

United States Ski & Snowboard Association

2019 Cross Country U18 Nordic Nation's Championship Selection Criteria

Eligibility for Consideration

The 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 2019 only. Criteria will be reevaluated in May 2019 at the spring congress and changes may be made for the 2020 selection year.
- U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD policy mandates that team selection criteria shall be principally objective (or performance-based), but additional athletes may be selected to the Team using coaches' discretion.
- The U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD Sport Development Manager is responsible for applying the selection criteria set forth herein, subject to the oversight of the Head Coach of the U.S. Ski Team.
- Up to six (6) male and six (6) female athletes may start for the United States in each event. Available start rights and team spots will not necessarily be filled.
- A maximum of twelve (12) athletes (6 per gender) may represent the United States in the 2019 U18 Nordic Nation's Championship.
- Objective selections shall be based on the results achieved by athletes in 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) at the 2019 U.S. Cross Country Championships, tentatively scheduled for Jan. 3-8, 2019 (the "selection period").
- 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

Up to six (6) athletes per gender may be selected to the team based solely upon races during the selection period.

- Team selections up to the maximum team size shall be granted to athletes who have achieved the best cumulative total results during the selection period based on a competitor's best two races (scoring only competitors born in 2001 or later), using World Cup scoring system outlined in the U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD Nordic Competition Guide.

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.

1. Best individual finish in the selection period
2. The second-best individual finish in the selection period
3. The third-best individual finish in the selection period

4. Best current rank on the U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD overall National Ranking List

Discretionary Selection Policy

U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD may select up to three (3) athletes to the team using coaches' discretion. 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 Under-18 Trip.

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 U18 Trip.