



## 2023-24 AERIALS WORLD CUP SELECTION CRITERIA

### ELIGIBILITY FOR CONSIDERATION

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

U.S. Ski & Snowboard provides an equal opportunity to amateur athletes, coaches, trainers, managers, administrators, and officials to participate in amateur athletic competition without discrimination based on race, color, religion, age, sex, gender identity, or national origin, and with fair notice and opportunity for a hearing before declaring any such individual ineligible to participate.

### CRITERIA GUIDELINES

- The Freestyle Sport Director is responsible for applying the selection criteria herein, subject to the oversight of the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Chief of Sport.
- U.S. Ski & Snowboard policy mandates that team selection criteria be principally objective (or performance-based).
- Selections shall be based on individual on snow results achieved by athletes in FIS competitions.
- The team selected by U.S. Ski & Snowboard may consist of any number of athletes up to the FIS World Cup quota for the United States.
- The FIS sets the quota of start rights per nation annually and is subject to change.
- Any change to the quota of start rights per nation could result in a revision of these criteria.
- Only Athletes who meet the minimum FIS eligibility requirements of 50 FIS points will be considered for World Cup entry.

### EVENTS: ALL 2023-24 WORLD CUP AERIALS EVENTS

#### Personal World Cup Starts

##### *Continental Cup Winner*

From each Continental Cup standings, the highest ranked competitor (per gender and within their event) from the host continent will be provided an additional personal quota spot that can be entered into the FIS World Cup.

**Continental Cup Winner(s)** – DANI LOEB, CONNOR CURRAN

#### Nation Quota

##### *AERIALS*

Max 5 per gender Plus 1 World Cup Organizer Start = 11 Total

Athletes will be selected for World Cup start positions using the following process. Coach's Discretion will allocate additional start positions until the quota is filled. U.S. Ski & Snowboard will determine the specific gender totals up to the eleven (11) athletes total/max six (6) per gender quota allocation.



## Events

### **Comp Period 1: Ruka, FIN - Changchun, CHN**

**Criteria #1** Top three (3) men & three (3) women from the 2024 FIS Aerials Base List.

#### **Men**

QUINN DEHLINGER

CHRIS LILLIS

JUSTIN SCHOENEFELD

#### **Women**

ASHLEY CALDWELL

KAILA KUHN

WINTER VINECKI

**Criteria #2** Remaining quota allocation (not already qualified from the above criteria) may be selected based on coach discretion. Discretionary positions may be considered on an event-by-event basis. If Coach's Discretion isn't utilized, the next ranked athletes on the 2024 FIS Aerials Base Points List may be selected. If Coach's Discretion isn't utilized, and there is a ranking tie between men and women for the final quota position, the tie will be broken as follows:

- Best Aerials World Cup ranking from 2024 Base list
- Best World Cup result from the 2022-23 season
- If still tied, then Coach's Discretion shall be used

## Events

### **Comp Period 2: Deer Valley, USA - Lac-Beauport, CAN**

**Criteria #1** Top three (3) men & three (3) women from the 7<sup>th</sup> FIS Mogul Points List 2023-24.

**Criteria #2** Remaining quota allocation (not already qualified from the above criteria) may be selected based on Coach's Discretion. Discretionary positions may be considered on an event-by-event basis. If Coach's Discretion isn't utilized, the next ranked athletes on the 7<sup>th</sup> FIS Aerials Points List 2023-24 may be selected. If Coach's Discretion isn't utilized, and there is a ranking tie between men and women for the final quota position, the tie will be broken as follows:

- Best Aerials Ranking from the most recent FIS Points List
- Best World Cup result from the 2022-23 season
- If still tied, then Coach's Discretion shall be used

## Host Nation Quota

**AERIALS**

*Max three (3) per gender = six (6) Total*

Each nation hosting a World Cup can fill the host nation's quota. Athletes who meet the eligibility criteria will be selected for the World Cup start positions using the following system. Additional start positions will be allocated to Coach's Discretion until the quota is filled. U.S. Ski & Snowboard will determine the specific gender totals of up to six (6) athletes total/max three (3) per gender quota allocation.



