



**FIS Registration
& Competition Allocation Policy**

**Freestyle & Snowboard
Season 2023/2024**

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DEFINITIONS

“BASI”	means the British Association of Snowsport Instructors;
“Competition”	means an Event or series of Events conducted over one or more days including a National or International Competition;
“Discipline Chair”	means the Chair of the Freestyle & Freeski or Snowboard Discipline Committees;
“Event”	means a single race or contest;
“FIS”	means the International Ski Federation;
“GBR”	means the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland;
“GBS”	means GB Snowsport Ltd.;
“GBS Board”	means the executive committee that jointly supervises the activities of GBS;
“GBS Head Coach”	means the person responsible for coaching delivery within GBS programmes;
“GBS Office”	means the staff who work at GBS headquarters;
“GBS Selection Policy”	means the document detailing the processes adhered to when selecting a GBS Squad/team for Major Events; this is published on the GBS website;
GBS Website”	means the official GBS website; https://www.gbsnowsport.com/ ;
“Home Nations”	means England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland;
“Selection”	means the process of selecting athletes to represent GBR to GBS Squads or GBS Teams;
“Selection Panel”	means the GBS Selection Panel; a standing committee of the GBS Board responsible, inter alia, for the Selection or nomination of GBS Squads or GBS Teams;
“Squad”	means a set of Athletes selected to represent GBS for the competitive season;
“WSPL”	means the “World Snowboard Points List” for freestyle snowboarders which is published on the FIS website .

1. INTRODUCTION

This document contains important information for British FIS licence holders in freestyle/freeski and snowboard disciplines, notably the Policy adopted by GB Snowsport ("GBS") towards the allocation of slots for the FIS calendar competitions during the season beginning 1st July 2023. This policy is based upon merit and will be applied and adhered to by the GBS Office.

Freestyle/freeski and snowboard encompasses the following FIS discipline/events:

Aerials (AE); Aerial Team (AET)

Alpine Snowboard: Parallel Giant Slalom (PGS); Parallel Slalom (PSL); Parallel Slalom Team (PRT)

Big Air (BA)

Halfpipe (HP)

Moguls (MO); Dual Moguls (DM); Dual Moguls Team (DMT)

Ski Cross (SX); Ski Cross Team (SXT)

Slopestyle (SS)

Snowboard Cross (SBX); Snowboard Cross Team (BXT)

This document further details the processes and deadlines for entry into FIS level, Continental Cup (i.e. Europa Cup) and World Cup competitions.

2. FIS LICENCE HOLDER RESPONSIBILITIES

In purchasing a British FIS licence athletes have agreed to certain obligations, which are mandatory for participation in FIS competitions. These include:

- a) *Signing of the FIS Waiver (Athlete's Declaration) - an acknowledgement of the risks that can exist in competitive skiing or snowboarding.*
 - b) *Completion of the Certificate of Health medical declaration by a qualified medical practitioner which certifies that the athlete has had an appropriate evaluation of their medical health and agreement that the athlete informs GBS should any change to their health occur during the season.*
 - c) *Agreement that the athlete will always be covered with necessary, valid medical insurance for racing/competing (at least £1,000,000).*
- Club affiliation to the athlete's Home Nation provides £1M public liability cover for athletes who are resident in the UK (Snowsport England also provide the same cover to those residing outside the UK).*
- c) *Agreement that the athlete will abide by GBS policy relating to Drugs and Doping.*
 - d) *Reading and understanding the FIS Rules.*
 - e) *Agreement to the GBS Refund Policy for FIS Licence Holders.*
 - f) *Agreement to GBS FIS Licence Code of Conduct.*

All policies can be found on the GBS website under the *Policies and Minutes* section > *Governance > Forms and Guidelines*: <https://gbsnowsport.com/policies/>.

3. COMPETITION PROGRAMME & RESULTS

The FIS calendar, containing listings of international events throughout the season, can be found on the FIS website - www.fis-ski.com. There is also a FIS “app” which is available for download free of charge.

Results are posted within the events on the FIS calendar after the competition has taken place, and an athlete’s individual result will appear on their FIS profile. The FIS website/app offers live timing for events on the FIS calendar.

An athlete’s FIS points will be calculated according to the [FIS Rules](#), and FIS Points Lists ([Freestyle/Freeski](#) and [Snowboard](#)) will be posted on the FIS website throughout the season. Event organisers will consider the latest FIS points lists when seeding competitions and creating start lists.

