



**FIS Registration  
& Race Allocation Policy**

**Alpine & Masters  
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## DEFINITIONS

“BASS”	means British Alpine Seeding System;
“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 Alpine Discipline Committee;
“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 CASC”	means the GBS Children’s Alpine Selection Committee;
“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; <a href="https://www.gbsnowsport.com/">https://www.gbsnowsport.com/</a> ;
“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;

## 1. INTRODUCTION

This document contains important information for British FIS licence holders, notably the policy adopted by GB Snowsport (“GBS”) for the Alpine skiing race allocation process for the International Ski Federation (“FIS”) run Alpine races for the season beginning 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023. This policy is based upon merit and will be applied and adhered to by the GBS Office.

This document further outlines GBS Continental Cup (i.e. Europa Cup) and World Cup race entry processes and deadlines, as well as the process for entering U16 and U14 International Children’s Races.

## 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.*
- 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 (at least £1,000,000).  
Club affiliation to the athlete’s Home Nation provides £1M public liability cover for racers who are resident in the UK (Snowsport England also provide the same cover to those residing outside the UK) – the athlete’s registration is not valid unless they are BASS registered.*
- 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 under Governance in the Policies and Minutes section of the GBS website under Forms and Guidelines <https://gbsnowsport.com/policies/>.

## 3. RACE PROGRAMMES & RESULTS

The FIS calendar, containing listings of international events throughout the season, can be found on the FIS website - [www.fis-ski.com](http://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 races have taken place. 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](#) will be posted on the FIS website throughout the season. Race organisers will consider the latest FIS points lists when seeding races and creating start lists.

For British-organised events and results, full listings can be found on the *gbski* website: [www.gbski.com](http://www.gbski.com).

## 4. ALPINE LICENCE TYPE RESTRICTIONS

### Full Licence

In order to apply for a Full licence, an athlete must have British Alpine Seeding System (BASS)/FIS points equal to or less than those shown in the table below. A Full Licence allows athletes to enter both speed (Super G, Downhill, Alpine Combined) and technical events (Slalom, Giant Slalom) in international FIS races.

Athlete Year of Birth	Point Restriction
Born 2007 or earlier	260 BASS/FIS points or less in Giant Slalom, Super G or Downhill

### Full Tech Only Licence

If an athlete's BASS/FIS points are higher than the points criteria stated in the table above, they can apply for a Full Tech Only Licence. This licence allows entry into Slalom and Giant Slalom events at international FIS races (i.e., entry into speed events e.g., Super G, Downhill or Alpine Combined is not allowed); and all events at British-organised FIS races (including speed events).

### Limited Licence

A Limited FIS Licence restricts athletes to entering British-organised FIS and CIT races only. **Entries for British races are made directly with the organisers, and not via GBS.**

### Upgrading Licences

Athletes can upgrade their licence during the season by contacting [fislicence@gbsnowsport.com](mailto:fislicence@gbsnowsport.com). To upgrade to a Full Licence, an athlete must meet the points criteria stated in the table in 3.1. There is no points criterium to upgrade from a Limited Licence to a Full Tech Only Licence. The difference in the cost of licence will be payable via invoice.

### Masters Licence

Masters licences are available to athletes age 30 or older. This licence allows entry only into British and International Masters races which are listed on the FIS calendar.

## 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 race results and FIS points.

## 5. RACE ENTRY PROCESS

### Entries, Quotas and Timescales

Entries to all races listed in the FIS calendar will be made by GBS (athletes are not allowed to enter international races independently with race organisers), with the exception of GB Alpine Championships and other British-organised FIS races, where entries must be made directly with the race organisers and not via GBS Race Entry.

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. Selection processes for Major Events is detailed in the GBS Selection Policy which is published on the GBS website.

To enter a race, entry requests should be emailed to [raceentry@gbsnowsport.com](mailto:raceentry@gbsnowsport.com). **GBS cannot accept race 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 RACE CATEGORIES & DEADLINES](#) prior to the Team Captain’s Meeting (“TCM”) on the first day of the event, not the specific race. 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 RACE PRIORITIES](#).

