



2023 ISF Schools Winter Games Alpine Team Information, Application and Selection Criteria

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Under normal circumstances the ISF Winter Games take place every two years. The competition is for school teams from participating countries and can only be entered by School Sports' Associations in membership of the National Council for School Sports (NCSS). The English Schools' Ski Association (ESSKIA) is the governing body for schools' skiing and selects the teams to represent England in the Alpine events at the Winter Games.

ISF events are unique because of their educational focus. As well as the competitions there is a Cultural Day when athletes tour the local area and see the local culture. There is also the Nations Evening when each delegation represents their country in music and dance and runs a tourist stall to share their food and culture. It is one of the highlights of any ISF event and the staff and athletes of each country work together to promote their country. There is an opening ceremony and a closing ceremony which can include participation from all or part of the delegation from each country and attendance by all. A taste of future Olympics for the athletes!

As a lowland country, England sends composite teams of 10 boys and 10 girls, in two age groups. ESSKIA has sent teams to the events held in Sweden (1985, 1989, 2005), France (1991, 2001, 2008, 2018), Canada (1993), Italy (1995, 2010, 2012, 2016), Germany (1997), the Czech Republic (1999), Austria (2003), Andorra (2007) and Spain (2014).

The team comprises U18 & U16 ski categories as defined by ISF:-

- 5 x Male U18 alpine racers (Year of Birth 2005/2006)
- 5 x Female U18 alpine racers (Year of Birth 2005/2006)
- 5 x Male U16 alpine racers (Year of Birth 2007/2008)
- 5 x Female U16 alpine racers (Year of Birth 2007/2008)

Application is by online [form](#) which must be submitted by **30th September 2022**. Details of the application criteria and selection process are below.



APPLICATION:

Athletes that wish to be considered for selection should approach their coaches, secure confirmation that they meet the minimum application requirements and then submit an online application form.

All forms must be completed in full and submitted by **30th September 2022** to be considered by the ESSKIA selection panel.

Minimum Criteria for Application:

Only athletes that meet the following minimum application criteria should apply.

ALL APPLICANTS must meet the following requirements:

- Must be born in the years 2005, 2006, 2007 & 2008
- Be registered in full time education with a English school
- Be registered with a English school though TEMPORARILY attending an overseas dedicated snowsports training academy
- A member of a registered ESSKIA school team for 2022/23
- Must have competed in an ESSKIA race event during 2021/22
- Must have been offered a place on an ESSKIA alpine squad camp from 2019 onwards.

Given the nature of the ISF event, behaviour, attitude and the ability to operate as a team member is taken into account. Results from timed runs on ESSKIA training camps *may* also be taken into consideration.

Each athlete will be representing their team, their school, their country and of course themselves and their families and these events can sometimes be testing in different ways, both on and off the slopes.

Application Form:

[ESSKIA Alpine ISF Team: APPLICATION FORM](#)



SELECTION

Teams will be selected by a panel of coaches, board & area representatives. Any selectors on the panel that have a family member who has applied to the team will not be permitted to offer nominations or be involved in discussions. Only athletes that have applied using the online application form will be considered for selection by the panel.

Selection Process Steps and Timescales:

- ★ **REVIEW:** The panel will review the list of applicants between 30th September - 3rd October 2022
- ★ **SELECTION:** Using the selection criteria detailed below, each selector on the panel will then **independently** select what they consider to be the 5 best candidates (plus one reserve) for each age/gender team, in readiness for selection at the meeting. The selection meeting will take place after the application deadline (19/09/22).
- ★ **NOTIFICATION:** Successful applicants will be contacted via email confidentially as soon after the selection meeting as possible. Nominees will have 48 hours to accept or decline their place. Should they decline the place, it will be offered to the reserve.
- ★ **ANNOUNCEMENT:** The teams will be publicly announced via online channels no later than 5th Oct 2022.

Selection Criteria

Selectors will review and take into consideration the following:

- Positions and times in age group at an ESSKIA race event during 2021/22
- BASS & FIS points in Slalom & GS (if registered)
- British alpine race & training experience
- External coaches reports (if required)

Selection Decision & Meeting Minutes:

All decisions at the selection meeting will be FINAL and **succinctly, selection is not negotiable.**

Selectors will, at all times, carefully consider athletes' suitability to be a team member, justifying to themselves that the athlete will perform to their highest standards.

Each selection decision will be supported by written evidence of the comparisons made, data considered and decision process. The panel decision will be final and not open for appeal or challenge, however if requested, information and supporting evidence of decisions can be made available to unsuccessful applicants should it be requested.

Prior to the final decision, team selections will not be discussed in any way outside the selection panel.

Conversations with the individual selectors or anyone with influence over the decision in any form will not take place.

We hope everyone involved understands the need to set out clear criteria.