



2024-25 U.S. Alpine Team Nomination 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.

An athlete shall be ineligible for consideration if previously suspended or removed from team membership without having been reinstated by U.S. Ski and Snowboard. An athlete who has previously declined an offer of team membership shall not be automatically offered team membership unless that athlete specifically requests consideration, and the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Alpine Program Director approves the request.

The U.S. Ski Team will select only the most qualified athletes with the greatest possibilities for winning medals in future World Championship and Olympic Winter Games competitions. Selection criteria will stress performance in the Alpine World Ski Championships, World Cup, Europa Cup, World Junior Alpine Ski Championships, and NorAm in the 2023-24 season. Selection criteria will also stress progress toward individual performance markers, set forth by the U.S. Ski Team coaches, which point toward international success.

Athletes must demonstrate a capability to adhere to U.S. Ski & Snowboard Values and Code of Conduct to be eligible for nomination.

CRITERIA GUIDELINES

- The U.S. Ski & Snowboard Alpine Program Director is responsible for applying the selection criteria set forth herein, subject to the oversight of the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Chief of Sport.
- Objective selections shall be based on the results achieved by athletes in competitions held on or between July 1, 2023 and April 11, 2024 (the "Selection Period").
- Discretionary nominations, if any, may be based on a variety of factors, including competitions conducted outside of the selection period.
- Team status does not guarantee funding from U.S. Ski & Snowboard for competition or for preparation.
- No minimum team size will be established.
- Athletes who have been given individual performance criteria to meet will be subject to those specific criteria and not to general criteria as outlined below.
- Athletes must be willing to commit to and to participate in the full U.S. Ski Team camp and race season structure.

OBJECTIVE CRITERIA

Athletes meeting the following objective criteria will be selected to the U.S. Ski Team.

A Team

Athletes meeting the FIS World Cup Start List (WCSL) Rank objective criteria will be selected to the A-Team. WCSL ranks will be assessed on 4/1/24, following the addition of injured athletes to the available WCSL list.



World Cup Start List

- ≤ 25 WCSL Rank in any of (SL/GS/SG/DH)

B Team

Athletes meeting either the following Result or FIS World Cup Start List (WCSL) Rank objective criteria will be selected to the B-Team. WCSL ranks will be assessed on 4/1/24, following the addition of injured athletes to the available WCSL list.

Result

YOB 1994, 1995, & 1996

- Three (3) total Europa Cup wins and/or World Cup Top 20 results

YOB 1997 or younger

- Three (3) total Europa Cup Top 3 and/or World Cup Top 30 results

World Cup Start List

YOB 1994 & 1995

- ≤ 30 WCSL Rank in any of (SL/GS/SG/DH)

YOB 1996 & 1997

- ≤ 35 WCSL Rank in any of (SL/GS/SG/DH)

YOB 1998 or younger

- ≤ 40 WCSL Rank in any of (SL/GS/SG/DH)

C Team

Athletes meeting either the following Result or FIS World Rank objective criteria will be selected to the C-Team. FIS World Rank will be assessed using FIS points accrued in the Selection Period and found on the FIS Internal Base List, scheduled to print on 5/1/2024.

Result

YOB 2000 & 2001

- Three (3) total NorAm wins and/or three (3) Europa Cup top fifteen (15) results

YOB 2002 & younger

- Three (3) total NorAm Top 3 and/or three (3) Europa Cup top twenty (20) results

YOB 2003 & younger

- One (1) 2024 World Junior Alpine Ski Championship Top 10 individual result and one (1) NorAm Top 3 result

FIS World Rank

YOB 2000

- Men - World Rank of ≤ 75 in any of (SL/GS/SG/DH)
- Women - World Rank of ≤ 60 in any of (SL/GS/SG/DH)

YOB 2001

- Men - World Rank of ≤ 100 in any of (SL/GS/SG/DH)



- Women - World Rank of ≤ 70 in any of (SL/GS/SG/DH)

YOB 2002 or younger

- Men - World Rank of ≤ 125 in any of (SL/GS/SG/DH)
- Women - World Rank of ≤ 80 in any of (SL/GS/SG/DH)

D Team

Athletes meeting either the following Result or NorAm Cup Standings objective criteria will be selected to the D-Team. NorAm Cup Standings will be accrued in the Selection Period and assessed following completion of the 4/11/24 NorAm competition.