4. LICENCE TYPE RESTRICTIONS

All FIS licence applications are subject to approval by the GBS Head Coach.

First Time Licence Applicants

Athletes can apply for a Freestyle or Snowboard licence if they are born in 2010 or earlier. All athletes applying for a Freestyle or a Snowboard licence for the first time must submit a [Coach Application Form](#). This form should be completed and signed by a qualified coach who can vouch for the performance level of the athlete.

If an athlete is applying for their licence as part of their BASI coaching qualification, the BASI head office will be able to complete a coach report to support an athlete’s FIS licence application.

Completed coach reports should be emailed to fislicence@gbsnowsport.com or uploaded to the licence portal at the time of application.

Freestyle or Snowboard A Licence

An A licence is suitable for a British Squad athlete who is competing at the highest level of FIS competition, including Winter Olympic Games, World Cup and World Championship events.

Freestyle or Snowboard B Licence

A B licence is suitable for an athlete competing at Continental Cup level of FIS competition, including Europa Cup, World Junior Championship, Youth Olympic Winter Games, North American Cup, Australia-New Zealand Cup, and South American Cup events. Athletes must have competed in a minimum of two FIS-level competitions before considering applying for this licence.

Freestyle or Snowboard C Licence

A C licence is suitable for an athlete competing at FIS and entry level FIS competitions, including National Championship, National Junior Championship, FIS, University, Junior, Open and European Youth Olympic Winter Festival events.

Upgrading Licences

Athletes can upgrade their licence to an A or B level licence during the season by submitting a [Coach Application Form](#) completed by their coach to support this change in licence type. Completed coach reports should be emailed to fislicence@gbsnowsport.com. All upgrades are subject to approval by the GBS Head Coach. The difference in the cost of licence (if applicable) will be payable via invoice.

Approved Licences

There are no physical licences issued by the GBS Office – licences will be approved via a confirmation email. Athletes will become “Active” on the FIS website and have their own FIS profile which will record all competition results and FIS points.

5. COMPETITION ENTRY PROCESS

Entries, Quotas and Timescales

Entries to all competitions listed in the FIS calendar will be made by GBS – athletes are not allowed to enter international competitions independently with event organisers.

Only selected athletes will be entered into World Cup, Continental Cup, World Ski Championship and World Junior Championship events. The British Olympic Association is responsible for entries to European Youth Olympic Festival, Youth Olympic Games and Winter Olympic Games. The selection process for “Major Events” such as these is detailed in the GB Snowsport Selection Policy which is published on the GBS website.

To enter a competition, entry requests should be emailed to raceentry@gbsnowsport.com. **GBS cannot accept entry requests by phone call, text message or WhatsApp – all entry requests must be sent via email.**

Entry requests must adhere to the timelines outlined in [FIS COMPETITION CATEGORIES & DEADLINES](#) prior to the Team Captain’s Meeting (“TCM”) on the first day of the event, not the specific race/competition. Any requests submitted after the stated deadlines are not guaranteed to be accepted. These late requests will be handled on a first come first served basis for any quota slots that remain open after the deadline. The GBS Office must manage the quota for all events, and therefore all entry requests will be processed by applying the rules outlined in [GENERAL FIS COMPETITION PRIORITIES](#).

Athletes Based in North America

For athletes based in 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 events. All entry requests must be emailed 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 (this can also be the athlete themselves). Notify raceentry@gbsnowsport.com if this information changes during the season.

Confirmation of Competition Entries

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

GBS will email organisers with the British entry for all athletes. Entry representatives will be copied into the final entry email to the organisers. **This email will serve as confirmation of an athlete's entry.**

It is sometimes necessary to make changes to entries after an entry has been submitted. Therefore, it is imperative to check regularly for updates to the entry which will be sent via email. It can be useful to have the final entry email/PDF to hand at the TCM as proof of entry.

Team Captain's Meeting Representation

The TCM takes place in the afternoon or evening before the competition to determine the programme and start list. There should be no more than two people at these meetings to represent the whole British entry, although this is not always possible.

