

**2010 AUSTRALIAN OLYMPIC WINTER TEAM  
SKI & SNOWBOARD AUSTRALIA  
NOMINATION CRITERIA – CROSS COUNTRY SKIING**

**1 Shadow Team**

- (1) Ski & Snowboard Australia will choose Athletes from within its sport to be members of the AOC's Shadow Team. The AOC may recognise other Athletes from within this sport to also be members of the Shadow Team.
- (2) Ski & Snowboard Australia will advise the AOC of the Athletes that it has chosen as members of the Shadow Team at such time as required by the AOC.
- (3) No Athlete is eligible to be chosen or recognised as a member of the Shadow Team unless the Athlete has signed the Consent to Shadow Team Membership Form (Attachment 1) and in the case of minors, the Parents/Guardians Acknowledgment for Minors Form (Attachment 2) and provided it to Ski & Snowboard Australia.
- (4) In order to be chosen by Ski & Snowboard Australia as a member of the Shadow Team each Athlete must have achieved during the 2008/2009 or 2009/2010 season:
  - (a) a maximum of 100 Distance FIS points to be eligible for the distance and/or sprint events; or;
  - (b) a maximum of 120 Sprint FIS points to be eligible for the sprint events only.

The FIS points above are the same as used for the FIS Points Allocation List referred to in the FIS Qualification System, which are an average of the five best FIS point results achieved between 30 June 2008 and 18 January 2010.

- (5) Ski & Snowboard Australia will provide all Athletes chosen or recognised as members of the Shadow Team with the Guide to Selection, the Selection Criteria this Nomination Criteria. The AOC Selection By-Law and the Qualification System will be made available on the AOC's website ([www.olympics.com.au](http://www.olympics.com.au)).
- (6) If an Athlete breaches the requirements of the Nomination Criteria, the Selection Criteria or the Selection By-Law, Ski & Snowboard Australia may suspend or terminate the Athlete's membership of the Shadow Team.

**2 Nomination of Athletes**

For the purposes of nomination to the AOC of individual Athletes for selection to the 2010 Australian Olympic Winter Team, Ski & Snowboard Australia will:

- (1) only nominate Athletes who are, or are recognised by the AOC as, members of the Shadow Team;
- (2) only nominate those Athletes it honestly believes have met the requirements described in the Selection Criteria;
- (3) only nominate those Athletes who have met the FIS "A" Qualification Standards (in accordance with the FIS Qualification System) based on the FIS points list as published on 18 January 2010;
- (4) only nominate those Athletes who have signed the Athlete Nomination Form as issued by the AOC from time to time;
- (5) not nominate Athletes who have breached the AOC Anti-Doping By-Law unless the Athlete has already been sanctioned for the breach and has completed the sanction imposed;

- (6) only nominate Athletes (including reserves) up to the maximum quota permitted under the Qualification System;
- (7) nominate the highest ranked male Athlete and the highest ranked female Athlete according to:
  - (i) their single best percentage of field result achieved in any of the benchmark events in either the 2008/2009 and 2009/2010 season as listed at clause 3;
  - (ii) if there is a tie in the percentage of field results, then Athletes will be ranked based on their second best percentage of field result; and
  - (iii) if there is still a tie then Athletes will be ranked according to the FIS Points Allocation List issued on 18 January 2010.
- (8) once the operation of clause 2 (7) is complete, nominate the next highest ranked Athletes in priority order, regardless of gender, for any remaining quota places according to:
  - (i) their single best percentage of field result achieved in any of the benchmark events in either the 2008/2009 and 2009/2010 season as listed at clause 3;
  - (ii) if there is a tie in the percentage of field results, then Athletes will be ranked based on their second best percentage of field result; and
  - (iii) if there is still a tie then Athletes will be ranked according to the FIS Points Allocation List issued on 18 January 2010.

