chance to win a Junior World Championship title

3. FIS Qualification System

3.1 The Snow Sports NZ Selection Criteria for the FIS Junior Freeride World Championships Ski and Snowboard is based on the FIS Junior Qualification System [here](#)

3.2 The FIS Junior Qualification System will be referenced throughout this document and is referring to the document linked above.

4. Selectors

4.1 A selection panel (members TBD) will be convened by the Snow Sports NZ CEO after 1st October if NZL is required to make a selection.

5. Eligibility Criteria

5.1 To be eligible for selection athletes must:

- a. Be born between January 1, 2007, and December 31, 2011.
- b. Meet the eligibility criteria outlined in the FIS Junior Qualification System [here](#)
- c. Be a NZL passport holder.
- d.. Hold a current FIS membership and be a member of SSNZ.

- e. Meet FIS requirements (see FIS Junior Qualification System).
- f. Demonstrate to the satisfaction of SSNZ that they are not suffering any physical or mental impairment that would prevent them from competing to the highest possible standard.
- g. Act in such a manner so as not to bring the Athlete, or SSNZ into public disrepute.
- h. To SSNZ's knowledge, has not used or administered any substance which, if detected, would constitute doping, or used any prohibited method or committed any other doping offense as defined in the SSNZ or FIS Integrity Regulation.

6. Qualification

6.1 Athletes qualify for places in the FIS Freeride Junior World Championships in accordance with the FIS Junior Qualification System.

7. Selection Criteria

7.1 Athletes earn Personal Spots on the FIS Junior Qualification System.

7.2 All athletes must meet the requirements set out in Section 4.0 to be entered/selected for both Personal and Nation spots.

7.3 Quotas are allocated by FIS personally to athletes, who must be members of SSNZ, with communication to the athlete and to the SSNZ. FIS Freeride will be responsible for replacements until the 30th of September 2025 and SSNZ will then be responsible for the replacement of athletes from the 1st of October until the 31st of December 2025.

7.4 Nation Spots: In the event New Zealand is allocated National Spots (after 30 September 2025 athletes will be selected to fill those spots based on: Athlete ranking on the Qualifying Global Seeding List after the last event on the NZ Calendar 2025, and

7.5 Any other factor(s) the Snow Sports NZ Selectors consider relevant.

8. Appeals Process

8.1 An athlete may lodge an appeal with the SSNZ Chief Executive at any time. All appeals must be submitted in written form.

8.2 The SSNZ Chief Executive will:

- a. Respond to the athlete within one day (24 hours), but not later than five days (120 hours) of the appeal.
- b. Consult with the members of the Selection Panel and any other appropriate individuals.

8.3 Grounds for appeal:

- a. The applicable selection criteria were not properly applied.
- b. The athlete was not afforded a reasonable opportunity to satisfy the criteria.
- c. The selection process was affected by actual bias.
- d. There was no material basis for the decision.

8.4 Determination of Appeal:

- a. The SSNZ Chief Executive will communicate their decision and recommendation to both the SSNZ Board and the athlete.
- b. If dissatisfied, the athlete may escalate the appeal to the Sports Tribunal of New Zealand.
- c. The Sports Tribunal decision will be binding.