



Snowsport England

Freestyle and Snowboard Selection Policy

1. Selection Policy

1.1. This Policy for selection to English Freestyle Squad, shall apply with effect from June 2017 until further notice.

1.2. The reason for the changes is to provide a clear measurable standard for entry into the Home Nations Academies and National Academies for Moguls, Aerials, Ski Cross and Snowboard Cross.

1.3 For ski and Snowboard Cross, please see the links in the document. For further information on Ski and Snowboard Cross please visit <http://www.gbxsquad.com/> GBX is the national pathway for Ski and Snowboard Cross.

1.4 Park & Pipe Selection Policies and information can be found here http://snowsportengland.org.uk/park_and_pipe

2. Aims of the Selection Policy

2.1. To ensure that fair and just criteria and practices are employed for the selection of Academy members.

2.2. To support the overall competition and development objectives of Snowsport England.

2.3. To ensure transparency and accountability in the Selection process.

3. Process and Timetable

3.1. Selections will normally be made in, but not limited to, April after the British Freestyle Championships on snow.

3.2. Meetings other than the April meeting will normally be used only to add to or upgrade selections already made, and not to de-select individuals.

3.3. All athletes wishing to be considered for selection must submit an online application form.

3.4. Current members of English Teams/Home Nations Academy or National Academy for their respective discipline together with athletes competing internationally will automatically be considered for re-selection/selection **providing an online application is received**.

3.5. Injuries will be taken into consideration for selection/ reselection if received in Writing alongside online application.

3.6. **Formation and Members of Selection Committee.** The Chairman of the Selection Committee may invite others with specialist knowledge to contribute for part of a meeting depending on the availability of the individual members and the specific areas for which it is

selecting. Committee members should be free from external conflicts of interest in the selection process.

3.7. Code of Conduct. All athletes will be required to sign and abide by a Code of Conduct, Concussion Protocol and Camp Booking Conditions. Agreement to both of these will be required to submit the online application form.

4. Selection to Home Nations Academy and National Academy

4.1 Home Nations Academy for Ski Cross and Snowboard Cross

4.1.1 Selection policy for ski cross can be found in 1.3

4.1.2 Selection policy for Snowboard Cross can be found in 1.3

4.2 Home Nations Academy for Aerials

4.2.1 The selectors will use all resources at their disposal to satisfy themselves that the candidate has the wish and ability to eventually progress in their respective discipline towards British Ski and Snowboard Squads.

4.2.1 Selected athletes should aim to apply for a FIS C licence when eligible.

4.2.2 Athletes agree to sign and abide by the code of conduct.

4.2.3 For **Aerials** must be qualified to perform on snow two different manoeuvres with a Degree of Difficulty of at least 2.0

4.3 National Academy for Ski Cross, Snowboard Cross and Aerials

4.3.1 Ski Cross Policy can be found in 1.3

4.3.2 Snowboard Cross Policy can be found in 1.3

4.3.3 Snowboard Cross skills mission can be found in 1.3

4.3.4 For **Aerials** must have competed at Europa Cup level, equivalent or above i.e. Must have met the criteria for a FIS B Licence (refer www.freestylesnowsports.co.uk and click on "document download" then select "BSS Selection Criteria 2014.pdf" for download) For clarity not only must the candidate meet the criteria for a FIS B licence, but they must have entered at least one event at this level.

5. Selection to Home Nations and National Moguls Academies

5.1. Home Nations Academy for Moguls

Selection to the Home Nations Moguls Academy has three components.

5.1.1 Minimum Standard

Athletes must be 10 years old or above and have competed in a minimum of two moguls competition either indoor or outdoor in the last twelve months. Athletes who have not competed in moguls may submit evidence of skiing performance, either in another discipline or freeskiing for consideration by the coaches.

5.1.2 Skiing Skills Evaluation

Athletes who meet the minimum standard will then be invited to carry out a skills assessment with the Home Nations and National Academy for Moguls Coaches.

5.1.3 Athletes Skill standards

Athletes must achieve a minimum of 5 Refinement with a maximum of 1 Acquisition.

