

U.S. Ski & Snowboard

2018-2019 Nordic Combined World Cup Team Selection Criteria

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 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.

Criteria Guidelines:

- U.S. Ski & Snowboard policy mandates that team selection criteria shall be principally objective (or performance-based) and that available start rights and team spots will not necessarily be filled.
- The Athletic Director of USANS is responsible for applying the selection criteria set forth herein, subject to the oversight of USSA Chief of Sport.
- No minimum team size will be established.
- The team selected by U.S. Ski & Snowboard may consist of any number of athletes up to the FIS World Cup quota for the United States.
- The quota of start rights per nation is set annually by the FIS.
- Objective selections shall be based on the results achieved by athletes in FIS World Cup and Continental Cup competitions held during the 2018 and 2019 seasons.
- Discretionary selections, if any, may be based on a variety of factors, including competitions conducted outside of the selection period. (2018 and 2019 seasons)
- Team status does not grant funding from U.S. Ski & Snowboard.

General Criteria:

Athletes shall be selected to the team based solely upon their competition results during the selection period. Athletes meeting following criteria shall be selected to the team on a period by period basis.

- Achieve a top-50 ranking on the most current FIS World Ranking List
- Achieve a top-10 Continental Cup result in the current or previous seasons
- Individuals who meet the general criteria above on 7-1-2018 will be selected to the World Cup Team World Cup Period **Summer Grand Prix** 8-18-18 – 9-23-18
- Individuals who meet the general criteria above will be selected to the World Cup Team **World Cup Period 1** 11-24- 2018 – 12-23-18
- Individuals who meet the general criteria above will be selected to the World Cup Team **World Cup Period 2** 1-5-2019 – 1-20-2019
- Individuals who meet the general criteria above will be selected to the World Cup Team **World Cup Period 3** 2-2- 2019 – 2-10-19
- Individuals who meet the general criteria above will be selected to the World Cup Team **World Cup Period 4** 3-9- 2019 – 3-17-2019
- Selections for each period will be made on the final day of the previous period.

Athletes meeting the general criteria shall be selected to the team, unless application of these criteria would result in a total team size exceeding the FIS quota, in which case U.S. Ski & Snowboard shall use the following tie-breaking mechanisms in order

- Best ranking on the most current FIS World Cup Ranking List
- Best single performance on the World Cup during the selection period
- Best ranking on the most current FIS Continental Cup Ranking List
- Best single performance on the Continental Cup during the selection period

Discretionary Selection Policy:

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 from the 2017-2018 or 2018-2019 seasons.
- Recent positive direction or trend of competition results indicating a potential for Olympic success.
- Indication of medal potential in future Olympic or World Championship competition (such as international age group results and rankings) that would be materially enhanced by selection to the team.

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 USANS Executive Director, the Chief of Sport, and the athlete representative from that sport who is a member of U.S. Ski & Snowboard Board. If 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 may also petition directly to the Selection Committee to be considered for discretionary selection by submitting, in writing, a petition including any rationale to the Executive Director of USANS Bill Demong ([Billy@usanordic.org](mailto:Billie@usanordic.org)).

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 competitions he/she has been selected for. Such determination shall be at the discretion of the USANS Head Nordic Combined Coach, Athletic Director, Head Team Physician, in consultation with U.S. Ski & Snowboard Medical Director, and the athlete's designated physician.