

US Ski & Snowboard
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA
2019 Freestyle/Freeski

1. U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD POLICY

U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD policy mandates that World Championships team selection criteria shall be principally objective (or performance-based), however coaches' discretion will be allowed with no limit and that available start rights and team spots will not necessarily be filled.

2. TEAM SIZE

The International Ski Federation (FIS) has established that a maximum of thirty-six (36) athletes representing any one nation may compete in the 2019 World Championships in freestyle. Athletes can be named to compete in the following World Championship events: Aerials/Team Aerials, Halfpipe, Slopestyle/Big Air, Moguls/Dual Moguls, and Skicross. FIS rules require that no more than twenty (20) athletes be of one gender.

3. START RIGHTS

The maximum quota for a nation in any one event will be four (4) per gender up to the max total per gender of twenty (20) athletes and max total team size of thirty-six (36) athletes. Athletes named to the team will start in the event from which they qualified.

The start rights, per discipline and gender, are subject to the U.S. earning those quota spots in the respective discipline and gender, through the International Ski Federation (FIS) respective quota process for each discipline

4. 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.

U.S. Ski & Snowboard provides an equal opportunity to amateur athletes, coaches, trainers, managers, administrators, and officials to participate in amateur athletic competition, without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, age, sex, or national origin, and with fair notice and opportunity for a hearing before declaring any such individual ineligible to participate.

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 World Championships as verified by U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD Medical Staff. Such determination shall be at the discretion of the Sport Director after consulting with the U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD Sport Science and coaching staffs, the Head Team Physician and the athlete's designated physician.

5. TEAM SELECTION PROCEDURE AND CRITERIA

The coaching staff is responsible for applying the selection criteria set forth herein, subject to the approval of the President and CEO of U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD.

OBJECTIVE CRITERIA

To be eligible for selection under the objective criteria athletes must be ranked within the Top 32 of their respective disciplines ranking list; FIS points list for Moguls, Aerials, and Skicross and the AFP points list for Halfpipe and Slopestyle/Big Air as of January 28, 2019

SKICROSS

- 1. Athlete 1, 2 and 3.** Highest ranking athletes, up to 3 per gender, from the Skicross FIS Points list valid on January 29, 2019.

HALFPIPE

1. **Athlete 1** Highest ranking athlete, up to 1 per gender, from the following event:

December 5-8, 2018 Copper World Cup Halfpipe

In the case of the Copper World Cup competition being cancelled Athlete 1 will be selected from the AFP Halfpipe ranking list, valid on January 29, 2019

2. **Athlete 2 and 3** Highest ranking athletes (not already qualified from above criteria), up to 2 per gender, from the AFP Halfpipe ranking list, valid on January 29, 2019

SLOPESTYLE / BIG AIR

1. **Athlete 1** Highest ranking athlete, up to 1 per gender, from the following event:

January 10-12, 2019 Font Romeu World Cup Slopestyle

In the case of the Font Romeu competition being cancelled Athlete 1 will be selected from the FIS Slopestyle ranking list, valid on January 29, 2019

2. **Athlete 2** Highest ranking athlete (not already qualified from above criteria), up to 1 per gender, from the AFP Slopestyle ranking list, valid on January 29, 2019
3. **Athlete 3** Highest ranking athlete (not already qualified from above criteria), up to 1 per gender, from the FIS Slopestyle ranking list, valid on January 29, 2019

MOGULS / DUAL MOGULS

1. **Athlete 1, 2 and 3** Highest ranking athletes, up to 3 per gender, from the 2018/19 FIS Freestyle Mogul World Cup standings valid on January 29, 2019.

AERIALS

1. **Athlete 1 and 2** Highest ranking athletes, up to 2 per gender, from the athletes combined two results of the following events:

January 18-19, 2019 Lake Placid World Cup Aerials

January 26, 2019 Lake Placid National Championships Aerials

U.S. Ski & Snowboard will assign all U.S. athletes selection points to create a U.S. athlete ranking list, based on their results in each selection event, using the FIS World Cup point scoring system (100 point scale). Only athletes that are U.S. citizens, and are U.S. Ski & Snowboard members in good standing that compete in the event will be included when assigning these selection points. By way of explanation, the U.S. athlete with the best result in a particular event, regardless of his/her actual result in that event will receive 100 points, the athlete with the second best result in a selection event, 80, the third 60, the fourth 50 and so on pursuant to the FIS ICR. No international athletes will be included when assigning selection points. At the conclusion of the selection events, the selection points assigned as discussed above to each athlete's best (highest) two (2) results will be added together to create a U.S. athlete ranking list for nomination in each

gender. If there is a tie after the conclusion of the events then the following tie-breaking mechanisms will be used in order of priority to select those athletes:

- Single highest point result during the events
- Second highest point result during the events
- Highest point result from the Lake Placid National Championships

2. **Athlete 3** Highest ranking athletes, up to 1 per gender, not already nominated above in Athlete 1 criteria, from the Aerials FIS Points List as of January 29, 2019.

