



2024 FIS SNOWBOARD WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS Snowboard Cross – Gudauri, GEO April 4 - 7, 2024

1. SELECTION CRITERIA GUIDELINES

- U.S. Ski & Snowboard will select only the most qualified athletes with the greatest opportunity for winning medals at the 2024 FIS Snowboard Cross (SBX) World Junior Championships (WJC) and future FIS SBX WJC.
- The Freeski/Snowboard Development 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.
- All qualifying competitions are governed by the international federation rules of competition. The international federation for snowsports, as recognized by the IOC, is FIS. All criteria as they relate to rules, regulations and competition calendars are subject to change based on changes by the FIS, the USOPC, and the IOC.
- All other U.S. Ski & Snowboard rules, including its [Code of Conduct](#), as well as the [U.S. Center for SafeSport Code](#) shall apply to the criteria.

2. 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 and a valid USA-coded FIS license, and who meet the minimum eligibility standards. The age limit for the 2024 FIS Snowboard World Junior Championship will be by year of birth: 2004 - 2008. All injured athletes must be cleared by an approved Sports Medicine provider before being considered for naming to the team.

3. TEAM SIZE

The total team size may be up to twelve (12) with a maximum of six (6) per gender. U.S. Ski & Snowboard may select any number of athletes up to the total number of start quotas as determined by FIS. There is no minimum team size.

4. START RIGHT

A maximum of six (6) men and six (6) women can start the event.

Athletes may be recognized and eligible for selection; however, they will only be registered upon commitment to attend this self-funded event and upon submission of a deposit in advance of the event. All athletes are responsible for cost-sharing the expenses of the team doctor and/or



physical therapist/athletic trainer, team leader, and the coaches/staff for their respective discipline(s).

5. TEAM SELECTION PROCEDURE AND CRITERIA

A. Summary of Objective Selection Policy

Start positions will be filled objectively using the following criteria. To be eligible for objective nomination, an athlete must hold a minimum of 75 FIS points on the SBX FIS points list valid at the time of selection.

Up to four (4) athletes per gender will be nominated to the team in priority order as follows:

1. Up to two (2) eligible athletes per gender who have an objectively earned World Cup start per the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Snowboard Cross World Cup Criteria for the 2023-24 season will be nominated to the team. In the event that more than two (2) athletes meet this criteria, U.S. Ski & Snowboard will nominate athletes in rank order from the 2024 SBX FIS 9th points list valid on February 1st, 2024.

2. Selection Events

The selection events will include the following:

- Gore NorAm 1- February 21, 2024
- Gore NorAm 2 – February 22, 2024
- Sunday River NorAm 1- February 27, 2024
- Sunday River NorAm 2 – February 28, 2024
- Steamboat Springs NorAm 1- March 16, 2024
- Steamboat Springs NorAm 2 – March 17, 2024

Up to two (2) highest ranking eligible athletes per gender from the selection events above will be nominated to the team as follows:

Athletes will score selection points, using the FIS World Cup point scoring system (100-point scale), in each selection event based on their overall result against the entire field. At the end of the selection period, each athlete's highest four (4) scores will be averaged to create a ranking list for nomination (the "Internal World Junior Ranking List"). In the event of a tie, U.S. Ski & Snowboard will use the following tie-breaking mechanisms in the priority order listed below:

- a. Best Result (from the Internal World Junior Ranking List)
- b. Second best result (from the Internal World Junior Ranking List)
- c. Third best result (from the Internal World Junior Ranking List)
- d. Highest rank on the SBX FIS points list at the time of team nomination



B. Summary of Discretionary Selection Policy

U.S. Ski & Snowboard may select additional athletes to the Team as recommended by the Head Coach and/or Sport staff to the Selection Committee, for any age-eligible athlete, using factors other than objective criteria such as the following:

1. Outstanding competition results (including results achieved outside of the selection period).
2. Recent direction or trend of competition results.
3. Illness or injury during the selection period.
4. Indication of potential for future success.
5. Other unanticipated failure of objective criteria to select an athlete likely to achieve competition results consistent with U.S. Ski & Snowboard program goals for the Junior World Championships.

