

## Selection Policy

### New Zealand FIS Alpine World Ski Championships Team 2025

The purpose of this selection policy is to select the Team to represent New Zealand at the 2025 FIS Alpine World Ski Championship in Saalbach, Austria 4 to 16 February 2025.

#### 1. Introduction

The philosophy of the Snow Sports NZ selection process is to support a long-term performance pathway and to provide an opportunity for the development of athletes to achieve world class performances.

Selection will be made without bias or discrimination. The selection policies and processes are agreed and overseen by the Alpine Sport Committee and approved by the Board of SSNZ.

The aim of this document is to outline the selection criteria and process which Snow Sports NZ will apply when selecting a team to represent New Zealand at the 2025 FIS Alpine World Ski Championships in Saalbach, Austria.

The program for the FIS Alpine World Ski Championship will be made available online via the FIS Calendar.

The rules for WSC are laid out in the [FIS International Competition Rules](#), [The Rules for the Organisation of World Championships](#) and [the Rules for the Alpine Team Event](#).

#### 2. Process and Timing

The SSNZ Alpine Selection Committee will select athletes for the team that will represent New Zealand at the 2025 FIS Alpine World Ski Championships in Saalbach.

- Athletes will be long listed and notified by the 29th October with reference to the 9th FIS points list 2024/2025.
- The team selection will be made by the SSNZ Alpine Selection Committee by the 13th December 2024 with reference to the 12th FIS Points List 2024/2025.
- Final Selection: The Selection Committee will complete an additional review with reference to the 14<sup>th</sup> FIS Points List 2024/25. Any additional athletes in final selection will be notified by 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

The Snow Sports NZ Alpine Selection Committee will advise the Snow Sports NZ Board of the athletes selected, for final ratification

SSNZ Alpine Selection Committee will be nominated by the Alpine Sports Committee and will comprise of:

- 1 representative from the Alpine Sport Committee
- The SSNZ Chief Executive
- 2 Pathway Representatives (with suitable experience)
- The SSNZ Director of Alpine (non-voting member)

#### 3. Team Size

The total team size may be up to 24 competitors with a maximum of 14 of either gender. A maximum of 4 men and 4 women can start each event.

Special and Alpine Combined Downhill:

A maximum number of 6 athletes may take part in the official training in each event

\*If there are more than approximately 120 competitors entered for the Giant Slalom and Slalom, a qualification race will take place as part of these races.

#### 4. FIS Alpine World Ski Championships Selection Policy

SSNZ support a multi-factor approach to selection to define and select athletes with the greatest potential by considering achievement in competition, ski skills/racing, athletic capacity.

The major factors will be performance on snow and FIS Points.

##### 4.1 Eligibility

To be eligible for selection:

- Athletes must be current members of Snow Sport NZ in good standing
- Athletes must hold a New Zealand passport
- Athletes must hold a New Zealand FIS Licence

##### 4.2 Minimum Qualification Criteria

Ladies	World Ranking	Additional Consideration
Slalom	=< 400	Meets current NZ Ski Team physical testing standards
Giant Slalom	=< 400	Meets current NZ Ski Team physical testing standards
Super-G	=< 200	<50.0 FIS Points in SL or GS & Meets current NZ Ski Team physical testing standards
Downhill	=< 200	<50.0 FIS Points in SL or GS & Meets current NZ Ski Team physical testing standards

Men	World Ranking	Additional Consideration
Slalom	=< 450	Meets current NZ Ski Team physical testing standards
Giant Slalom	=< 450	Meets current NZ Ski Team physical testing standards
Super-G	=< 300	<45.0 FIS Points in SL or GS & Meets current NZ Ski Team physical testing standards
Downhill	=< 250	<45.0 FIS Points in SL or GS & Meets current NZ Ski Team physical testing standards

##### Mixed Team Parallel Alpine (TP)

Maximum number of Nations allowed to participate in the Mixed Team Parallel is 16. The best 15 nations on the World Cup Nations Cup standings after the last World Cup race prior to the FIS Alpine World Ski Championships are automatically qualified for the Mixed Team Parallel. If the host nation is not in the best 15 nations, it is qualified as the 16th nation.

If 15 (or less) automatically qualified nations from the World Cup Nations Cup standing are entered (including the host nation), the nation(s) with lowest PWSL ranks result, based on the calculation made by adding the PWSL ranks of the best four (4) athletes (two (2) women and two (2) men) entered for the Mixed Team Parallel will have the possibility to start until there are 16 nations entered. The regulations for the Mixed Team Parallel are published on the FIS Website under “Rules for the Mixed Team Parallel”.

All athletes who are selected to the NZ WSC team will also be eligible to compete in the Mixed Team Parallel in the event that New Zealand is a qualified nation.

## 5. Medical Clearance

5.1 Athletes named to the team who are returning from injury status will require a medical clearance for participation. This will be completed by a sports physical exam by a SSNZ approved physician. Once named, the athlete will contact SSNZ Medical Director for appropriate paperwork and direction.

5.2 Athletes who are not fit to compete due to any injury or illness from which he/she is not expected to recover adequately by the time of the 2025 WSC will be ineligible for consideration at the time of selection.

## 6. Additional Nomination Factors:

6.1 When considering the Over-Riding Criteria, the SSNZ Alpine Selection Committee may also take into account any one or more of the following factors about an Athlete:

- a. They clearly show potential to perform to the levels described in the guidelines above and will represent New Zealand with distinction at the World Ski Championships.
- b. adequate fitness and a commitment to maintain a fitness and training programme as agreed with the applicable coach(es);
- c. demonstrated good behaviour, including a commitment to training and attendance at training camps;
- d. demonstrated compatibility with others in a team environment;
- e. demonstrated compliance with the rules of events and competitions;
- f. understanding and respect for the obligations that accompany being a member of a New Zealand Team when competing at the World Ski Championship, including respect for team members and support staff;
- g. willingness to promote Snow Sports NZ in a positive manner;
- h. demonstrated an ability to take personal responsibility for themselves and their results;
- i. proven ability to be reliable; and
- j. any other factor(s) the Snow Sports NZ Selectors consider relevant.

## 7. Requirements

- If selected, athletes are required to confirm their place on the team by within 5 business days of team selection notification email.
- Snow Sports NZ will coordinate team entries and accommodation with the WSC OC.
- All Athletes will need to send in a signed [SSNZ - Alpine Event Agreement](#).