

U.S. Ski & Snowboard

2019 Ski Jumping Junior World Championship 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 additional athletes may be selected to the Team using coaches' discretion.
- A maximum of five ski jumping athletes per gender may be selected to represent the United States in the 2019 Junior World Championships.
- Up to four athletes per gender may start for the United States in each event, unless otherwise specified by the International Ski Federation (FIS). Quotas will be announced by FIS at a date/time TBA which will help determine the number of athletes U.S. Ski & Snowboard will nominate.
- Assignment of start rights will be at the discretion of the U.S. JWC coaching staff.
- The USA Nordic Athletic Director is responsible for applying the selection criteria set forth herein with approval from the USSA Chief of Sport.
- Objective selections shall be based on the results achieved by athletes in World Cup, Continental Cup and FIS Cup competitions during November & December 2018, and during Junior World Championship Trials competitions set for Steamboat, Dec 8, 2018 and Lake Placid, Dec 30-31, 2018 (the "selection period").
- Discretionary selections, if any, may be based on a variety of factors, including competitions conducted outside of the selection period.
- Team status does not grant funding from U.S. Ski & Snowboard.

General Criteria:

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

- Athletes who score at least one World Cup point during the objective selection period will be selected.
- Athletes with a top-5 single COC result for women and top-15 for men during the objective selection period will be selected.
- If fewer than 4 athletes have been selected from the above criteria, 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 the above methods, U.S. Ski & Snowboard may select as many additional athletes as may be necessary to bring the total team size up to the USA quota, as established by FIS. These athletes will be selected in rank order from U.S. Ski & Snowboard Junior World Championship Trials competitions set for Steamboat, Dec 1, 2018 and Lake Placid Dec 30-31, 2018, based on the cumulative total results of an athlete's best two of three competitions, calculating the percent back of competition points.

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 previous and current competition year.
- Highest single COC finish during previous and current competition year.
- Highest single FIS Cup finish during previous and current competition year.
- Highest single U.S. Ski & Snowboard JWC Trials finish.
- Second 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 (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 Ski Jumping Coach, Athletic Director, Head Team Physician, in consultation with U.S. Ski & Snowboard Medical Director, and the athlete's designated physician.