



## US Ski & Snowboard

### 2024 U.S. Nordic Combined Junior World Championship

#### Team Selection Criteria

##### Eligibility for Consideration:

- The US Ski & Snowboard will consider for selection only those US Ski & Snowboard members in good standing who have a valid U.S. passport, a valid FIS license and who meet FIS minimum eligibility standards.

##### Criteria Guidelines:

- US Ski & Snowboard policy mandates that team selection criteria shall be principally objective (or performance-based), but additional athletes may be selected to the Team using coaches' discretion.
- The USA Nordic Sport staff is responsible for applying the selection criteria set forth herein, subject to the oversight of US Ski & Snowboard.
- A maximum of five athletes will be chosen to represent the United States in the 2024 Junior World Championships.
- The quota of start rights per nation is set by the FIS, but is typically four athletes per event. In cases where the team size may exceed the quota, start rights are determined by the USA Nordic coaching staff.
- Objective selections shall be based on the results achieved by athletes in World Cup and Continental Cup competitions from November 1st, 2023 thru January 14th, 2024, and during Junior World Championship Trial competitions set for Steamboat, CO, December 9th/10th, 2024 and Park City, UT, December 16th/17th, 2024.
- Discretionary selections, if any, may be based on a variety of factors, including competitions conducted outside of the selection period.
- Team status does not include funding from US Ski & Snowboard or USA Nordic.

##### General Criteria:

Athletes may be selected to the U.S. Ski Jumping Junior World Championship (JWC) Team based solely upon their competition results during the selection period.

- Athletes with a top-20 single World Cup result for women and top-30 World Cup result for men during the objective selection period will be selected to the team..
- Athletes with a top-15 single Continental Cup result for women and top-30 COC result for men during the objective selection period will be selected to the team.
- Athletes selected to compete in a World Cup event
- If positions are still available, athletes shall be selected to the team who have scored Continental Cup points during the objective selection period in rank order.



- Athletes must declare a sport (ski jumping or Nordic combined) to the Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined Team Director by November 21st, 2023 to be eligible to be named to the Team and compete in their respective JWC event.

Athletes meeting the general criteria shall be selected to the team, unless application of these criteria would result in a total team size exceeding the FIS quota, in which case US Ski & Snowboard shall use the following tie-breaking mechanisms in order:

- Highest single WC finish during the selection period.
- Highest single COC finish during the selection period.
- Highest FIS Cup finish during the selection period.
- Highest single US Ski and Snowboard JWC Trials finish.

\* JWSC Trial results will be awarded based on the World Cup individual competition evaluation. Trial competitions will be assessed by using an athlete's best 3 out of 4 results. If less than 4 events are carried out, then all remaining events will be counted. In the event of a tie-break, the Selection Committee will award the JWSC nomination to the athlete with the best finish based on percent back from the winner.

Points for JWSC Trials:

1st place: 100 points

2nd Place: 80 points

3rd Place: 60 points

4th Place: 50 points

etc.

Reference rule #3.1 WC-SJ Evaluation Individual Competitions. [https://assets.fis-ski.com/image/upload/v1666708737/fis-prod/assets/WCRGLJ-Men-2023-E\\_Clean.pdf](https://assets.fis-ski.com/image/upload/v1666708737/fis-prod/assets/WCRGLJ-Men-2023-E_Clean.pdf)

**Discretionary Selection Policy:**

If fewer than four athletes have been selected through their World Cup and Continental Cup results, the Junior World Selection committee (made up of regional and national team coaches) shall select as many additional athletes as may be necessary to bring the total team size up to the USA quota, as established by FIS. These athletes will be selected based on Continental Cup results and/or the Junior World Championship Trial competitions set for Steamboat, CO, December 9th/10th, 2023; Park City, UT, December 16th/17th, 2023.



In the event that one or all of the Junior World Championship Trial events and/or Continental Cup events are canceled due to COVID, additional spots may be selected by the Junior World Selection Committee using discretion. If the coaching staff fills any available spot(s) on the team with discretionary selections, then the staff may consider any factors including (but not limited to) the following:

- Outstanding competition results (including results achieved outside of the selection period).
- Recent direction or trend of competition results (i.e., improving, flat, or declining).
- Attitude and commitment of athletes.
- Physical fitness level.
- Illness or injury during the selection period.
- Other unanticipated failure of objective criteria to select an athlete likely to achieve competition results consistent with USA Nordic program goals.

**Injury Clause:**

- An athlete shall be ineligible for consideration if he/she is not fit to compete at the time selections are made due to any injury or illness from which he/she is not expected to recover adequately by the time of the competitions he/she has been selected for. Such determination shall be at the discretion of the US Ski and Snowboard Sport Director in consultation with the US Ski & Snowboard Medical Director, the Head Team Physician, and the athlete's designated physician.

**Team Selection:**

Selection to the 2024 JWSC team will be made on or near Jan 14, 2024, the team selection will be posted to [www.usanordic.org](http://www.usanordic.org) and all athletes selected will be notified by the Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined Sport Director.

**U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD APPEAL AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES :**

Any member who believes that he/she has wrongfully been denied membership on any team whose members are selected through participation in "protected competition," as that term is defined in the USOPC Bylaws, shall be entitled to appeal such a decision.

The U.S. Ski & Snowboard Grievance Procedures can be found within Article IX of the U.S. Ski & Snowboard bylaws found at: [usskiandsnowboard.org](http://usskiandsnowboard.org)



**ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN :**

Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete that are not answered by U.S. Ski & Snowboard may contact the USOPC Athlete Ombudsman, Kacie Wallace, by:

- Telephone at (719) 866-5000
- Toll-free telephone at (888) ATHLETE (1-888-284-5383)
- E-mail at [kacie.wallace@usopc.org](mailto:kacie.wallace@usopc.org)
- [www.athleteombudsman.org](http://www.athleteombudsman.org)
- <http://www.teamusa.org/For-Athletes/Athlete-Ombudsman.aspx>