

Selection Policy

New Zealand FIS Alpine World Junior Ski Championships Team 2026

(Herein after referred to a 'WJC Team' and 'Athletes', dates refer to NZ Daylight Time)

The purpose of this selection policy is to select the U21 WJC Team to represent New Zealand at the 2026 FIS Alpine World Junior Ski Championship in Narvik, Norway from 5 to 15 March 2026.

The program for the FIS Alpine World Junior Championships is available online via the FIS Calendar. The rules for the WJC are laid out in the [FIS International Competition Rules](#) and the [Rules for the organisation of FIS Alpine World Junior Ski Championships](#).

Process and Timing

The selection policies and processes are agreed and overseen by the Alpine Technical Committee and approved by the Board of Snow Sports NZ.

- Athletes will be long listed and notified by the 16th December with reference to the 12th FIS Points List 2025/2026. The team selection will be made by the Snow Sports NZ Alpine Selection Committee by the 27th of January with reference to the 15th FIS Points List 2025/2026.
- Final Selection: The Selection Committee will complete an additional review with reference to the 16th FIS Points List 2024/25. Any additional athletes in final selection will be notified by 10th February 2025.

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

Snow Sports NZ Alpine Selection Committee will be chosen from Snow Sports NZ stakeholders and will be a minimum of three in number, plus a convenor. The selection guidelines listed below are considered to be the minimum standard. Meeting the guidelines does not guarantee selection to the WJC Team but does provide an opportunity to be evaluated through the selection process.

Team Size*

The total team size may be up to 16 competitors with a maximum of 10 of the same gender.

A maximum of 4 men and 4 women can start per event.

In Downhill a maximum number of 8 athletes (including ZK quota) per gender may take part in official training.

**Team Size is indicative only and may change based on the FIS Rules for the organisation of FIS Alpine World Junior Ski Championships (2025).*

Criteria Rules

1. Eligibility

To be eligible for selection:

- Athletes must be current members of Snow Sport NZ and in good standing.
- Athletes must hold a current New Zealand passport.
- Athletes must hold a valid New Zealand FIS Licence.
- Athletes must be born between 2005 and 2009 (inclusive).

2. Minimum Qualification Criteria

Ladies	FIS List Points
Slalom	65
Giant Slalom	65
Super-G	80
Downhill	80
Men	
Slalom	65
Giant Slalom	65
Super-G	80
Downhill	80

3. Crossover in technical disciplines (Slalom, Giant Slalom)

An athlete who is awarded a quota spot in one technical discipline but has not met criteria in the other technical discipline will automatically be deemed to have passed qualifying criteria in the other technical discipline and may be considered for selection in the second technical discipline if there are available spots.

4. Crossover in speed disciplines (Super-G, Downhill)

An athlete who is awarded a quota spot in one speed discipline but has not met criteria in the other speed discipline will automatically be deemed to have passed qualifying criteria in the other speed discipline. Subject to a review of the difficulty of the Downhill course and any limitations applied by FIS, such athletes may be considered for selection for the other speed event if there are available quota places.

5. Team Combined and Mixed Team Events

NZL criteria to be determined on receipt of event rules from the LOC.

6. Medical Clearance

All long listed and selected athletes will be required to disclose whether or not they are fit to compete at the WJC and provide information on any significant injuries they are carrying. This may require supporting documentation from a recognised medical professional.

7. Additional Selection Criteria:

When considering the Minimum Qualification Criteria, the Snow Sports NZ Alpine Selection Committee may also take into account any one or more of the following factors regarding an Athlete:

- a) demonstrated compatibility with others in a team environment;
- b) demonstrated compliance with the rules of events and competitions;
- c) understanding and respect for the obligations that accompany being a member of a New Zealand Team when competing at the World Junior Championship, including respect for team members and support staff;
- d) willingness to promote Snow Sports NZ in a positive manner;
- e) demonstrated an ability to take personal responsibility for themselves and their results;
- f) any other factor(s) the Snow Sports NZ Selectors consider relevant.

8. Team Member Requirements

- Long listed athletes are required to pay a deposit of \$500. These funds will be used for a deposit on accommodation fees if selected. This must be paid by 23rd December. The deposit will be refunded if the athlete is not selected to the team.
- Selected athletes are required to confirm their place on the team and submit a signed [Snow Sports NZ Alpine Event Agreement](#) within 5 business days of team selection notification email
- Snow Sports NZ will book team accommodation and assist with team logistics.

9. Appeals Process

An athlete may lodge an appeal with the SSNZ Chief Executive within 5 days of the Long List/Team announcement. All appeals must be submitted in written form.

- The SSNZ Chief Executive will attempt to respond to the athlete within one day (twenty-four (24) hours), but not later than five (5) days (120 hours) of lodgement of the appeal.
- The SSNZ Chief Executive will consult with the members of the relevant Selection Panel and any other person as may be deemed appropriate to properly respond to the athlete.
- An appeal by an athlete may only be made on one or more of the following grounds:
 - The applicable selection criteria have not properly been followed, applied and/or implemented.
 - The selection process was affected by actual bias.
 - There was no material on which the selection decision could reasonably be based.
- Determination of Appeal. Upon determination of the appeal the SSNZ Chief Executive shall communicate his or her decision together with an appropriate recommendation to both the ATC and the athlete.
 - If at the conclusion of the above process the athlete remains dissatisfied, the athlete may file an application for appeal with the Sports Tribunal of New

Zealand ("Sports Tribunal"). Thereafter the appeal shall be determined in accordance with the Rules of the Sports Tribunal (see sportstribunal.org.nz). The decision of the Sports Tribunal shall be binding on the parties and, subject to any right of review and/or appeal as set out in the Rules of the Sports Tribunal, no party to the appeal may institute or maintain proceedings in any Court or other Tribunal