Result

YOB 2003 & 2004

- Two (2) 2024 National Championship top five (5) results (SL/GS/SG)

YOB 2005 or younger

- Two (2) 2024 National Championship top ten (10) results (SL/GS)

NorAm Cup Standings

YOB 2003

- Men - Two (2) Top 15 Nor-Am Cup Standings in (SL/GS/SG/DH), minimum one (1) Nor Am Cup Standing in (SL/GS)
- Women - Two (2) Top 10 Nor-Am Cup Standings in (SL/GS/SG/DH), minimum one (1) Nor Am Cup Standing in (SL/GS)

YOB 2004

- Men - Two (2) Top 20 Nor-Am Cup Standings in (SL/GS/SG/DH), minimum one (1) Nor Am Cup Standing in (SL/GS)
- Women - Two (2) Top 15 Nor-Am Cup Standings in (SL/GS/SG/DH), minimum one (1) Nor Am Cup Standing in (SL/GS)

YOB 2005 or younger

- Men - Two (2) Top 30 Nor-Am Cup Standings in (SL/GS/SG/DH), minimum one (1) Nor Am Cup Standing in (SL/GS)
- Women - Two (2) Top 20 Nor-Am Cup Standings in (SL/GS/SG/DH), minimum one (1) Nor Am Cup Standing in (SL/GS)

DISCRETIONARY SELECTION POLICY

U.S. Ski & Snowboard may select additional athletes to the team using coaches' discretion based upon factors other than the objective criteria. If the coaching staff selects any team nominations with discretionary selections, then the staff may consider any factors including (but not limited to) the following:

- Illness or injury during the selection period.
- Indication of medal potential in future Olympic and World Championship competitions, which would be materially enhanced by selection to team.



Renomination of any named team athlete by discretion will be based on objective performance benchmarks within the individualized Athlete Plan that exists for all named team athletes as established by the U.S. Ski & Snowboard staff.

PHYSICAL FITNESS AND SKILLSQUEST FITNESS TEST

Naming to all teams requires completion of physical fitness testing and U.S. Ski & Snowboard medical department clearance. All B, C, and D Team athletes will be required to pass SkillsQuest physical fitness standards prior to official naming. U.S. Ski & Snowboard's medical department will be responsible for evaluating any medical situations that may affect physical testing participation and/or results.

ATHLETE INJURY CLAUSE

Any athlete that has been objectively named to the team and sustains a season-ending injury (as declared by the High Performance Director) prior to February 1st will be re-nominated to their current team for the subsequent season. In certain exceptional cases due to severe injury certain athletes may be granted a 2-year re-nomination to give them time to return to peak performance. Such 2-year re-nomination will be communicated to the athlete prior to the beginning of the selection period of the second year. Athlete's return from injury sustained after February 1st will be subject to a possible discretionary spot if objective nomination criteria have not been met. In this circumstance the ranking at time of injury will be considered towards discretion.

In all cases, in order to retain current team status an injured athlete must follow the prescribed rehabilitation or medical program along with an approved return to performance on snow progression as approved by U.S. Ski & Snowboard High Performance, the Alpine Director, and the Head Coach. Travel funding, team re-integration and trip inclusion will be based upon passing of Return to Performance tests and sport specific competitive form as determined by the U.S. Ski & Snowboard medical, high performance and coaching staff.

IN-SEASON PROMOTION

Athletes will not be promoted in season. No athletes will be demoted during the season; however, funding may be suspended at any time if progress or commitment is not consistent with the team program and the athlete does not remain in good standing.