



**U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD**  
**FREESKI ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES**  
**Halfpipe, Slopestyle/Big Air, Skicross**  
**2020 YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES**  
**<November 26, 2018>**  
**Amended July 2, 2019**

**1. SELECTION SYSTEM**

1.1. Provide the minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for selection to the Team:

1.1.1. Nationality/Passport requirements:

Athlete must be a national of the United States at the time of nomination.

Athlete must hold a valid U.S. passport that will not expire for six months after the conclusion of the Games.

1.1.2. Minimum International Olympic Committee (IOC), standards for participation:

Any competitor in the Youth Olympic Games must be a national of the country of the National Olympic Committee (NOC) which is entering such competitor. For additional information regarding an athlete who is a national of two or more countries, has changed his or her nationality or acquired a new nationality, refer to the Olympic Charter (Rule 41).

1.1.3. Minimum International Federation (IF) standards for participation (if any):

- Competitors who hold a valid and active FIS license and must obtain YOG FIS points in the respective event, Skicross, Halfpipe, Slopestyle, or Big Air. Athletes with only Ski Slopestyle YOG FIS points are also eligible to start in the Ski Big Air event. YOG FIS points are earned in accordance with the FIS Rules for FIS Points during the YOG qualification period from July 1, 2018 to December 8, 2019.
- Additionally, to be eligible to participate in the Lausanne 2020 Youth Olympic Games, athletes must have been born between January 1, 2002 and December 31, 2003 for the Ski Cross and Team Ski-



Snowboard Cross events and January 1, 2002 and December 31, 2004 for the Ski Halfpipe, Ski Slopestyle and Big Air events.

1.1.4. Other requirements (if any):

- Athletes must have successfully completed all Games Registration requirements by stated deadline.
- Be available for entire duration of the Games.
- Participate in the cultural and education program, as requested.
- Only competitors who are U.S. Ski & Snowboard members in good standing will be considered for nomination.

1.2. Tryout Events:

1.2.1. Provide the event names, dates and locations of all trials, events and camps to be used as part of the selection process.

HALFPIPE EVENTS

Highest ranked, age eligible, U.S. athletes (male & female) from the 9<sup>th</sup> FIS Halfpipe Points List as of May 4, 2019.

<https://www.fis-ski.com/DB/freestyle-freeski/fis-points-lists.html>

SLOPESTYLE /BIG AIR

Highest ranked, age eligible, U.S. athletes (male & female) from the 9<sup>th</sup> FIS Slopestyle Points List as of May 4, 2019.

<https://www.fis-ski.com/DB/freestyle-freeski/fis-points-lists.html>

SKICROSS

Highest ranked, age eligible, U.S. athletes (male & female) from the Skicross FIS 2020 Base List as of July 1, 2019.

<https://data.fis-ski.com/freestyle-skiing/fis-points-lists.html>

1.2.2. Provide event names, dates, locations and description of how athletes qualify for the trials, events and camps listed above in 1.2.1. (if any).

See 1.2.1 above



- 1.3. The number of NOC quotas earned in each discipline will be determined by the FIS based on the results of the FIS Freeski Junior World Championships 2019.

Provided all quotas are qualified, the highest ranked, age-eligible athlete(s) will be nominated to fill each available position to U.S. Ski & Snowboard according to the following:

- 9<sup>th</sup> FIS Points List as of May 4, 2019 for Halfpipe
- 9<sup>th</sup> FIS Points List as of May 4, 2019 for Slopestyle/Big Air
- FIS 2019 Base Points list for Skicross as of July 1, 2019

## 2. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION (if applicable)

- 2.1. Provide rationale for utilizing discretionary selection (if any): N/A
- 2.2. List the discretionary criteria and explain how they will be used (if any): N/A
- 2.3. Provide the name of the committee that will be responsible for making discretionary selections, along with a complete list of the members' titles currently serving on the committee: N/A
  - 2.3.1. Specify the process that will be used to identify and handle any potential conflicts of interest involving a member of the committee.

Any member of the selection committee that has a possible conflict of interest must disclose it. If such conflict exists, the selection committee member must recuse him/herself from committee discussions and voting. Further, the committee member should not otherwise influence other members of the committee in the selection process. However, a committee member who recused him/herself, 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 and the committee member who declared the conflict of interest does not vote toward the final decision.



### 3. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

- 3.1. Prior to entry by name to the Local Organizing Committee by the USOC, the NGB has jurisdiction over potential nominees.

An athlete who is to be nominated to the Team by the NGB may be removed for any of the following reasons, as determined by the NGB:

- 3.1.1. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to U.S. Ski & Snowboard CEO/Executive Director.
- 3.1.2. Injury or illness as certified by a physician (or medical staff) approved by U.S. Ski & Snowboard. If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by a physician (or medical staff) approved by U.S. Ski & Snowboard, his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.
- 3.1.3. Failure to participate in Mandatory Training and/or Competition as defined in Section 9 of these procedures.
- 3.1.4. Violation of U.S. Ski & Snowboard's Code of Conduct (Attachment A).

An athlete who is removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per [U.S. Ski & Snowboard Bylaws](#) (U.S. Ski & Snowboard Bylaws, Article IX Section B) and the USOC's Bylaws, Section 9.

