



## 2018-19 Alpine U.S. Ski Team Nomination Criteria

U.S. Ski Team nomination criteria recognize athletic achievements while focusing financial support and resources on current results and future athletic potential.

Athletes must adhere to the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Values and Code of Conduct in order to be eligible for nomination.

### **Eligibility for Consideration**

U.S. Ski & Snowboard will consider for selection only those U.S. Ski & Snowboard member athletes in good standing who have a valid FIS license.

In addition, an athlete shall be ineligible for consideration if previously suspended or removed from team membership unless reinstated by the U.S. Ski & Snowboard. Athletes who have previously declined an offer of team membership shall not be automatically offered team membership, regardless of results achieved during the competition season. An exception can be made if an athlete specifically requests reinstatement and the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Alpine Director and the Chief of Sport approve the request.

Team status does not guarantee funding from U.S. Ski & Snowboard for competition or preparation. Athletes who have been given individual performance criteria to meet will be judged by those specific criteria, and not the general criteria as outlined below.

### **Performance Criteria**

Only results and rankings from the 2017-18 season will be considered in the Performance Criteria.

Selection criteria referencing the World Cup Start List (WCSL) may apply both the WCSL and the World Cup Standings based on the list published after the World Cup Finals.

Selection criteria using World Rank (WR) and FIS Age World Rank (AWR) are based on the FIS Interne BL List, scheduled for publication April 19, 2018 with year-end top-30 WCSL athletes inserted. Final team status will be determined after the 1<sup>st</sup> FIS points list 2018-19, scheduled for publication July 1, 2018.

### **A Team – Women**

The women's A Team selection will be based on World Cup Start List (WCSL) rank and Olympic Winter Games (OWG) performances.

- 1 top 15 WCSL (DH/SL/GS/SG) or OWG Medal

Coaches' Discretion

- U.S. Ski Team staff may nominate additional athletes based upon factors described below.

### **B Team – Women**

The women's B Team selection will be based on World Cup Start List (WCSL) rank, FIS World Rank (WR), World Junior Ski Championships (WJSC) results, Europa Cup (EC) results, and NorAm fixed World Cup (WC) start spots for the following season. Athletes achieving the WJSC criteria in Speed (DH or SG) must also meet a Tech (SL or GS) WR as described below.



YOB 1994 and earlier:

- 1 top 25 WCSL (DH/SL/GS/SG)

YOB 1995

- 1 top 30 WCSL (DH/SL/GS/SG)

YOB 1996

- 1 top 45 WCSL and FIS top 45 WR (DH/SL/GS/SG)

YOB 1997

- NorAm fixed WC start spot and FIS top 50 WR (DH/SL/GS/SG), or
- WJSC medal (\*Tech WR required for Speed and AC medals at WJSC: top 135), or
- 3 Top 5 EC results

YOB 1998

- NorAm Fixed WC start spot and FIS top 50 WR (DH/SL/GS/SG), or
- WJSC medal (\*Tech WR required for Speed and AC medals at WJSC: top 135), or
- 3 Top 10 EC results

YOB 1999 and younger

- WJSC medal (\*Tech WR required for Speed and AC medals at WJSC: U19 top 150; U18 and younger top 200)

Coaches' Discretion

- U.S. Ski Team staff may nominate additional athletes based upon factors described below.

### **C Team – Women**

The women's C Team selection will be based on World Cup Start List (WCSL) rank, FIS World Rank (WR), and NorAm season event rank. Athletes must also meet a Tech (SL or GS) WR as described below.

YOB 1997:

- Top 50 WCSL or WR, and
- Top 5 NorAm season event rank, and
- Tech top 135 WR

YOB 1998:

- Top 60 WR, and
- Top 10 NorAm season event rank, and
- Tech top 135 WR

YOB 1999:

- Top 80 WR, and
- Tech top 150 WR

YOB 2000 and younger:

- Top 150 WR, and
- Tech top 200 WR

Coaches' Discretion

- U.S. Ski Team staff may nominate additional athletes based upon factors described below.



### **D Team – Women**

The women's D Team selection will be based on FIS Age World Rank (AWR) in Tech (SL or GS) or Speed (DH or SG), NorAm season event rank, National Collegiate Athletic Association Championships (NCAA) results, U16 National Performance Series (NPS) season event rankings, and Seven Nations Cup results. Athletes must also meet a Tech (SL or GS) WR as described below.

YOB 1998:

- NCAA top 5, or
- AWR top 10 Tech or top 5 Speed, and
- Top 10 NorAm season event rank, and
- Tech top 150 WR

YOB 1999:

- NCAA top 5, or
- AWR top 10 Tech or top 5 Speed, and
- Top 15 NorAm season event rank, and
- Tech top 185 WR

YOB 2000:

- AWR top 10 Tech or top 5 Speed, and
- Top 20 NorAm season event rank, and
- Tech top 270 WR

YOB 2001:

- AWR top 10 Tech or top 5 Speed, and
- Top 30 NorAm season event rank, and
- Tech top 450 WR

YOB 2002 and younger:

- 1st NPS SL or GS (total WC points from all NPS and U16 Nationals races), and another top 3 NPS (SL or GS), or
- Top 3 Seven Nations result

Coaches' Discretion

- U.S. Ski Team staff may nominate additional athletes based upon factors described below.

Nomination and naming to all teams requires sports science physical fitness testing and U.S. Ski & Snowboard medical department clearance.



### **A Team – Men**

The men's A Team selection will be based on World Cup Start List (WCSL) rank or WC standings and Olympic Winter Games (OWG) performances.

