



ALPINE RACE ALLOCATION POLICY 2023/2024

1. Introduction

This document contains the Policy adopted by GBS (GB Snowsport) Alpine skiing towards race allocation slots for the FIS run Alpine races for the season beginning 1st July 2023. This policy is based upon merit and will be applied and adhered to by the GBS office. This document also outlines GBS Continental Cup (i.e. Europa Cup) and World Cup race entry processes and deadlines. Added for the 2022-23 season, the process for entering U16 and U14 International Children's Races.

2. General FIS Race Priorities

Race slots worldwide will be allocated according to the following:

1. Squad status

- a. GB Alpine World Cup Squad (as selected by the GBS Alpine Squad Selection Committee). The GBS 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 GBS website.
- b. GB Alpine Europa Cup Squad (as selected by the GBS Alpine Squad Selection Committee). The GBS 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 GBS website.
- c. GB Alpine FIS Squad (as selected by the GBS Alpine Squad Selection Committee). The GBS 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 GBS website.
 - i. Priority for Squad status shall only be extended to athletes with <100 FIS points in each given discipline. Where an athlete's FIS points exceed 100 at the time of race entry, status would not apply for races in that discipline.
- d. 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 at the time of race entry, as per GBS set timelines.

3. Athletes with no FIS points

For the Southern Hemisphere season, 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 they have entered, will be prioritised based on their current BASS (British Alpine Seeding System) points.

For the Northern Hemisphere season, 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 they have entered, will be prioritised on a first come first served basis.



3. FIS Race Entry - Process and Deadlines

Applications for FIS race entry must be made to the GBS Office via the Online Race Entry System or by emailing raceentry@gbsnowsport.com with an official request. **Entries will not be accepted by text, WhatsApp, over the phone or otherwise.**

All race entries processed by GBS will incur an admin fee of **£6.00 per individual competition** (not per event). It is necessary to charge per individual competition as each competition has its own quota which needs to be managed. This is payable at the end of the season and will be invoiced to athletes individually.

All Southern Hemisphere events: The GBS office will create and send the British race entry for all events **14 days** before the Team Captain's Meeting (TCM) for the first race of an event series.

All Northern Hemisphere events: The GBS office will create and send the British race entry the following number of days before the first Team Captain's meeting of an event series:

Event	Deadline
NAC, FEC, NC, NJC	14 days before <i>first</i> TCM; 17:00 GMT
FIS, CIT, NJR, UNI and similar	7 days before <i>first</i> TCM; 17:00 GMT

The GBS office will send a copy of the official GBR entry for that event to all applicants who have been successfully entered and email those unsuccessful athletes directly.

Any applications after the given deadline will be handled on a first come first served basis for any quota slots that remain open after the deadline.

Race Entry Changes

If a race of any category is added to the FIS calendar within the Application Deadline (see table above) then the new Application Deadline will be at 5pm 5 days prior to the first TCM. If a race is added to the calendar within 5 days of the first TCM, then the new Deadline will be at 5pm on the day the race is added to the calendar.

If a race is rescheduled to within 7 days of the original starting date, and the codex remains the same, the athletes on the original entry will get priority over the quota spots. They will need to confirm whether they still want to race by emailing raceentry@gbsnowsport.com no later than 5 days prior to the Team Captains meeting. **Failure to confirm will result in the athlete losing their quota spot as athletes will not be automatically transferred over.**

If the race programme changes and a new codex is added for that race, or the same codex is used over 7 days later than originally planned, the usual GBS Race Entry Policy will be applied, and athletes will need to resubmit their entries for the new event series. The deadline for this is 5 days before the first Team Captain's Meeting, after which a first come first served approach will be given for any available places.

If an athlete no longer wishes to race, it is an athlete's responsibility to inform the GBS office. It is the athlete's responsibility to keep checking the FIS website for any changes to any race and notifying the GBS office.

Athletes can make changes or cancel their race entry up until 3 days prior to the Team Captain's meeting for the first race of an event series. After this deadline, changes can be made only in exceptional circumstances, such as illness or injury, and a doctor's note may be required. Race entry fees will also be charged. For group entries (more than 4 athletes), coaches can make a maximum of 2 changes for each race event.

