



U14 and U16 Development Group Selection Policy

Snowsport England Alpine Development Groups 2014/15

The U14 age group is now the responsibility of the Home Nations. This document explains the selection policy SSE has developed to select U14 athletes. Athletes who are selected to this group will have the opportunity to be nominated to British Ski Snowboard for selection to international races.

Please note – Selection to the Snowsport England Alpine Development Group for U14 does not guarantee selection for international races and a separate process from British Ski and Snowboard will be applied for selection to international races.

U14 Alpine Development Group

1. Athletes must be registered with Snowsport England.
2. Athletes must have finished in the top 15 overall in their age category (U14) in one discipline (Giant Slalom or Slalom) at either the English Alpine Championships 2014 or the British Children's Championships 2014.
3. Athletes must have finished in the top 3 of the English athletes for their year of birth (YOB 2001) at either of the events mentioned in point 2.

In order to be considered for selection, athletes must meet **all** of the criteria laid out in points 1 – 3 above.

Athletes who meet the criteria stated above will then be invited to complete the Athletic Capacity Evaluation (ACE).

Once the Athletic Capacity Evaluation (ACE) has been completed athletes will be confirmed as selected to the England Alpine Development Group (U14) for 2014/15.

Athletes born in 2002 and entering the U14 age category for the 2014/15 will have the opportunity to be nominated to the group through coaches nominations following results at early season races.

U16 Alpine Development Group

1. Athletes must be registered with Snowsport England
2. Athletes must have finished in the top 15 overall in the age category (U16 for 1999 YOB and U14 for 2000 YOB) at either the English Alpine Championships 2014 or the British Children's Championships 2014.
3. Athletes must have finished in the top 3 of the English athletes for their year of birth (YOB 1999) at the events mentioned in point 2.

For YOB 2000, athletes must have finished in the top 3 of the English athletes for their YOB (2000) in the U14 age category at the events mentioned in point 2.



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Athletes who meet the criteria stated above will then be invited to complete the Athletic Capacity Evaluation (ACE).

Once the Athletic Capacity Evaluation (ACE) has been completed, athletes will be confirmed as selected to the England Alpine Development Group (U16) for 2014/15.

Any athlete on GB International duty during the British or English Championships, 2014 is exempt from points 2 and 3 above.

Athletes who do not meet the formal criteria stated above may be nominated through the coach nomination process for consideration by the selection panel. Coach nominations should be sent to i.findlay@snowsportengland.org.uk

Appeals Process

All appeals must be made in writing, with accompanying evidence and any additional information, to the Snowsport England office.

For England Alpine Squad, selection(s), appeals must be made within 2 weeks after the Selection Panel's announcement of the members.

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 satisfied with either the process or the outcome of the Selection Committee's final decision, then the athlete may refer the matter to an Internal Appeals Committee.

The Snowsport England Appeals Chairman will constitute an Internal Appeals 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 the Sports Dispute Resolution Panel (SDRP).

Both parties will need to undertake and to execute in good faith any decision of the SDRP



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If you wish to apply for a development group, but **do not** meet the criteria outlined above, please complete the following pages. Please also ask your **coach** to fill in the **recommendation form** as this will be very important in determining selection to the Team. Once completed please email all the pages to i.findlay@snowsportengland.org.uk as well as sending a **hard copy which is signed** to the Snowsport England office. Address: Ian Findlay, Snowsport England, SportPark, Loughborough University, 3 Oakwood Drive, Loughborough, Leicestershire, LE11 3QF.

Please note that you will receive an email from Ian Findlay acknowledging your submission. If you do not receive confirmation of receipt, please re-send or contact the Snowsport England Office.

1. ADDRESS AND CONTACT DETAILS

For all administration and correspondence please could you provide us with details for a principal and secondary person to contact.

Athlete Name		
Principal contact Name and relationship to athlete		
Second contact Name and relationship to athlete		
	PRINCIPAL CONTACT	SECOND CONTACT
Home phone		
Home fax		
Work Phone		
Mobile		
Main e-mail address		
Other e-mail address		
Athlete Mobile number		
Athlete e-mail address		



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Postal address	
Postcode	

2. ATHLETE DETAILS

SURNAME	
FIRST NAMES	
MALE / FEMALE	
Date of Birth	
FIS Licence Number	
Home Nation Governing Body And Registration Number	
Snow Club(s) or training group	
Artificial Club(s)	
Country of Residence	
Full time or part time in 2012/13 and 2014/14	
When do you expect to be able to start taking part in a full time programme ?	

3. TRAINING AND RACING IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS



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Please give an estimate of	May-Oct	Nov - Apr	TOTAL
Number of on snow training days			
Number of days racing			
Hours per week of fitness training			
Hours per week of other sports activity			
Number of days of artificial slope training			

4. INJURIES

Please give brief details of any injuries/prolonged illnesses that have prevented you from training as fully as you would have liked in the last 18 months.

Injury summary and approximate date	No of ski training Days lost	No of weeks until recovery

Do you currently have any injury/illnesses that will prevent you from training in the next 6-12 months or any ongoing injury that is likely to reoccur under a heavy training load?



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N.B. If the injury will prevent participation in the programme at any time in the next 9 months please also include a letter or certificate from a Doctor indicating the nature of the injury and confirming that recovery to sufficient strength to continue training and racing is anticipated in the next 9 months.

Please give brief details below



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5. CURRENT COACH DETAILS

Name of principal coach	
Other coaches and clubs in 2013/14	
Other coaches and clubs in 2012/13	
Club(s)	
Main e-mail	
Other e-mail	
Home phone	
Work phone (if we can call you there)	
Mobile	
Fax No	
Number of years worked with the athlete	

5. Signatures

I, the athlete, hereby apply to be selected to England U14/U16 Development Group in accordance with the above details.

NAME

Signed

Date



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Countersignature by Parent / Guardian if the athlete is under 18.

NAME

Signed

Date

Relationship to Athlete



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7. COACHES REPORT/RECOMMENDATION

Please give a brief assessment of the main strengths and weaknesses of the athlete under the following headings. Please indicate why you believe the athlete should be selected onto the Team including long term development/progress in applicable. Please also include race results which might demonstrate why the athlete should be selected even if their FIS points do not meet the criteria.

Please continue on another sheet if you run out of space.

Athlete's Name

Technical Skills

Slalom

Giant Slalom



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Super – G (if applicable)

Fitness

Psychology

Nutrition



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Please list the main areas of improvement in 2012/2013 season

1

2

3

Please list race results which you think are significant/important/reflect your athlete's capabilities.



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Additional comments – Please provide us with any extra information that you believe is important in enabling this athlete to reach his/her potential.

Do you train and compete in other sports?		
If yes which sports?		
Please also give details of your most significant competition results in other sports and where & when these were achieved, please focus on the last 12 months:		
Please give details below of your current training whether undertaken as part of a club, school or individually. Please list the sports for which you train and the number of hours a week spent training		



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Sport	Hours per week

ATHLETE NAME

I support and endorse the application of this athlete for selection to Team England for 2012/13.

Signed

Date

NAME

CLUB

(COACHING QUALIFICATIONS)