United States Ski & Snowboard Association

2020 Cross Country International Continental Cup Selection Guidelines

Eligibility for Consideration

The U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD will consider for selection only those U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD members in good standing who have an active U.S. passport, an active U.S. coded FIS license and who meet FIS minimum eligibility standards.

Criterion Guidelines

- These Guidelines are for the year of 2020 only. Guidelines will be reevaluated in May 2020 at the spring congress and changes may be made for the 2021 selection year.
- U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD policy mandates that team selection criteria shall be principally objective (or performance-based).
- The U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD Cross Country Sport Development Manager is responsible for applying the selection Guidelines set forth herein, subject to the oversight of the Head Coach of the U.S. Ski Team.
- To ensure that the United States fields a representative team, minimum team size should strive for athlete representation from both genders from U20, U23, U26 and senior age categories.
- Objective selections shall be based on the results achieved by athletes in FIS competitions. To be eligible you need to meet one of the criterion below. In the event more than 16 athletes qualify, then athletes are selected based on the prioritization listed below. Hence, athletes achieving a "Priority 1" criterion (U20, U23, U26 and Seniors) are named – then priority 2 and finally priority 3.
- The U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD overall National Ranking List posted on January, 24th will be used.
  - Senior (2004 and older)
    - Priority 1 - Top 8 on the U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD Overall National Ranking List
    - Priority 2 - 1 Top 3 at the 2020 U.S. Cross Country Championships
    - Priority 3 - Top 3 on the overall SuperTour current standings
    - Priority 1 - Top 3 U26 on the U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD Overall National Ranking List
    - Priority 2 - 1 Top 5 at the 2020 U.S. Cross Country Championships
    - Priority 3 - Top 5 on the overall SuperTour current standings
  - U23 (2004-1997)
    - Priority 1 - Top 3 U23 on the U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD Overall National Ranking List
    - Priority 2 - 1 Top 5 or 2 Top 10’s at the 2020 U.S. Cross Country Championships
    - Priority 3 - Top 10 on the overall SuperTour current standings
    - Priority 1 - Top 3 U20 on the U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD Overall National Ranking List
- Priority 2 - 1 Top 10 at the 2020 U.S. Cross Country Championships
- Priority 3 - Qualified for the 2020 Junior World Ski Championships. Qualified top six (6) for Junior World Ski Championships selection at U.S. National Championships whether an athlete took part or did not partake in Junior World Ski Championships.

- Team status does not include funding from the U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD.

**General Criteria**

1) The selection size will be based on ensuring a strong race support to the team and will not exceed a ratio of one (1) staff to four (4) athletes.
2) The selection size will not exceed sixteen (16) athletes.
3) Tie-breaking goes to the older athlete (earlier year of birth)

**Discretionary Selection Policy**

U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD may select athletes to the team using coaches’ discretion. If the coaching staff fills any available spot(s) on the team with discretionary selections, then the staff may consider any factors including (but not limited to) the following:

1) Alternates will be ranked based on U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD Overall National Ranking List (NRL) within their respective age group outlined above. For example, the 1st alternates for discretionary selection would be the 9th ranked competitor on the U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD Overall National Ranking List (NRL), then the 4th ranked U26 on the U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD Overall NRL, then the 4th ranked U23 on the U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD Overall NRL, and then the 4th ranked U20 on the U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD Overall NRL, and so on.
2) Current gender make-up of the team. The gender with fewer athletes on the team will have the next discretionary selection opportunity.
3) Outstanding competition results (including results achieved outside of the selection period).
4) Recent direction or trend of competition results (i.e., improving, flat, or declining).
5) Attitude and commitment of athletes.
6) Physical fitness level.
7) Illness or injury during the selection period.
8) Other unanticipated failure of objective criteria to select an athlete likely to achieve competition results consistent with U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD program goals for the International Continental Cup trip.
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 International Continental Cup trip.