

# Ski & Snowboard Australia Limited (SSA)

## Selection Policy and Criteria

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<b>Sport:</b>	Alpine Skiing
<b>Discipline(s):</b>	Alpine Skiing (ALP) Ski Cross (SX)
<b>Level:</b>	National Alpine Ski Team (NAST)
<b>Events:</b>	World Cup (WC) World Ski Championships (WSC) World Junior Championships (WJC)
<b>Gender:</b>	Male/Female

### 1. Objective

To develop and support highly skilled skiers capable of achieving success at World Cup, World Championships and Olympic Winter Games,

*Note: By meeting this SSA Selection Policy and Criteria it does not automatically qualify an athlete for support and/or consideration for selection to an Olympic Winter Institute of Australia (OWIA) Athlete Contract or scholarship opportunity offered via the SIS/SAS network.*

### 2. Selection Committee

- 2.1 The selection committee for Alpine Skiing events will comprise the SSA Alpine Director, the National Alpine Committee (NAC) Chair and up to two other members as appointed by the NAC.
- 2.2 The selection committee for Ski Cross events will comprise the SSA Alpine Director, the OWIA Ski Cross Head Coach, the NAC Chair and up to two other members as appointed by the NAC.
- 2.3 A majority decision of the selection committee is required. The decision of the selection committee shall be final. Reasons shall not be given for any selection or other decision of the selection committee unless requested by non-selected athlete(s). The selection committee may meet with non-selected athletes to explain their decision.
- 2.4 Unless expressly requested by the selection committee, athletes have no right to make submissions or representations to, or appear before, the selection committee. Any right or claim to natural justice in this regard is expressly excluded, such right being preserved in the appeal process under section 12.
- 2.5 Selections made by the selection committee are subject to final approval by the SSA Board.

### 3. Eligibility

To be eligible for selection to the NAST, athletes must:

- 3.1 Be an Australian Citizen;
- 3.2 Be a current member of SSA in good standing;
- 3.3 Hold an SSA/ FIS license to compete at the relevant level;
- 3.4 comply with SSA Policies, including but not limited to:
  - 3.4.1 the World Anti-Doping Code;
  - 3.4.2 the SSA Anti-Doping Policy and the SSA Anti-Doping Declaration;
  - 3.4.3 the SSA Member Protection Policy and Codes of Conduct;
  - 3.4.4 the SSA Travel Policy;
  - 3.4.5 the SSA Media Policy;
  - 3.4.6 the SSA Anti-Race-Fixing By Law
- 3.5 Sign and comply with the terms of the NAST Athlete Agreement;
- 3.6 Complete and submit an Individual Performance Plan (IPP) detailing their annual training and competition plan and including information on their coach, manager and athlete contact details to the SSA Alpine Director;
- 3.7 Athletes who have previously declined or have been deemed ineligible for NAST selection may not be automatically be considered for selection, irrespective of results achieved. A request for consideration must be lodged with the SSA Alpine Director in these circumstances.

### 4. Age Limits

The FIS competition year is July 1<sup>st</sup> - June 30<sup>th</sup> of the following year.

In order to compete in international competitions (except U16 - U14 competitions) a competitor must be no younger than age group U18.

### 5. Classification at International Competitions:

#### Admitted years of birth

Age Group	FIS Category	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21
U14	Childrens	2005	2006	2007	2008
		2004	2005	2006	2007
U16	Childrens	2003	2004	2005	2006
		2002	2003	2004	2005
U18	1st Year FIS	2001	2002	2003	2004
	2nd Year FIS	2000	2001	2002	2003
U21	3rd Year FIS	1999	2000	2001	2002
	4th Year FIS	1998	1999	2000	2001
	5th Year FIS	1997	1998	1999	2000

## 6. NAST Selection Criteria

### World Rank (WR)

The World Rank is based on The Base FIS Points List (BL). Details regarding the timing and rules for calculating the BL can be found under section 4 of the 'Rules for The FIS Alpine Points', via the FIS website ([www.fisiski.com](http://www.fisiski.com)).

