



Selection Criteria for Youth International Alpine Competitions

(2024/2025)

1. General Principle

Please note that when considering athlete performance under Section 6, Selectors will rank performance at GS and SL ahead of performance in a single tech discipline. The general principle at Youth level (U14-U16) is that athletes should develop their skills in both technical disciplines equally, and SG where opportunities arise for U16.

2. Process and Timing

A Snow Sports NZ Alpine Youth selection committee (nominated by the ASC and approved by the Snow Sports NZ Board) will select athletes for U14-U16 squads to represent New Zealand at FIS Youth International Alpine Competitions. Selection meetings will be completed within 5 working days of October 2nd 2024, and athletes who meet criteria will be ranked and offered a place on the NZ Alpine Youth Squad.

Upon selection athletes must then complete Expression of Interest forms indicating which events they will be targeting on or before November 29th.

The selection guidelines listed below are considered to be the minimum standard. Meeting the guidelines does not guarantee selection to the NZ FIS Youth Squad but does provide an opportunity to be evaluated through the selection process. There shall be no appeals.

Athletes wishing to have results from overseas competitions taken into consideration under section 6.5 and 6.6 should submit evidence in writing to jono@snowsports.co.nz by the 23rd September 2024.

3. Age Limits

As per [ICR 608.3 and 607.3](#)

4. Quota Management

4.1. Quota regulations for events as per [ICR 608.4](#)

4.2. Athletes in each age group for both boys and girls, who meet selection criteria, will be ranked.

Places at Youth International Alpine Competitions will be filled in accordance with the quota regulations above. If a higher ranked athlete is unable to attend an event, a place will be offered to the next available athlete from the ranked list.

4.3. Gender registration for the quota in each category will be managed per ICR 608.4.1 where there is a shortfall in one gender. Otherwise, SSNZ will seek to apply a gender balance in each category where possible.



5. Eligibility

Athletes must:

- 5.1. be a current member of SSNZ in good standing; and
- 5.2. hold a current New Zealand passport
- 5.3. hold a current SSNZ National Points licence.

6. Criteria

Selectors will assess athletes based on:

- 6.1. Overriding criteria - Ability to compete with credibility on the international stage.
- 6.2. Combined and individual discipline podiums at the NZ Alpine Youth Championships.
- 6.3. Total World Cup Points by discipline, scored at the Coronet Peak, Mt Hutt and Cardrona NZ National Points races. U16: Slalom, Giant Slalom and Super G. U14: Slalom and Giant Slalom results only.
- 6.4. Results at National Points races. U16: Slalom, Giant Slalom and Super G. U14: Slalom and Giant Slalom results only.
- 6.5. Outstanding results at equivalent international children's events may also be taken into consideration.
- 6.6. Active U14 and U16 athletes who are outside New Zealand during the southern hemisphere competitive season may submit results under section 6.5 and be selected and ranked behind domestic athletes.

Selectors will also consider:

- 6.7. Behaviour in a sports team environment.
- 6.8. Exceptional circumstances – consideration of instances such as injury, illness or bereavement will be given on application to Snow Sports NZ.

7. Requirements

Upon selection to the NZ Alpine Youth Squad:

- 7.1. Athletes are required to confirm their targeted events by close of business on November 29th, 2024; after which, available places will be offered to ranked athletes.
- 7.2. Athletes are required to submit the following to SSNZ:
 - 7.2.1. a signed FIS Athlete's declaration
 - 7.2.2. a scanned copy of their passport ID page
 - 7.2.3. completed and signed SSNZ Alpine Event Agreement/Consent Form