### 3 Benchmark Events

#### 2008/2009 Benchmark Events:

Lahti	FIN	8-Mar-09	10/15km	Freestyle
Trondheim	NOR	12-Mar-09	Sprint	Classic
Trondheim	NOR	14-Mar-09	30/50km	Classic
Stockholm	SWE	18-Mar-09	Sprint	Classic

#### 2009/2010 Benchmark Events (1)

Beitostolen	NOR	21-Nov-09	10/15km	Freestyle
Kuusamo	FIN	28-Nov-09	Sprint	Classic
Davos	SUI	12-Dec-09	10/15km	Freestyle
Rogla	SLO	19-Dec-09	Sprint	Classic
Rogla	SLO	20-Dec-09	15/30km(2)	Classic

#### Notes:

- (1) According to the 2009/2010 FIS World Cup Calendar, updated in May 2009.
- (2) Listed event is a substitute for 30/50km Classic
- (3) Starting rights for these benchmark events (which are World Cup events) will be determined according to Ski & Snowboard Australia's International Competition Selection Policy for Cross Country Skiing (Attachment 3)
- (4) When considering percentage of field results no "Olympic adjustment" of fields will occur

### 4 Nomination Of Athletes For Team Events

Athletes will only be nominated to the 2010 Australian Olympic Winter Team based on their results in individual events. Any Cross Country Distance Event Group Athlete selected to the 2010 Australian Olympic Winter Team is also eligible to compete in the Sprint Relay and Relay events. Any Cross Country Sprint Event Group Athlete selected to the 2010 Australian Olympic Winter Team is also

eligible to compete in the Sprint Relay. Athletes will be selected to compete in these team events by the AOC based on the recommendation of the 2010 Australian Olympic Winter Team Cross Country Head Coach. In formulating the recommendation to the AOC, the Head Coach will take into consideration previous performances in relevant events in the lead-up to and during the Olympic Winter Games as well as the current health form and fitness of the athletes.

## 5 **Making of Nominations**

Nominations by Ski & Snowboard Australia must be received by the AOC by 10:00am on *Friday 22 January 2010*. Nominations made after this deadline (or within such further deadline as the AOC may allow) will be invalid unless made pursuant to a direction or award in respect of an appeal against non-nomination to Ski & Snowboard Australia Appeals Tribunal or the Court of Arbitration for Sport pursuant to the AOC's Selection By-Law and which appeal had been commenced prior to the deadline for receipt of nominations by the AOC.

The 10:00am on *Friday 22 January 2010* deadline for the making of nominations by Ski & Snowboard Australia applies irrespective of any deadline prescribed under the Qualification System or by the Organising Committee for the 2010 Olympic Winter Games.

## 6 **Amendments to Nomination Criteria**

This Nomination Criteria may be amended by Ski & Snowboard Australia with the prior written approval of the AOC. Any amended Nomination Criteria will be distributed by Ski & Snowboard Australia. Amendments will be posted on the Ski & Snowboard Australia website and a copy of amendments will be provided to each member of the Shadow Team by email.

## 7 **Interpretation**

- (1) Words used in this Nomination Criteria have the same meaning ascribed to them in the AOC's Selection By-Law unless a contrary meaning appears from the context.
- (2) In this Nomination Criteria the following words and phrases have the following meanings:
  - (a) SSA or Ski & Snowboard Australia means Ski & Snowboard Australia Ltd;
  - (b) "Benchmark Events" means the events as identified in clause 2(b)(i) of this Nomination Criteria which will be taken from time to time;
  - (c) "FIS Points" list means the International Ski Federation list as published on the FIS website from time to time;
  - (d) The "FIS Points Allocation List" is a global list of all competitors in the top 500 FIS rankings for each event (distance and sprint) including both male and female competitors, as defined in the FIS Qualification System.
  - (e) "Olympic Adjustment" means the adjustment of the starting field in each of the relevant World Championship and World Cup competitions so as to remove from the starting field and the results of each event those athletes who would not be eligible to participate in the 2010 Winter Olympic Games by virtue of the Qualification System;
  - (f) Percentage of field results will be calculated to two decimal points.

## 8 **Law**

This document is governed by the laws applicable in the State of New South Wales.

