

United States Ski & Snowboard

2019-20 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 Aerials 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 stress performance in the World Cup/World Championships in the 2019-20 season.

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 Aerials Head Coach is responsible for applying the selection criteria set forth herein, subject to the oversight of the Chief Executive Officer and the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Chief of Sport.
- Objective selections shall be based on the results achieved by athletes in FIS competitions held between November 1, 2018 and March 29, 2019 (the "selection period").
- 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.
- No minimum team size will be established.
- 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 to participate in the full U.S. Ski Team camp and race season structure.

Objective Criteria:

Athletes will be selected to the team based solely upon their competition results during the selection period. 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.

- Any athlete achieving a win in an Aerial World Cup in the 2018-19 season.
- Any athlete achieving an Aerial top-3 finish at 2019 World Championships
- Any athlete achieving 2 top-3 finishes in an Aerial World Cup and/or World Championships competition in the 2018-19 season
- Any athlete achieving 3 top-6 finishes in an Aerials World Cup and/or World Championships competition in the 2018-19 season
- Top 10 in 2018/19 FIS World Cup Aerial Standings

B-Team

Athletes meeting the following objective criteria will be selected to the B-Team.

- Any athlete achieving two (2) top 6 results in an Aerial World Cup and/or World Championship competition in the 2018-19 season
- Top 15 in 2018/19 FIS World Cup Aerials Standings
- 2019 Aerial Nor-Am Grand Prix Champion
- 2019 U.S. National Champion with minimum jump score of 85 (w) / 110 (m)
- Top athlete using an average of their Top 4 FIS event scores

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 Head 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.