1. QUALIFICATION

(a) Eligibility

In order to be eligible to participate in the 2016 Winter Youth Olympic Games, athletes must:

1. meet the performance standards prescribed by the FIS Qualification System;
2. meet the age eligibility requirements prescribed by the FIS Qualification System;
   To be eligible to participate in the 2016 Lillehammer Youth Olympic Games, Alpine Skiing athletes must be born between 1 January 1998 and 31 December 1999.
3. meet and continue to observe the eligibility requirements for Australian competitors described in the Olympic Charter;
4. Athletes must have also obtained YOG FIS points subject to the following performance criteria:
   - Slalom and Giant Slalom: YOG FIS points in at least one FIS alpine event
   - Super G: YOG FIS points in Downhill, Super G or Giant Slalom
   - Alpine Combined: YOG FIS points in Downhill, Super G, Giant Slalom or Alpine Combined

YOG FIS points are earned in accordance with the FIS Rules for FIS Points during the YOG qualification period from 1 July 2014 to 10 January 2016.

(b) IF Qualification System

1. Total Quota for Alpine Skiing:
   - Men’s Alpine Skiing 60
   - Women’s Alpine Skiing 55
   - Total 115

2. Maximum Number of Athletes per NOC:
   - Men’s Alpine Skiing 2
   - Women’s Alpine Skiing 2
   - Total 4
(3) Individual Qualification and Quota Allocation

i) The top seven (7) NOCs in the overall Marc Hodler Trophy standings at the FIS Junior Alpine World Ski Championships 2015 and the Host Country are entitled to a quota of two (2) men and two (2) women, for a total of eight (8) NOCs.

   a. If there is a tie for 8th place in the Marc Hodler Trophy Standing (or 7th if the Host Country in not ranked in the top 8), the NOC shall be ranked according to the number of first, second, third, etc. places at the FIS Junior Alpine World Ski Championships 2015.

ii) The next best ranked NOCs scoring points in the Marc Hodler Trophy standings are entitled to one (1) starting place of each gender, until the maximum quota of 60 men and 55 women is filled.

iii) Any remaining places will be distributed with a maximum of one (1) male and/or one (1) female athlete per NOC, amongst the NOCs not yet qualified according to (3) (i) and (3) (ii) that has indicated interest for a quota place(s). The quota allocation for these places will be determined according to their ranking on the male and female YOG quota allocation lists published on 11 January 2016. The allocation will be made by assigning one quota place per NOC from the top of the YOG quota allocations lists until the maximum quota of 60 men and 55 women is reached.

   a. If there is a tie for the final allocated quota place(s) on either the male or female YOG quota allocation lists, the athlete with the best YOG FIS points in Giant Slalom or Slalom will be ranked ahead.

(4) The YOG FIS Points List

i) The YOG quota allocation lists, published on 11 January 2016 on the FIS Website, www-fis-ski.com is established by adding Giant Slalom and Slalom rankings on the FIS points lists using the table annexed to FIS Qualification Systems document available from the FIS Website, during the qualification period from 1 July 2014 to 10 January 2016. FIS will publish the latest YOG quota allocation lists for information on a regular basis.

(5) For the avoidance of doubt, the athlete that achieves the performance to qualify a quota place for Australia in accordance with the FIS Qualification System will not automatically be nominated to the AOC for selection. SSA will identify athletes for nomination to the AOC in accordance with Clause 2 below.

2. NOMINATION BY SKI & SNOWBOARD AUSTRALIA

In order to be nominated by Ski & Snowboard Australia for selection to the 2016 Australian Youth Olympic Team, eligible athletes will be considered according to the criteria outlined below:

(1) SSA will, at its discretion, nominate athlete(s) to the Australian Olympic Committee (AOC) for selection to the 2016 Australian WYOG Team up to the maximum number of quota places available who, in their opinion, will achieve the best result at the 2016 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. Targeted Alpine Skiing selection races and assessment activities during the 2015 Australian Winter season (equally weighted) as follows:

a. the Athlete’s total two best FIS point results (1 GS and 1 SL) from the race series to be held at Mt. Hotham from the 29th July – 2nd August 2015;

b. the Athlete’s results from the National Alpine Committee (NAC) physical testing which will be conducted during the race series at Mt. Hotham from the 29th July – 2nd August 2015; and

c. the Athlete’s results from the NAC National Skills Assessment which will be conducted at the race series at Mt. Hotham from the 29th July – 2nd August 2015.

