



SELECTION CRITERIA CROSS COUNTRY 2010/11

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1. Mandatory Requirements

All athletes wishing to race at FIS sanctioned races must:

- Hold a valid UK passport
- Be registered with a home nation governing body (Snowsport England/Scotland/Wales/Northern Ireland)
- Hold a full international FIS race licence for 2010/11
- Confirmation from the Head Coach that the athlete is a fit and proper person to represent GBR, and is complying with the FIS rules of conduct
- Pay all outstanding fees as required.

Athletes will be notified of new national governing body policies and procedures as they are introduced.

In the event of national reorganisation the Nordic Executive Committee reserve the right to amend this document. Athletes will be notified of any changes or of the introduction of relevant new policies and procedures.

Selection to any of the squads or competitions does not imply that any funding/support is available to selected athletes. It may be that certain teams/competitions will be prioritised should funding be available.

2. Selection Panel

The Nordic Selection Panel for all GBR teams will be made up of the Nordic Chairman, GBR Nordic Head Coach (Head Coach) & up to three other members with a suitable interest in Cross Country ski racing.

The Chairman of the Selection Panel may invite others with specialist knowledge to contribute for part of a meeting.

Selection Panel members should be free from external conflicts of interest in the selection process.

The Selection Panel will decide on all discretionary places and reserve the right to use other relevant information in determining selection.

3. World Cup

Qualification is set by the FIS; world cup qualification can be made in any FIS points' race.

FIS Race Entry

M – 60 FIS pts (distance)

F – 90 FIS pts (distance)

M & F – 120 FIS pts (sprint)

Secondary Race Entry

M & F - 120 FIS pts (distance or sprint)

Britain has 2 male and 2 female start slots but can formally only enter 2 athletes if both have met the ‘Direct Entry’ criteria. Some races will allow us to enter 2 athletes but it is on a race-by-race request (there is general acceptance that a country can enter 1 direct entry athlete and 1 that has been under 120 pts).

Selection to individual races will be made by the Head Coach. For long distance races, ie 30km (F) and 50km (M), the Head Coach will take into consideration long distance race history in the preceding 12 months up to the date of the given World Cup race 2010/11, and/or relevant training record.

4. World Championships (WCh)

The WCh will be held in Oslo, Norway between 22 February and 6 March 2011.

Maximum team size: 6 men, 6 women

Pending any announcements from FIS regarding pre-qualifying rules, the criteria for selection will be:

Selection Criteria 1

In one distance race:

- M – 140 FIS pts

- F - 150 FIS pts

or

In one sprint race:

- M – 160 FIS pts
- F - 170 FIS pts

Selection Criteria 2 (discretionary)

If no athlete meets the above, consideration will be given to:

In one distance or sprint race:

- M – 180 FIS pts
- F - 200 FIS pts

For entry to women's 30k or men's 50k consideration will be given to a World Marathon Cup Race

- M & F – Between 11% and 15% of winner's time.

plus

- participation in nominated race(s) for time trials in distance and/or sprint.

For all criteria the FIS pts gained in individual races in the preceding 12 months i.e. 1 January 2010 to 10 January 2011 only will be considered.

The cut-off date is required to allow preparations for travel, accommodation and team confirmation.

In addition, to demonstrate current form, athletes must have scored 210 for men or 230 for women FIS pts or better in one race no more than three (3) months prior to 10 January 2011.

5. World Junior and U23 Championships

The 2011 Championships will be held in Otepaa, Estonia between 25 and 31 January.

5.1 Junior

Maximum junior team of 6 male and 6 female athletes

Selection Criteria

In one distance or sprint race:

M - 200 FIS pts

F - 220 FIS pts

For both M & F, FIS pts gained in the preceding 12 months i.e. 01 January 2010 to 22 December 2010 only will be considered.

