



# Freestyle and Snowboard FIS COMPETITION ALLOCATION POLICY 2023/2024

## 1. Introduction

This document contains the Policy adopted by GB Snowsport towards the allocation of slots for the FIS Calendar competitions during the season beginning 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023. This policy will be applied by the competition entry office at GB Snowsport (GBS).

This policy covers general FIS competitions but is NOT to be applied to Continental Cup (CoC) or World Cup (WC) comps. For CoC or WC comps, entry will be determined by the GB Snowboard and Freestyle Head Coaches or Performance Director and any applications to enter into these events should be emailed to [raceentry@gbsnowsport.com](mailto:raceentry@gbsnowsport.com) well in advance of the entry deadline.

## 2. General Competition Priorities

Competition slots worldwide will be allocated according to the following:

1. **Squad status**
  - a. GB Squad status (as selected by the GBS Freestyle and Snowboard Selection Committee). The office will keep a list of the selected Squad and will distribute it by email to interested parties on request and publish it on the GBS website.
  - b. All other British FIS registered Skiers and Snowboarders.
2. **FIS points**

After applying Squad status prioritisation athletes to the categories above, should the number of athletes entering an event exceed the number of quota spots available to British athletes then entry priority will be allocated to the athlete(s) with the highest points in the discipline of the competition, on the 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.

## 3. Abuse or Manipulation of Policy

Any abuse or manipulation of this policy that results in other athletes being disadvantaged (e.g. entering competitions 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 competitions or suspension of FIS licence. Measures under this clause will be in accordance with GBS disciplinary procedures.



## 4. Competition Entry - Process and Deadlines

Applications for FIS competition entry must be made to the GBS Office via the Online Race Entry System or by emailing [raceentry@gbsnowsport.com](mailto:raceentry@gbsnowsport.com) with an official request. Entries will not be accepted over the phone.

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. Entries submitted via email will be invoiced to athletes individually at the end of the season.

*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	Application Deadline
EC, NAC, FEC, NC, NJC	14 days before <i>first</i> TCM; <b>17:00</b> GMT
FIS, UNI and similar	7 days before <i>first</i> TCM; <b>17:00</b> GMT

**Please note that GBS office hours are Mon-Fri 09:00-17:00. All entries must be submitted before 17:00 on the day of the deadline and entries made over the weekend will not be seen until Monday.**

The GBS office will send a copy of the official GBR competition entry for each event to all applicants who have been successfully entered and email the 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. If a competition is rescheduled and the codex remains the same, the athletes on the original entry will get priority over the quota spots but will need to confirm whether they still want to be entered by emailing [raceentry@gbsnowsport.com](mailto:raceentry@gbsnowsport.com) 5 days prior to the Team Captains meeting. **Failure to confirm will result in the athlete losing their quota spot.** If the event programme changes and a new codex is added, 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 enter, 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 competition and notifying 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.

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

Athletes can make changes or cancel their entry up until 3 days prior to the Team Captain's Meeting for the first competition 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. Competition 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. There may be exceptional circumstances immediately prior to events requiring qualification (e.g. the Olympics) when a competition cancellation could affect the ability of an athlete to qualify. In such circumstances the athlete should immediately appeal to the relevant Discipline Committee, which will investigate the opportunities for further prioritisation after the deadline. No other form of prioritisation will be applied to late entries.