

US Ski & Snowboard
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA
2019 Snowboard

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 snowboarding. Athletes can be named to compete in the following World Championship events: Parallel Giant Slalom, Parallel Slalom, Halfpipe, Slopestyle/Big Air, and Snowboardcross/Team Snowboardcross. 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 selections shall be based on the following:

OBJECTIVE CRITERIA

To be eligible for selection under the objective criteria athletes must be ranked within the Top 30 of their respective disciplines ranking list at the time of team selection:

FIS points list for Snowboardcross/Team Snowboardcross

FIS points list Parallel Giant Slalom/Parallel Slalom
World Snowboard Points List for Halfpipe
World Snowboard Points List Slopestyle/Big Air

**** If the World Snowboard Points List for Halfpipe and Slopestyle is not updated and active by January 30, 2019 then the most current Halfpipe and Slopestyle FIS Points List valid on January 30, 2019 will be used.**

PARALLEL GIANT SLALOM / PARALLEL SLALOM

1. Athlete 1 and 2. Highest ranking athletes, up to 2 per gender, from the Parallel World Cup ranking list valid on January 28, 2019. Must be ranked in the top thirty (30) to be eligible for objective selection

2. Athlete 3. Highest ranking athletes (not already qualified from above criteria), up to 1 per gender, from the most current Parallel FIS points list valid on January 28, 2019. Must be ranked in the top thirty (30) to be eligible for objective selection

SNOWBOARDCROSS

1. Athlete 1 and 2. Up to two (2) Snowboardcross athletes, per gender, who have had one (1) top eight result, against the entire competition field, in the selection events will be named to the World Championship Team. If more than two (2) Snowboardcross men or two (2) Snowboardcross women have had one (1) top eight result then ties will be broken as follows in order of priority:

- Single highest point result during the FIS SBX World Cup events prior to December 23, 2018
- Second highest point result during the FIS SBX World Cup events prior to December 23, 2018
- Highest FIS SBX World Cup Ranking as of December 23, 2018
- Highest FIS Points List Ranking as of December 23, 2018

If less than two (2) Snowboardcross men or two (2) Snowboardcross women have had one (1) top eight result then the positions will be nominated using the most current SBX FIS points list valid on December 23, 2018.

2. Athlete 3. Highest ranking athlete (not already qualified from above criteria) up to 1 per gender, from the most current SBX FIS points list valid on December 23, 2018.

TEAM SNOWBOARDCROSS

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

HALFPIPE

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

- December 5-8, 2018 Copper World Cup Halfpipe
- January 15-19, 2019 Laax World Cup Halfpipe

U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD will assign athletes points, based on athletes results in each event, using the FIS World Cup points scoring system (1000 point scale). Points associated with the athletes two best results will be added together to create the ranking list for nomination in each gender.

If a tie remains 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 results during the events
- Highest point result from the Laax World Cup Halfpipe

2. Athlete 3 Highest ranking athlete, up to 1 per gender, not already nominated above in Athlete 1 criteria, from the Halfpipe World Snowboard Points List as of January 30, 2019.

Athletes will be invited to fill position 3 based on their ranking. If an athlete declines the nomination then the next athlete will be asked to fill the position down through the 6th ranked U.S. athlete on the ranking list until athlete 3 is selected. If positions are still open after the 6th ranked U.S. athlete has been invited then any remaining positions from athlete 3 will be allocated using Coaches discretion.

****If the World Snowboard Points List for Halfpipe is not updated and active on January 30, 2019 then the most current Halfpipe FIS Points List valid on January 30, 2019 will be used.**

SLOPESTYLE / BIG AIR

Athletes who qualify will compete in both Slopestyle and Big Air competitions at World Championships:

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

January 15-19, 2019 Laax World Cup Slopestyle

If an athlete declines the nomination the position will be allocated, in order, utilizing the Phase I then Phase II Discretionary Selection process.

In the case of the Laax competition being cancelled Athlete 1 will be selected from the Slopestyle World Snowboard Points List as of January 30, 2019

****If the World Snowboard Points List for Slopestyle is not updated and active on January 30, 2019 then the most current Slopestyle FIS Points List valid on January 30, 2019 will be used.**

2. Athlete 2 & 3 Highest ranking athletes, up to 2 per gender, not already nominated above in Athlete 1 criteria, from the Slopestyle World Snowboard Points List as of January 28, 2019.

Athletes will be invited to fill positions 2 and 3 based on their ranking. If an athlete declines the nomination then the next athlete will be asked to fill the position down through the 6th ranked U.S. athlete on the ranking list until athlete 2 and 3 is selected. If positions are still open after the 6th ranked U.S. athlete has been invited then any remaining positions from athlete 2 and 3 will be allocated, in order, utilizing the Phase I then Phase II Discretionary Selection process.

PHASE I DISCRETIONARY CRITERIA

After the allocation of objective criteria between all World Championship disciplines (Parallel Giant Slalom/Parallel Slalom, Snowboardcross/Team Snowboardcross, Halfpipe, and Slopestyle/Big Air) 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 30, 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:

Snowboardcross	Snowboardcross FIS Points List
Halfpipe	Halfpipe World Snowboard Points List
Slopestyle/Big Air	Slopestyle World Snowboard Points List
Parallel Giant Slalom/Parallel Slalom	Parallel 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.

****If the World Snowboard Points List for Halfpipe and Slopestyle is not updated and active on January 30, 2019 then the most current Halfpipe and Slopestyle FIS Points List valid on January 30, 2019 will be used.**

6. ANNOUNCEMENT OF SELECTIONS

Selections to the 2019 World Championships 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 PRODEDURE**

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 Director for U.S.SKI & SNOWBOARD after consulting with the President and CEO of U.S.SKI & SNOWBOARD, Head World Championship Coach, and U.S.SKI & SNOWBOARD Sport Science Department. Should an additional athlete be considered, the procedures as outlined in the 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>