Discretionary Selection Criteria (1)

If insufficient athletes meet the selection criteria then consideration will be given to athletes with:

In one distance or sprint race:

M – 260 FIS pts

F – 280 FIS pts

For both M & F, FIS pts gained in the preceding 12 months i.e. 01 January 2010 to 22 December 2010 only will be considered for discretionary selection.

Attendance at a nominated selection race, e.g. Norwegian Junior Trials, is also required. Consideration will be based on the athlete finishing within 25% of a winner's race finish time. Only force majeure reasons for non-attendance will be taken into consideration.

The nominated selection race will be announced by Saturday 23 October 2010.

Discretionary Selection Criteria (2)

If insufficient athletes meet the selection and discretionary (1) criteria, consideration will be given to athletes who have scored 280 FIS pts (men) or 300 FIS pts (female) or better in one race between 01 October 2010 and 10 22 December 2010. This is to demonstrate current form.

In addition attendance at the nominated selection race above is required.

5.2. Under 23 (U23)

Maximum U23 team of 4 male and 4 female athletes.

Selection Criteria

In one race:

M - 170 FIS pts distance

- 180 FIS pts sprint

F - 180 FIS pts distance

- 190 FIS pts sprint

For M & F, FIS pts gained in the preceding 12 months only will be taken into consideration i.e. 1 January 2010 to 22 December 2010

Discretionary Selection Criteria

If no athlete meeting the above, consideration will be given to:

M – 200 FIS pts in one distance or sprint race plus time trial in nominated race.

F – 220 FIS pts in one distance or sprint race plus time trial in nominated race.

For M & F, FIS pts gained in the preceding 12 months only will be taken into consideration i.e. 1 January 2010 to 22 December 2010.

In addition, to demonstrate current form, for all criteria, athletes must score 230 FIS pts or better in one race between 01 October 2010 and 10 January 2011. .

6. World University Games (Universiade)

Universiade 2011 to be held in Erzurum, Turkey between 27 January and 8 February.

The selection criteria will be announced by the British Universities Sports Association (BUSA).

For the 2009 competition the qualification standards were:

- M - 190 FIS Points Distance
- F – 210 FIS Points Distance
- M & F – 220 FIS Points Sprint

7. Continental Cup

To take account of the varying standards in cup races across the world the following criteria for selection will apply:

Group 1 - Scandinavian, OPA, East European and Far East events.

Selection Criteria

M & F – 200 FIS pts gained in one distance race or 240 FIS pts in one sprint race from 1 December 2010 to application date of intended race in 2010/11 season.

Discretionary Selection Criteria

Selection for athletes on an approved pathways programme who have not met the above can be considered if they can demonstrate their ability to finish within 30% of a winner's time in the chosen race. Results from a designated race or from races the previous season will be used to determine eligibility. The Selection Panel will make the final decision. An athlete outside the above selection criteria by FIS points will be allowed a race at 1 (one) group 1 event, but they will have to meet the points target at that event or be closer than 30% from the winner, if they are to be considered for future events at this level.

Group 2 - Nor-Am, Australia/New Zealand, Balkan and Slavic events.

There are no selection criteria for this group, but athletes must meet the mandatory requirements and inform the Head Coach in advance of competing in a race. For juniors the approval of the Head Coach will be required.

8. FIS Races

There are no selection criteria for FIS points qualifying races not mentioned in this document, but athletes must meet the mandatory requirements and inform the Head Coach in advance of competing in a race. For juniors the approval of the Head Coach will be required.

For other races not subject to FIS points qualification, athletes are advised to keep the Head Coach informed of results.

9. European Youth Olympics (EYO)

Scheduled to be held at Liberec, Czech Republic 12-19 February 2011.

For 2011 the maximum team will be 4 boys and 4 girls (**to be confirmed by the BOA**)

Open to athletes born 1993 – 1994 who meet the following conditions:

Selection Criteria

- Finish position of 25% or under of winner's time in nominated races between 01 Dec 2009 and 20 December 2010 (Austrian Champs 2010 and other to be announced by October 2010).
- In addition the Head Coach will consider an athlete's form in the current season starting 1 July 2010.

