ADDITIONAL TO SELECTION CRITERIA

Illness or injury of a selected athlete

If a selected athlete becomes ill or injured, the start place will be given to the next athlete in the qualification/selection process, provided this is logistically and schedule-wise possible.

Interference during a run and weather conditions

FIS rules apply in qualification as in competitions, including re-runs. Weather conditions are assessed as they would be in FIS competitions.

Appeals

Appeals concerning qualification shall be addressed to the Executive Director, who will consult the Board if necessary.

Event-specific requirements

The criteria include the following requirement: *"Athletes who have won or placed in the Top 5 in high level (penalty under 35 FIS points) FIS races, will be considered as possible participants of EC races."*

In practice, this also applies to speed events: athletes must demonstrate their performance level before EC races. If an athlete outside the national team demonstrates sufficient performance in speed events and no other athletes would be entering those races, SSF will discuss arrangements with the athlete's coaching staff (e.g. whether participation can be organised safely and possible opportunities for cooperation).

Special start places

- In accordance with FIS/COC rules, a personal start place is used by the athlete to whom it has been allocated.
- Quota places earned through the NSA's results are allocated according to SSF's selection procedure.

Services for selected athletes outside the National Team

Being selected to a race does not, as such, entitle an athlete outside the National Team to services or support from the National Team, however the following principles apply:

- **Qualification:** Provided the coaches' schedule allows, qualified athlete may use the national team coaches' course information and coaching if they wish.

- **Competition:** Athletes may take part in training during the week before the competition and use the national team's support services, provided the national team coaches' schedule allows. Athletes cover all their own costs (living, training and competition). Ski service is the athlete's own responsibility; the national team ski technician can provide guidance if needed and time allows.

- **Clothing and equipment:** No clothing or other equipment will be provided to the selected athlete.

- **Commitments:** Qualified athletes must commit to refraining from the use of doping substances and to complying with NSA/FIS antidoping and fluor ban rules.