The GBS Office will input all entry requests onto an online spreadsheet which will endeavour to show which athletes are entered into which races. This document can be viewed throughout the season by requesting access via [raceentry@gbsnowsport.com](mailto:raceentry@gbsnowsport.com). **This document is a working document and is constantly being updated with new entry requests and changes. The final entry will be confirmed via email and may differ from the spreadsheet.**

### Athletes Based in North America

For athletes 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. All entry requests must be sent to [raceentry@gbsnowsport.com](mailto: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 (it can also be the athlete themselves). Notify [raceentry@gbsnowsport.com](mailto:raceentry@gbsnowsport.com) if this information changes during the season.

## Confirmation of Race Entries

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

GBS will email race organisers with the British entry for all racers. Entry representatives will be copied into the final entry email to the organisers. **This email will serve as confirmation of entry.**

It is sometimes necessary to make changes to race entries after an entry has been submitted. Therefore, it is imperative to check regularly for updates to the race 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.

## Race Meeting Representation

The TCM takes place in the afternoon or evening before the race 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 race meeting; organisers have the right to remove racers from the board who are not represented. Athletes can represent themselves or a coach/parent/guardian can represent on their behalf. Ensure 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 race office to confirm the athlete's participation. Race office numbers are listed on the FIS calendar and the representative should take a note of the number before travelling. GBS takes no responsibility for racers being withdrawn from the start list if they are not represented at the TCM.

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 GBS Squad status, FIS points and timelines of entry as detailed in [GENERAL FIS RACE PRIORITIES](#). If any athlete is found undermining the GBS entry process, athletes will be sanctioned as outlined in [Discipline & Sanctions](#).

## 6. FIS RACE CATEGORIES & DEADLINES

As summarised in the table, the GBS Office will create and send the British race entry the following number of days before the first TCM of an event series:



Event	Deadline
FIS, ENL, CIT, UNI, NJR, FMC, MAS and similar	7 days before <i>first</i> TCM; <b>17:00</b> GMT
NJC, NC, NAC, FEC & <b>ALL Southern Hemisphere events</b>	14 days before <i>first</i> TCM; <b>17:00</b> GMT
EC, WC, WCM	EC & WC: 40 days before the <i>first</i> TCM ( <b>17:00</b> GMT) for the preliminary entry; 14 days before the <i>first</i> TCM ( <b>17:00</b> GMT) for the final entry. WCM: 27 days before the <i>first</i> TCM ( <b>17:00</b> GMT)

### FIS & Entry League (ENL)

- Eligibility – athletes with Alpine Full/Full Tech Only Licences can enter international FIS events – further details on speed event restrictions within [ALPINE LICENCE TYPE RESTRICTIONS](#).
- The British quota for FIS races is 6 male and 6 female race places. Where a race is over-subscribed this may be reduced.
- Entry requests should be sent no later than 7 days before the day of the TCM on the first day of the event, not the specific race.

### Citizen (CIT)

- Eligibility – same as for FIS & ENL races.
- The British quota for CIT races is 8 male and 8 female race places. This number may change from season to season, so double check the *Race Entry working document* for the up-to-date quota.
- Entry requests should be sent no later than 7 days before the day of the TCM on the first day of the event, not the specific race.

### University (UNI)

- Eligibility – same as for FIS & ENL races, plus UNI races are for students only; therefore, athletes may be asked to prove their student status.
- The British quota is at the discretion of the race organisers.
- Entry requests should be sent no later than 7 days before the day of the TCM on the first day of the event, not the specific race.

### National Junior Races (NJR)

- Eligibility – same as for FIS & ENL races, plus FIS NJR races are only open to juniors (U21 or younger).
- The British quota is 3 male and 3 female race places.
- NJR races offer athletes the opportunity to earn good FIS points. There are less

competitors, so athletes may start further up the field of racers.