The Selection Committee that will be responsible for making discretionary selections will include the following parties (identified by their title):

1. U.S. Ski & Snowboard Director of Freeski/Snowboard Development
2. U.S. Ski & Snowboard Snowboard Program Director
3. U.S. Ski & Snowboard Board Athlete Representative - Snowboard

Conflicts of interest may arise for Selection Committee members during the Team selection process. Conflicts of interest exist when a Selection Committee member stands to individually benefit from a decision made by the Selection Committee. A conflict may arise, but is not limited to, when a Selection Committee member is in a position to participate in discussion or a vote concerning an athlete whom he or she coaches or trains privately who is being considered for a position on the Team. In the interest of assuring a fair selection process, the following rules will be followed by the Selection Committee when a conflict of interest arises:

- Any member of the Selection Committee that has a possible conflict of interest must disclose it and must recuse themselves from the Selection Committee discussions and voting.
- The Selection Committee member should not otherwise influence other members of the Selection Committee in the nomination process. However, a committee member who recused themselves, but who has relevant and necessary information with respect to athlete performance, for example a national team coach or high-performance director, may, if requested by the Selection Committee, provide such information to the committee so long as such information is provided in a fair and unbiased manner.

The U.S. Ski & Snowboard Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at: www.usskiandsnowboard.org.

U.S. Ski & Snowboard may remove a selected athlete at any time at its sole discretion and may replace the vacancy pursuant to the relevant selection criteria.



C. Remaining Team Nomination Criteria

If quota spots remain after the application of objective criteria and, if applicable, the application of discretionary criteria, any remaining team nominations may be filled in order of next highest ranked eligible athlete not already selected to the team across both genders and all disciplines with remaining positions according to the Internal World Junior Ranking List selection event ranking list.

FIS Point minimums listed in Selection Procedure A will apply in this Selection Procedure C.

6. ANNOUNCEMENT OF SELECTIONS

The U.S. Snowboard FIS Junior World athletes for SBX will be nominated March 18th, 2024. The nominated athletes will be announced at the U.S. Ski and Snowboard offices and posted on the U.S. Ski & Snowboard website.

7. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

U.S. Ski & Snowboard may remove a selected athlete at any time at its sole discretion and may replace the vacancy pursuant to the relevant selection criteria.

An athlete who is nominated to the Team by U.S. Ski & Snowboard may be removed for any of the following reasons, as determined by U.S. Ski & Snowboard:

Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the U.S. Ski & Snowboard President & CEO and Chief of Sport.

Medical disqualification. Injury or illness that limits the athlete from performing at their highest level (as determined by U.S. Ski & Snowboard coaching staff and Sports Medicine staff) may result in medical disqualification. Injury or illness must be certified by a physician (or medical staff) approved by U.S. Ski & Snowboard. If an athlete refuses verification of his/her/their illness or injury by a physician (or medical staff) approved by U.S. Ski & Snowboard, his/her/their injury will be assumed to be debilitating and he/she/they may be removed.

Violation of the U.S. Ski & Snowboard's Code of Conduct (www.usskiandsnowboard.org).

Non-compliance with the eligibility requirements listed in Section 2 of these selection procedures.

8. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES



Any removed athletes will be replaced according to the objective criteria outlined in Section 4.A.2.

9. APPLICABLE RULES

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10. MEDICAL CLEARANCE

Athletes must attest to medical clearance in order to be eligible for event entry.

If an athlete has been injured in season prior to departure for the Championships, additional clearance specific to that injury will be required from an approved Sports Medicine provider.

11. ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN

Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete that are not answered by US Ski & Snowboard may contact the USOPC Athlete Ombuds Office by:
Telephone at (719) 866-5000 or toll-free at (888) ATHLETE (1-888-284-5383)
E-mail at Ombudsman@usathlete.org
www.teamusa.org/athlete-ombuds