

U.S. Ski & Snowboard

2019 Nordic Combined Junior World Championships Team Selection Criteria Men and Women

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.

Criteria Guidelines:

- U.S. Ski & Snowboard policy mandates that team selection criteria shall be principally objective (or performance-based), but it may select additional athletes to the Team using coaches' discretion.
- USA Nordic Athletic Director is responsible for applying the selection criteria set forth herein, subject to the oversight of the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Chief of Sport.
- A maximum of five male athletes and may be selected to represent the United States in the 2019 Junior World Championships.
- The quota of start rights per nation is set by the FIS, but is typically four athletes per event. In cases where the team size may exceed the quota, start rights are determined by U.S. Ski & Snowboard Nordic combined coaching staff.
- Objective selections shall be based on the results achieved by athletes in FIS Nordic Combined World Cup and COC competitions held between November 24, 2018 and January 13, 2019 and the Junior World Championship Trials. Discretionary selections, if any, may be based on a variety of factors, including competitions conducted outside of the selection period.
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- Team status does not grant funding from U.S. Ski & Snowboard.

General Criteria:

Athletes may be selected to the U.S. Nordic Combined Junior World Championship (JWC) Team based solely upon their competition results during the selection period.

- Junior NC athletes achieving a top 15 in World Cup and/or a top 5 in COC competition will be selected to the team.
- If positions are still available, further Team selections shall be granted to those junior athletes with the best world ranking on January 13, 2019 (tentative) in order, until the team is filled. In the absence of one single world ranking list, U.S. Ski & Snowboard will use the WC list first, then the COC list second.

If fewer than four athletes have been selected through their World Cup and/or Continental Cup results U.S. Ski & Snowboard shall select as many additional athletes as may be necessary to bring the total team size up to 4, as established by FIS. These athletes will be selected in rank order from U.S. Ski & Snowboard Junior World Championship Trials set for Steamboat Springs, CO December 1, 2018 (HS100/10km) and Lake Placid, NY Dec 30-31, 2018 (HS100/5km) and (HS100/10km) 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:

- Highest single WC finish during the selection period.
- Highest single COC finish during the selection period.
- Highest World Ranking during the 2018-2019 season.
- Highest single U.S. Ski & Snowboard JWC Trials finish

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)),

Nordic Combined athletes are eligible to qualify as ski jumpers, and ski jumpers and Nordic combined athletes after approval from the head coaches of both the Nordic Combined and Ski Jumping programs.

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.