- Entry requests should be sent no later than 7 days before the day of the TCM on the first day of the event, not the specific race.

### National Junior Championships (NJC)

- Eligibility – same as for FIS races, plus NJC are primarily for juniors (U21 or younger), although it is possible for senior racers to enter, depending on the race organiser's policy. Very few of the alpine nations may have space for foreign seniors.
- The British quota is at the discretion of the race organisers.
- 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 race.

### National Championships (NC)

- Eligibility – same as for FIS & ENL races.
- The British quota is at the discretion of the race organisers.
- Organisers of NC races have the right to restrict the total foreign entry to no more than 25 overseas competitors, often based on maximum points criteria. This will generally mean substantially fewer places than the usual British quota of 6, and *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 race.

### Continental Cup (ANC, EC, FEC, NAC, SAC)

- Continental Cup races include Europa Cup (EC), North American Cup (NAC/Nor-Am), South America Cup (SAC), Far Eastern Cup (FEC), and Australia & New Zealand Cup (ANC).
- Only selected athletes will be entered into Continental and Europa Cups and entries will be made in line with the GBS Selection Policy. Europa Cup entry deadlines and quotas are different to other Continental Cup competitions and allow for FIS accommodation bookings. Quotas and the process for Europa Cup entries is outlined below in [EUROPA CUP & WORLD CUP ENTRY PROCESS](#).
- To be eligible for entry to EC, FEC and NAC athletes must meet the following criteria:
  - Each nation is entitled to a basic quota of two (2), three (3) in DH events, on the condition that these competitors have a maximum of 140 FIS points 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
- Exceptions for ANC and SAC are as follows:
  - Slalom and Giant Slalom: must have a maximum of 160 FIS points in either Slalom and/or Giant Slalom
  - Super G, Downhill and Alpine Combined: must have a maximum of 180 FIS points in either Super G and/or Downhill
- The GBR quota for Continental cups is determined annually by FIS, and further rules are explained on the FIS website: [Continental Cup Rules](#)
- 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 race.

## World Cup (WC)

- Entry to these races are usually restricted to World Cup or Europa Cup Squad athletes, and entries will be made in line with the GBS Selection Policy.
- Quotas and entry processes are outlined in [EUROPA CUP & WORLD CUP ENTRY PROCESS](#).
- Further rules are explained on the FIS website: [World Cup Rules](#)

## Masters (FMC, MAS, WCM)

- Athletes holding a Masters FIS licence can enter FIS Masters Cup (FMC), FIS Masters Races (MAS) and FIS World Criterium Masters (WCM) international events.
- Competitors are classed by age groups and gender (A, B and C), full information about classification can be found on the [FIS website](#).
- There is no set quota for Masters races (for the WCM event, there is a maximum number of overall competitors).
- Entry requests should be sent no later than 7 days before the day of the TCM on the first day of the event, not the specific race. For FIS WCM, the deadline for entries is no later than 27 days before the date of the TCM on the first date of the event, not the specific race.
- The calendar of Masters events can be found on <http://www.fis-ski.com>.

## GB Alpine National Championships & British FIS Races

- Athletes can enter these races with an Alpine Limited Licence (Full/Full Tech Only Licences are not necessary).
- Points eligibility for British-organised FIS races is determined by the individual organisers and can be found on the event invitation e.g. there is a maximum points criteria in place for the GB Alpine Championships.
- Athletes are responsible for making their own entries to the GB Alpine Championships and all British-organised FIS races directly with the organisers. Athletes cannot enter these races by emailing the GBS Office.

## 7. GENERAL FIS RACE PRIORITIES

GBR has an allocated number of “quota” spots for their athletes per race. This number differs between race categories and is outlined in [FIS RACE CATEGORIES & DEADLINES](#). Quota 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 Panel). 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 Panel). 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 Panel). 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 British Alpine Seeding System (BASS) 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.

## 8. CANCELLATION & CHANGES

According to FIS regulations, race organisers must cancel an event at least 48-hour 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 races: [www.fis-ski.com](http://www.fis-ski.com). Races have an individual codex, which can be useful to note when tracking race cancellations or changes.