- 3.2. Once athlete entries have been submitted to the Local Organizing Committee by the USOC, the USOC has jurisdiction over the Team, at which time, in addition to any applicable NGB Code of Conduct, the USOC's [Code of Conduct](#) and [Grievance Procedures](#) apply.
- 3.3. An athlete may be removed as a nominee to the Team or from the Team for an adjudicated violation of IOC, PASO, IPC, WADA, IF, USADA and/or USOC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures, as applicable.



#### **4. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES**

4.1. Describe the selection and approval process for determining replacement athlete(s) should a vacancy occur:

4.1.1. Prior to submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee, including any applicable group or committee:

In the case that an athlete needs to be replaced, no replacement athlete will be named unless it is deemed that there is sufficient time to make a replacement without disrupting the competition or preparation of other athletes and that the replacement athlete would have sufficient time to properly prepare for the competition. This decision regarding the replacement athlete will be made by the replacement selection review group comprised of the President and CEO of U.S. Ski & Snowboard, , the U.S Ski & Snowboard - Snowboard & Freeski Director, and the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Board athlete representative.

Should a replacement athlete be considered, the next highest ranked athlete as described in the procedure outlined in Section 1.2. will be followed to select the replacement athlete.

4.1.2. After submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee, including any applicable group or committee:

See 4.1.1

#### **5. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

U.S. Ski & Snowboard will retain the approved Selection Procedures and all supporting documents, including scouting or evaluation forms, etc., and data from the selection process for six months past the date of the Closing Ceremony of the Games.

#### **6. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**



In addition to the USOC Code of Conduct, the following documents are required to be signed by an athlete as a condition of nomination to the Youth Olympic Games and are included as attachments:

[U.S. Ski & Snowboard Code of Conduct](#)

## **7. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES**

The USOC approved Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by the NGB in the following locations:

7.1. NGB Web site: [www.usскиandsnowboard.org](http://www.usскиandsnowboard.org)

These procedures will be posted as soon as possible, but not more than five business days following notice of approval by the USOC.

7.2. Other: N/A

## **8. DATE OF NOMINATION**

The Nomination of Athletes form, including replacements, will be announced to all athletes and submitted to the USOC on or before: November 18, 2019.

## **9. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION**

Specify the location, schedule and duration of mandatory training and/or competition (if any):

At the time of development of these procedures, no mandatory training or competition has been determined for the 2019 Youth Olympic Games Team. In the event that such mandatory training or competition is required for the Team, U.S. Ski & Snowboard will immediately notify each Team member and that athlete's coach at least 30 days in advance and will post the information on the U.S. Ski & Snowboard website.



## 10. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

Athletes must adhere to all IOC, IPC, PASO, WADA, IF, USADA and USOC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing as required by the IOC, IPC, PASO, WADA, IF, USADA and USOC Rules, as applicable.

## 11. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES

The following committee/group (include names and titles) was responsible for creating these Selection Procedures:

U.S. Ski & Snowboard President & CEO	Tiger Shaw
U.S. Ski & Snowboard Snowboard & Freeski Director	Jeremy Forster
U.S. Ski & Snowboard Board Athlete Representative	Tom Wallisch
U.S. Ski & Snowboard Freeski Development Coach	Dave Euler

## 12. NGB BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

U.S. Ski & Snowboard's Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found [here](#).

## 13. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

These procedures are based on IOC and/or FIS rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in IOC and/or FIS rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to U.S. Ski & Snowboard. However, the selections are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically may not have accounted for every possible contingency.



If any force of nature, or force majeure, should cause the alteration or cancellation of any of the selection events listed in this document, these selection procedures will be revised, pursuant to their resubmission to the USOC.

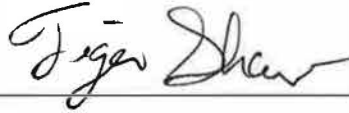


**14. ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN**

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

- Telephone at (719) 866-5000
- Email at [Kacie.wallace@usoc.org](mailto:Kacie.wallace@usoc.org)
- <http://www.teamusa.org/Athlete-Resources/Athlete-Ombudsman>

**15. NGB SIGNATURES**

I certify that I have read and understand the standards/criteria set by our IF and/or CF (PAG/PPAG only) and incorporated those standards/criteria into our Selection Procedures. I further certify that the information provided herein regarding Athlete Selection Procedures represents the method approved by U.S. Ski & Snowboard.

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
NGB President or CEO/Executive Director	Tiger Shaw		7/8/19
Nat. Team Coach, Head Coach, or Nat. Program Director	Jeremy Forster		7/8/2019
USOC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative*	Holly Brooks		7/2/2019





\* If the USOC AAC Representative has delegated authority to the Alternate AAC Representative to sign the Selection Procedures, attach a letter from the AAC Representative indicating the reason he/she has delegated authority.

\* Signature by the Athlete Representative constitutes that he/she has read and understands the Selection Procedures. If the Athlete Representative reads and does not agree with the Athlete Selection Procedures being submitted by the NGB, he/she may submit those reasons in writing to his/her Sport Performance Team.

\* If, for some reason, a sport does not have an elected USOC AAC Representative, the NGB must designate an athlete from that sport to review and sign the Selection Procedures.