



SNOWSPORT ENGLAND SELECTION 2017

This document sets out the selection process for the England Alpine Squad for 2017.

The aims of the England Alpine Squad are as follows:

1. Support athletes within their current programme
2. Add value to their existing programmes through the squad weekends
3. Recognise and celebrate English Talent within Alpine Racing.

There is a three-step process to selection:

1. Stage 1 – Race Results and BASS/FIS Points
2. Stage 2 – Skills Quest
3. Stage 3 – Athletic Capacity Evaluation

Any queries regarding the policy and selection process can be sent to alpinesquad@snowsportengland.org.uk

Time frames 2017

Soon after the closing BASS and FIS lists are published, a selection meeting will take place. A list is then drafted of all athletes meeting the criteria. All qualifying athletes will receive an email via the email address listed with SSE for invitation to attend stage 2 and 3.

We aim to get these emails sent out by the middle of May 2017.

Please ensure the email address you have registered with SSE is the correct one.

Any athlete not receiving an email who feels they should have been selected has the right to appeal and all appeals should be sent to Alpinesquad@snowsportengland.org.uk. The appeals process is outlined on the talent pages of the SSE website.

STAGE 1

Athletes YOB 2005

Over the year we have consulted with a number of coaches at clubs and academies and there was a very clear message that came back regarding selecting athletes for first year U14 age category. We have also looked at other sports and it is clear that at this age it is best that athletes are developing their skills and not encouraged to chase races and results. Our aim is to support the long-term development of athletes so we will not be selecting 2005 YOB in 2017.

Athletes YOB 2004 / 2003 / 2002 / 2001

Any athlete in the BASS list issued after the British Championships coming within 40 points of the best **GBR (England, Scotland and Wales)** racer in their YOB in either slalom / GS or Super G e.g. If the best British athlete has 200 points in

slalom on the BASS list published after the British then every racer who has 240 points or below will qualify through to stage 2.

Or

Top 8 **British** YOB in either Slalom, GS or Super G in the list published after the British Championships e.g we will look at all racers in a discipline in the same YOB across all 3 Home Nations and any English athlete in the top 8 British will meet criteria, so if there are 2 Scottish athletes and 1 Welsh athlete in the Top 8 in slalom in 2002 then SSE will have 5 athletes meeting criteria within this top 8.

FIS ATHLETES

Athletes YOB 2000 – we will be looking at the following

FIS scores of 130 or below in Slalom, GS, Super G, SC or Downhill

Athletes YOB 1999 – we will be looking at the following

FIS scores of 115 or below in Slalom, GS, Super G, SC or Downhill

Athletes YOB 1998 – we will be looking at the following

FIS scores of 105 or below in Slalom, GS, Super G, SC or Downhill

Athletes YOB 1997 – we will be looking at the following

FIS scores of 95 or below in Slalom, GS, Super G, SC or Downhill

SSE Alpine Squad Weekends 2017

locations will be confirmed after selection:

1st and 2nd July

9th and 10th September

4th and 5th November

Please note that as of last year athletes do not have to be part of the SSE squad to be put forward for international races but if there is a choice between two athletes of similar capabilities the squad member will take precedence.

STAGE 2

Complete skills quest

STAGE 3

Complete ACE (Athletic Capacity Evaluation)

Athletes in YOB 2004 must pass the skills quest and the ACE test.

Athletes in YOB 2003 /2002 and 2001 must take the Skills quest but there isn't a pass/fail. They must pass the ACE test.

Athletes in YOB 2000/1999/1998/1997 will need to pass the ACE test. These older athletes will not be expected to complete a skills quest and therefore will not be needing skis during any weekend.

Attendance Requirements

Athletes accepting a squad place must attend a minimum of 4 out of 6 **full** squad days and have a programme consisting of a minimum of 10 weeks on snow.

It is expected that any athlete accepting a squad place attends and competes at the English Championships in Bormio.

Athletes attending any SSE Alpine Squad weekend will be required to wear their SSE Alpine Squad polo shirt/t-shirt

INTERNATIONALLY BASED ATHLETES

Athletes who reside full time outside the UK would be expected to attend one complete weekend as a minimum. International athletes would be expected to pass the ACE test and if in the relevant age group pass or take the Skills quest. International athletes will be charged the same fee as Non International athletes and would be more than welcome to attend each weekend.

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CURRENT SQUAD ATHLETES

Any current squad athlete not meeting the annual stage 1 criteria will be given a year's grace to re-achieve it. If any current squad athlete fails to meet the age group criteria for two consecutive years, they will not qualify through to stage 2.

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