Athletes should make every effort to have a presence at the TCM; organisers have the right to remove athletes from the board who are not represented. Athletes can represent themselves or a coach/parent/guardian can represent on their behalf. Ensure that the TCM representative arrives at least 30 minutes before the meeting begins. If they are unavoidably detained en route, it is vital that they contact the organisers to confirm the athlete's participation. Contact numbers are listed on the FIS calendar and the representative should take a note of the number before travelling. GBS takes no responsibility for athletes being withdrawn from the start list if they are not represented at the TCM.

6. FIS COMPETITION CATEGORIES & DEADLINES

As summarised in Table 1, the GBS Office will create and send the British entry the following number of days before the first TCM of an event series.

Table 1.

Event	Deadline
FIS, JUN, UNI, OPN	7 days before <i>first</i> TCM; 17:00 GMT

EC, NJC, NC, NAC/Nor-Am & ALL Southern Hemisphere events	14 days before <i>first</i> TCM; 17:00 GMT
WC	WC: 40 days before the <i>first</i> TCM (17:00 GMT) for the preliminary entry; 14 days before the <i>first</i> TCM (17:00 GMT) for the final entry.

Continental Cup (ANC, EC, NAC, SAC)

- Continental Cup events include Australia & New Zealand Cup (ANC), Europa Cup (EC), North American Cup (NAC or NorAm) and South America Cup (SAC).
- Eligibility – athletes with a *B* or *A* licence can enter these events.
- The GBR quota for Continental Cups is determined annually by FIS, and detailed rules are explained on the FIS website: [Continental Cup Rules](#). Europa Cup quotas are separate and are further detailed in [Europa Cup & World Cup Entry Process](#).
- Entry requests for all Continental Cups should be sent no later than 14 days before the day of the TCM on the first day of the event, not the specific competition.
- Europa Cup entries will be made in line with the GBS Selection Policy and are subject to approval by the GBS Head Coach and GBS Snowboard and Freestyle Head Coaches. Further information on the Europa Cup entry process is detailed in [Europa Cup & World Cup Entry Process](#).

FIS (FIS, JUN, OPN, UNI)

- FIS level events include FIS, Junior (JUN), Open, (OPN) and University (UNI).
- Eligibility – athletes with any type of FIS licence can enter FIS level events.
- The British quota for FIS competitions is 5 male and 5 female athletes, although it is at the discretion of the host nation to accept additional athletes above the basic quota of 5 per nation. This will be announced in the event invitation on the FIS website.
- Entry requests should be processed no later than 7 days before the day of the TCM on the first day of the event, not the specific competition.
- Note that JUN events are primarily for juniors (U21 or younger) and UNI events are for students only, athletes may be asked to prove their student status.

National Junior Championships (NJC)

- Eligibility – same as for FIS level events, plus NJC competitions are primarily for juniors (U21 or younger).
- The British quota is at the discretion of the organisers. Organisers of NJC competitions have the right to restrict the total foreign entry to no more than 25 overseas competitors, often based on maximum points criteria. The decision of the organising committee can be as late as 24 hours before the event.
- Entry requests should be sent no later than 14 days before the day of the TCM on the first day of the event, not the specific competition.

National Championships (NC)

- Eligibility – same as for FIS level events.
- The British quota is at the discretion of the competition organisers. Organisers of NC events have the right to restrict the total foreign entry to no more than 25 overseas competitors, often based on maximum points criteria. The decision of the organising committee can be as late as 24 hours before the event.
- Entry requests should be sent no later than 14 days before the day of the TCM on the first day of the event, not the specific competition.

World Cup (WC)

- Eligibility - entry to these competitions is usually restricted to GBS Squad athletes or A licence holders. Athletes must also meet the minimum FIS points criteria required to enter a World Cup as outlined in [Europa Cup & World Cup Entry Process](#).
- The World Cup selection process can be found on the GBS Website in the Selection Policy.
- Quotas are allocated by FIS and calculated from the Base List at the end of each season for the forthcoming season. This document can be found on the FIS website.
- Entries will be determined by the GBS Head Coach and GBS Snowboard and Freestyle Head Coaches as per the GBS Selection Policy. Requests to enter these events should be emailed to raceentry@gbsnowsport.com well in advance of the entry deadline.

7. GENERAL FIS COMPETITION PRIORITIES

GBR has an allocated number of “quota” spots for their athletes per competition and this number differs between freestyle and snowboard disciplines. Quota slots worldwide will be allocated according to the following:

1. Squad status

- a. GBS Squad status (as selected by the GBS Freestyle and Snowboard Selection Panel). The GBS 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 GBS 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.

