

ALPINE SKIING

This document covers the events of Slalom (SL), Giant Slalom (GS), Super G (SG), Downhill (DH), Combined (K) and Super Combined (SC)

Background

There are two ways of athletes qualifying for the Vancouver Olympic Winter Games

1. Automatic Qualification
2. Discretionary Qualification

The performance requirements for each of these are detailed below.

The Ski Racing NZ Selectors, who will determine the names to be nominated to the NZOC, for selection consideration are

Convener: SRNZ General Manager (non voting)

1. Nils Coberger
2. Michael Gould
3. John Armstrong
4. Jonny Rice
5. Jon Turnbull

1. AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION GUIDELINES

Single Event – Slalom, Giant Slalom, Super G, Downhill, Super Combined (Qualification event specific)

World Ranking

1. **Men**
 - a. A FIS World Ranking of 80 or better in SL, GS or SG
 - b. A FIS World Ranking of 75 or better in DH or SC
2. **Women**
 - a. A FIS World Ranking of 70 or better in SL, GS or SG
 - b. A FIS World Ranking of 65 or better in DH or SC

Or results as follows:

1. **World Cup**

Any athlete who has scored World Cup points on one or more occasions in a discipline, between November 2008 and December 2009.
2. **Continental Cup**

- a. **Europa Cup**
Any athlete with 3 or more top 15 Europa Cup results in a discipline, between November 2008 and December 2009
- b. **Nor Am Cup**
Any athlete with 3 or more top 5 Nor Am Cup results in a discipline, between November 2008 and December 2009
- c. **Combined Europa Cup/Nor Am Cup**
Any athlete with a combination of 3 - top 15 Europa Cup results or top 5 Nor Am Cup results in a discipline, between November 2008 and December 2009

Combined Event (Downhill/Slalom)

1. Athlete must have met OWG above qualification criteria in either SL or DH disciplines
2. Athlete must have 100 FIS points or below in second discipline

Quota Places exceeded

Should there be insufficient quota spots for automatic qualified athletes, priority will be given to the athletes with the best World Ranking and then the best single performance in that discipline.

2. DISCRETIONARY QUALIFICATION GUIDELINES

Consideration will be given to select athletes who meet the following performance criteria and who have clearly shown potential to represent New Zealand with distinction at the 2010 Olympic Winter Games. Meeting the discretionary guidelines does not guarantee selection. It does guarantee that the selection committee will perform a thorough review of the athlete's past performances, including their FIS points, and the athlete's potential to perform at the required level for the Olympic Winter Games. An important consideration will be the quality of competition where the athlete achieved his/her results. Greater consideration will be given to higher level competitions with widely representative international fields and depth in the quality (world rankings) of the field. Furthermore athletic profiles should clearly demonstrate an improvement in world ranking with consideration being given to steeper and more recent profile improvements.

The discretionary criteria will only apply to athletes who are considered capable of significant performance at the **2014** Olympic Winter Games or who are demonstrating that their development is tracking towards a significant result at that event.

Single Event – Slalom, Giant Slalom, Super G, Downhill, Super Combined (Qualification event specific)

World Ranking

1. **Men**
 - a. A FIS World ranking of 250 or better in SL, GS or SG
 - b. A FIS World Ranking of 200 or better in DH or SC
2. **Women**
 - a. A FIS World ranking of 200 or better in SL, GS or SG
 - b. A FIS World Ranking of 175 or better in DH or SC

Combined Event (Downhill/Slalom)

1. Athlete must have met above OWG discretionary qualification criteria in either SL or DH disciplines
2. Athlete must have 100 FIS points or below in second discipline

Note:

- Ski Racing New Zealand undertakes to work closely with the NZOC in order to ensure that athletes of the right calibre are selected to the team.

Quota Places exceeded

Should there be insufficient quota spots for discretionary qualified athletes, priority will be given to the athletes who, at the SRNZ Selectors discretion, have the greater potential to perform at the 2014 Olympic Winter Games.

OLYMPIC TEAM SELECTION

The role of Ski Racing New Zealand is to NOMINATE athletes to the NZOC. SELECTION to the Olympic Team is at the sole discretion of the NZOC Olympic selectors. The NZOC Selection Policy for the Winter Olympic Games, Vancouver 2010 forms part of this document.

NZOC will not confirm any athlete selection unless:

- (a) The athlete is registered athlete with Ski Racing NZ.
- (b) The athlete has signed and returned their athlete agreement to NZOC.
- (c) The athlete has been registered with Drug Free Sport NZ on the random drug testing list at least six months prior to the commencement of the Games.

- (d) The athlete has signed and completed the IOC athlete eligibility document.

ATHLETE APPEALS

Athlete appeals relating to nominations by the NSO to the NZOC will be covered by the NSO's own appeals process.

Athlete appeals relating to selections by the NZOC will be covered by the Appeals resolution process outlined in Section 9 of the NZOC-NSO Agreement as posted on the NZOC website, <http://www.olympic.org.nz/Article.aspx?ID=8067>

TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

All team announcements will be individually released to the media from, and authorised by the NZOC, in full consultation with SRNZ. It is anticipated that the team announcement will be made in January 2010.