Please note that the GBS office hours are Mon-Fri 09:00-17:00 so all communication must be submitted before 17:00 GMT on the day of the deadline.



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 GBS Head Coach, and they will investigate the opportunities for further prioritisation after the 7-day deadline. No other form of prioritisation will be applied to late entries.

Under no circumstances are TCM representatives allowed to enter athletes at the TCM who were not on the final entry submitted by GBS to the organisers. The final entry has been carefully managed by GBS to take into consideration Squad status, FIS points and timelines of entry as per the GBS Alpine Race Allocation Policy. If any athlete is found undermining the GBS entry process, athletes will be sanctioned.

Athletes based in North America

If you are based in the USA or Canada, GBS will not issue authorisation letters for coaches to make entries on their behalf. All competition entries must come via the GBS Office, as GBS must manage quotas and entry priorities for these races. Please send all entry requests to raceentry@gbsnowsport.com.

Nominating an Entry Representative

During the FIS Licence application process, athletes will be asked to nominate a coach/academy/parent to make their competition entries on their behalf. This is the person responsible for making an athletes' competition entries during the season and this person will be copied into any communications with the organisers about the final entry. If this is the athlete themselves, please state this. You must notify raceentry@gbsnowsport if this changes during the season.

4. North American Cup/Far Eastern Cup Race Entry – Process and Deadlines

To be requested, like all FIS entries, to the Entry Coordinator. Entries will be confirmed 14 days before the day of the first TCM.

5. Europa Cup/World Cup Race Entry – Process and Deadlines

All Europa Cup and World Cup entries, along with accommodation requests are submitted by the Alpine Programme Manager via the FIS online system. All requests must be sent to the Alpine Programme Manager, who will then ask the GBS Head Coach and GBS Alpine Discipline Committee Chair for formal approval. Selections to the race will be based on the GBS Selection Criteria below:

Alpine Europa Cup Entries

B 6.1. Any athlete wishing to be considered for entry to a Europa Cup [or World Cup] must meet the FIS minimum Europa Cup [or World Cup] points criteria. The GBS Alpine Head Coach shall propose athletes for entry to individual Europa Cup [or World Cup] Competitions to the GBS Head Coach and GBS Alpine Discipline Committee Chair.

B 6.2. If more athletes are proposed than quota places are available, the GBS Head Coach and GBS Alpine Discipline Committee Chair have discretion to select the athletes most likely to achieve the best result at the Competition.



B 6.3. The GBS Head Coach and GBS Alpine Discipline Committee Chair will consider a range of factors when selecting athletes, but will include:

B 6.3.1. athletes' FIS ranking in the eligible discipline during the current and preceding season; and

B 6.3.2. results obtained in Competitions in the eligible discipline during the current and preceding season.

Entry Deadlines

The Alpine Programme Manager must adhere to strict deadlines set by the FIS entry system. Therefore, all requests must meet the deadlines outlined below, or entries and accommodation cannot be guaranteed. Accommodation (full board) is charged at CHF 90 (CHF 120 for World Cups) per day or equivalent local currency.

Preliminary entry requests must be submitted 40 days before the day of the first TCM to the Alpine Programme Manager. The information required when requesting preliminary entries is as follows: number of athletes and staff, arrival and departure dates, accommodation requirements (single vs double rooms).

Final entries must be confirmed 14 days before the TCM to Alpine Programme Manager. The information required when requesting final entries is as follows: athlete and staff names, events the athlete wishes to enter, final arrival and departure dates and final rooming requirements (single vs double rooms).

Competitors must inform the GBS office of any changes 10 days before the day of the first TCM, and if the deadline is at a weekend, by 5pm on the Friday prior. Failure to meet this deadline may result in accommodation charges by the LOC and the competitor is liable for any such charges.