8. CANCELLATION & CHANGES

According to FIS regulations, competition organisers must cancel an event at least 48-hours in advance. If GBS are notified about changes or cancellations to the published programmes, GBS will endeavour to relay this information to all entered athletes as soon as possible.

The FIS website shows all confirmed cancellations or changes to competitions: www.fis-ski.com. Competitions have an individual codex, which can be useful to note when tracking cancellations or changes to the calendar.

GBS Office Hours

GBS Office hours are Monday to Friday 09:00 - 17:00. Therefore, all communication must be submitted before 17:00 GMT on the day of the entry deadline. If the competition takes place on a Sunday or Monday, then communication must be submitted before 17:00 GMT on the Friday prior to the competition. If communication is received outside of GBS Office hours, there is no guarantee that entry requests or changes can be actioned.

Deadline Changes

If a competition of any category is added to the FIS calendar within the Application Deadline (as per the table in [FIS COMPETITION CATEGORIES & DEADLINES](#)) then the new Application Deadline will be at 17:00 GMT 5 days prior to the first TCM. If a competition is added to the calendar within 5 days of the first TCM, then the new deadline will be at 17:00 GMT on the day the competition is added to the FIS calendar.

If a competition is rescheduled to within 7 days of the original starting date, and the codex remains the same, the athletes on the original entry will have priority over the quota spots. Athletes must confirm whether they still want to compete in the re-scheduled competition by emailing raceentry@gbsnowsport.com no later than 17:00 GMT 5 days prior to the TCM. **Failure to confirm will result in the athlete losing their quota spot, as athletes will not be automatically transferred over to the re-scheduled competition.**

New Codex or Codex is used >7 days after

If the programme changes and a new codex is added, or the same codex is used over 7 days later than originally planned, the usual [GBS COMPETITION ENTRY PROCESS](#) will be applied, and athletes will need to resubmit their entries for the new event series. The deadline for this is 17:00 GMT 5 days before the first TCM, after which a first come first served approach will be given for any available places.

Athlete Cancellations or Changes

If an athlete no longer wishes to compete, it is the 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 to notify raceentry@gbsnowsport.com.

Athletes can make changes or cancel their entry up until 17:00 GMT 3 days prior to the TCM 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. GBS competition entry administration fees will still be charged for any cancellation requested after the deadline.

For group entries (more than 4 athletes), coaches can make a maximum of 2 changes for each event.

Exceptional Circumstances

There may be exceptional circumstances immediately prior to events requiring qualification (e.g. the Winter Olympic Games) when a competition cancellation could affect the ability of an athlete to qualify. In such circumstances the athlete should immediately appeal to the relevant GBS Head Coach who will investigate the opportunities for further prioritisation after the deadline. No other form of prioritisation will be applied to late entries.

9. EUROPA CUP & WORLD CUP ENTRY PROCESS

All Europa Cup and World Cup entries, along with FIS accommodation requests are submitted by the Programme Managers via the FIS online entry system and follow strict entry deadlines. All requests must be sent to the relevant Programme Manager, who will then seek formal approval from the GBS Head Coach and GBS Discipline Chair before making the entry.

Criteria for selecting athletes to World Cup and Europa Cup competitions are detailed for each discipline in the GBS Selection Policy. Information on FIS point eligibility and the GBR quota allocated by FIS are outlined per discipline in this section.

FIS Point Eligibility

To be eligible to enter a Europa Cup or a World Cup, athletes must also meet the FIS minimum points criteria in their specific discipline which is outlined in documents on the FIS website. Detailed information on Europa Cup and World Cup competition criteria and quotas can be found on the FIS website: [Continental Cup Rules](#) and [World Cup Rules](#).

Quotas

FIS Europa Cup and World Cup quotas for 2023-2024 season are outlined in Table 2. Full details on quota rules can be found in the following documents on the FIS website: [Continental Cup Rules](#) and [World Cup Rules](#).

Table 2.