ii. If any of the aforementioned targeted Alpine Skiing selection races and assessment activities during the 2015 Australian Winter season are cancelled due to lack of snow or any other factors, the SSA Selection Panel without in anyway limiting its discretion in forming its opinion, will also take into consideration the Athlete’s total two best FIS point results (1 GS and 1 SL) from the race series to be held at Perisher from 22nd August – 26th August 2015;

iii. If both targeted Alpine Skiing selection races and assessment activities outlined in 2 (1) (i) and 2 (1)(ii) during the 2015 Australian Winter season are cancelled due to lack of snow or any other factors, the SSA Selection Panel without in anyway limiting its discretion in forming its opinion, will take into consideration the following factors:

a. the Athlete’s results achieved, quality and size of field in relation to these results and the standard of competition;

b. the Athlete’s experience at major events and proven performances under pressure including the role in securing quota places for Australia for the 2016 WYOG;

c. 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 2016 WYOG;

iv. Any injury issues relating to the athlete; and

v. Any other factor listed in Appendix 1. 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 2016 WYOG;

(2) SSA will also identify reserve athletes in preference order based on the criteria as outlined in 2 (1) above. Athletes identified as ‘reserve’ will not be a member of the 2016 Australian WYOG Team unless and until they replace a selected athlete.
(3) **Timing**

SSA will nominate athletes for selection to the AOC at such time as required by the AOC, but no later than 5pm on 1 November 2015.

### 3. SELECTION BY THE AOC

In order to be selected by the AOC as a member of the 2016 Australian Youth Olympic Team, each Athlete must:

1. have been nominated by Ski & Snowboard Australia 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 2016 Australian Youth Olympic Team Membership Agreement and agree to sign any entry form required by the IOC and the Organising Committee for the 2016 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;
4. undergo medical assessment and testing (if requested) to the complete satisfaction of the AOC;
5. have disclosed information to Ski & Snowboard Australia or the AOC concerning any conduct that might breach the code of conduct required of Athletes selected to an Australian Youth Olympic Team under the 2016 Australian Youth Olympic Team Membership Agreement.
6. Where over the age of 18 at any time prior to the Closing Ceremony of the 2016 Winter Youth Olympic Games (being 21 February 2016), have signed the AOC statutory declaration regarding anti-doping matters as required from time to time;
7. acknowledge that any matter arising under clauses (1) – (6) above is to be determined, or breach thereof excused, by the AOC in its sole and absolute discretion.
8. If, in the opinion of the AOC, an Athlete fails to comply with one or more of the requirements in (1) – (7) above, that Athlete will be ineligible for selection by the AOC.

Ski & Snowboard Australia will nominate athletes to the AOC for selection to the 2016 Australian 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 2016 Winter Youth Olympic Games for the entire period of the Games 12-21 February 2016 (inclusive).
2. It is an IOC requirement that Athletes participate in the Culture and Education Sessions organised by the Lillehammer 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 2016 AYOT Team Membership Agreement.

6. INTERPRETATION

The SSA Selection Panel for Alpine Skiing will consist of:

- The SSA Alpine Program Director
- The SSA Alpine Chairman of Selectors
- The SSA National Pathway Manager
- The SSA Chief Executive Officer
**APPENDIX 1.**

**SSA Generic Selection Factors**

| **Performance** | • Competition performances during the preceding 12 month period  
• Achievement of annual Individual Performance Plan (IPP) performance targets  
• On track to meet long term IPP performance targets  
• Achievement of benchmark scores in athlete physical testing evaluation |
| **Potential to Progress** | • Athlete performance profile  
• Capability of progressing into the next level of AWE Athlete Categorisation within the nominated time frame  
• Independent expert evaluation & coach recommendation |
| **Compliance** | • Adherence to SSA Athlete Agreement  
• Adherence to IPP |
| **Positive Intangibles** | • Ability to perform at a level consistent with present skill level regularly in competition  
• Self-motivation & passion for the process of a high performance program  
• Coachability & receptiveness to feedback  
• Emotional intelligence & self-awareness |
| **Personal Excellence** | • Ability to access and take advantage of athlete services  
• Injury prevention & management  
• Well being  
• Self-responsibility, organisation & planning |