Only results and rankings from the current season will be considered by the Selection Criteria.

### NAST (A), (B), (C), Development Team

Athletes that have achieved the Qualification Standards listed (A), (B), (C) and Development Team, are eligible to be considered for the National Alpine Ski Team.

#### The Qualification Standards for selection are:

##### 6.1 NAST (A) Selection Criteria

Alpine	Ski Cross
<b>Men</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FIS WR Top 80</li> </ul> <b>Women</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FIS WR Top 70</li> </ul> <b>OR</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Top 30 at WSC or OWG</li> </ul>	<b>Men</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 x Olympic Winter Games/ World Ski Championships Top 16</li> <li>1 x World Cup Top 8</li> <li>2 x World Cup Top 12</li> </ul> <b>Women</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 x Winter Olympic Winter Games/ World Ski Championships Top 10</li> <li>1 x World Cup Top 4</li> <li>2 x World Cup Top 8</li> </ul>

##### 6.2 NAST (B) Selection Criteria

Alpine	Ski Cross
<b>Men</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FIS WR Top 250 SL/GS</li> <li>FIS WR Top 150 DH/SG</li> </ul> <b>Women</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FIS WR Top 200 SL/GS</li> <li>FIS WR Top 100 DH/SG</li> </ul> <b>OR</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Top 30 at WSC or OWG</li> </ul>	<b>Men</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 x Olympic Winter Games/World Ski Championships/ World Cup Top 32</li> <li>2 x European Cup top 8*</li> </ul> <b>Women</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 x Olympic Winter Games/World Ski Championships/ World Cup Top 16</li> <li>2 x European Cup top 3*</li> </ul> <p>*Result must be in the top 50% of the starting field</p>

6.2.1 Athletes selected by NAST (B) Selection Criteria, must progress to NAST (A) Selection Criteria within a timeframe of 4 years to be automatically considered for selection.

**6.3 NAST (C) Selection Criteria**

Alpine	Ski Cross
<p><b>Men</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FIS 1st, 2nd or 3rd Year – FIS WR Top 650 SL/GS</li> <li>FIS 4th Year – FIS WR Top 450 SL/GS</li> <li>FIS 5th Year – FIS WR Top 350 SL/GS</li> <li>FIS WR Top 200 DH/SG</li> </ul> <p><b>Women</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FIS 1st, 2nd or 3rd Year – FIS WR Top 400 SL/GS</li> <li>FIS 4th Year – FIS WR Top 300 SL/GS</li> <li>FIS 5th Year – FIS WR Top 250 SL/GS</li> <li>FIS WR Top 150 DH/SG</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 x World Junior Championships top 3</li> </ul> <p>OR;</p> <p><b>Men</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 x European Cup top 16*</li> </ul> <p><b>Women</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 x European Cup top 6*</li> </ul> <p>*Result must be in the top 50% of the starting field</p>

**6.4 NAST Development Team Selection Criteria**

Alpine	Ski Cross
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FIS 1<sup>ST</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Year – Under 50 FIS points in SL OR GS</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>YOB 1997 or younger</li> <li>1 x World Junior Championships top 5 OR;</li> </ul> <p><b>Men</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 x European Cup top 24*</li> </ul> <p><b>Women</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 x European Cup top 8 *OR;</li> </ul> <p>*Result must be in the top 50% of the starting field</p>

6.4.1 Athlete's selected by NAST Development Team Selection Criteria may have an extension of up to 3 years in which to meet the selection criteria for NAST (C).

## 7. Athlete Obligations to NAST

### 7.1 Medical Clearance

All members of the NAST are required to inform the SSA Alpine Program Director of any injury or illness that could reasonably impact on the athlete's ability to perform at the level expected of the athlete at the respective Major Event.

If a NAST athlete is assessed as injured or ill, the athlete may be required to receive medical clearance by a qualified physician in accordance with the NAC Screening Protocol. Athletes are required to consult with the SSA Alpine Program Director regarding the NAC Screening Protocol.

