US SKI & SNOWBOARD
NORDIC COMBINED ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
2020 YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES
May 17, 2019 Amended 10-15-19

1. SELECTION SYSTEM

1.1. Provide the minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for selection to the Team:

1.1.1. Nationality/Passport requirements:

Athlete must be a national of the United States at the time of selection.

Athlete must hold a valid U.S. passport that will not expire for six months after the conclusion of the Games.

1.1.2. Minimum International Olympic Committee (IOC), standards for participation:

Any competitor in the Youth Olympic Games must be a national of the country of the National Olympic Committee (NOC) which is entering such competitor. For additional information regarding an athlete who is a national of two or more countries, has changed his or her nationality or acquired a new nationality, refer to the Olympic Charter (Rule 41).

1.1.3. Minimum International Sports Federation (IF) standards for participation (if any):
   - To be eligible for the 2020 Youth Olympic Games (YOG), athletes must have been born between 1 January 2002 and 31 December 2004.
   - Athletes must be registered with an International Ski Federation (FIS) license and have competed in a FIS-level or Continental Cup competition to be eligible.

1.1.4. Other requirements (if any):
   - Only U.S. Ski & Snowboard Jumping /Nordic Competitor members with a valid FIS Ski Jumping license who are in good standing are eligible for consideration.
   - Athletes must have successfully completed all Games Registration requirements by stated deadline.
   - Be available for entire duration of the Games.
   - Participate in the cultural and education program, as requested.
1.2. Tryout Events:

1.2.1. Provide the event names, dates and locations of all trials, events and camps to be used as part of the selection process.

- 2019 Youth Olympic Tryouts will take place in Steamboat Springs, CO between November 30th—December 4th, December 7th, 2019. HS100 size hill will be used as primary qualifying hill. Should weather be a factor, an HS75 meter hill will be used as a backup. 1 Individual Gunderson 5KM Nordic Combined event will be used for Men and Women.

1.2.2. Provide event names, dates, locations and description of how athletes qualify for the trials, events and camps listed above in 1.2.1. (if any).

- Athletes that meet the requirements laid out in sections 1.1.2. and 1.1.3. will be allowed to compete in the Youth Olympic Tryouts.

1.3. Provide a comprehensive, step-by-step description of the method that explains how athletes will go through the selection process (include maximum Team size).

- Up to two (2) men and two (2) women will be named based on quotas established. Date of nomination will be on or before December 8th, 2019.
- Selection will be based on performance at the 2019 Youth Olympic Tryouts. The competition will consist of 1 Gunderson event. Men will race a 1 jump 5km and Women will race a 1 jump 5km.
- The two athletes (1 man & 1 woman) finishing 1st will be nominated to the 2020 Youth Olympic Team. If additional quota spots are allocated from FIS, the 2nd place finishers upon conclusion of the event (1 man and/or 1 woman) will be nominated to the team.
- In the event of a tie, the athlete with the highest scored single ski jump in the competitive rounds will be selected.

2. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION (if applicable)

2.1. Provide rationale for utilizing discretionary selection (if any):

N/A

2.2. List the discretionary criteria and explain how they will be used (if any):

N/A
2.3. Provide the name of the committee that will be responsible for making discretionary selections, along with a complete list of the members’ titles currently serving on the committee:

N/A

2.3.1. Specify the process that will be used to identify and handle any potential conflicts of interest involving a member of the committee.

Any member of the selection committee that has a possible conflict of interest must disclose it. If such conflict exists, the selection committee member must recuse him/herself from committee discussions and voting. Further, the committee member should not otherwise influence other members of the committee in the selection process. However, a committee member who recused him/herself, but who has relevant and necessary information with respect to athlete performance, for example a national team coach or high performance director, may, if requested by the selection committee, provide such information to the committee so long as such information is provided in a fair and unbiased manner and the committee member who declared the conflict of interest does not vote toward the final decision.

3. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

3.1. Prior to entry by name to the Local Organizing Committee by the USOC, the NGB has jurisdiction over potential nominees.

An athlete who is to be nominated to the Team by the NGB may be removed for any of the following reasons, as determined by the NGB:

3.1.1. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the NGB CEO.

3.1.2. Injury or illness as certified by a physician (or medical staff) approved by the NGB. If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by a physician (or medical staff) approved by the NGB, his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.

