



Cross Country Junior World Championships Criteria 2017-18

Eligibility for Consideration

U.S. Ski & Snowboard will consider for selection only those U.S. Ski & Snowboard members in good standing who have an active U.S. passport, an active U.S. coded FIS license and who meet FIS minimum eligibility standards.

Criteria Guidelines

- This criteria is for the year of 2018 only. Criteria will be reevaluated in May 2018 at the spring congress and changes may be made for the 2019 selection year.
- U.S. Ski & Snowboard policy mandates that team selection criteria shall be principally objective (or performance-based), that coaches' discretion must be limited to no more than twenty-five percent (25%) of total team selected, and that available start rights and team spots will not necessarily be filled.
- U.S. Ski & Snowboard Development coach is responsible for applying the selection criteria set forth herein, subject to the oversight of the Head Coach of the U.S. Ski Team.
- The team selected by U.S. Ski & Snowboard may consist of any number of athletes up to the quota set by the International Ski Federation (FIS).
- Up to four (4) male and four (4) female athletes may start for the United States in each event.
- To ensure that the United States fields a representative team, minimum team size shall consist of five (5) athletes per gender.
- Objective selections shall be based on the results achieved by athletes in FIS Competitions held between November 1 and December 31, 2017, and competitions at the 2018 U.S. Cross Country Championships, tentatively scheduled for Jan. 3-8, 2018 (the "selection period"). Designated races are the men's 10km, 15km and first individual Sprint (including Junior Finals, if applicable) competitions and women's 5km, 10km and first individual Sprint (including Junior Finals, if applicable) Technique, distances, and dates are subject to change within the U.S. Cross Country Championships competition schedule. Discretionary selections, if any, may be based on a variety of factors, including competitions conducted outside of the selection period.
- Team status does not include funding from the U.S. Ski & Snowboard.

General Criteria

1. Up to two (2) athletes per gender may be selected to the team based solely upon FIS race performance between November 1 and December 31, 2017. Male athletes achieving a FIS point result under 50 FIS points and female athletes achieving a FIS point result under 50 FIS points in any FIS sanctioned race held between November 1 and December 31, 2017 shall be selected to the team, unless application of this criterion would result in a total of more than two (2)



objective selections per gender, in which case the following tie-break procedure will be employed.

Tie-Breaking Procedure

A skier will move ahead in the final championship or trials standings, and on selections lists, based on the following procedures until a tie is broken.

- a. Best individual finish in the selection period
 - b. The second-best individual finish in the selection period
 - c. The third-best individual finish in the selection period
 - d. Best current rank on U.S. Ski & Snowboard overall National Ranking List
2. U.S. Ski & Snowboard shall ensure that it fields a representative team by selecting as many additional athletes as may be necessary to bring the total team size up to, but not limited to, six (6) athletes per gender based on the best cumulative total results of an athlete's best two U.S. Cross Country Championship races during the selection period, as indicated above, using the World Cup scoring system outlined in U.S. Ski & Snowboard Nordic Competition Guide.

Discretionary Selection Policy

U.S. Ski & Snowboard may select athletes to the team using coach's discretion. The total number of discretionary selections made by the coaching staff shall be no more than twenty-five percent (25%) of the team size described in paragraph 2 above. If the coaching staff fills any available spot(s) on the team with discretionary selections, then the staff may consider any factors including (but not limited to) 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. Attitude and commitment of athletes.
4. Physical fitness level.
5. Illness or injury during the selection period.
6. Indicia of medal potential in future Olympic or World Championship competition, which would be materially enhanced by selection to team.
7. 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.

Injury Clause

An athlete shall be ineligible for consideration if he/she is not fit to compete at the time selections are made due to any injury or illness from which he/she is not expected to recover adequately by the time of the Junior World Championships.