



Alpine U.S. Ski Team Nomination Criteria

2020-21

U.S. Ski Team nomination criteria recognize athletic achievements while focusing on financial support and resources on current results and future athletic potential.

Athletes must adhere to the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Values and Code of Conduct in order to be eligible for nomination.

Eligibility for Consideration

U.S. Ski & Snowboard will consider for selection only those U.S. Ski & Snowboard member athletes in good standing who have a valid FIS license.

In addition, an athlete shall be ineligible for consideration if previously suspended or removed from team membership unless reinstated by the U.S. Ski & Snowboard. Athletes who have previously declined an offer of team membership shall not be automatically offered team membership, regardless of results achieved during the competition season. An exception can be made if an athlete specifically requests reinstatement and the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Alpine Director and the Chief of Sport approve the request.

Team status does not guarantee funding from U.S. Ski & Snowboard for competition or preparation. Athletes who have been given individual performance criteria to meet will be judged by those specific criteria and not the general criteria as outlined below.

Performance Criteria

Only results and rankings from the 2019-20 season will be considered in the Performance Criteria.

Selection criteria referencing the World Cup Start List (WCSL) may apply both the WCSL and the World Cup Standings based on the list published after the World Cup Finals.

Selection criteria using World Rank (WR) and FIS Age World Rank (AWR) are based on the FIS Interne BL list, scheduled for publication April 14, 2020, Final team status will be determined after the 1st FIS points list 2020, scheduled for publication July 11, 2020

A Team – Women

The women's A Team selection will be based on the World Cup Start List (WCSL) rank.

- 1 top 20 WCSL (DH/SL/GS/SG)

Coaches' Discretion

- U.S. Ski Team staff may nominate additional athletes based upon factors described below.



B Team – Women

The women's B Team selection will be based on World Cup Start List (WCSL) rank, FIS World Rank (WR), World Junior Ski Championships (WJSC) results, Europa Cup (EC) results, and NorAm fixed World Cup (WC) start spots for the following season.

YOB 1996-1991:

- 1 top 25 WCSL (DH/SL/GS/SG)

YOB 1997

- 1 top 30 WCSL (DH/SL/GS/SG)

YOB 1998

- 1 top 45 WCSL and FIS top 45 WR (DH/SL/GS/SG)

YOB 1999

- NorAm fixed WC start spot (DH,SL,GS,SG) and FIS top 50 WR (DH/SL/GS/SG), or
- WJSC medal (*Tech WR required for Speed and AC medals at WJSC: top 135), or
- 3 Top 5 EC results (DH,SL,GS,SG)

YOB 2000

- NorAm Fixed WC start spot (DH,SL,GS,SG) and FIS top 50 WR (DH/SL/GS/SG), or
- WJSC medal (*Tech WR required for Speed and AC medals at WJSC: top 135), or
- 3 Top 10 EC results (DH,SL,GS,SG)

YOB 2001 and younger

- WJSC medal (*Tech WR required for Speed and AC medals at WJSC: U19 top 150; U18 and younger top 200)

Coaches' Discretion

- U.S. Ski Team staff may nominate additional athletes based upon factors described below.

C Team – Women

The women's C Team selection will be based on World Cup Start List (WCSL) rank, FIS World Rank (WR), and NorAm season event rank. Athletes must also meet a Tech (SL or GS) WR as described below.

YOB 1999:

- Top 50 WCSL or WR (DH,SL,GS,SG), and
- Top 5 NorAm season event rank (DH,SL,GS,SG), and
- Tech top 135 WR

YOB 2000:



- Top 60 WR (DH,SL,GS,SG), and
- Top 10 NorAm season event rank, and
- Tech top 135 WR

YOB 2001:

- Top 80 WR (DH,SL,GS,SG), and
- Top 15 NorAm season event rank (DH,SL,GS,SG), and
- Tech top 150 WR

YOB 2002 and younger:

- Top 150 WR (DH,SL,GS,SG), and
- Top 20 NorAm season event rank (DH,SL,GS,SG), and
- Tech top 200 WR

Coaches' Discretion

- U.S. Ski Team staff may nominate additional athletes based upon factors described below.