Discretionary Selection Criteria

- Athletes must attend the nominated final selection race if they have not achieved the Selection Criteria before 01 December 2010.
- If there are more athletes being considered for selection than the maximum team size, current ranking and form will be used for 50% of places and the selection races for the remaining places.

10. FIS World Marathon Cup Races (WMCR)

There is no selection criteria for athletes wishing to compete as individuals in WMCR.

For an athlete to be considered for selection under World Marathon Cup GB Team status and hence national team start position, the following criteria apply:

- The mandatory requirements above must be met
- Evidence of previous experience in long distance races
- Evidence of being able to finish within 20% of the winner in a WMCR .

Support to an athlete competing in a WMCR cannot be guaranteed. A selected athlete must give to the Head Coach notice of intention to compete in a given race. The Head Coach will decide what, if any, support should/could be provided. Part or all of the financial cost of such support may have to be met by the athlete in advance.

11. GBR Teams and Development Squad

Selection will be based on the previous season's performance & current development. Athletes may move in & out of the various teams & in & out of the Development Squad through the season depending on their performance.

Selection for any of the GBR teams or Development Squad requires agreement to follow a training and performance pathway plan and attend selected training camps (GB Team camps for summer 2010 will be announced during April).

All team or squad members will be expected to sign and abide by the Athletes Code of Conduct.

GBR team members will be expected to compete in the British Championships unless dispensation is given for participation in or preparation for targeted races i.e. World Cup, World Championships, Olympic Games, Universiade or Continental Cup races.

11.1. GBR World Cup Team

Athletes achieving the required FIS standard for a World Cup Race start will be considered for selection as noted above.

11.2. GBR Senior Team

Selection will be based on athletes with a FIS points score of, or better than:

Male – 150 distance or 170 sprint

Female – 170 distance or 190 sprint.

Team selection will be reviewed in December 2010 & then in April 2011.

11.3. GBR Junior Team

Selection will be based on junior athletes meeting the selection criteria (or on an approved pathway) for World Junior, World U23, Universiade championships or achieving the SSGB set standard for a Group 1 Continental Cup race.

Team selection will be reviewed in December 2010 & then in April 2011.

11.4. GBR Youth Team

Athletes need to be aged under 18 years and must follow a pathways programme approved by the Head Coach in preparation for the EYO and foreign national competitions. The Head Coach in consultation with assistant coaches will decide on selections for the latter.

11.5. British Nordic Development Squad (BNDS)

The BNDS is primarily a squad for young (U23) athletes who are selected at the discretion of the Head Coach. These athletes come to the attention of the Head Coach by a variety of means such as recommendation from other club coaches. Because many British skiers come into competitive skiing at an older age than other sports the BNDS is open to all skiers, including seniors should they wish to take advantage of its expertise. Again this is by consultation with & by the discretion of the Head Coach. Athletes may move in & out of the BNDS into or from the various GBR Teams as determined by their performance.

12. Injury Status

Any athlete who suffers a serious injury will be given time to recover full fitness before being considered for reselection to a team. The athlete will

be given the opportunity through conditional selection to prove that they will be able to meet the relevant selection criteria and continue their position on their pathway performance graph. Each case will be considered individually.

13. Appeals

All appeals must be made in writing, with accompanying evidence or additional information for the Selection Panel, to the Nordic Director (see below) within one week of the announcement of the teams.

All appeals will be considered on an individual basis by a panel of suitable members. No one with a conflict of interest can sit on the panel.

An appellant has the right to meet the appeals panel, but he/she will have to meet any travel and subsistence expenses for themselves or their representative.

The appeals panel will make a decision based on all the information available to them by the date of the appeals meeting.

The chair of the appeals panel will inform the selectors of the panel's decision within 24 hours of the meeting ending.

14. Enquiries

Contact George Gabriel on email: georgeg@ntlworld.com