**Attachment 1**  
**2010 AUSTRALIAN OLYMPIC TEAM**  
**CONSENT TO SHADOW TEAM MEMBERSHIP**

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Ski and Snowboard Australia

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[insert name of Athlete]

I consent to being a member of the Shadow Team for nomination by the above NF for selection to the 2010 Australian Olympic Team. I make this acknowledgement honestly and fully and confirm that this acknowledgement is not false or misleading:

- 1 I have been provided with, or been given access to, and will be bound by and observe the terms of the AOC Selection By-Law, the AOC Selection Criteria applicable to my sport and my NF's Nomination Criteria in force and as amended from time to time. I acknowledge that all members of the Shadow Team will likewise be bound by and must observe the same terms.
- 2 The AOC's Selection By-Law and the Selection Criteria may be amended by the AOC from time to time. I will be bound by and observe the AOC's Selection By-Law and the Selection Criteria as amended, and acknowledge that any amendments to the AOC's Selection By-Law and Selection Criteria will be posted to the AOC's website ([www.olympics.com.au](http://www.olympics.com.au)) along with the Qualification System applicable to my event.
- 3 The decision whether or not to nominate me to the AOC for selection in the 2010 Australian Olympic Winter Team is subject to the Nomination Criteria and is at the discretion of my NF.
- 4 If my NF decides to nominate me for selection to the 2010 Australian Olympic Team I will be required to complete an Athlete Acknowledgement as determined by the AOC from time to time.
- 5 In the event that my NF nominates me to the AOC for selection in the 2010 Australian Olympic Team I am not guaranteed to be selected in the 2010 Australian Olympic Team. The decision whether or not to select me as a member of the 2010 Australian Olympic Team is subject to the AOC's Selection By-Law and Selection Criteria and is at the absolute discretion of the AOC.
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  - (1) I have not at any time engaged in conduct (whether publicly known or not), which has brought or would have the tendency to bring me or my sport into disrepute or censure, or which would be inconsistent with, contrary to or prejudicial to the best interests, image or values of the AOC, or as a result of which my membership would not be in the best interests of the Australian Olympic Team or the Shadow Team;
  - (2) I have not at any time been convicted of, or charged with, any serious offence involving alcohol or drugs, or any sex offence, or any offence which is punishable by imprisonment;
  - (3) I have and will continue to honestly and fully disclose information to my NF and the AOC concerning any conduct that might be in breach of (1) or (2) above or concerning any criminal offence of whatever nature, with which I have been charged, or of which I have been convicted, and consent to my NF and the AOC making enquiries to relevant authorities for any details of my criminal record (if any), including details of any charges pending or any spent convictions disclosable by law, and consent to those authorities providing that information in answer to those enquiries;
  - (4) any matter arising under (1), (2) or (3) above is to be determined, or breach thereof excused, by the AOC in its sole and absolute discretion.



**Attachment 2**

**AUSTRALIAN OLYMPIC TEAM**

**PARENTS/GUARDIANS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FOR MINORS**

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Ski and Snowboard Australia

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[insert name of Athlete]

I/we, the undersigned parents/guardians of the Athlete agree (and if more than one, then jointly and severally agree) as follows:

1. the Athlete is under the age of 18 years as at the date of signing the Consent to Shadow Team Membership;
2. I/we have read and understood the AOC Selection By-Law and the AOC Selection Criteria applicable to the sport of Cross Country Skiing (“the Selection Terms”) and have fully explained to the Athlete the Selection Terms. To this end I/we have obtained independent legal advice as to the Selection Terms in order to clarify any doubts or concerns I/we may have had in this regard;
3. the Athlete has read the Selection Terms and, together with the benefit of our full explanation, understands their meaning and effect;
4. the Selection Terms are for the benefit of the Athlete;
5. the Athlete's eligibility for being considered for nomination by the above NF for selection to the 2010 Australian Olympic Team, may be terminated in the event of any breach of the Selection Terms; and
6. this acknowledgement is governed by the laws applicable in the State of New South Wales.

Dated:

Signed by the Parent/Guardian )  
In the presence of: )

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(Parent/Guardian's signature)

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(Witness' signature)

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(Name of Witness)

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(Name of Parent/Guardian)



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## **MAJOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION SELECTION POLICY**

**Updated May 29 2009**

**These selection criteria supersede all earlier dated selection criteria.**

**(Original - Chapter 6, 1993 Australian Cross Country Skiing Handbook)**

### **1.0 MAJOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS**

The competitions covered by this policy are:

- 1.1 Olympic Winter Games
- 1.2 World Cup
- 1.3 World Championships
- 1.4 World University Championships
- 1.5 World Junior & U23 Championships
- 1.6 Worldloppet

#### **1.1 Olympic Winter Games**

For details regarding Olympic Winter Games Selection including the Qualification System, Nomination and Selection Criteria for Cross Country Skiing refer to the SSA website: [www.skiandsnowboard.org.au](http://www.skiandsnowboard.org.au)

#### **1.2 World Cup**

- 1.2.1 Qualification standards for World Cup are determined annually by FIS.

