



Selection Criteria for the 2021/2022 FIS Freeski and Snowboard Junior World Championships

Leysin, Switzerland, March 6th – 13th 2022

1.0 Vision

New Zealand athletes win at the 2021/22 FIS Junior Freeski and Snowboard World Championships (JWC).

2.0 Introduction

Snow Sports New Zealand intends on selecting developing athletes to give them a chance to shine on the international stage at appropriate levels of competition for their age and stage of development.

Selection to the JWC 2022 Team is intended to provide an opportunity for eligible athletes to test themselves against the rest of the world in their age group.

The FIS JWC offers an insight into competing at an elite level in the future and how major events are run (World Championships/World Cups etc). Athletes are expected to compete in all 3 Park and Pipe disciplines at the 2022 JWC to demonstrate the complete skillset required for future major event success.

Results gained and overall performance at the competition will allow an assessment of how the eligible athletes compare against their international peers at a given point in time. These results will be taken into consideration for selection to the SSNZ High Performance Development programme in 2022.

3.0 Goals

1. NZ athletes win Junior World titles.
2. NZ Junior athletes prepare for and target a Top-8 ranking or better.
3. NZ Junior athletes are benchmarked against the rest of the world.
4. Snow Sports New Zealand (SSNZ) identifies potential High Performance Development athletes.
5. NZ Junior athletes secure FIS points which build towards quota spots for future FIS World Cups.

4.0 The selectors

The selection panel for the 2022 Junior World Championships is:

- Tom Willmott (Convenor)
- Tommy Pyatt
- Sean Thompson

The panel will be assisted by Luke Hetzel (HPAD Manager) and all other SSNZ employed Freeski and Snowboard coaches.

5.0 Eligibility criteria

To be eligible for selection athletes must:

1. Hold a NZ passport.
2. Be a current financial member of Snow Sports NZ.
3. Meet FIS age and rules eligibility for the event.
 - a. Athletes must be born between 2004 and 2008.
4. Hold a current FIS licence.
5. Have completed a Rocketship Profile.
6. Have an Individual Performance Plan.

6.0 Over-Riding Selection Criteria

Athletes must be able to demonstrate through their competition results, progression tracking, and Rocket Ship Profiles their ability to produce a run that will achieve Top-8 or better at the 2022 JWC in the Snowboard or Freeski disciplines of Big Air, Halfpipe and/or Slopestyle.

7.0 Selection timeline

Results within the period 1 January 2020 to 30 September 2021 will be considered by the selectors when selecting athletes.

8.0 Qualifying events

Athletes will normally have competed in a minimum of four (4) events across both northern and southern hemisphere seasons and finished in the Top-8 at two (2) or more of those events.

Results at the following events will be considered by the selectors:

- FIS World Cups
- FIS Junior World Championships
- Youth Olympic Games
- FIS Continental Cups
- Other FIS events with a quality competitive field

Normally an athlete must attend enough of the events listed above to complement their Rocket Ship Profile and Progression Tracking to demonstrate they have met the Over-Riding selection criteria. Due to the difficulties in both travelling and running international events during the results timeframe progression tracking and Rocket Ship Profiles may be relied upon over international results. The Selectors will take the strength of field into account when analysing event results.

9.0 Additional selection factors

- a. Performances and results prior to 1 January 2020.
- b. Ability to be a medal contender at the Milan-Cortina 2026 Winter Olympic Games.
- c. Current FIS Point and WSPL Rankings.
- d. A high degree of fitness and a commitment to maintain a fitness and training programme as agreed with the applicable coach(es).
- e. Demonstrated good behaviour, including a commitment to training.
- f. Attendance at training camps.
- g. Demonstrated compatibility with others in a team environment.
- h. Demonstrated compliance with the rules of events and competitions.
- i. Understanding and respect for the obligations that accompany being a member of a New Zealand Team when competing at the JWC, including respect for team members and support staff.
- j. Willingness to promote Snow Sports NZ in a positive manner.
- k. Demonstrated ability to take personal responsibility for themselves and their results.
- l. Proven ability to be reliable.
- m. Any other factor(s) the Snow Sports NZ Selectors consider relevant.

10.0 Selection Dates

The 2022 JWC Team will be selected October 1st, 2021.

If not all JWC quota spots are allocated, remaining quota spots will be assigned by March 1st, 2022.

11.0 Quotas

Freeski: there are 6 spots available for each gender per discipline. Riders can enter two or more disciplines.

Snowboard: there are 6 spots available for each gender per discipline. Riders can enter two or more disciplines.

12.0 Covid-19

The Snow Sport NZ Board reserves the right to limit investment and performance support to the selected team members due to the COVID-19 conditions in Leysin. A full

assessment of risk will be provided to the SSNZ Board prior to the team departing New Zealand.

13.0 Performance standards

Based on the SSNZ performance tracking data and analysis the following performance standards are likely to be required to satisfy the selection criteria.

Athletes should be capable of delivering to these standards at the 2022 JWC as shown by their progression tracking.

Snowboard

Freeski				
Men				
	Podium Rails	Podium Jumps/Pipe	Top-8 Rails	Top-8 Jumps/Pipe
Slope	Average spin index of 630.	Spin index of 1350 with two axes, or 1440 for one axis. Likely a combination of doubles and triples	Average spin index of 540	Average spin index 1200
Big Air		Average spin index of 1620, left and right. Both jumps with technical grabs		Average spin index of 1350, left and right.
Pipe		Average spin index of 850+ with 1-2 doubles and average amplitude 10ft or above. Variety of directions and switch		Average spin index of 720 with average amplitude of 7ft. Multiple 720-900 degree spins at 10ft or above. One switch hit at 7ft or above.
Freeski				
Women				
	Podium Rails	Podium Jumps/Pipe	Top-8 Rails	Top-8 Jumps/Pipe
Slope	Average spin index of 450	Average spin index of 810 with multiple axes (cork, misty, flat)	Average spin index of 270	Average spin index of 540 with off-axis tricks
Big Air		Average spin index of 990, 2 out of 4 directions. 1 double or 2 off-axis tricks with technical grabs		Average spin index of 720, 2 out of 4 directions. Both off-axis
Pipe		Average spin index of 540+ with an average amplitude of 6ft or above. Variety of directions, axes and grabs with 1+ switch hit		Average spin index of 360+ at amplitude of 4ft or above. Variety of spin direction and grabs
Snowboard				

Men				
	Podium Rails	Podium Jumps/Pipe	Top-8 Rails	Top-8 Jumps/Pipe
Slope	Average spin index of 480. (2 rails with 540 degrees of rotation, 1 with 360).	Average spin index of 1260	Average spin index 270. (2 rails with 360 degrees rotation, 1 90 degrees)	Average spin index of 1080 minimum
Big Air		1 1440 and 1 1260. Mixture of flat and double. Minimum 1 switch takeoff.		1 1080 and 1 1260, mixture of flat and double. Minimum 1 switch takeoff.
Pipe		Average Spin index 810+. 10ft – 12ft Amp. 1-2 double corks		Average spin index of 750+. 7ft Amp. 1 double cork. Unique grabs and tweaks
Snowboard				
Women				
	Podium Rails	Podium Jumps/Pipe	Top-8 Rails	Top-8 Jumps/Pipe
Slope	Average spin index 360 across 3 rails.	2 720s and 1 900	Average spin index of 180 across 3 features	2 540s and 1 720
Big Air		Average 900 spin index		Average 540 spin index
Pipe		Average Spin index 630+. 6ft – 8ft Amp. Two inverted tricks.		Average spin index of 420+. 4ft Amp. Unique grabs and tweaks