

**US Ski & Snowboard
Team Nomination Criteria
2019-20 U.S. Freeski Halfpipe and Slopestyle/Big Air**

Eligibility for Consideration:

U.S. Ski & Snowboard will consider for selection only those U.S. Ski & 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 & 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 & Snowboard Head Coach for the specific sport approves the request.

Nomination status does not guarantee funding, coaching, services etc. from the USSA for competition or 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.

Athlete must demonstrate a capability to adhere to USSA Values and Code of Conduct in order to be eligible for nomination.

PRO TEAM OBJECTIVE NOMINATION CRITERIA HALFPIPE & SLOPESTYLE/BIG AIR (Men & Women)

2 Top 3 Results at Level 2 Competitions OR 1 Top 3 Result at Level 2 Competition + 2 Top 5 Results at Level 2 Competitions.

ROOKIE TEAM OBJECTIVE NOMINATION CRITERIA HALFPIPE & SLOPESTYLE/BIG AIR (Men & Women)

Age Eligibility: 13-19 yrs by Dec 31st of season the athlete is to be named (2019).

Top **1 man** and **1 woman** with the best single Level 2 halfpipe and slopestyle competition result (minimum result of a Top 16 for men and Top 8 for women) from 2018-19 competition season, and who meet the age eligibility requirements, will receive a team nomination for 2019-20 season.

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Level 1 events are the Winter Olympic Games

Level 2 events are typically World Cup, Grand Prix, Dew Tour, X-Games, etc. where there is strong elite athlete participation*.

*Level 2 events are classified for men if there are 6 of the top 10 ranked men from the AFP Halfpipe World Ranking for halfpipe events or the AFP Slopestyle World Ranking for slopestyle events who compete in that event. The April 1, 2019 AFP Ranking List will be used for this evaluation.

*Level 2 events are classified for women if there are 5 of the top 8 ranked women from the AFP Halfpipe World Ranking for halfpipe events or the AFP Slopestyle World Ranking for slopestyle events who compete in that event. The April 1, 2019 AFP Ranking List will be used for this evaluation.

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. Freeski Team coaching staff and as approved by the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Sport Director, which point toward the achievement of competition results consistent with U.S. Freeski 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 & 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.