

ENGLISH SCHOOLS' SKI ASSOCIATION
SELECTION POLICY

E.S.SKI A. TEAM AND TRAINING SQUADS

SELECTION for E.S.SKI A. Teams and Squads is made in the autumn each year, after the National Championships. Different criteria will apply according to which group a skier is being considered for, but the following is the basis:

1. Racing in the most recent E.S.SKI A. Championships as a member of a school team.
2. Attendance at previous competitions and trainings, attitude, behaviour and progress.
3. Race results on snow and plastic.
4. Age.

PRIMARY SQUAD

This was an innovation in 2014. It will comprise 24 - 27 skiers and is aimed at those at the top end of primary schools, Year 6. The objective is to provide a good foundation training in a controlled environment which also accustoms children to a group training away from home in a disciplined atmosphere. The training will be for a long weekend and take place at SnowWorld, Landgraaf in Holland, an extensive indoor snow facility which has excellent accommodation for such a group on-site.

JUNIOR SQUAD

This comprises about 25 skiers and is aimed mainly at eleven to twelve year olds. The objective is to provide a good foundation training which concentrates on improving all round technique and starting appropriate race training on snow. The 2015 Squad will be based in Pila, Italy; this is a venue selected for suitability of travel, accommodation and terrain.

E.S.SKI A. SQUADS

These comprise two Squads each of approximately 20 skiers. The Squads are selected on the basis of age. These training camps are used as a basis for selection for the teams in the World Schools' Championships. The objectives are to provide high quality training concentrating on developing young racers in a group of a high standard, and to prepare teams for the World Schools' Championships. The two 2015 trainings will be based in Geilo, Norway, where opportunities for training are particularly good, and which has seen some very successful trainings over the past twenty years.

There will also be a Summer Camp in Holland in August, for an invited group of Squad members who have attended training/s in Norway.

WORLD SCHOOLS' CHAMPIONSHIPS

These are held under the jurisdiction of the International School Sport Federation (I.S.F.) and can only be entered by National School Sports' Associations in membership of the National Council for School Sport (N.C.S.S.). In most sports the National Associations are represented by 'Champion Schools', but in the ski competitions held in alternate years there are different rules for countries considered to be Lowland countries. England is a Lowland country and can therefore be represented by a composite team of 10 girls and 10 boys, in two age groups, drawn from different schools which have competed in the National Championships.

E.S.SKI A. has sent teams to the events held in Sweden (1985, 1989, 2005), France (1991, 2001, 2008), Canada (1993), Italy (1995, 2010, 2012), Germany (1997), the Czech Republic (1999), Austria (2003), Andorra (2007), Spain (2014).

The 2016 event will be held in Italy.