Discipline	EC Quotas	WC Quotas
Alpine Snowboard	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Basic Quota (BQ) of 20 (max. 12 per gender)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Basic Quota (BQ) of 3 (max. 2 per gender)Additional Quota (AQ) can be granted based on World RankingsOverall winners of WC and WJC can unlock personal quota spots.
Halfpipe Big Air Slopestyle	<ul style="list-style-type: none">BQ of 18 (max. 12 per gender) in SS and BA competitions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">BQ of 1 per gender per event.AQ can be granted to athletes with a certain

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No BQ restrictions in HP competitions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> number of FIS points or World Ranking placing. Athletes who have previously won WC competitions can unlock personal quota spots.
Moguls Aerials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BQ of 15 per gender per event 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BQ of 1 per gender per event. AQ can be granted based on FIS point standards for each event.
Ski Cross Snowboard Cross	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BQ of 20 per team (max. 12 per gender) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BQ of 3 (max. 2 per gender) AQ can be granted based on World Rankings Overall winners of WC and WJC can unlock personal quota spots.

Entry Deadlines

Requests to enter Europa Cup or World Cup events should be emailed to raceentry@gbsnowsport.com and adhere to the FIS entry deadlines outlined in Table 3.

Table 3.

Discipline	FIS Entry Deadlines	
	EC	WC
Alpine Snowboard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 40 days before the <i>first</i> TCM (17:00 GMT) for provisional entries; 5 days before the <i>first</i> TCM (17:00 GMT) for final entries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 40 days before the <i>first</i> TCM (17:00 GMT) for provisional entries; 10 days before the <i>first</i> TCM (17:00 GMT) for final entries
Big Air Halfpipe Slopestyle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 days before the <i>first</i> TCM (17:00 GMT) for provisional entries AND final entries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 60 days before the <i>first</i> TCM (17:00 GMT) for provisional entries; 10 days before the <i>first</i> TCM (17:00 GMT) for final entries
Moguls Dual Moguls Aerials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 40 days before the <i>first</i> TCM (17:00 GMT) for provisional entries; 10 days before the <i>first</i> TCM (17:00 GMT) for final entries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 40 days before the <i>first</i> TCM (17:00 GMT) for provisional entries; 10 days before the <i>first</i> TCM (17:00 GMT) for final entries
Ski Cross	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 days before the <i>first</i> TCM (17:00 GMT) for provisional entries AND final entries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 40 days before the <i>first</i> TCM (17:00 GMT) for provisional entries; 10 days before the <i>first</i>

		TCM (17:00 GMT) for final entries
Snowboard Cross	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40 days before the <i>first</i> TCM (17:00 GMT) for provisional entries; • 5 days before the <i>first</i> TCM (17:00 GMT) for final entries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40 days before the <i>first</i> TCM (17:00 GMT) for provisional entries; • 10 days before the <i>first</i> TCM (17:00 GMT) for final entries

GBS Programme Managers must adhere to strict deadlines set by the FIS entry system. If an athlete requires accommodation, this can be requested when submitting the entry. Accommodation policies will vary from competition to competition and an athlete should read the competition invitation for details before requesting accommodation. Athletes will be liable for the cost of any requested accommodation if the deadline for making changes to the entry has passed.

Preliminary entry requests must be submitted 40 days before the day of the first TCM to the 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). Any dietary requirements can also be noted at this point.

Final entries must be confirmed to the Programme Manager 14 days before the TCM. 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).

Athletes 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 17:00 GMT on the Friday prior. Failure to meet this deadline may result in accommodation charges by the event organisers and the athlete is liable for any such charges.

10. ABUSE OR MANIPULATION OF POLICY

Communication with Competition Organisers

Athletes/coaches/academies/parents are forbidden to contact international competition organisers directly to enter athletes.

Athletes/coaches/academies/parents are forbidden to contact international competition organisers directly to ask for extra quota spots.

All communication with international competition organisers must go through the GBS Office.

Double Entries & Withdrawals

It contravenes FIS rules to enter more than one competition on the same day and FIS will penalise athletes for double entries. Any double entries identified by GBS will not be processed, however, it is the athlete's responsibility to ensure they do not have a double entry. It is also important that withdrawals and cancellations are communicated directly to GBS as quickly as possible. Repeated breaches of these regulations, shown up by the FIS Database, will result in disciplinary action.

Any abuse or manipulation of the entry process 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 at the discretion of the GBS Head Coach.

FIS and GBS are able to obtain full listings from the FIS website of licence holders who:

- make double entries
- do not show up for events
- do not start second run

This information will be used in the implementation of any disciplinary sanctions.