### 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 race takes place on a Sunday or Monday, then communication must be submitted before 17:00 GMT on the Friday prior to the race. 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 race of any category is added to the FIS calendar within the Application Deadline (as per the table in [FIS RACE CATEGORIES & DEADLINES](#)) then the new Application Deadline will be at 17:00 GMT 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 17:00 GMT on the day the race is added to the FIS 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 have priority over the quota spots. Athletes must confirm whether they still want to race in the re-scheduled competition by emailing [raceentry@gbsnowsport.com](mailto: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 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 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 race, 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 race and to notify [raceentry@gbsnowsport.com](mailto:raceentry@gbsnowsport.com).

Athletes can make changes or cancel their race entry up until 17:00 GMT 3 days prior to the TCM 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. GBS race 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 race event.

#### Exceptional Circumstances

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.

## 9. EUROPA CUP & WORLD CUP ENTRY PROCESS

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

*B 6.2. If more athletes are proposed than quota places are available, the GBS Head Coach and GBS Discipline 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 Discipline 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. FIS accommodation (full board) is charged at CHF 90 (CHF 120 for World Cups) per day or equivalent local currency. Unless an athlete is part of a GBS Programme, all accommodation and entry charges are payable by the athlete directly to the race organisers.

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 to the Alpine 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 race organisers and the athlete 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 [World Cup Rules](#) 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.*

## 10. FIS INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S RACE PROCESS (CHI)

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.

### Entry Process

Applications for FIS Children's race entry must be made to the GBS Office by emailing the BCST Manager, Juliet Foster, at [juliet.foster@gbsnowsport.com](mailto: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 administration fee of **£6.00 per individual competition** (not per event). This will be invoiced to athletes individually at the end of the Winter season.

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.

### Changes or Cancellations

If an athlete no longer wishes to race, it is the 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. GBS race entry administration fees will also still be charged. For group entries (more than 4 athletes), coaches can make a maximum of 2 changes for each race event.

### Eligibility & Quota

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.

## 11. ABUSE OR MANIPULATION OF POLICY

### Communication with Race Organisers

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

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

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

### Double Entries & Withdrawals

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 the race entry process 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.

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.

It contravenes FIS rules to enter more than one race on the same day and double entries that we identify will not be made by GBS. It is also important that withdrawals and cancellations should be communicated directly to GBS as quickly as possible. Repeated breaches of these regulations, shown up by the FIS Database, will result in disciplinary action.

## 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](http://www.fis-ski.com)), the rules of the competition entered for and GBS 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 races without prior notification to GBS/or race organisers or failure to remove name from start list if not competing in an event or failure to start second run, unless for medical reasons.
- Entering athletes directly at the TCM who are not listed as on the final entry submitted to the organisers by GBS.

### 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.

## 12. ENTRY FEES

## GBS Race Entry Administration Fee

All race entries (including Downhill training runs) processed by GBS will incur an administration fee of **£6.00 per race** (not per event). It is necessary to charge per race as each individual race 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 race entry administration fees must be settled before a FIS licence can be issued for the following season.**

## Race Entry Costs

Entry fees set by the race organisers may be applicable. This fee is paid directly to the race organiser in the local currency by the athlete/coach/academy. GBS will not pay for any entry fees. This applies to both international and British-organised events.

## 13. REFUND POLICY

GBS operates a **RESTRICTED REFUND** policy for both FIS licence and race entry fees.

- **FIS Licences:** When athletes are selecting their FIS licence type, ensure that the athlete meets all the necessary criteria and requirements of the licence that is being applied for – this is detailed in [ALPINE 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.

