

# Ski & Snowboard Australia Athlete Pathway Framework



SSA LTAD STAGE	FUNDAMENTALS			LEARN TO TRAIN	TRAIN TO TRAIN		TRAIN TO COMPETE		TRAIN TO WIN			
AIS FTEM STAGE	NON ELITE (Foundation Movement)			PRE ELITE (Potential to be Elite)				ELITE (Senior International)				
AIS FTEM PHASE	Learning and Acquisition of Basic Movement Foundations	Extension and Refinement of Basic Movement Foundations	Sport Specific Commitment and/or Competition	Talent Verification	Demonstration of Potential	Practicing and Achieving	Breakthrough and Reward	Senior National Representation	Podium Success	Sustained Success at E2		
AWE ATHLETE CATEGORY				EMERGING Level 5		DEVELOPING Level 4		PODIUM POTENTIAL Level 3		PODIUM READY Level 2		PODIUM Level 1
AWE DEFINITION				Individual athlete in an Olympic or Paralympic discipline, who is considered capable of progressing to at least Level 4—Developing in the next two years.		Individual athlete in an Olympic or Paralympic discipline, who is considered capable of progressing to at least Level 3—Podium Potential in the next two years.		Individual athlete in an Olympic or Paralympic discipline, who is considered capable of progressing to at least Level 2—Podium Ready in the next two years.		Individual athlete in an Olympic or Paralympic discipline, who placed fourth to eighth at the most recent BME and considered capable of progressing to Level 1—Podium in the next two years.		Individual athlete in an Olympic or Paralympic discipline, who has a medal performance in the past 24 months at a BME and considered capable of a medal at the next Olympic Winter Games or Paralympic Games.
TIER 1 SPORTS	AERIAL SKIING	Elite Gymnastics			Elite Gymnastics		VIS Aerials Program		OWIA Aerials Program		OWIA Aerials Program	
	MOGUL SKIING	Snowsport Schools	SSA Pathway Programs		SSA ETS SSA Pathway Programs		NSWIS Mogul Skiing Program		OWIA Mogul Skiing Program		OWIA Mogul Skiing Program	
	PARK & PIPE	Snowsport Schools	SSA Pathway Programs		SSA ETS SSA Pathway Programs		NSWIS Park & Pipe Program			OWIA Pro Athlete Contract		
	SNOWBOARD CROSS	Snowsport Schools	SSA Pathway Programs		SSA ETS SSA Pathway Programs		NSWIS Snowboard Cross Program		OWIA Snowboard Cross Program		OWIA Snowboard Cross Program	
	PARA-ALPINE	Snowsport Schools/ DWA/ Talent Transfer	SSA Pathway Programs/ DWA/ Talent Transfer		SSA ETS SSA Pathway Programs		SSA Para-alpine Emerging Program		SSA Para-alpine Program		SSA Para-alpine Program	
	PARA-SNOWBOARD	Snowsport Schools/ DWA/ Talent Transfer	SSA Pathway Programs/ DWA/ Talent Transfer		SSA ETS SSA Pathway Programs		SSA Para-snowboard Emerging Program		SSA Para-snowboard Program		SSA Para-snowboard Program	
SKI CROSS	Snowsport Schools	SSA Pathway Programs		SSA Pathway Programs		SSA NAST		OWIA Ski Cross Program		OWIA Ski Cross Program		
ALPINE SKIING	Snowsport Schools	SSA Pathway Programs		SSA Pathway Programs		SSA NAST			OWIA Individual Athlete Support			
CROSS COUNTRY	Snowsport Schools	SSA Pathway Programs		SSA Pathway Programs		SSA Junior NXCST	SSA NXCST		SSA NXCST			
SNOWBOARD PARALLEL	Snowsport Schools	SSA Pathway Programs		SSA Pathway Programs		SSA Pathway Programs			SSA Pathway Programs			

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## Australia's Winning Edge - Athlete Categories