Europa Cup Quota

The FIS rules state that GBR is entitled to a basic quota of 2 (or 3 in DH) and additional quota is determined by the number of athletes GBR has ranked in the top 100 in the event concerned:

2.1 Basic Quota Each nation is entitled to a basic quota of two (2), three (3) in DH events, on condition that these competitors have a maximum of 140 FIS points (SAC, ANC 160 FIS points in SL or GS, 180 FIS points in SG, DH or AC) on the valid FIS points list, as follows: - Slalom, Giant Slalom and Parallel: in any of the five events - Downhill and Alpine Combined (with DH): in Downhill or Super-G - Super-G and Alpine Combined (with SG): in Downhill, Super-G or Giant Slalom

2.2 National Quotas Each National Association's additional quota will be determined by the number of competitors ranked in the top 100 in the event concerned, according to the FIS points lists. (SAC & ANC July FIS points list). The Parallel additional quota will be determined by the number of competitors ranked in the top 350 of the PWSL list (SAC, ANC July PWSL rankings).

World Cup Quota

The FIS rules state that GBR may enter 1 athlete in FIS World Cup races, so long as the competitor meets the minimum points criteria as outlined in the "[World Cup Rules](#)" document on the FIS website. For additional quota, GBS adhere to the following FIS rule:

3.3 National quota



For each event a national quota is calculated periodically according to the World Cup Starting List (WCSL). The periods are adapted to the respective calendar planning and fixed before the start of the competition season. The quota is established on the basis of the number of competitors per nation, classified within rank 1 to max. 60 of the WCSL in the event concerned. There is no moving up. For Parallel the nation's higher quota, WCSL or PWSL (Parallel World Seeding List) is valid

6. FIS International Children's Race Entry – Process

Prior to December in each Season, the GBS Children's Alpine Selection Committee (CASC) will notify, in writing, the Home Nations and the Head Coach, which FIS Children's Races the British Children's Ski Team (BCST) will attend during the Season. Such information will also be duly posted on the GBS website. Such notifications and posting will be made in the Autumn preceding the Season.

Any athlete (whether in a Club or Academy or whether racing independently overseas) wishing to attend a FIS International Children's Race which is on the FIS calendar, but which has not been notified to the Home Nations or the Head Coach or posted on the GBS website in accordance with this Clause and Clause B4.5 of the GBS Selection Policy, may apply to GBS to attend such race in accordance with the process laid down in this clause.

Applications for FIS Children's race entry must be made to the GBS office by emailing Juliet Foster at juliet.foster@gbsnowsport.com with an official request. **Entries will not be accepted by text, WhatsApp, over the phone or otherwise.**

All race entries processed by GBS will incur an admin fee of **£6.00 per individual competition** (not per event). This will be invoiced to athletes individually.

GBS will create and send the British race entry for all events in accordance with the relevant race entry deadline.

The GBS office will send a copy of the official GBR entry for that event to all applicants who have been successfully entered and email those unsuccessful athletes directly.

If an athlete no longer wishes to race, it is an athlete's responsibility to inform the GBS office.

Athletes can make changes or cancel their race entry up until the entry deadline for the relevant FIS Children's Race. After this deadline, changes can be made only in exceptional circumstances, such as illness or injury, and a doctor's note may be required. Race entry fees will also be charged. For group entries (more than 4 athletes), coaches can make a maximum of 2 changes for each race event.

To be eligible to make an application to compete in a FIS Children's Race, an athlete must have achieved 250 BASS points or less on the most recent BASS list available in the discipline(s) in which they wish to compete. Any points awarded outside of the BASS system and being relied upon for the purposes of this clause must be officially converted into BASS points.

Should the number of athletes wishing to enter a FIS Children's Race exceed the number of quota spots available to British athletes, the entry priority will be allocated to the athlete(s) with the lowest BASS points in any of the relevant race disciplines, using the most recent BASS point list at the time of race entry.

Where necessary, athletes will be seeded in a particular discipline in accordance with their BASS points in that discipline. It should be noted that priority will be given to athletes competing in more than one discipline and entries to race in one discipline only will only be possible if there are quota spots available.



7. Abuse or Manipulation of Policy

Athletes and coaches are forbidden to contact the race organisers directly to ask for extra quota spots. All communication with race organisers must go through the GBS office.

Athletes are not able to enter two events which are running on the same day. FIS will penalise double entries – it is the athlete's responsibility to ensure they do not have a double entry.

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 GBS office to enter athletes, taking part in such abuse, in subsequent races or suspension of FIS licence. Measures under this clause will be at the discretion of the GBS Head Coach.