3.1.3. Failure to participate in Mandatory Training and/or Competition as defined in Section 9 of these procedures.

3.1.4. Violation of U.S. Ski & Snowboard’s Code of Conduct (Attachment 1).

An athlete who is removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per U.S. Ski & Snowboard’s Bylaws, Article IX, Grievances, Suspensions and Appeals and the USOC’s Bylaws, Section 9.
3.2. Once athlete entries have been submitted to the Local Organizing Committee by the USOC, the USOC has jurisdiction over the Team, at which time, in addition to any applicable NGB Code of Conduct, the USOC’s Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures apply. The USOC’s Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures can be found at:
http://www.teamusa.org/Athlete-Resources/Athlete-Ombudsman/Resources/Code-of-Conduct
http://www.teamusa.org/Footer/Legal/Governance-Documents

3.3. An athlete may be removed as a nominee to the Team or from the Team for an adjudicated violation of IOC, PASO, IPC, WADA, IF, USADA and/or USOC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures, as applicable.

4. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES

4.1. Describe the selection and approval process for determining replacement athlete(s) should a vacancy occur:

4.1.1. Prior to submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee, including any applicable group or committee:

In the case that an athlete needs to be replaced, 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 replacement athlete would have sufficient time to properly prepare for the competition. This decision will be made by the replacement selection review group comprised of the President and CEO of U.S. Ski & Snowboard, U.S. Ski & Snowboard Chris Grover, the USANS Athletic Director, and the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Board athlete representative.

4.1.2. After submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee, including any applicable group or committee:

See 4.1.1. above

5. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

US Ski & Snowboard will retain the approved Selection Procedures and all supporting documents, including scouting or evaluation forms, etc., and data from the selection process for six months past the date of the Closing Ceremony of the Games.
6. **REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

In addition to the USOC Code of Conduct, the following documents are required to be signed by an athlete as a condition of nomination to the Youth Olympic Games and are included as attachments:

N/A

7. **PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES**

The USOC approved Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by the NGB in the following locations:

7.1. NGB Web site: [www.usskiandsnowboard.org](http://www.usskiandsnowboard.org)

These procedures will be posted as soon as possible, but not more than five business days following notice of approval by the USOC.

7.2. Other: N/A

8. **DATE OF NOMINATION**

The Nomination of Athletes form, including replacements, will be announced to all athletes and submitted to the USOC on or before: December 9th, 2019.

9. **MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION**

Specify the location, schedule and duration of mandatory training and/or competition (if any):

At the time of development of these procedures no mandatory training or competition has been determined for the 2020 Youth Olympic Games Team. In the event that such mandatory training or competition is required for the Team, U.S. Ski & Snowboard will notify each Team member and that athlete's coach at least 30 days in advance and will post the information on the U.S. Ski & Snowboard website.

10. **ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS**

Athletes must adhere to all IOC, IPC, PASO, WADA, IF, USADA and USOC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing as required by the IOC, IPC, PASO, WADA, IF, USADA and USOC Rules, as applicable.
11. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES

The following committee/group (include names and titles) was responsible for creating these Selection Procedures:

U.S. Ski & Snowboard Board Athlete Representative Bryan Fletcher
USANS Athletic Director Alan Alborn
USANS Executive Director Bill Demong

12. NGB BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

US Ski & Snowboard’s Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at:
usskiandsnowboard.org

13. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

These procedures are based on IOC and/or FIS rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in IOC and/or FIS rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to US Ski & Snowboard. However, the selections are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically may not have accounted for every possible contingency.

If any force of nature, or force majeure, should cause the alteration or cancellation of any of the selection events listed in this document, these selection procedures will be revised, pursuant to their resubmission to the USOC.

14. ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN

Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete that are not answered by US Ski & Snowboard may contact the USOC Athlete Ombudsman, Kacie Wallace, by:
- Telephone at (719) 866-5000
- Email at Kacie.wallace@usoc.org
- http://www.teamusa.org/Athlete-Resources/Athlete-Ombudsman

15. NGB SIGNATURES

I certify that I have read and understand the standards/criteria set by our IF and/or CF (PAG/PPAG only) and incorporated those standards/criteria into our Selection Procedures. I further certify that the information provided herein regarding Athlete Selection Procedures represents the method approved by US Ski & Snowboard.
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*If the USOC AAC Representative has delegated authority to the Alternate AAC Representative to sign the Selection Procedures, attach a letter from the AAC Representative indicating the reason he/she has delegated authority.

*Signature by the Athlete Representative constitutes that he/she has read and understands the Selection Procedures. If the Athlete Representative reads and does not agree with the Athlete Selection Procedures being submitted by the NGB, he/she may submit those reasons in writing to his/her Sport Performance Team.

*If, for some reason, a sport does not have an elected USOC AAC Representative, the NGB must designate an athlete from that sport to review and sign the Selection Procedures.
Attachment I - USSA Code of Conduct

Membership in the United States Ski and Snowboard Association is a privilege not a right. All USSA members (athletes, coaches, and officials) when participating in any U.S. Ski & Snowboard activity must agree to conduct themselves according to USSA's core values of Team, Loyalty, Integrity, Respect, Perseverance, and Accountability and abide by the spirit and dictates of this Code of Conduct. All members must agree to compose themselves in a sportsmanlike manner and are responsible for their actions while attending or participating in all U.S. Ski & Snowboard activities (including but not limited to camps, competitions, and projects).

