

SELECTION CRITERIA
2019 FIS FREESTYLE/FREESKIING JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
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1. Philosophy:

U.S. Ski and Snowboard will select only the most qualified athletes with the greatest opportunity for winning medals at the 2019 FIS Junior World Championships. Selection criteria will be based on world-class performances during a period of elite-level competition.

2. Quotas:

Athletes will be selected from the Aerials discipline. The total number of athletes will be restricted to the start quota as determined by FIS. The maximum number of athletes may be eight (8) athletes total, four (4) per gender. U.S. Ski & Snowboard will manage all logistics and qualification.

3. Eligibility:

The age limit for the 2019 FIS Junior World Championships will be by year of birth: from 1999-2004 for Aerials.

4. Naming of Participants:

The U.S. FIS Junior World athletes will be named on March 1st, 2019 and will be announced at the U.S. Ski & Snowboard offices and posted on the U.S. Ski & Snowboard.

5. Coaching Staff:

Maximum Junior World Championships coaching staff will not exceed three (2) coaches, U.S. Ski & Snowboard will send a minimum of 1 coach. Domestic coach or coaches will be chosen by U.S. Ski & Snowboard staff.

6. International Federation Rules:

All qualifying competitions are governed by the international federation rules of competition. The international federation for snow sports, as recognized by the IOC, is the FIS. All criteria as they relate to rules, regulations and competition calendars are subject to changes based on changes by the FIS, the USOC and the IOC.

7. Selection Procedures

Athletes shall be nominated to the team based on the following process:

Aerials - Four (4) athletes per gender per discipline will be selected by criteria below in order of importance.

1. Current U.S. Freestyle Ski Team: A, B, or C Team members (if age eligible)

Ties will be broken by:

- a. Best World Cup finish during the 2018-19 season
 - b. Current ranking in the 2018-19 World Cup Standings list within the relevant discipline
 - c. Current ranking in the 2018-19 NorAm Grand Prix list within relevant discipline.
 - d. Coaches discretion
2. Current Junior World Champion if age eligible)
 3. 2018 and 2019 Junior National Champion (if age eligible)
 4. Remaining start's will be filled by the final 2019 NorAm Grand Prix list.
 5. In the event all starts are not filled by the criteria listed above, U.S. Ski & Snowboard points list four (4) will be used for final selection.