D Team – Women

The women's D Team selection will be based on FIS Age World Rank (AWR) in Tech (SL or GS) or Speed (DH or SG), NorAm season event rank, National Collegiate Athletic Association Championships (NCAA) results, U16 National Performance Series (NPS) season event rankings, and OPA Cup results. Athletes must also meet a Tech (SL or GS) WR as described below.

YOB 2000:

- NCAA top 5, or
- AWR top 10 Tech or top 5 Speed, and
- Top 10 NorAm season event rank (DH,SL,GS,SG), and
- Tech top 150 WR

YOB 2001:

- NCAA top 5, or
- AWR top 10 Tech or top 5 Speed, and
- Top 15 NorAm season event rank (DH,SL,GS,SG), and
- Tech top 185 WR

YOB 2002:

- AWR top 10 Tech or top 5 Speed, and
- Top 20 NorAm season event rank (DH,SL,GS,SG), and



- Tech top 270 WR

YOB 2003:

- AWR top 10 Tech or top 5 Speed, and
- Top 30 NorAm season event rank (DH,SL,GS,SG), and
- Tech top 450 WR

YOB 2004 and younger:

- One Top 3 (SL,GS,or SG) at OPA Cup or Alpe Cimbra and
- One win at the U16 National Championships

Coaches' Discretion

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Nomination and naming to all teams require sports science physical fitness testing and U.S. Ski & Snowboard medical department clearance. All C and D Team athletes will be required to pass SkillsQuest physical fitness standards prior to official naming. The medical department will be responsible for evaluating any medical situations that may affect physical testing results.

A Team – Men

The men's A Team selection will be based on the World Cup Start List (WCSL) rank

- 1 top 20 WCSL (DH/SL/GS/SG) or

Coaches' Discretion

- U.S. Ski Team staff may nominate additional athletes based upon factors described below.

B Team – Men

The men's B Team selection will be based on World Cup Start List (WCSL) rank FIS World Rank (WR), World Junior Ski Championships (WJSC) results, and NorAm fixed World Cup (WC) start spots for the following season.

YOB 1994-1989:

- 1 top 25 WCSL (DH/SL/GS/SG)

YOB 1995:

- 1 top 30 WCSL (DH/SL/GS/SG)

YOB 1996:

- 1 top 45 WCSL (DH/SL/GS/SG) and FIS top 45 WR (DH/SL/GS/SG)

YOB 1997:



- 1 top 60 WCSL and FIS top 55 WR (DH/SL/GS/SG)

YOB 1998 and younger

- 1 top 60 WCSL and FIS top 70 WR (DH/SL/GS/SG), or
- WJSC medal (*Tech WR required for Speed and AC medals at WJSC: top 250), or
- NorAm fixed WC start spot (DH,SL,GS,SG) and top 70 FIS WR (DH,SL,GS,SG) and Tech top 250 WR,

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C Team – Men

The men's C Team selection will be based on FIS World Rank (WR), and NorAm season event rank or World Junior Ski Championships (WJSC) results. Athletes achieving the WR criteria in Speed (DH or SG) must also meet a Tech (SL or GS) WR as described below.

YOB 1999:

- Top 115 WR (DH,SL,GS,SG) and
- Top 10 NorAm season event rank (DH,SL,GS,SG) and
- Tech top 250 WR

YOB 2000:

- Top 150 WR (DH,SL,GS,SG) and
- Top 15 NorAm season event rank (DH,SL,GS,SG) and
- Tech top 250 WR, or
- WJSC top 5 and Tech top 250 WR

YOB 2001 and younger:

- Top 250 WR (DH,SL,GS,SG) and
- Top 30 Nor Am season event rank (DH,SL,GS,SG) and
- Tech top 330 WR, or
- WJSC top 10 and Tech top 330 WR

Coaches' Discretion

- § U.S. Ski Team staff may nominate additional athletes based upon factors described below.