Sportsmanlike conduct is defined as but is not limited to: respect for competition officials, resort employees and the skiing and snowboarding public respect for facilities, privileges and operating procedures, the use of courtesy and good manners acting responsibly and maturely, refraining from the use of profane or abusive language, and abstinence from illegal or immoderate use of alcohol and use of illegal or banned drugs.

While participating in any U.S. Ski & Snowboard activity:

1. U.S. Ski & Snowboard members shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the International Ski Federation Statutes, the United States Olympic Committee Bylaws, the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Bylaws, and the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Code of Conduct.

2. U.S. Ski & Snowboard members shall conduct themselves at all times and in all places as befits worthy representatives of the United States of America, the United States Olympic Committee, U.S. Ski & Snowboard, their region, division, state or club and in accordance with the best traditions of national and international competition.

3. U.S. Ski & Snowboard members are responsible for knowledge of and adherence to competition rules and procedures. Members are also responsible for knowledge of and adherence to the rules and procedures of the U.S. Ski & Snowboard national teams, camps or other projects when participating in such.

4. U.S. Ski & Snowboard members shall maintain high standards of moral and ethical conduct, which includes self-control and responsible behavior, Consideration for the physical and emotional well-being of others, and courtesy and good manners.

5. U.S. Ski & Snowboard members shall abide by U.S. Ski & Snowboard rules and procedures while traveling to and from and participating in official U.S. Ski & Snowboard activities.

6. U.S. Ski & Snowboard members shall abstain from illegal and/or immoderate consumption of alcohol. Absolutely no consumption of alcohol is permitted for those individuals under the age of 21. Members under 21 years of age shall not participate in gatherings involving consumption of alcohol unless it is an official U.S. Ski & Snowboard or event organizer function.

7. No U.S. Ski & Snowboard member shall violate the customs travel or currency regulations of a country while traveling with a USSA group or on a USSA ticket.

8. No U.S. Ski & Snowboard member shall commit a criminal act.

9. No U.S. Ski & Snowboard member shall engage in any conduct that could be perceived as harassment based upon gender, age, race, religion or disability.

10. U.S. Ski & Snowboard members will avoid profane or abusive language and disruptive behavior.
11. U.S. Ski & Snowboard members agree to abide by anti-doping rules, policies and procedures established by WADA, USADA, the USOC and / or FIS. Failure to comply with any of the above provisions may lead to disciplinary action by the appropriate team or competition leader. Disciplinary action may include:

- Removal from the team trip or training camp.
- Suspension from training and / or competition.
- Elimination of coaching, travel, and other benefits.
- Forfeiture of U.S. Ski & Snowboard membership.

U.S. Ski & Snowboard is committed to principles of fairness, due process and equal opportunity. Members are entitled to be treated fairly and in compliance with U.S. Ski & Snowboard’s Bylaws, policies and procedures. Members are entitled to notice and an opportunity for a hearing before being prevented from participating in protected competition as that term1 is defined by the USOC Bylaws. Information on the processes for grievances, suspensions and appeals is available at www.ussa.org.

Nothing in this Code shall be deemed to restrict the individual freedom of a U.S. Ski & Snowboard member in matters not involving activities in which one could not be perceived as representing U.S. Ski & Snowboard. In choices of appearance, lifestyle, behavior and speech while not representing U.S. Ski & Snowboard, competitors shall have complete freedom, provided their statements and actions do not adversely affect the name and reputation of the U.S. Ski & Snowboard. However, in those events where one is representing or could be perceived as representing U.S. Ski & Snowboard, U.S. Ski & Snowboard demands that its members understand and agree to behave in a manner consistent with the best traditions of sportsmanship and U.S. Ski & Snowboard’s core values.
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11. U.S. Ski & Snowboard members understand and agree that they may be drug tested at any time, that they are subject to and will abide by the USADA Protocol for Olympic and Paralympic Movement Testing, its Annexes, and the USOPC National Anti-Doping Policies, and that any dispute related to the foregoing will be resolved exclusively in arbitration pursuant to the USADA Protocol. Before taking any medications, members must check the prohibited status at GlobalDRO.com. Also, they must be sure to download the Supplement 411 app, or visit Supplement411.org to learn how to recognize and reduce the risks related to supplement use. Any anti-doping questions can be directed to Athlete Express at 866.601.2632.

12. U.S. Ski & Snowboard members agree to abide by the policies and procedures established by the U.S. Center for SafeSport.

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