

# BSS Snowboard Cross Selection Criteria 2011/2012

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The aim of this document is to set out the procedure and criteria for the selection of the British Snowboardcross Teams.

The Snowboard Selection Committee will also select the team for the FIS Senior and Junior World Championships and other events, which comprise of a British Team and run under the control of the International Ski Federation (FIS) or the World Snowboard Federation (WSF). They will also select a British Team for other Junior International Snowboard competitions.

The Snowboard Selection Committee will agree standards with the British Olympic Association (BOA) for the Olympic Winter Games and propose athletes achieving these standards to the BOA, who will then select the British Olympic Team

## 1. Formation of the Selection Committee:

The Snowboard Selection Committee comprises of the snowboard discipline sub-committee of the BSS with Colin Holden as chairperson, Lesley McKenna as Vice Chairperson and Simon Whyte, James Foster and Hamish McKnight as coaches. The Chairperson will also invite any person deemed to have useful advice to sit on the selection meeting.

## 2. Selection Process:

**There will be no automatic re selection of existing GB Snowboard Team members.**

The snowboard selection committee will publish the selection criteria for each team/squad on the BSS website. This will be updated annually. GB Snowboard Team Coaches will run 'selection consideration sessions' at the end of each season, all of which will be made public. Riders will then be invited to apply for selection whereby the selection committee will consider their applications as per the published selection criteria. **If the athlete fails to respond to the invitation then they will not be considered for selection.** Selection will take place sometime after the request for applications and selected riders will be informed shortly afterwards. The selection appeals process is documented below.

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## 3. Selection Criteria:

All selections will be based on the following:

- Current performance levels; (appendix 1).
- Coach's report and recommendations including psychological attitude and willingness to train independently on and off the snow.
- Competition results if available.
- Positive improvement trends using fitness tracker and competition results tracker; (appendix 2).
- Fitness Level.
- Meets ages requirements stated below.

Any rider who has not attended a selection session can notify the Selection Committee and steps can be taken for them to be evaluated by a Team Coach. They must submit evidence that they meet the selection criteria in order to be considered for evaluation.

On notification of selection the riders will thereafter receive a riders contract with the conditions of acceptance of their place on the team. This will outline costs and responsibilities.

## 4. Injury Status

Every athlete who suffers a serious injury will be given time to recover to full fitness before being considered for reselection to the programme. They will be given the opportunity through conditional selection to prove that they will be able to meet the selection criteria and continue their position on their performance graph. Each case will be considered individually.

## 5. Age

Athletes aged between 16 and 26 will be selected using a minimum 6 year athlete development plan. FIS rules state that a rider must be turning 16 during the FIS calendar season in order to enter a sanctioned event. If a younger athlete is at a high enough level then they can be selected to join the program for training only. There will be exceptions made for athletes over 26 years of age who demonstrate exceptional ability and are at a World Cup level and capable of qualifying for the forthcoming Olympics.

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## 6. Appeals Process

All appeals must be made in writing, with accompanying evidence or additional information for the selectors, to the BSS office within 1 week of the announcement of the teams. All appeals will be considered on an individual basis. Following an unsuccessful appeal, an athlete may still take his appeal to the BSS board, who will appoint an appeals panel.

## 7. Teams

There will be two levels within the British Snowboard Cross Team, The World Cup Team and Europa Cup Team. There will also be a British Development and Junior Program with a Junior Team selected for each of the major events.

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## Appendix 1

The following is a table indicating the athlete's ability using basic snowboarding criteria and SBX techniques. The suggested competition gives everyone an idea of where they need to be for each level. There is no pass or fail but we are using this to compare the athletes to the ideal age. Each criteria must be done correctly 90% of the time in order to be marked as complete.

Level (Suggested competition level)		1 (FIS)	2 (Europa Cup)	3 ( World Cup)
<b>Ideal Age group</b>		<b>&lt;18</b>	<b>18-26</b>	<b>&gt;26</b>
<b>Carving</b>	<b>Short Radius</b>	Blue Pitch	Red Pitch	Uneven and varied
	<b>Long Radius</b>	Blue Pitch	Red Pitch	Uneven and varied
	<b>Mixture</b>	Blue Pitch	Red Pitch	Uneven and varied
<b>Kicker with grabs</b>		10m	20m	25m
<b>Kicker racing technique</b>		10m	20m	25m
<b>Half Pipe</b>		ride to lip	air both walls w/tricks	dropout b/s and f/s
<b>Rollers</b>	<b>Maintaining Speed</b>	ride over w/varied speed	controlled double, single combination	carve over both edges
	<b>Building Speed</b>	ride over w/varied speed	controlled double, single combination	carve over both edges
<b>Switch Carving</b>	<b>Short Radius</b>	Green Pitch	Blue Pitch	Red Pitch
	<b>Long Radius</b>	Green Pitch	Blue Pitch	Red Pitch
	<b>Mixture</b>	Green Pitch	Blue Pitch	Red Pitch
<b>Volcano/Wu- Tang</b>			ride over	Racing technique

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## Appendix 2

date	venue	result	field size	% of field	level of comp	% of qualie time	QT	1st	Magic Number
07/01/2011	Puy St Vincent	116	139	83%	410	19%	64.67	54.35	68
08/01/2011	Puy St Vincent	118	128	92%	482	15%	62.86	54.84	38
09/01/2011	Puy St Vincent	86	119	72%	420	14%	68.57	60.24	116
28/01/2011	Isola 2000	77	92	84%	219	17%	78.32	67.2	36
29/01/2011	Isola 2000	68	99	69%	429	15%	70.46	61.11	134