D Team – Men

The men's D Team selection will be based on FIS Age World Rank (AWR) in Tech (SL or GS) or Speed (DH or SG), NorAm season event rank, National Collegiate Athletic Association Championships (NCAA)



results, and U19 National Performance Series (NPS) season event rankings. Athletes must also meet a Tech (SL or GS) WR as described below.

YOB 2000

- NCAA top 10, or
- AWR top 10 Tech or top 5 Speed, and
- Top 30 NorAm season event rank (DH,SL,GS,SG), and
- Tech top 350 WR

YOB 2001

- NCAA top 10, or
- AWR top 10 Tech or top 5 Speed and
- Top 45 NorAm season event rank (DH,SL,GS,SG), and
- Tech top 400 WR

YOB 2002 and younger:

- 1st NPS SL, GS, or SG (ranking U18s by total WC points from all NPS and Junior Nationals races), and another top 3 NPS (SL, GS, or SG), or
- AWR top 10 Tech or top 5 Speed, and
- Top 60 NorAm season event rank (DH,SL,GS,SG), and tech top 600 WR

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Clauses Applicable to All Athlete Selection Criteria

Coaches' Discretion, Selection Methods

Athletes may be selected to teams by discretion considering the following circumstances:

- History of hitting significant performance markers at:
 - Olympics and World Championships
 - World Cup
 - Europa Cup



- NorAm Cup
- World Junior Championships
- Season-ending injury sustained in the last 12 months
- Ideal functional size of training groups
- Attitude, commitment, and positive contribution to the athlete development system

Proposed discretionary selections will be reviewed and discussed by the “Coaches Discretion Review Committee” (“CDRC”) during the Athletic Summit.

Members of the CDRC are Tiger Shaw, Jesse Hunt, Paul Kristofic, Chip Knight.

Complete explanation will be provided for any decision if requested.

Nomination Extensions

Athletes will be re-nominated for a 2nd year (current team regardless of the age restrictions) following an objective nomination unless there is an exceptional situation. An exceptional situation is defined by unsatisfactory performance in the following areas as evaluated by the staff and CDRC.

- Participation in US Ski Team designed program
- Physical progress relative to individual athlete goals
- Technical/tactical progress relative to individual athlete goals
- Positive contribution to team culture and values

*Athletes that reached objective nomination criteria in season 2019-20 will be awarded the nomination extension as defined above.

Athlete Injury Clause

Any athlete that has been objectively named to the team and sustains a season-ending injury prior to Feb 1 in that season will be re-nominated to their current team regardless of age restrictions. Athlete's return from injury sustained after Feb 1 will fall completely under coaches' discretion. In the case of a discretionary selection, the objective rank of athlete at the time of injury will be considered for future discretionary nomination if criteria for future objective nomination is not met. In all cases, in order to retain current team status an injured athlete must follow a prescribed rehabilitation or medical program as approved by the U.S. Ski & Snowboard medical staff, the Alpine Director, and the Head Coach. Travel funding and team trip inclusion will be based upon a return to physical fitness level or competitive form as determined by the U.S. Ski & Snowboard medical staff, high performance and coaching staff

In Season Promotion

Athletes will not be promoted in season. No athletes will be demoted during the season; however, funding may be suspended at any time if progress or commitment is not consistent with the designed program.



Medical Clearance

New athletes named to the team will require a medical clearance for participation. This will be completed by a sports physical exam by a U.S. Ski & Snowboard approved physician. Once named, athlete will contact the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Medical Director for appropriate paperwork and direction. Medical clearance must be obtained prior to athlete participation in team projects.

Acceptance to Team

Athletes nominated to the team must accept or decline their nomination within ten (10) days after notification. Team naming will occur after nominated athletes have signed the U.S. Ski Team athlete agreement.