	TIER 1 - FOUNDATION SPORTS									
	AERIAL SKIING	MOGUL SKIING	PARK & PIPE	SNOWBOARD CROSS	PARA-ALPINE	PARA-SNOWBOARD	SKI CROSS	ALPINE SKIING	CROSS COUNTRY	SNOWBOARD PARALLEL
<b>PODIUM</b> Level 1	1 – 3 BME	1 – 3 BME	1 – 3 BME	1 – 3 BME	1-3 BME	1-3 BME	1 – 3 BME	1 – 3 BME	1 – 3 BME	1 – 3 BME
<b>PODIUM READY</b> Level 2	4 – 8 BME	4 – 8 BME	4 – 8 BME	4 – 8 BME	4-8 BME	4-8 BME	4 – 8 BME	4 – 8 BME	4 – 8 BME	4 – 8 BME
<b>PODIUM POTENTIAL</b> Level 3	9 – 16 BME OR WC 1 x Top 8 OR WC 2 x Top 12	9 – 16 BME OR WC 1 x Top 8 OR WC 2 x Top 12	9 – 16 BME OR WC 1 x Top 8 OR WC 2 x Top 12	9 – 16 BME OR WC 1 x Top 8 OR WC 2 x Top 12	WC 1 x Top 3 OR WC 2 x Top 8	WC 1 x Top 3 OR WC 2 x Top 8	9 – 16 BME OR WC 1 x Top 8 OR WC 2 x Top 12	9 – 16 BME OR WC 1 x Top 8 OR WC 2 x Top 12	9 – 16 BME OR WC 1 x Top 8 OR WC 2 x Top 12	9 – 16 BME OR WC 1 x Top 8 OR WC 2 x Top 12
<b>DEVELOPING</b> Level 4	Top 20 BME OR NAC 1 x Top 6 OR Skills: bLT or bLF	Top 20 BME OR Qualified for World Cup as per SSA Criteria	Top 20 BME OR Minimum Tier 3 of SSA National Team Criteria	Top 20 BME OR Minimum Tier 3 of SSA National Team Criteria	Qualified for World Cup Competition AND SSA Para-winter Generic Selection Factors	Qualified for World Cup Competition AND SSA Para-winter Generic Selection Factors				
<b>EMERGING</b> Level 5	Selected to VIS Program OR SSA Generic Selection Factors	Selected to NSWIS Program OR SSA Generic Selection Factors	Minimum Tier 4 of SSA National Team Criteria OR Selected to NSWIS Program OR SSA Generic Selection Factors	Minimum Tier 4 of SSA National Team Criteria OR Selected to NSWIS Program OR SSA Generic Selection Factors	International IPCAS Classification AND SSA Para-winter Generic Selection Factors	International IPCAS Classification AND SSA Para-winter Generic Selection Factors				
<b>INTERNATIONAL</b> Other Category	Athlete who does not satisfy any of the Podium Pathway category criteria but has earned selection for the national senior team preparing for the next BME.									

### Notes:

- All performances must be within the top 50% of the field to be considered
- Park & Pipe refers to Ski Halfpipe, Ski Slopestyle, Snowboard Halfpipe, Snowboard Slopestyle
- Australia's Winning Edge Athlete Categories applies only to athletes in Tier 1 - Foundation Sports. All others are by special consideration and subject to approval by the AIS
- Athletes are categorised according to the most recent BME result
- Medal results at the OWG, PWG and WCH may stand for up to 24 months, provided the athlete maintains potential to medal at a future BME
- For Levels 4 & 5, results from the preceding 12 month period will be considered when applying this criteria
- Athlete categorisation does not automatically qualify an athlete for selection to any SSA named team, event, athlete contract or scholarship opportunity offered via the SIS/SAS network and the OWIA
- Naming to the Australia's Winning Edge Athlete Categorisation list occurs with respect to the AWE Athlete Categories Nomination Guidelines for Winter Sports
- Results in non-Olympic disciplines, for Tier 1 Foundation Sports will not be considered for categorisation in Levels 4. & 5. For example Dual Moguls, SBX Team, Aerial Team.
- Nomination to "International Category" is by SSA discretion and may be for a limited period and subject to the jurisdictional importance and resources available to support the athlete.