It is also the responsibility of the athlete to notify the SSA office at the time of injury in order to have their FIS points frozen.

## 7.2 Compliance and Athlete Monitoring

Selection and Provisional Selection to the NAST is subject to the athlete signing an SSA Athlete Agreement. Athletes must also:

- 7.2.1 Complete and submit an Individual Performance Plan (IPP) detailing their annual training and competition plan and including information on their coach, manager and athlete contact details to the SSA Alpine Director;
- 7.2.2 Undertake an annual performance program review with the SSA Alpine Director or designated coach as part of the athlete performance management process; and
- 7.2.3 Ongoing compliance with athlete reporting obligations, including the timely completion of training diaries and monitoring systems as implemented by the SSA Alpine Director

## 8. Major Event Selection Matrix

Athletes selected to the NAST, who meet the Selection Criteria according to Clause 6 at any point in the current FIS calendar year will be eligible for selection at the respective Major Event, listed in the below Matrix.

Major Event	NAST (A)	NAST (B)	NAST (C)	NAST (DEV)
WSC ALP	(E)	(E)	(D)	(X)
WJC ALP	(E)	(E)	(E)	(D)
WC ALP**	(E)	(D)	(D)	(X)
EC ALP	(E)	(E)	(E)	(E)
NAC ALP	(E)	(E)	(E)	(E)
WSC SX	(E)	(E)	(D)	(X)
WJC SX	(E)	(E)	(E)	(E)
WC SX**	(E)	(E)	(D)	(X)
EC SX	(E)	(E)	(E)	(E)
NAC SX	(E)	(E)	(E)	(E)

Key:

**(E)** – Eligible for Selection (to be considered with respect to available quota places)

**(D)** – Discretionary Selection may be considered

**(X)** – Able to pursue Qualification Standards, but is not a targeted event

*\*\* Under no circumstances are WC selections guaranteed regardless of achieving the NAST (A) standard. Final Alpine and Ski Cross World Cup entries are at the discretion of the Selection Committee.*

## 9. Provisional Selection

At the discretion of the Selection Committee, Provisional Selection may be made when an athlete has not met the NAST Qualifications Standards in full, as outlined in Section 6 of this Selection Policy.

Provisional selection does not necessarily confer any right to access any funding, support and/or benefits that may otherwise be available to NAST athletes that meet the respective NAST Selection Criteria in full.

## 10. Timing

With respect to Section 6 of the SSA NAST Selection Criteria, timing of athlete selections for the 2018/19 season will be as follows:

### 10.1 WR (Base FIS Points List) publication:

- **Internal Base FIS Points Lis** (*used for Selection purposes*): 19/4/2018
- **1<sup>ST</sup> FIS Points List**: 1/7/2018

*Details regarding the rules for calculating the BL can be found under section 4 of the 'Rules for The FIS Alpine Points', via the FIS website ([www.fisSKI.com](http://www.fisSKI.com)).*

### 10.2 NAST (A), (B), (C), Development Team

Athletes that have achieved NAST A), (B), (C) and Development Team Selection Criteria are eligible to be considered for naming to the 2018/19 NAST.

- **Selection Announcement**: 1/6/2018

## 11. Extenuating Circumstances

- 11.1 In considering the selection criteria, the selection committee may in their discretion give weight to extenuating circumstances. Extenuating circumstances may include but are not limited to injury, personal bereavement, equipment failure and travel delays.
- 11.2 Athletes unable to compete at events, trials, training camps required under these criteria must notify the SSA of this fact and the reasons therefore at least five days prior to the commencement of the events, trials, training camps or other attendances required under this policy.
- 11.3 In the case of illness or injury, athletes may be required to undergo a medical examination by a doctor or doctors appointed by SSA.
- 11.4 In the case of bereavement, equipment failure, travel delays, or other extenuating circumstances, the selection committee will make a decision on a case by case basis.

## 12 Appeals

Refer **SSA Appeals Process** as published on the SSA website.