**For 2009-2010 FIS has set the World Cup Qualification standard at**

<b>Sprint Events:</b>	<b>120 FIS points (Men and Women)</b>
<b>Distance Events:</b>	<b>90 FIS points (Women)</b>
<b>Distance Events:</b>	<b>60 FIS points (Men)</b>

**In addition each nation which does not host a World Cup is entitled to start one athlete in a distance World Cup event provided that they have achieved one result under 120 FIS Distance points.**

Example

*If Australia has one male athlete qualified under 60 FIS points then in any World Cup it can start this athlete plus an additional athlete who is qualified under 120 FIS points.*

1.2.2 Only one result under the qualifying standard is required in the previous 12 months. Athletes achieving this qualification standard will be eligible to start in all events subject to Starting Rights detailed below.

1.2.3 Nation Quotas. These are determined by FIS annually. The Nation Quota is based on a minimum of two athletes per nation plus additional athletes based on the number of athletes scoring World Cup points.

**For the 2009-2010 season Australia has a Nation Quota of two athletes per event. In addition the winners of the 2009 Australian New Zealand Cup have their own individual starting place for events in which they meet the FIS World Cup standard.**

1.2.4 Wild Card Starts. In exceptional circumstances FIS has the discretion to allow athletes who have not reached the World Cup qualifying standard to start in a World Cup. FIS has no official rules for these Wild Card starts – in practice the National Team Coach has applied directly to the FIS Race Director and each application has been considered on its own merit. In determining whether to apply for a Wild Card start the following guidelines will be followed:

1.2.4.1 A Wild Card start will not be sought if it would displace another athlete who has met the FIS qualification standard.

1.2.4.2 A Wild Card will only be sought if it is considered that there is a reasonable chance for the application to be successful.

1.2.4.3 Wild Card applications will be made at discretion of the National Team Coach and Manager (if applicable). When circumstances permit the full National XC Selection Panel will be consulted. In all cases the National XC Selection Panel and SAXC will be informed of the rationale used to decide to make an application.

1.2.4.4 Factors that will be taken into consideration when determining if an application will be sought include:

- Whether the athlete has previously met the qualification standard;
- Whether the athlete has recently achieved results of an equivalent standard to the World Cup qualification however has been disadvantaged by FIS penalties.
- Whether the results achieved by the athlete are likely to be deemed of a suitable standard by the FIS Race Director.
- Whether the athlete is deemed to be capable of competing in the relevant World Cup at a suitable standard.

1.2.5 Starting Rights. In the event that the number of athletes qualified for World Cup and seeking a start in a particular race exceeds the Nation Quota, the National XC Selection Panel shall apply the principles below.

1.2.6 Pre-selection. A maximum of 50% of the available starts can be pre-selected, rounded down, based on performance standards set by the National XC Selection Panel prior to the beginning of the World Cup season. If only one start is available (as when 1.2.2 applies) then no athletes will be pre-selected.



1.2.7 Selection events. If required the remaining starts shall be based on performances in selection races or otherwise identified events during a selection period. In setting selection races the National XC Selection Panel will endeavour to use dates, locations, and distances that enable athletes to prepare appropriately for the event.

1.2.8 Details of selection procedures for each event will be finalised each year prior to the international season. However the National XC Selection Panel has the discretion to set new deadlines and selection events in exceptional circumstances.

**Details for World Cup Selection 2009-2010 will be finalised in September 2009.**

1.2.9 The final selection will be made by the National XC Selection Panel based on pre-selection and performances in selection events nominated by the Panel; where there are well founded grounds for concern in relation to an athlete's health or form their current health and their recent competitive history in different distances and styles may be taken into consideration.