Skill (to be completed both in and out of the moguls)	Acquisition (Red)	Consolidation (Amber)	Refinement (Green)
Stance/Balance (Athletic balance and stance in a variety of conditions, both on piste and in moguls, demonstrated through a variety of exercises, performed with and without poles, as well as independent single ski exercises)			
Edging (Athletes must be able to demonstrate the ability to both skid and carve skis in a variety of conditions)			
Rotational skills (Athletes should demonstrate strong rotational skills in exercises such as braquage and also in basic jumps such as twisters)			
Pressure Control (Athletes should be able to demonstrate pressure control both in and outside of the moguls)			
Turn execution (in moguls) (Athletes should demonstrate control, adaptability and agility in the moguls in order to execute a variety of turns)			
Turn execution (out of moguls) (Athletes should demonstrate control, adaptability and agility on piste in order to execute a variety of turns)			
Completion of turn Athletes should be able to complete a turn appropriately in order to control descent, speed and line without losing control.			
Pole planting (in moguls) (Athletes should be able to ski moguls planting poles on the face, crest or backside of the moguls. They should also be able to ski moguls without poles)			
Tactics – line choice (Athletes should be able to maintain a skiing line or switch according to the exercise selected by the coach)			
Tactics – adaptation skills (Athletes should be able to demonstrate a variety of turns in moguls using the fall fill(line?), shoulders or crest/spine of the moguls)			

5.1.4 Athletes who complete the above evaluations will then be invited to join the Home Nations Moguls Academy.

Age of Competitor	33	32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6
DD	0	-0.03	0.01	0.03	0.015	0.01	0.015	0.025	0	0.89-0.91	1.13-1.1	1.18	1.21	1.21	1.23	1.24	1.25	1.28	1.31	1.45	1.48	1.56	1.59					
	Straight Jump	Twister	Spread	Daffy	Iron Cross	Back Scratcher	Mule Kick	Kosack	Zudnick	Double Upright	Triple Upright	Back Layout	360	Back Layout w/ Position	Lincoln Loop	360 w/ Position or Grab	Front Flip	Back Full	Back Full w/ Position or Grab	720	720 Off Axis w/ Position or Grab	1080	1080 Off Axis w/ Position or Grab					
	Jumps Categories																											

For women 0.15 added to the DD of each jump

Progression Route	Licence Level
Moguls Training	
Home Nation Academy	
England Squad	FIS C Level
British Talent Academy	
British Squad/Junior Worlds/	
Europa Cup/Continental Cup/NORAM	FIS B Level
World/Cup/Olympics	FIS A-Level

Approximate benchmark levels

Moguls Training

Home Nations Academy

National Academy Level

Junior Worlds/Continental Cup

All athletes will now be monitored on their performance in the air using the above tracker.

5.4. Snowsport England Freestyle and Selection Committee

Chair of selectors:	Martin Carr
Selection secretary:	Mike Smith
Snowsport England Talent Lead:	Ian Findlay
Moguls Lead:	Ian Danby
Park & Pipe Representative:	Becky Bennett
Park & Pipe Representative:	Gareth Vogan

5.5. Athletic Capacity

Each discipline has off-snow training requirements. They will be delivered in a variety of ways but athletes are encouraged to attend off-snow training sessions organised by Snowsport England.

6. Appeals Process

The National Academy appeals processes are structured to conform to UK Sport guidelines.

All appeals must be made in writing, with accompanying evidence and additional information to the National Academy office.

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For selections, appeals must be made within 7 days of the announcement of the named athletes. All appeals will be considered on an individual basis. Appeals will first be reconsidered by the original selection committee, who will explain their reasons for the decision to the athlete. If the athlete is not happy with the process or the outcome of the selection committee's final decision, then the athlete may opt to refer the matter to an internal appeals committee. The Snowsport England appeals chairman will constitute an internal appeal's committee made up of at least three people, who did not sit on the original selection committee.

If the dispute remains unresolved, it will be submitted for an exclusive, final and binding determination to Sports Resolutions. Snowsport England understands that both parties will to undertake and to execute in good faith any decision of Sports Resolutions.