



SELECTION CRITERIA
2021 FIS FREESTYLE FREESKI JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
Krasnoyarsk, RUS March 15 – 28, 2021

1. PHILOSOPHY

U.S. Ski & Snowboard will select only the most qualified athletes with the greatest opportunity for winning medals at the 2021 FIS Junior World Championships. 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, an active U.S.-coded FIS license, and who meet FIS minimum eligibility standards.

2. QUOTAS

U.S. Ski & Snowboard may select any number of athletes up to the total number of start quotas as determined by FIS.

In Halfpipe (HP), Slopestyle/Big Air (SS/BA), Snowboard Cross (SBX), and Ski Cross (SX) a maximum of up to six (6) athletes per gender may start per event. In Aerials (AE) and Moguls/Dual Moguls (MO/DM) a maximum of up to four (4) athletes per gender may start per event.

Each Nation may delegate a maximum of thirty-eight (38) total athletes, and a maximum of twenty-two (22) athletes per gender.

3. ELIGIBILITY

The age limit for the 2021 FIS Junior World Championships will be by year of birth:

HP, SS, BA	2003 – 2007
AE, MO/DM	2001 – 2006
SX	2000 – 2004

4. NAMING OF THE PARTICIPANTS

The U.S. Freeski and Freestyle FIS Junior World athletes will be nominated February 13th, 2021. The nominated athletes will be announced at the U.S. Ski and Snowboard offices and posted on the [U.S. Ski & Snowboard](http://www.us Ski and Snowboard.org) website (www.us Ski and Snowboard.org).

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 physio, team leader and the coaches for their respective discipline(s).

5. APPLICABLE RULES

All qualifying competitions are governed by the international federation rules of competition. The international federation for snowsports, as recognized by the IOC, is the FIS. All criteria as they relate to rules, regulations and competition calendars are subject to changes 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.



6. SELECTION PROCEDURES

A. Summary of Objective Selection Policy

Start positions will be filled objectively using the following criteria:

Halfpipe – Up to three (3) athletes per gender will be nominated to the team as follows:

1. Athletes must hold a minimum of 75 FIS points on the 2021 7th Freestyle Ski/Freeski FIS HP points list.
2. Three (3) highest ranking U.S. Athletes per gender from the 2021 7th Freestyle Ski/Freeski FIS HP points list. The FIS Points list is available at www.fis-ski.com.

Slopestyle/Big Air – Up to three (3) athletes per gender will be nominated to the team as follows:

1. Athletes must hold a minimum of 75 FIS points on the 2021 7th Freestyle Ski/Freeski FIS SS points list.
2. Three (3) highest ranking U.S. Athletes per gender from the 2021 7th Freestyle Ski/Freeski FIS SS points list. The FIS Points list is available at www.fis-ski.com.

Any riders who qualify to compete in Slopestyle will also qualify to compete in Big Air. There is not a separate quota or qualification for Big Air.

Ski Cross – Up to three (3) athletes per gender will be nominated to the team as follows:

1. Athletes must hold a minimum of 75 FIS points on the 2021 7th Freestyle Ski/Freeski FIS SX points list.
2. Three (3) highest ranking U.S. Athletes per gender from 2021 7th Freestyle Ski/Freeski FIS SX points list. The FIS Points list is available at www.fis-ski.com.

Moguls/Dual Moguls – Up to three (3) athletes per gender will be nominated to the team as follows:

1. Athletes must hold a minimum of 100 FIS points on the 2021 7th Freestyle Ski/Freeski FIS MO points list.
2. Three (3) highest ranking U.S. Athletes per gender from 2021 7th Freestyle Ski/Freeski FIS MO points list. The FIS Points list is available at www.fis-ski.com.

Aerials – Up to three (3) athletes per gender will be nominated to the team as follows:

1. Athletes must hold a minimum of 100 FIS points on the 2021 7th Freestyle Ski/Freeski FIS AE points list.
2. Three (3) highest ranking U.S. Athletes per gender from 2021 7th Freestyle Ski/Freeski FIS AE points list. The FIS Points list is available at www.fis-ski.com.



Tie Breaking

U.S. Ski & Snowboard will use the following tie-breaking mechanisms in the order listed below:

1. Highest FIS Point Result (from the 19/20 and/or 20/21 FIS events)
2. Second Highest FIS Point Result (from the 19/20 and/or 20/21 FIS events)
3. Third Highest FIS Point Result (from the 19/20 and/or 20/21 FIS events)
4. Fourth Highest FIS Point Result (from the 19/20 and/or 20/21 FIS events)

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 Development 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 (i.e., improving, flat, or declining).
3. Illness or injury during the selection period.
4. Indication of medal potential in future Olympic or World Championship competition, which would be materially enhanced by selection to Team.
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 President and CEO
2. U.S. Ski & Snowboard, Director of Freestyle & Freeski
3. U.S. Ski & Snowboard, Head Coach of Team (Discipline Specific or Sport Development Staff in the case of SX)
4. U.S. Ski & Snowboard, Board Athlete Representative – Freeski/Freestyle

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 benefit privately 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 him/herself 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 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.

The U.S. Ski & Snowboard Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at:
www.uskiandsnowboard.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 will be determined, in order of next highest ranked U.S. athlete not already selected to the team across both genders and all disciplines with remaining positions according to World Ranking using the 2021 7th Freestyle Ski/Freeski FIS points list. FIS Point minimums listed in Selection Procedure A will apply in Selection Procedure C.

- The FIS Ski Cross Points List (FIS List) – Must have min of 75 FIS Points
- The FIS Mogul Points List (FIS List) – Must have min of 100 FIS Points
- The FIS Aerials Points List (FIS List) – Must have min of 100 FIS Points
- The FIS Halfpipe Points List (FIS List) – Must have min of 75 FIS Points
- The FIS Slopestyle Points List (FIS List) – Must have min of 75 FIS Points

U.S. Ski & Snowboard will use the following tie-breaking mechanism, if two or more athletes, per gender, within the same event, are tied within their respective ranking lists:

- Highest result, between the tied athletes, from their most recent head-to-head competition.

In the event a tie remains, the decision shall be made by the Selection Committee utilizing the Discretionary Selection criteria outlined.