1.2.10 Relay Events. Starts in Relay Teams will be selected at the discretion of the National XC Selection Panel. The National Team Coach and Manager will recommend, with rationale, the athletes deemed to constitute the fastest possible team on the day. Previous performances in relevant events in the lead-up to the World Cup will be taken into consideration, as well as the current health of the athletes.

1.2.11 Team Sprint Events. Australia has a quota of two teams for the Team Sprint event in World Cup competition. A maximum of 50% of the starts may be selected at the discretion of the National XC Selection Panel, on the basis of previous performances in Sprint Relay or individual events. If necessary the remaining starts will be selected on the basis of special selection time trials. The National Team Coach and Manager will recommend, with rationale, the pairings based on constituting the fastest possible team on the day. Previous performances in relevant events in the lead-up to the World Cup will be taken into consideration, as well as the current health of the athletes.

1.2.12 Other factors that will be taken into consideration before skiers will be taken to World Cup races include costs and availability of support staff.

1.2.13 For the purpose of World Cup selection the National XC Selection Panel shall consist of:

One nominee from each affiliated state cross country committee (VIC, NSW, ACT);  
the National Team Coach; and the National Team Manager\*

The state nominees should:

- i) Have experience of international competition, either as a coach, manager, or athlete;
- ii) Appreciate the requirements of elite athletes, and;
- iii) Be in touch with the current racing scene.

\* In the absence of a National Team Manager appointed to the World Cup team an alternative person with appropriate international experience will be appointed by the Ski & Snowboard Australia Cross Country Committee.

## 1.3 World Championship

1.3.1 Rules for FIS World Championships are available on the FIS website. Each nation may send up to 12 male and 12 female athletes regardless of standard. All athletes who achieve a set qualification standard have their accommodation expenses at the World Championships paid for by FIS for four days per event. If no athletes from a nation have met the qualification standard then accommodation expenses will be paid for one male and one female athlete.

**For 2009 FIS set the World Championship qualification standard at:**

**Sprint Events: 90 FIS points (Men and Women)**  
**Distance Events: 90 FIS points (Men and Women)**

1.3.2 FIS has introduced a new qualification standard for the interval start 10km event for women and 15km event for men.

**For 2009 the 10/15km qualification standard is:**

**90 FIS points average on the current FIS Distance List (Men)**  
**120 FIS points average on the current FIS Distance List (Women)**

**All other competitors are required to compete in a qualification race over 5km (women) or 10km (men). The best 10 athletes from the qualification race will be able to start in the 10km and 15km events.**

1.3.3 SAXC determines an additional qualification standard for the Australian Team at the World Championship.

**For 2009 SAXC has set the World Championship Qualification standard at**

**Sprint Events: 120 FIS Sprint points**  
**Distance Events: 120 FIS Distance points**  
**Team Events: 120 FIS Sprint points OR 120 FIS Distance points**

Athletes achieving the SAXC qualification standard will be eligible to start in all relevant events subject to Starting Rights detailed in 1.3.8 – 1.3.10 below.

1.3.4 In addition SAXC may choose to set an additional qualification standard for discretionary selection for athletes to start in specific events. Athletes who have achieved this standard will only be selected if there is likely to be a start available in an appropriate event. If multiple athletes achieve the standard then other Starting Rights rules apply.

### Example 1

*If four athletes are qualified under 1.3.3 and are intending to race a particular event, then no additional athletes would be given discretionary selection under 1.3.4 to race in that event.*

### Example 2

*If one starting position was likely to be available in an event and more than one athlete had reached the qualification standard in 1.3.3, then only one athlete would be selected to start in that event based on selection events detailed in 1.3.9. The other athlete(s) could still be considered for selection to another event if further starting positions were available.*

**For 2009 SAXC will consider athletes for discretionary selection who have achieved a result less than 140 FIS points.**

1.3.5 Only one result under the qualifying standards set in 1.3.1 or 1.3.2 is required in the season of the World Championship or the previous season. For 1.3.3 one result is required in the season of the World Championships – excluding the Australian winter.

1.3.6 Maximum size of team. The maximum size of the team set by FIS is 12 men and 12 women. If more than 12 athletes of either sex satisfy the SAXC qualification standard preference will first be given to those athletes who satisfy the FIS qualification standard. The remaining athletes will be selected by the National XC Selection Panel with consideration of the available starts and relevant selection races.

