



Alpine FIS Race Allocation Policy – 2017/18

1. Introduction

This document contains the Policy adopted by British Alpine skiing towards race allocation slots for the FIS run Alpine races for the season beginning 1st July 2017. This policy is based upon merit and will be applied and adhered to by the race entry office at British Ski and Snowboard (BSS).

This policy covers general FIS races but is NOT to be applied to Continental Cup (CC) races or World Cup (WC) races. For CC or WC races entry will be determined by the British Alpine squad Head Coach or Performance Director and any applications to race in these events should be sent directly to them and copied to the BSS office well in advance of the entry deadline.

2. General Race Priorities

Race slots worldwide will be allocated according to the following:

1. Squad status

- a. British Alpine World Cup Squad (as selected by the BSS Alpine Squad Selection Committee). The office will keep a list of the selected Squad and will distribute it by email to interested parties on request and post it on the BSS website.
- b. British Alpine Europa Cup Squad (as selected by the BSS Alpine Squad Selection Committee). The office will keep a list of the selected Squad and will distribute it by email to interested parties on request and post it on the BSS website.
- c. British Alpine FIS Squad (as selected by the BSS Alpine Squad Selection Committee). The office will keep a list of the selected Squad and will distribute it by email to interested parties on request and post it on the BSS website.
- d. British Alpine U21 Squad (as selected by the BSS Alpine Squad Selection Committee). The office will keep a list of the selected Squad and will distribute it by email to interested parties on request and post it on the BSS website.
- e. All other British FIS registered Alpine Skiers.

2. FIS points

After applying Squad status prioritisation athletes to the categories above, should the number of athletes entering a race exceed the number of quota spots available to British athletes then entry priority will be allocated to the athlete(s) with the lowest points in the discipline of the race, on the most current FIS points list.

3. Timing of entry

After applying Squad status prioritisation (1 above) and FIS Point prioritisation (2 above), if there are still available quota spots, athletes who have not yet scored FIS points in the specific event entered will be prioritised on a first come first served basis.

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3. Special Race Priorities

In addition to the above race priority, qualifying training establishments who adhere to BSS and FIS policies on anti-doping and child welfare and are members of BSS may apply to the CEO of BSS for special race priority for skiers who race and train with them in a limited number of races in the area local to their training base, which must be evidenced on application. Any such application must be made by 21st June for Southern Hemisphere races and 1st September for Northern Hemisphere races and should include the details of the races for which priority is sought and details of how they satisfy the qualification criteria listed below. Any such applications are likely to be limited to two training and race camps of no more than ten days each in a season. If contention exists between races, then the BSS CEO will arrange a Race Priority Conference to discuss the contention. His decision will be binding on all parties.

The BSS office will publish a list of races where Special Race Priorities will apply. This list will be available by 7th July for Southern Hemisphere races and 1st October for all other races. Only in exceptional circumstances as defined by the CEO will the CEO change Special Race Priorities.

Qualifying Criteria for Special Race Priorities:

Criteria 1 – Participation

- Having a minimum of 6 FIS athletes engaged in a training programme.

Criteria 2 – Creating Racing Opportunities

- Scheduling & running a minimum of 1 FIS technical race in the season, (the date of such races to be agreed by the CEO BSS & TD Forum so as not to clash with other British races in the calendar),
OR
- Scheduling & running a minimum of 1 FIS speed race in the season, (again, the date of such races to be agreed by the CEO BSS & TD Forum so as not to clash with other British races in the calendar).

Criteria 3 – Evidence of Successful Coaching

- Current athletes who are part of the British Alpine Squad.

A qualifying training establishment can apply for up to two-thirds of the quota spots available. If granted access to those quota spots, then the training establishment MUST send the names of the Athletes who will be taking up those reserved slots at least 10 days before the Captains meeting in accordance with section 4 below. There will always be at least one third of the number of spots left open that can be allocated according to the General Race Priorities listed above. Generally, the race being requested for special consideration will be within the local area of the recognised training base for the applicant establishment.

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4. Race Entry - Process and Deadlines

Applications for FIS race entry must be made to the BSS Office via the Online Race Entry System or by emailing raceentry@teambss.org.

The BSS Office will create and send the British race entry **for all events other than NC's** 10 days before the **Captains meeting for the first race of an event series**.

For NC races, the race entry deadline is 2 weeks, therefore we would like to ensure we increase the chance of GBR being granted quota spots so for all NC's, the **entries will be sent 14 days before the Captains meeting** for the first race of an event series.

The BSS office will send a copy of those race entries for that event to all applicants who have been successfully entered, and email those unsuccessful athletes directly.

Any applications after the 10-day deadline, (14-day deadline for NCs), will be handled on a first come first served basis for any quota slots that remain open after the deadline.

If a race is rescheduled, we follow the usual BSS Race Entry Policy up until 5 days before the Team Captains meeting of the first race in the rescheduled series. Athletes will need to resubmit their entries for the rescheduled event. Any application after the 5-day deadline will be handled on a first come first served basis.

Athletes can only enter into one race series over a certain time period, athletes are not able to enter two events which are running at the same time. If BSS receive entries for events during the same period, we will email the athlete/coach for their preferred entry.

There may be exceptional circumstances immediately prior to events requiring qualification (e.g. the Olympics) when a race cancellation could affect the ability of an athlete to qualify. In such circumstances the Athlete should immediately appeal to the BSS CEO and the CEO will investigate the opportunities for further prioritisation after the 10-day deadline. No other form of prioritisation will be applied to late entries.

Athletes may cancel their race entry up to 3 days prior to the Captains meeting of the race series, notifying the BSS office, and not be charged for entry fees. Any cancelled entries after this time will be charged.

5. Abuse or Manipulation of Policy

Any abuse or manipulation of this policy that results in other athletes being disadvantaged (e.g. entering races but failing to start) may result in loss of privilege, priority or even refusal by the race office to enter athletes taking part in such abuse in subsequent races. Measures under this clause will be at the discretion of the CEO of BSS.