Discipline & Sanctions

All FIS licence holders are expected to have read and be bound by the International Ski Federation (FIS) rules (www.fis-ski.com), the rules of the competition entered for and British FIS licence information and guidelines.

The following sanctions may be imposed by GBS for infringements noted in [Double Entries & Withdrawals](#).

- Non-attendance at pre-entered competition without prior notification to GBS/or event organisers; failure to remove name from start list if not competing in an event; or failure to start second run, unless for medical reasons.

For the athlete

First occasion	Warning
Second occasion	One month suspension of licence
Third occasion	Suspension of licence for remainder of season

- Making entries and then regularly making a withdrawal at short notice (possibly preventing other licence holders from entering).

Entries will only be made for events that are not oversubscribed by British FIS licence holders.

- Actions or behaviour that are considered breaches of discipline.

Suspension of licence for a period relative to the seriousness of the incident.

Appeals can be made against any sanction. These should be addressed to the Board of GBS.

11. ENTRY FEES

GBS Competition Entry Administration Fee

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

the end of the Southern Hemisphere season). **All outstanding competition entry administration fees must be settled before a FIS licence can be issued for the following season.**

Competition Entry Costs

Entry fees set by the competition organisers may be applicable. This fee is paid directly to the organiser in the local currency by the athlete/coach/academy. GBS will not pay for any entry fees.

12. GB SNOWSPORT REFUND POLICY

GB Snowsport operates a **RESTRICTED REFUND** policy for both FIS licence and competition entry fees.

- **FIS Licences:** When athletes are selecting their FIS licence type, ensure that all the necessary criteria and requirements of the licence that is being applied for is met – this is detailed in [LICENCE TYPE RESTRICTIONS](#).

If an athlete makes a mistake and either applies for the wrong licence in error or does not meet the criteria for the licence has been applied for, the athlete may as a result be granted a licence which is of a reduced cost from the original fee paid, in this case the difference will be refunded after deduction of administration fees of 10 percent.

- **Competition Entries:** In the following cases competition entry administration fees will not be charged if the criteria set out below are adhered to:
 - **If an athlete submits an entry but does not gain entry because athletes with higher priority fill the available quota places.**
 - **If a competition is cancelled or postponed to a date that the athlete is unable to compete in:** The athlete must notify GBS via email to raceentry@gbsnowsport.com within 7 days of the date the competition was due to take place. GBS are not responsible for keeping track of cancelled or postponed competitions, it is the athlete's responsibility to inform GBS of any changes that occur.
 - **If an athlete becomes ill or is injured prior to a competition or an event series:** GBS must be informed immediately via email to raceentry@gbsnowsport.com. If an athlete requires to withdraw from 10 or more competitions due to a single illness or injury, they must provide GBS with a medical certificate within 7 days of the original notification of the withdrawal. Medical certificates can be sent electronically to raceentry@gbsnowsport.com.
 - **If an athlete decides they no longer want to compete:** In this case, entry fees will not be charged if GBS is notified of the athlete's intention not to compete up to 3 days prior to the TCM of the event series. Notification should be emailed to raceentry@gbsnowsport.com.

Failure to meet one of the above criteria will result in GBS competition entry administration fees being charged.

13. COMPETITION EQUIPMENT & SPONSORSHIP

Competition Equipment & Commercial Markings

Information about FIS guidelines on competition equipment and commercial markings can be found on the FIS website in the [International Competition Rules](#) and [Specifications for Commercial Markings on Equipment](#) documents. FIS provide guidelines relating to sizes and style of permissible commercial markings. Details will be published annually on the FIS website, although if in doubt, athletes can contact the GBS Office. Different rules will apply at Winter Olympic Games, Youth Olympic Winter Games and European Youth Olympic Winter Festival events.

Extracted from the FIS document [Specifications for Commercial Markings on Equipment](#), detailed below are the FIS Regulations on competition helmet sponsor placement:

2.6 Helmets and Headgear

2.6.1 Helmets and headwear may carry two commercial markings of the manufacturer with a maximum size of 15 cm², one on each side, placed above or below the ears. The front of helmets and headwear may only be used for the emblems of national teams, and sponsors, subject to art. 2.6.2 and 2.9.

2.6.2 The front (middle) of helmets and all headwear worn in competition and within the competition area, to include flower and prize-giving ceremonies, interviews etc., must carry the identification of the National Association with a minimum size of 6 cm².

