

## **United States Ski & Snowboard**

### **2021-22 U.S. Aerial Team Nomination Criteria**

#### **Eligibility for Consideration:**

U.S. Ski and Snowboard will consider for selection only those U.S. Ski and 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 and Snowboard Aerial Head Coach 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 also stress progress toward any 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 and Snowboard Values and Code of Conduct to be eligible for nomination.

#### **Criteria Guidelines:**

- The U.S. Ski and Snowboard Aerial Head Coach is responsible for applying the selection criteria set forth herein, subject to the oversight of the U.S. Ski & Snowboard President & CEO and Sport Director.
- Objective selections shall be based on the results achieved by athletes in FIS competitions held between November 1, 2020 and March 29, 2021 (“the selection period”) and the World Ranking as determined by the FIS 11th Aerials points lists of the 2020-21 season or if there are unforeseen changes to the FIS points list schedule then whichever FIS points list is most representative of the 2020-21 season at the time of team nominations.
- 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 and Snowboard for competition or for preparation.
- 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 participate in the full U.S. Ski Team camp and race season structure.
- Athletes who are nominated to the Team for the first time will receive a 2-year team nomination.

- Athletes who achieve a win or 2 Top 3 results during the 2020-21 season will receive a 2-year nomination.
- No minimum team size will be established.
- A maximum of up to 12 total athletes will be nominated using the objective criteria outlined below. If more than 12 athletes qualify under the objective criteria then athletes will be nominated in order of the following priority:
  - Athletes qualifying under the A-Team criteria
  - Athletes qualifying under the B-Team criteria of one podium in an Aerial World Cup in the 2020-21 season.
  - Athletes qualifying under the B-Team criteria of two (2) top 6 results an Aerial World Cup, World Cup in the 2020-21 season.
  - Athletes qualifying under the B-Team criteria 2021 Aerial NorAm Champion if YOB 1997 or younger
  - Athletes qualifying under the B-Team YOB criteria nominating the highest ranked athletes, regardless of YOB, from the FIS 11<sup>th</sup> Aerial List 2020/21.
- Any athlete nominated must meet the DD requirements by competing the below tricks in the previous season:
  - Women: Full Full (FF)
  - Men: Full Double Full (FdF) or Double Full Full (dFF)

#### Objective Criteria:

Athletes will be selected to the team based solely upon their competition results during the selection period and the World Ranking as determined by the FIS 11<sup>th</sup> Aerial points lists of the 2020-21 season. Athletes meeting the following objective criteria will be selected to the U.S. Ski Team:

#### **A-Team**

Athletes meeting the following objective criteria will be selected to the A-Team. World Rank will be assessed using the FIS 11<sup>th</sup> Aerial List 2020/21.

- Any athlete achieving a win in an Aerial World Cup competition in the 2020-21 season.
- Any athlete achieving 2 top-3 finishes in an Aerial World Cup competition in the 2020-21 season
- Any athlete achieving 3 top-6 finishes in an Aerial World Cup competition in the 2020-21 season

YOB 1997 or older:

- World Rank of 10 or better (men and women).

YOB 1998:

- World Rank of 15 or better (men) and 10 or better (women).

YOB 1999:

- World Rank of 20 or better (men) and 10 or better (women).

YOB 2000:

- World Rank of 20 or better (men) and 15 or better (women).

YOB 2001, 2002, and 2003:

- World Rank of 20 or better (men) and 15 or better (women).

## **B-Team**

Athletes meeting the following objective criteria will be selected to the B-Team. World Rank will be assessed using the FIS 11<sup>th</sup> Aerial List 2020/21.

- Any athlete achieving a podium in an Aerial World Cup competition in the 2020-21 season
- Any athlete achieving two (2) top 6 results in an Aerial World Cup competition in the 2020-21 season
- 2021 Aerial NorAm Grand Prix Champion if YOB 1997 or younger

YOB 1997 or older:

- World Rank of 20 or better (men and women)

YOB 1998 & 1999:

- World Rank of 25 or better (men & women)

YOB 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003:

- World Rank of 30 or better (men and women)

### Discretionary Selection Policy:

U.S. Ski and 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:

- Completion of individual markers, as set forth by the U.S. Ski Team coaching staff and as approved by the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Aerial Coach, which point toward the achievement of competition results consistent with U.S. Ski Team program goals.
- 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.
- Other unanticipated failure of objective criteria to select an athlete likely to achieve competition results consistent with the U.S. Ski and Snowboard program goals

### 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 athlete does not remain in good standing.