- 1 top 15 WCSL (DH/SL/GS/SG) or OWG Medal

Coaches' Discretion

- U.S. Ski Team staff may nominate additional athletes based upon factors described below.

### **B Team – Mem**

The men's B Team selection will be based on World Cup Start List (WCSL) rank FIS World Rank (WR), and NorAm fixed World Cup (WC) start spots for the following season.

YOB 1992 and earlier:

- 1 top 25 WCSL (DH/SL/GS/SG)

YOB 1993:

- 1 top 30 WCSL (DH/SL/GS/SG)

YOB 1994:

- 1 top 45 WCSL (DH/SL/GS/SG) and FIS top 45 WR (DH/SL/GS/SG)

YOB 1995:

- 1 top 60 WCSL and FIS top 55 WR (DH/SL/GS/SG)

YOB 1996 and younger

- 1 top 60 WCSL and FIS top 70 WR (DH/SL/GS/SG), or
- WJSC medal (\*Tech WR required for Speed and AC medals at WJSC: top 250), or
- NorAm fixed WC start spot & top 70 FIS WR (\*Tech WR required for Speed: top 250),

Coaches' Discretion

- U.S. Ski Team staff may nominate additional athletes based upon factors described below.

### **C Team – Men**

The men's C Team selection will be based on FIS World Rank (WR), and NorAm season event rank or World Junior Ski Championships (WJSC) results. Athletes achieving the WR criteria in Speed (DH or SG) must also meet a Tech (SL or GS) WR as described below.

YOB 1997:

- Top 115 WR and top 10 NorAm season event rank and must have a Tech top 250 WR,

YOB 1998:

- Top 150 WR and top 15 NorAm season event rank and must have a Tech top 250 WR, or WJSC top 5 with Tech top 250 WR



YOB 1999 and younger:

- Top 250 WR and top 30 Nor Am season event rank and must have Tech top 330 WR, or WJSC top 10 with Tech top 330 WR

Coaches' Discretion

- U.S. Ski Team staff may nominate additional athletes based upon factors described below.

### **D Team – Men**

The men's D Team selection will be based on FIS Age World Rank (AWR) in Tech (SL or GS) or Speed (DH or SG), NorAm season event rank, National Collegiate Athletic Association Championships (NCAA) results, and U19 National Performance Series (NPS) season event rankings. Athletes must also meet a Tech (SL or GS) WR as described below.

YOB 1998

- NCAA top 10, or
- AWR top 10 Tech or top 5 Speed, and
- Top 30 NorAm season event rank, and
- Tech top 350 WR

YOB 1999

- NCAA top 10, or
- AWR top 10 Tech or top 5 Speed, and
- Top 45 NorAm season event rank, and
- Tech top 400 WR

YOB 2000 and younger:

- 1st NPS SL, GS, or SG (ranking U18s by total WC points from all NPS and Junior Nationals races), and another top 3 NPS (SL, GS, or SG), or
- AWR top 10 Tech or top 5 Speed, and
- Top 60 NorAm season event rank, and
- Tech top 600 WR

Coaches' Discretion

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## **Clauses Applicable to All Athlete Selection Criteria**

### **Coaches' Discretion, Selection Methods**

Athletes may be selected to teams by discretion considering the following circumstances:

- History of hitting significant performance markers at:
  - Olympics and World Championships
  - World Cup
  - Europa Cup
  - NorAm Cup
  - World Junior Championships
- Season-ending injury sustained in the last 12 months
- Ideal functional size of training groups
- Attitude, commitment, and positive contribution to the athlete development system

Proposed discretionary selections will be reviewed and discussed by the "Coaches Discretion Review Committee" ("CDRC") during the Athletic Summit.

Members of the CDRC are Tiger Shaw, Luke Bodensteiner, Patrick Riml, Sasha Rearick, Paul Kristofic, Chip Knight.

**Complete explanation will be provided for any decision if requested.**

### **Nomination Extensions**

Athletes may earn longer tenure on the team in the event of the following achievements:

- Win NA WC spot in junior years
  - 1 to be used by following year
- Win WJSC medal
  - 1 to be used by following year if made full criteria the year the medal was won
- Score WC points SL, GS, SG, DH by U22 Men, U20 Women
  - 1 to be used by following year
- Top 30 standings by U23 Men, U20 Women
  - 1 to be used in following two years
- Top 15 standings by U25 Men, U22 Women
  - 1 to be used in following two years
- WC Podium by U25 Men, U23 Women
  - 1 to be used in following three years
- OWG Podium
  - 1 to be used in following three years
- Extensions can also be given by head coach for exceptional performances when taking into account major injuries



### **Athlete Injury Clause**

Athlete's return from injury will fall completely under coaches' discretion. In order to receive team status an athlete must follow a prescribed rehabilitation or medical program as approved by the U.S. Ski & Snowboard medical staff, the Alpine Director, and the Head Coach. Funding may be based upon a return to physical fitness level or competitive form as determined by the U.S. Ski & Snowboard approved medical staff.

### **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 designed program.

### **Medical Clearance**

New athletes named to the team will require a medical clearance for participation. This will be completed by a sports physical exam by a U.S. Ski & Snowboard approved physician. Once named, athlete will contact the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Medical Director for appropriate paperwork and direction. Medical clearance must be obtained prior to athlete participation in team projects.

### **Acceptance to Team**

Athletes nominated to the team must accept or decline their nomination within ten (10) days after notification by their respective coach. Team naming will occur after nominated athletes have signed the U.S. Ski Team athlete agreement.