

U.S. Ski & Snowboard
2020-21 Europa Cup Athlete Selection Process

Selection Criteria for U.S. Men's and Women's Europa Cup

1. Selection System

- 1.1. Provide the minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for entry into a European Cup event.
- 1.2. Citizenship: Athletes must be a citizen of the United States and hold a valid passport to be considered.
- 1.3. Minimum International Ski Federation (FIS) standards for participation: Athletes must have a valid FIS license. In Slalom and Giant Slalom, athletes must have a maximum of 120 FIS points, on the FIS points list used for selection, in one of the events (Downhill, Slalom, Giant Slalom, Super-G, Alpine Combined). In Downhill and Super-G, athletes must have a maximum of 120 FIS points, on the FIS points list used for selection, in Downhill and Super-G, respectively.
- 1.4. Other requirements: Athlete must be a member in good standing with the U.S. Ski and Snowboard.

2. Qualification criteria

- 2.1. Athletes that are ranked in the Top 250 on the FIS list in an event will be eligible for selection to a European Cup race in that event.
- 2.2. Coaches Discretion.

3. Criteria for Advancement to Europa Cup

- 3.1. Athlete winning a Noram Cup will be invited to the next available EC.
- 3.2. Athlete winning a European FIS race with a maximum penalty of 25 will be invited to next available EC.
- 3.3. Coaches Discretion is based on the following:
 - a. Top results in FIS and NA races
 - b. Tracking for WJSC selection
 - c. Injured athletes returning to World Cup level pace

Proposed discretionary selections will be reviewed and approved by the Alpine Director together with the gender head coach.

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 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

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@usathlete.org
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