1.3.7 Nation Quota. Currently Australia is allowed four participants in each event at the World Championships, except for the Team Sprint in which we are allowed one team of two persons, and the 10km/15km event as detailed in 1.3.2.

1.3.8 Starting Rights. In the event that the number of athletes qualified for the World Championships and seeking a start in a particular race exceeds the Nation quota, the National XC Selection Panel shall apply the principles below.

1.3.9 Pre-selection. A maximum of 50% of the available starts can be pre-selected, based on performance standards set by the National XC Selection Panel.

1.3.10 Selection events. If required the remaining starts shall be based on performances in selection races or otherwise identified events during a selection period. In setting selection races the National XC Selection Panel will endeavour to use dates, locations, and distances that enable athletes to prepare appropriately for the event.

1.3.11 Details of selection procedures will be finalised each year prior to the international season. However the National XC Selection Panel has the discretion to set new deadlines and selection events in exceptional circumstances.

1.3.12 The final selection will be made by the National XC Selection Panel based on pre-selection and performances in selection events nominated by the Panel; where there are well founded grounds for concern in relation to an athlete's health or form their current health and their recent competitive history in different distances and styles may be taken into consideration.

1.3.13 Relay Events. Starts in Relay Teams will be selected at the discretion of the National XC Selection Panel. The National Team Coach and Manager will recommend, with rationale, the athletes deemed to constitute the fastest possible team on the day. Previous performances at the World Championships and in relevant events in the lead-up to the World Championships will be taken into consideration, as well as the current health of the athletes.

1.3.14 Sprint Relay Events. Australia has a quota of one team in the Team Sprint event at the World Championship. The athletes for the Team Sprint will be selected at the discretion of the National XC Selection Panel on the basis of previous performances in Team Sprint or individual events. If necessary special selection time trials may be used. The National Team Coach and Manager will recommend, with rationale, the athletes deemed to constitute the

fastest possible team on the day. Previous performances at the World Championships and in relevant events in the lead-up to the World Championships will be taken into consideration, as well as the current health of the athletes.

1.3.15 For the purpose of World Championship selection the National XC Selection Panel shall consist of:

One nominee from each affiliated state cross country committee (VIC, NSW, ACT); the National Team Coach; and the National Team Manager.

The state nominees should:

- i) Have experience of international competition, either as a coach, manager, or athlete;
- ii) Appreciate the requirements of elite athletes, and;
- iii) Be in touch with the current racing scene.

In the event that a state nominee is required to make a decision relating to a relative or other person to whom they are personally connected, the state cross country committee can replace their nominee with another person.

\* In the absence of a National Team Manager appointed to the World Championship team an alternative person with appropriate international experience will be appointed by the Ski & Snowboard Australia Cross Country Committee.

## **1.4 World University Championships**

1.4.1 Selection will be made by the Australian University Sports Federation. Selection criteria may be available at: <http://www.unisport.com.au/>

1.4.2 Skiing Australia Cross Country will make recommendations to the AUSF to ensure that skiers of an appropriate level are representing Australian cross country skiing.

## **1.5 World Junior Championship and World U23 Championship**

1.5.1 Any junior or U23 athlete who makes the Australian Team from races in Australia can travel overseas as a member of the official team and attempt to qualify for the World Junior or U23 Championships.

1.5.2 An athlete may compete in the World Junior Championship up until and including the year that they turn 20. An athlete may compete in the World U23 Championship up until and including the year that they turn 23.

1.5.3 Junior A-Team skiers will be recommended for funding from SAXC and government grants. Other Junior Team members may be eligible for a lesser degree of funding if sufficient funds are available.

1.5.4 The standard for qualification to the World Junior and U23 Championships will be based on FIS points. One result of this standard will be required. These points should be achieved in the 12 months preceding the championships, including the previous championships.

1.5.5 Skiing Australia Cross Country will determine an appropriate FIS point qualification standard. This standard will be based on results from previous World Junior Championships, FIS point rankings of junior skiers, and results from other FIS international races.