TEAM AERIALS

The U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD coaching staff shall select the athletes who compete in the Team Aerials competition at World Championships. Only the athletes who were selected to compete in the Aerials World Championship competition shall be eligible to compete in the Team Aerials competition.

PHASE I DISCRETIONARY CRITERIA

After the allocation of objective criteria between all World Championship disciplines (Aerials/Team Aerials, Moguls/Dual Moguls, Halfpipe, Slopestyle/Big Air, and Skicross) any remaining nation quota positions in each discipline will be filled by selection from the Head Coaches and Sport Director based on the discipline/gender with the highest medal potential. U.S. Ski & Snowboard may select additional athletes to the Team using coaches' discretion, using factors other than objective criteria such as:

- Outstanding competition results (including any results from the 2017/18 and 2018/19 seasons).
- Recent direction or trend in competition results (i.e., improving, flat, or declining).
- Physical fitness level.
- Illness or injury during the selection period.
- Indication of medal potential in future Olympic or World Championship competition, 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 U.S. Ski & Snowboard program goals for World Championships.

All discretionary selections will be documented and appropriate forms will be available for record keeping purposes. All discretionary selections will be reviewed by a discretionary selection review group comprised of the U.S. Ski & Snowboard President and CEO, Chief of Sport and the athlete representative from that sport who is a member of the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Board. If the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Board Athlete Representative is also a currently competing athlete then another athlete, who is not actively competing, will be selected by the Athletes' Council to be the representative in this group.

Athletes who are not nominated to the team via objective criteria may also send a petition for their discretionary nomination, with supporting rationale, directly to the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Chief of Sport (luke.bodensteiner@usskiandsnowboard.org) by January 28, 2019.

PHASE II DISCRETIONARY CRITERIA

Any remaining team nominations after Objective Criteria and Phase 1 Discretionary Criteria have been applied, will be determined by selecting the next highest ranked athletes, up to the max quota per gender/discipline, from each sports most up to date ranking list, at the time of selection, outlined below:

Skicross	Skicross FIS Points List
Halfpipe	Halfpipe AFP Points List
Slopestyle/Big Air	Slopestyle AFP Points List
Moguls	Moguls World Cup Points List
Aerials	Aerials FIS Points List

If during the application of this process a tie occurs for the final team position then the committee listed in Phase One Discretionary Selection criteria shall determine the athlete to be selected.

6. ANNOUNCEMENT OF SELECTIONS

Selections to the 2019 World Championship team shall be announced at a time to be determined at the offices of U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD in Park City, Utah, and shall be published immediately upon announcement.

7. MANDATORY TRAINING

Following the selection of the 2019 World Championships team mandatory training camps may be organized in preparation for the World Championships. Dates, locations and organization of these camps will be announced prior to the final selection of the team.

8. ATHLETE REPLACEMENT PROCEDURE

In the case that an athlete that has been selected to the team becomes injured or ill prior the World Championships and is unable to compete, no replacement athlete will be named unless it is deemed that there is sufficient time to make a replacement without disrupting the competition or preparation of other athletes and that the additional athlete would have sufficient time to properly prepare for the competition. This decision will be made by the Sport Directors for U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD after consulting with the President and CEO of U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD, Head World Championship Coaches, and U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD Sport Science Department. Should an additional athlete be considered, the procedures as outlined in Phase II Discretionary Criteria above will be followed to select that athlete.

9. U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD APPEAL AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

Any member who believes that he/she has wrongfully been denied membership on any team whose members are selected through participation in "protected competition," as that term is defined in the USOC Bylaws, shall be entitled to appeal such decision.

The U.S. Ski & Snowboard Grievance Procedures can be found within section IX of the U.S. Ski & Snowboard bylaws found at: usskiandsnowboard.org

ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN

Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete that are not answered by U.S. Ski & Snowboard may contact the USOC Athlete Ombudsman, Kacie Wallace, by:

- Telephone at (719) 866-5000
- Toll-free telephone at (888) ATHLETE (1-888-284-5383)
- E-mail at Kacie.wallace@usoc.org
- www.athleteombudsman.org
- <https://www.teamusa.org/Athlete-Resources/Athlete-Ombudsman>