2.6.3 Helmets and headgear worn in competition may carry the name of an athlete. The athlete's name with a maximum size of 20 cm² must be placed at the back of the helmet or, on the rear of a hat/headband for Cross-Country, Nordic Combined, namely when a helmet is not worn. The athlete's name can only consist of the full name of the athlete in a standard font and size defined by FIS which will be the same for all athletes (currently font Arial and size max. 20 cm²).

14. ANTI-DOPING

Application of Rules

The UK Anti-Doping Rules shall apply to and shall bind all Athletes and Officials under the jurisdiction of GBS. Those to whom these Rules apply include:

- All Athletes and Officials who are members of, or licensed by GBS, including all GBS Teams and GBS Squads;
- All Athletes and Officials participating in events, competitions and other activities organised, convened, authorised or recognised by GBS;
- All Officials working with, treating or assisting an Athlete participating in a professional or sporting capacity; and
- Any other Athlete or Official who, by virtue of an accreditation, membership, licence, contractual arrangement or otherwise, is subject to the jurisdiction of GBS for the purposes of anti-doping, whether or not such person(s) is or are resident in the UK.

More information on UK Anti-Doping Rules and Violations can be found [here](#) (Rules) and [here](#) (Violations).

Written Agreement Provisions

Athletes shall be deemed to have made themselves familiar with, and hereby agrees to be bound by the UK Anti-Doping Rules and to submit to the authority of UK Anti-Doping and any other appropriate body in the application and enforcement of those Rules.

Disciplinary Actions

Athletes must cooperate fully with any anti-doping investigations or proceedings, whether conducted by UK Anti-Doping or any other competent body. Failure to do so without acceptable justification may be treated as misconduct under the Code of Conduct.

If an Athlete commits an act of misconduct that relates to anti-doping but does not amount to a violation of the UK Anti-Doping Rules, GBS may bring disciplinary proceedings against that Athlete for such misconduct under Clause 6 of the Code of Conduct.

15. INJURIES & INJURY STATUS

It is the responsibility of the athlete to inform GBS of their injury and request FIS Injury Status.

When an athlete injures themselves, GBS must apply to FIS as soon as possible for FIS Injury Status using the official Single Penalty Form and submitting a medical certificate. Athletes can only apply for injury status during the current season **up until 30th April**. However, it is recommended to contact the GBS Office within 7 days of injury, as it is not GBS practice to ask FIS to backdate injury status applications if athletes forget to apply.

The application of injury status is valid for one season and athletes must be inscribed on the FIS list for their injury status to be active e.g., if the injury occurs near the end of the season, then athletes should renew their FIS licence for the following season and apply for a continued injury status.

FIS Injury Status can only be granted if an athlete has not had more than 6 competition starts during the current season. I.e., If an athlete is injured during the season, but has had more than 6 competition starts, then they cannot apply for FIS Injury Status.

Injury Status FIS Point Rules

FIS Point Rules for individual disciplines are detailed on the FIS website:

[Freestyle](#)

[Snowboard](#)

Extract from FIS Point Rules:

FIS 4.2.7.1 Conditions

- *At least 90 days must have passed between the time of the injury and the competitor's first start.*
- *During the valid season a competitor can have no more than 6 starts while retaining the right to apply for Injury Status in respect of the following season.*
- *Competitors must remain registered as active with FIS to maintain Injury Status.*

It is a common misconception that injury status will 'freeze' an athlete's points. This is not the case as per FIS rule 4. *FIS Points Calculation Process* of the FIS Point Rules:

4.2.3 Injured competitors If Injury Status (see 4.2.7) is approved 10% will be deducted from the competitor's BL [Base List] points if the current points are not better than the protected points.

How to Apply for FIS Injury Status

To apply for FIS Injury Status, the injured athlete should send the below two documents to the relevant Programme Manager:

1) Completed relevant Single Penalty Form:

[Freestyle](#)

OR

[Snowboard](#)

2) A medical report/certificate which details the athlete's injury and expected recovery time scale, including the accident date as detailed on the Single Penalty Form

The GBS Office will then submit the application to FIS. Athletes can check their FIS competitor biography which will show their injury protection status.

16. FIS Licence & FIS Competition Entry Timeline Flowchart