- **Race Entries:** In the following cases race entry administration fees will not be charged if the criteria set out below are adhered to:
  - **If an athlete submits a race entry but does not gain entry because racers with higher priority fill the available quota places.**
  - **If a race 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](mailto:raceentry@gbsnowsport.com) within **7 days** of the date the race was due to take place. GBS are **NOT** responsible for keeping track of cancelled or postponed races, 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 race or series of races:** GBS must be informed **immediately** via email to [raceentry@gbsnowsport.com](mailto:raceentry@gbsnowsport.com). If an athlete requires to withdraw from 10 or more races 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](mailto:raceentry@gbsnowsport.com).
  - **If an athlete decides they no longer want to race:** In this case, entry fees will not be charged if GBS is notified of the athlete's intention not to race *up to 3 days prior to the TCM of the race series*. Notification should be emailed to [raceentry@gbsnowsport.com](mailto:raceentry@gbsnowsport.com).

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

## 14. COMPETITION EQUIPMENT & SPONSORSHIP

### Race Suits

Plumbed downhill suits (i.e., suits that have been tested for air permeability and have a small FIS metal tag attached) are required at some GS/SG/DH FIS races. Testing of suits is normally possible at these events, but if the athlete's suit does not have a plumb, and they would like to have it done, suits can be sent to:

Federation Internationale de Ski, Blochstrasse 2, CH-3653 Oberhofen/Thunersee, Switzerland

To verify ski and boot restrictions and padding restrictions for DH and SG, refer to *FIS Specifications* on the FIS website for competition equipment and commercial markings.

### Sponsorship Logos

FIS provide guidelines relating to sizes and style of permissible commercial markings. Different rules will apply at Winter Olympic Games. Details will be published annually on the FIS website, although if in doubt, athletes can contact the GBS Office. FIS Regulations on Race Helmets:

#### *2.5 Helmets and Headgear*

*2.5.1 Helmets and headwear may carry two commercial markings of the manufacturer with a maximum size of 15 cm<sup>2</sup>, 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. 2.5.2 and 2.7.*

*2.5.2 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 cm<sup>2</sup>.*

*2.5.3 Helmets and headgear worn in competition may carry the name of an athlete. The athlete's name with a maximum size of 20 cm<sup>2</sup> 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 cm<sup>2</sup>).*

## 15. 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.

## 16. INJURIES & INJURY STATUS

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

When a FIS competitor injures themselves, the National Association (GBS) can submit an application via the FIS online system so that the athlete can be registered for FIS Injury Status.

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 5 competition starts during the current season. I.e., If an athlete is injured during the season, but has had more than 5 competition starts, then they cannot apply for FIS Injury Status.

### FIS Point Rules - [Alpine](#)

Extract from FIS Point Rules:

#### *FIS 4.6.1.1 Conditions*

*- At least 8 months must have been passed between the time of the injury and the competitors*

*1st start.*

- *Competitors must remain registered as active with the FIS to maintain injury protection.*
- *Competitors have not started more than five (5) times (FIS and COC level competitions) + four (4) times (World Cup, Olympic Winter Games and World Championships competitions) in one event and/or more than fifteen (15) times (FIS and COC level competitions) + eight (8) times (World Cup, Olympic Winter Games and World Championships competitions) across all events during the valid season.*

Athletes can only apply for injury status during the current season up until 30th April. However, it is recommended 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.

### How to Apply for FIS Injury Status

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

- 1) Completed FIS Injury Form (can be obtained from the Alpine Programme Manager)
- 2) A medical report/certificate which details the athlete's injury and expected recovery time scale, including the accident date as detailed on the FIS Injury Form.

The GBS Office will then submit the application online via the FIS system. Athletes can check their FIS competitor biography which will show their injury protection 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. *Calculation Process of the FIS Point Rules:*

*4.2.1.4 If the status as injured is approved, and a competitor has not started more than five (5) times (FIS and COC level competitions) plus four (4) times (World Cup competitions) in one event and/or more than fifteen (15) times (FIS and COC level competitions) plus eight (8) times (World Cup competitions) across all events during the valid season 10% (#) will be added to the competitor's BL if the current points are not better than the protected points.*

## 17. FIS Licence & FIS Race Entry Timeline Flowchart