### **Host Nation Quota**

#### **Events: Deer Valley, USA**

**Criteria #1** Athletes will be selected for the Deer Valley World Cup start positions using the system as follows:

The top two (2) men & two (2) women, not already qualified from the above criteria, from the athletes' results (via place points) from the January 2024 U.S. Selection Aerial Event.

If a tie remains after the conclusion of the event, then the following tie-breaking mechanisms will be used in order of priority to select those athletes:

- Single highest score during the Selection Event
- Second highest score during the Selection Event

Up-to-date ranking for host nation spots based on the FIS 100-point scale is located at [usskiandsnowboard.org](https://usskiandsnowboard.org) > Search > Criteria > Freestyle > World Cup

\*\*If U.S. Selections is canceled in 2024, the following criteria will be used:

- The top two (2) men & two (2) women, not already qualified from the above criteria, from the 7<sup>th</sup> FIS Aerials Points List 2023-24.

**Criteria #2** Remaining Host Nation quota allocation may be selected based on coach discretion. If Coaches' Discretion isn't utilized, the next ranked athletes on the ranking list referenced above in Host Nation Criteria #1 will be selected.

### **Events**

#### **Comp Period 3: Almaty, KAZ**

**Criteria #1** Top three (3) men & three (3) women from the 10<sup>th</sup> FIS Mogul Points List 2023-24.

**Criteria #2** Remaining quota allocation (not already qualified from the above criteria) may be selected based on Coach's Discretion. Discretionary positions may be considered on an event-by-event basis. If Coaches' Discretion isn't utilized, the next ranked athletes on the 10<sup>th</sup> FIS Aerials Points List 2023-24 may be selected. If Coaches' Discretion isn't utilized, and there is a ranking tie between men and women for the final quota position, the tie will be broken as follows:

- Best Aerials Ranking from the most recent FIS Points List
- Best World Cup result from the 2022-23 season
- If still tied, then Coach's Discretion shall be used



### **WORLD CUP TEAM EVENTS:**

The team event spots will be determined from each athlete's result (1) in the individual aerial world cup that takes place before the team event. Results will be calculated via World Cup rule 1.7 World Cup Points 1.7.1 Points Breakdown.

In the case of individual event cancellation, team event athletes will be named via discretion based on 2023-24 individual World Cup results.

### **DISCRETIONARY SELECTIONS**

Athletes who have not met the Objective Criteria may be selected for the team based on a variety of factors, including competitions outside of the selection period, and/or they satisfy any of the following:

- Outstanding competition results from the 2021-22 and 2022-23 seasons indicate a potential for success.
- Recent positive direction or competition trends indicate a potential for success.
- Indication of medal potential in future elite-level competitions (such as international age group results and age rankings) that would be materially enhanced by selection to the team.

All discretionary selections will be reviewed by a discretionary selection review group comprised of the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Freestyle Sport Director, the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Chief of Sport, and the athlete representative from that sport who is a member of the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Board. If the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Board Athlete Representative is also a competing athlete, then another athlete who is not actively competing will be selected by the Athletes' Council to represent this group.

### **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 USOC Bylaws, shall be entitled to appeal such a decision.

The U.S. Ski & Snowboard Grievance Procedures can be found within section IX of the U.S. Ski & Snowboard bylaws found at [usskiandsnowboard.org](https://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 Ombuds Office by:

- Telephone at (719) 866-5000
- Toll-free telephone at (888) ATHLETE (1-888-284-5383)
- E-mail at [Ombudsman@usathlete.org](mailto:Ombudsman@usathlete.org)
- [www.athleteombudsman.org](https://www.athleteombudsman.org)

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