**For 2010 the qualification standard for the World Junior and U23 Championship has been set as follows:**

**World Junior Championship: 195\* FIS points (distance or sprint)**  
**World U23 Championship: 175 FIS points (distance or sprint)**

\*Note that this standard is based on a result of 20% behind the winner in an individual start event at the World Junior Championships.

1.5.6 For the FIS points in a race to be valid for selection purposes the calculated FIS penalty must be an accurate reflection of the standard of the race. This is relevant when the maximum FIS points are used in the penalty calculation. As a general rule the penalty should be close to the points of the best athlete in the event.

Example

*The first five athletes in a race have the following FIS points:*

1 <sup>st</sup>	145	145	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	180	176 (max)	145 + 145 + 176 = 466
3 <sup>rd</sup>	145	145	Penalty Calculation:
4 <sup>th</sup>	250	<del>176</del> (max)	466 / 3.75 = <u>124.26</u>
5 <sup>th</sup>	300	<del>176</del> (max)	

*Applying normal calculation rules, the best and worst points are eliminated, and a maximum of 176 points are used for anyone over this value. Hence the calculated FIS penalty for this competition is 124.26. However because the penalty is considerably better than the points of the best athletes in the race, FIS points from this race should not be valid for selection purposes.*

In the case where the race is deemed to be invalid, the National XC Selection Panel may make a discretionary selection depending on the circumstances.

1.5.7 In addition the National XC Selection Panel may choose to nominate additional selection competitions (for example, another nation's junior championship or selection trial) that maybe used for selection regardless of FIS points. In setting these selection races the National XC Selection Panel will endeavour to use dates, locations, and distances that enable athletes to prepare appropriately for the event. The selection standard used for these events will be an approximation of the set FIS point standard.

**For 2009 the following races and standards were used:**

**Swiss Junior Championship – Trun, January 20-24, 2008**

**- Standard: 10%\*\* behind the winner**

**Details for 2010 will be finalised in September 2009.**

\*\*This standard was based on the results of junior athletes from this nation at the World Junior Championship and in other competitions in 2006/2007.

1.5.8 If athletes have achieved results within 15 FIS points of the qualification standard in 15.5 but their performances in non-FIS competitions or relative to other team members have indicated that they are skiing at an appropriate standard, the National XC Selection Panel may make a discretionary selection to the team. Only in exceptional circumstances may the XC Selection Panel make a discretionary selection for athletes who have not achieved results within this margin.

1.5.9 Where discretionary selection is made it is likely that an athlete may only be allowed to start in one event.

1.5.10 Currently Australia is allowed four participants in each event at the World Junior Championships.

1.5.11 In the event that the number of Australians qualified for the World Junior Championship and seeking a start in a particular event exceeds the maximum allowable, the National Team Coach shall make a recommendation to the National XC Selection Panel. Factors taken into consideration will include lowest FIS points, recent form, race distance and style. Additional selection races may also be set. The National XC Selection Panel will make the final decision.

1.5.12 Athletes who have met the selection criteria during the Australian winter or previous international season will be notified of their selection following the Australian winter. The National XC Selection Panel reserves the right to set additional selection criteria in order to confirm the form of athletes leading into the Championships.

1.5.13 Critical dates for selection, including additional selection races, will be set in place prior to the team departing from Australia.

1.5.14 Where any discretion is allowed for in the selection criteria it will only be applied to National Team members. Non-team members must meet the selection standard absolutely.

1.5.15 Athletes who may wish to appeal their non-selection to the team should do so to the chairperson of Skiing Australia Cross Country.

## **1.6 Worldloppet**

1.6.1 Any athlete may start in any Worldloppet event.

1.6.2 Australian Team members may be eligible for a seeded start in Worldloppet events. To receive a seeded start, skiers should contact the organisers of Australia's Worldloppet event, the Kangaroo Hoppet.

## **1.7 Selection Appeals**

1.7.1 Appeals for selections under the jurisdiction of SAXC, including selections for World Cup, World Championship and World Junior/U23 Championship events, are covered by the Selection Appeals policy as set by Ski & Snowboard Australia.

1.7.2 Appeals for selection for events outside the jurisdiction of SAXC such as the Olympic Winter Games and the World University Winter Games are covered by specific selection policies for each of these events.