

# Alpine FIS Race Allocation Policy – 2010/11



## 1. Introduction

This document contains the Policy adopted by British Alpine skiing towards race allocation slots for the FIS run Alpine races for the season beginning 1<sup>st</sup> July 2010. This policy is based upon merit and will be applied and adhered to by the race entry office at British Ski and Snowboard (BSS).

## 2. General Race Priorities

Race slots worldwide will be allocated according to the following:

1. Team status
  - a. British Alpine Team (as selected by the BSS Alpine Senior Team Selection Committee). The race entry office will keep a list of the selected Team and will distribute it by email to interested parties on request and post it on the BSS website to be launched later in 2010.
  - b. British Alpine Junior Team (as selected by the BSS Alpine Junior Team Selection Committee). The race entry office will keep a list of the selected Team and will distribute it by email to interested parties on request and post it on the BSS website to be launched later in 2010.
  - c. All other FIS British registered Alpine Skiers
2. FIS points  
After applying Team 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,

If an athlete is given British team status for the purpose of race entries, but the athlete does not train with the team then to receive race priority they must submit their annual training programme to the BSS office by 1<sup>st</sup> September before that season's races in the Northern Hemisphere. Failure to do so could result in the withholding of priority race status.

## 3. Special Race Priorities

In addition to the above race priority, qualifying training establishments who adhere to BSS and FIS policies on anti-doping and child welfare and are members of BSS (membership scheme to be announced later in 2010) may apply to the CEO of BSS for special race priority for skiers who race and train with them in a limited number of races in the area local to their training base. Any such application must be made by 21<sup>st</sup> June for Southern Hemisphere races and 1<sup>st</sup> September for Northern Hemisphere races and should include the details of the races for which priority is sought and details of how they satisfy the qualification criteria listed below. Any such applications are likely to be limited to two training and race camps of no more than ten days each in a season. If contention exists between races then the BSS CEO will arrange a Race Priority Conference to discuss the contention. His decision will be binding on all parties.

The BSS office will publish a list of races where Special Race Priorities will apply. This list will be available by 7<sup>th</sup> July for Southern Hemisphere races and 1<sup>st</sup> October for all other races. Only in exceptional circumstances as defined by the CEO will the CEO change Special Race Priorities.

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Qualifying Criteria for Special Race Priorities:

## Criteria 1 – Participation

- Having a minimum of 6 FIS athletes engaged in a training programme.

## Criteria 2 – Creating Racing Opportunities

- Scheduling & running a minimum of 1 FIS technical race in the season, (the date of such races to be agreed by the CEO BSS & TD Forum so as not to clash with other British races in the calendar),  
OR
- Scheduling & running a minimum of 1 FIS speed race in the season, (again, the date of such races to be agreed by the CEO BSS & TD Forum so as not to clash with other British races in the calendar).

## Criteria 3 – Evidence of Successful Coaching

- Current athletes who are part of the British Junior or Senior Teams.

A qualifying training establishment can apply for up to two-thirds of the quota spots available. If granted access to those quota spots then the training establishment MUST send the names of the Athletes who will be taking up those reserved slots at least 10 days before the Captains meeting in accordance with section 4 below. There will always be at least one third of the number of spots left open that can be allocated according to the General Race Priorities listed above. Generally the race being requested for special consideration will be within the local area of the recognised training base for the applicant establishment.

## **4. Race Entry - Process and Deadlines**

Applications for FIS race entry must be made to the BSS Offices via the email address that is published from time to time (currently [BuchananK@TeamGB.com](mailto:BuchananK@TeamGB.com)). The BSS Offices will create and send the British race entry 10 days before the Captains meeting for the first race of a series of races at an event. The BSS offices will send a copy of those race entries for that event to all applicants for those races whether entered or not.

Any Applications after the 10 day deadline will be handled on a first come first served basis for any quota slots that remain open after the deadline. There may be exceptional circumstances immediately prior to events requiring qualification (e.g. the Olympics) when a race cancellation could affect the ability of an athlete to qualify. In such circumstances the Athlete should immediately appeal to the BSS CEO and the CEO will investigate the opportunities for further prioritisation after the 10 day deadline. No other form of prioritisation will be applied to late entries.