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## SSA - Generic Selection Factors

<b>PERFORMANCE</b>	<p>Competition performances during the preceding 12 month period</p> <p>Achievement of annual Individual Performance Plan (IPP) performance targets</p> <p>On track to meet long term IPP performance targets</p> <p>Achievement of benchmark scores in athlete physical testing evaluation</p>
<b>POTENTIAL TO PROGRESS</b>	<p>Athlete performance profile</p> <p>Capable of progressing into the next level of AWE Athlete Categorisation within the nominated time frame</p> <p>Independent expert evaluation &amp; coach recommendation</p>
<b>COMPLIANCE</b>	<p>Adherence to SSA Athlete Agreement</p> <p>Adherence to IPP</p>
<b>POSITIVE INTANGIBLES</b>	<p>Self motivation &amp; passion for the process of a high performance program</p> <p>Ability to perform at a level consistent with present skill level regularly in competition</p> <p>Coachability &amp; receptiveness to feedback</p> <p>Emotional intelligence &amp; self awareness</p>
<b>PERSONAL EXCELLENCE</b>	<p>Ability to access and take advantage of athlete services</p> <p>Injury prevention &amp; management</p> <p>Well being</p> <p>Self responsibility, organisation &amp; planning</p>

## SSA - Para-winter Generic Selection Factors

<b>PERFORMANCE</b>	<p>Competition performances during the preceding 12 month period</p> <p>Achievement of annual Individual Performance Plan (IPP) performance targets</p> <p>On track to meet long term IPP performance targets</p> <p>Achievement of benchmark scores in athlete physical testing evaluation</p> <p>Experience at IPCAS competition</p>
<b>POTENTIAL TO PROGRESS</b>	<p>Athlete performance profile</p> <p>Capable of progressing into the next level of AWE Athlete Categorisation within the nominated time frame</p> <p>Independent expert evaluation &amp; coach recommendation</p> <p>Depth of field in classification</p> <p>Age of athlete and length of time with impairment</p>
<b>COMPLIANCE</b>	<p>Adherence to SSA Athlete Agreement</p> <p>Adherence to IPP</p>
<b>POSITIVE INTANGIBLES</b>	<p>Self motivation &amp; passion for the process of a high performance program</p> <p>Ability to perform at a level consistent with present skill level regularly in competition</p> <p>Coachability &amp; receptiveness to feedback</p> <p>Emotional intelligence &amp; self awareness</p>
<b>PERSONAL EXCELLENCE</b>	<p>Ability to access and take advantage of athlete services</p> <p>Injury prevention &amp; management</p> <p>Well being</p> <p>Self responsibility, organisation &amp; planning</p>

## Glossary of Terms

<b>AIS</b>	Australian Institute of Sport
<b>AOC</b>	Australian Olympic Committee
<b>APC</b>	Australian Paralympic Committee
<b>ASC</b>	Australian Sports Commission
<b>AWE</b>	Australia's Winning Edge
<b>BME</b>	World Championships, Olympic Winter Games/ Paralympic Winter Games, or Nominated Equivalent
<b>DTE</b>	Daily Training Environment
<b>DWA</b>	Disabled Wintersport Australia
<b>EC</b>	Europa Cup
<b>FIS</b>	International Ski Federation
<b>FTEM</b>	Foundation Talent Elite Mastery - AIS Pathways Model
<b>LTAD</b>	Long Term Athlete Development
<b>NAC</b>	Nor-Am Cup
<b>NAST</b>	SSA National Alpine Ski Team

<b>NC</b>	Australian National Championships
<b>NSO</b>	National Sporting Organisation
<b>NSWIS</b>	New South Wales Institute Of Sport
<b>NXCST</b>	SSA National Cross Country Ski Team
<b>OWG</b>	Olympic Winter Games
<b>OWIA</b>	Olympic Winter Institute of Australia
<b>PWG</b>	Paralympic Winter Games
<b>SIS/SAS</b>	State Institutes of Sport/ State Academies of Sport (NSWIS, VIS)
<b>SSA</b>	Ski & Snowboard Australia
<b>VIS</b>	Victorian Institute of Sport
<b>WC</b>	FIS World Cup competition OR equivalent
<b>WCH</b>	World Championships
<b>WJC</b>	World Junior Championships