



**2012 Australian Winter Youth Olympic Team  
SKI & SNOWBOARD AUSTRALIA  
Nomination and Selection Criteria- Freestyle Skiing**

**1. QUALIFICATION**

**(a) Eligibility**

In order to be eligible to participate in the 2012 Winter Youth Olympic Games (2012 WYOG), athletes must:

- (1) meet the performance standards prescribed by the Qualification System;
- (2) meet the age eligibility requirements prescribed by the Qualification System;  
To be eligible for the 2012 Winter Youth Olympic Games, athletes must have been born between 1 January 1995 and 31 December 1996
- (3) meet and continue to observe the eligibility requirements for Australian competitors described in the Olympic Charter; and
- (4) must have the minimum FIS points in the respective event.

**(b) IF Qualification System**

- (1) Allocation of quota places for the 2012 WYOG will be based on the FIS points list of junior athletes published in April 2011.

The maximum number of Athletes for each nation is 4 athletes (2 men and 2 women) – 1 athlete in each of the 2012 WYOG Freestyle Skiing events. The maximum numbers of athletes in each 2012 WYOG Freestyle Skiing events are:

13 Men's Ski Halfpipe  
17 Men's Ski Cross  
13 Women's Ski Halfpipe  
17 Women's Ski Cross

The top twelve (12) nations in the men's and women's ski cross FIS points list of junior athletes are entitled to one (1) quota place in the respective event at the 2012 WYOG.

The top eight (8) nations in the men's and women's ski halfpipe FIS points list of junior athletes are entitled to one (1) quota place in the respective event at 2012 WYOG.

- (2) The five (5) remaining places each for men and women per event will be distributed with a maximum of one (1) male or female athlete per nation, amongst the nations not yet qualified according to item 1 (b) (1) above.

The quota allocation for these places will be determined by the FIS points list of junior athletes in ski halfpipe or ski cross respectively, in consideration of international representation throughout all FIS disciplines on the programme of the 2012 WYOG.

- (3) Additional participation for athletes already qualified:
  - i) Since the National Olympic Committee (NOC) quota for freestyle skiing is restricted to 1 athlete per gender per event, the following additional participation is allowed:
  - ii) Ski Cross - Up to one additional athlete per nation, already entered by the NOC in Alpine Skiing or Freestyle ski halfpipe, may also participate in ski cross subject to the athlete having FIS points in ski cross.
  - iii) Ski halfpipe - Up to one additional athlete per nation, already entered by the NOC in Freestyle ski cross or Snowboard halfpipe or slopestyle, may also participate in ski halfpipe subject to the athlete having FIS points in ski halfpipe.

## **2. NOMINATION BY SKI & SNOWBOARD AUSTRALIA**

- (1) (1) SSA will, at its discretion, nominate to the Australian Olympic Committee (AOC) for selection to the 2012 Australian WYOG Team up to the maximum number of athlete(s) who, in their opinion, will achieve the best result at the 2012 WYOG in individual or multiple events.

Without in anyway limiting the discretion of the SSA Selection Panel, in forming its opinion, the SSA Selection Panel will take into consideration the following factors:

- i) the Athlete's results achieved, quality and size of field in relation to these results and the standard of competition;
  - ii) the Athlete's experience at major events and proven performances under pressure including the role in securing quota places for Australia for the 2012 WYOG;
  - iii) the Athlete's current form and fitness including recent training and competition performances, general physical conditioning and/or any physical restrictions/limitations, injuries and the potential to increase level of performance in relation to the 2012 WYOG;
  - iv) any other factor that, in the opinion of the SSA Selection Panel is relevant to achieving the objective of choosing the athlete/s that will achieve the best result at the 2012 WYOG;
- (2) SSA will also identify reserve athletes in preference order based on the criteria as outlined in 2 (1) above.
  - (3) In respect of identifying additional athletes to compete in the Ski Cross and Halfpipe events as per 1 (b) (3), SSA will convene a meeting to make additional nominations in respect of athletes competing in multiple events.

### Timing

SSA will nominate athletes for selection to the AOC at such time as required by the AOC, but no later than 5pm on 12 December 2011.

### **3. SELECTION BY THE AOC**

In order to be selected by the AOC as a member of the 2012 Australian Winter Youth Olympic Team, each Athlete must:

- (1) have been nominated by [Insert NF] for selection by the AOC in accordance with Clause 2 of these Guidelines;
- (2) have signed (or if a minor, parent or guardian have signed) the 2012 Australian Winter Youth Olympic Team Membership Agreement and agree to sign any entry form required by the IOC and the Organising Committee for the 2012 Winter Youth Olympic Games;
- (3) have observed and continue to observe the provisions of the AOC's Constitution and its by-laws (as applicable) and must not have breached the AOC's Anti-Doping By-Law unless the athlete has already been sanctioned for the breach and has completed the sanction imposed. A copy of AOC By-Laws are available from [olympics.com.au](http://olympics.com.au);
- (4) undergo medical assessment and testing (if requested) to the complete satisfaction of the AOC;
- (5) have disclosed information to the Athlete's NF or the AOC concerning any conduct that might breach the code of conduct required of Athletes selected to an Australian Winter Youth Olympic Team under the 2012 Australian Winter Youth Olympic Team Membership Agreement; and
- (6) acknowledges that any matter arising under clauses (1) – (5) above is to be determined, or breach thereof excused, by the AOC in its sole and absolute discretion.

If, in the opinion of the AOC, an Athlete fails to comply with one or more of the requirements in (1) – (6) above, that Athlete will be ineligible for selection by the AOC.

SSA will nominate athletes to the AOC for selection to the 2012 Australian Winter Youth Olympic Team. The AOC has the sole and absolute discretion:

- (1) to determine whether an Athlete (or team where applicable) has met the requirements of selection;
- (2) to determine whether or not it should select the maximum number of Athletes (or teams where applicable) permitted by the Qualification System, notwithstanding the number of Athletes who may have met the requirements of selection and/or the Qualification System.

### **4. PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS**

- (1) It is an IOC requirement that Athletes attend the 2012 Youth Olympic Games for the entire period of the Games 13 – 22 January 2012 (inclusive).
- (2) It is an IOC requirement that Athletes participate in the Culture and Education Sessions organised by the Innsbruck Winter Youth Olympic Games Organising Committee during the Winter Youth Olympic Games.

## **5. NON-COMPLIANCE**

If an Athlete breaches any of the requirements of the Nomination and Selection criteria, the AOC may suspend or terminate the Athlete's selection to the Team or otherwise impose a sanction prescribed by the disciplining procedures set out in the AOC 2012 WYOG Team Membership Agreement.

## **6. INTERPRETATION**

The SSA Selection Panel will consist of:

For Ski Cross:

- The OWI Head Ski Cross Coach
- The SSA Alpine Chairman of Selectors
- The SSA Chief Executive Officer and
- An SSA Director as nominated by the SSA Board

For Half Pipe:

- The SSA Freestyle Committee Chair
- The SSA Freestyle Committee - Half Pipe Expert
- The SSA Chief Executive Officer and
- An SSA Director as nominated by the SSA Board