1. PHILOSOPHY:
U.S. Ski & Snowboard will select only the most qualified athletes with the greatest opportunity for winning medals at the 2020 FIS Junior World Championships. 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, an active U.S. coded FIS license, and who meet FIS minimum eligibility standards.

2. QUOTAS:
U.S. Ski & Snowboard may select any number of athletes up to the total number of start quotas as determined by FIS, with a maximum number of athletes up to six (6) per gender per discipline for Halfpipe (HP), Slopestyle/Big Air (SS/BA), Skicross (SX). For specific qualification system rules for establishing team size, go to www.fis-ski.com.

3. ELIGIBILITY:
The age limit for the 2020 FIS Junior World Championships will be by year of birth: from 1999-2003 for SX events and from 2002-2006 for HP and SS/BA.

4. NAMING OF THE PARTICIPANTS:
The U.S. FIS Junior World athletes will be named at least two (2) weeks prior to the first day of the respective Junior World Championship event, once the date is set by FIS. They will be announced at the U.S. Ski & Snowboard offices and posted on the U.S. Ski & Snowboard website.

5. APPLICABLE RULES:
All qualifying competitions are governed by the international federation rules of competition. The international federation for snowsports, 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 USOPC and the IOC. All other U.S. Ski & Snowboard rules, including its Code of Conduct, as well as the U.S. Center for SafeSport Code shall apply to the criteria.

6. SELECTION PROCEDURES:
A. Summary of Objective Selection Policy:
Start positions in Halfpipe, Slopestyle/Big Air and Skicross will be filled objectively using the following:

Halfpipe – Up to six (6) athletes per gender will be nominated to the team as follows:
1. Four (4) highest ranking U.S. Athletes per gender from the Halfpipe FIS Points list valid 4 weeks prior to the date of the first HP contest day at Junior Worlds. The FIS Points list is available at www.fis-ski.com. When/if this event is scheduled the criteria will be updated with the specific FIS points list that will be used to select the team.

2. If the athletes qualified via the above criteria decline their invitation, then spots may be passed down the Halfpipe FIS Points list valid 4 weeks prior to the date of the first HP contest day at Junior Worlds to the next highest ranked athlete(s) until the 4 quota spots are filled.

3. Two (2) U.S. Athletes per gender may be selected using the Discretionary Selection Policy as provided in Section B below.

Slopecross/Big Air – Up to six (6) athletes per gender will be nominated to the team as follows:

1. Four (4) highest ranking U.S. Athletes per gender from the Slopecross FIS Points list valid 4 weeks prior to the date of the first SS contest day at Junior Worlds. The FIS Points list is available at www.fis-ski.com. When/if this event is scheduled the criteria will be updated with the specific FIS points list that will be used to select the team.

2. If the athletes qualified via the above criteria decline their invitation, then spots may be passed down the Slopestyle FIS Points list valid 4 weeks prior to the date of the first SS contest day at Junior Worlds to the next highest ranked athlete(s) until the 4 quota spots are filled.

3. Two (2) U.S. Athletes per gender may be selected using the Discretionary Selection Policy as provided in Section B below.

Any riders who qualify to compete in Slopestyle will also qualify to compete in Big Air. There is not a separate quota or qualification for Big Air.

Skicross – Up to six (6) athletes per gender will be nominated to the team as follows:

1. Two (2) highest ranking U.S. Athletes per gender from the 7th FIS Points List. If the athletes qualified via the above criteria decline their invitation, then spots will be passed down the 7th FIS Points List to the next highest ranked athlete(s) until the 2 quota spots are filled. The FIS Points list is available at www.fis-ski.com.

2. Two (2) U.S. Athletes per gender from the selection events listed below will be nominated to the team as follows:

NorAm points earned from athletes’ four (4) two (2) highest results will be averaged (arithmetic mean) together to create a ranking list from the following selection events ("JWC SX Ranking List").

Selection events:
- Nakiska, CAN NorAm Jan 20-21, 2020
- Gore, USA NorAm Feb 3-5, 2020
- Ski Cooper, USA NorAm Feb 21-23, 2020
If the athletes qualified via the above criteria decline their invitation or have already been selected via criteria 1, then spots may be passed down the ranking list developed in criteria 2 to the next highest ranked athlete(s) until the 2 quota spots are filled.

US Ski & Snowboard will use the following tie-breaking mechanisms in the order listed below until the quota spots are filled:

1. Best Result (from the JWC SX Ranking List)
2. Second Best Result (from the JWC SX Ranking List)
3. Third Best Result (from the JWC SX Ranking List)
4. Fourth Best Result (from the JWC SX Ranking List)
5. Total selection points (total points earned in all selection events listed above)
6. FIS Points List ranking from the 7th FIS Points List

3. Two (2) U.S. Athletes per gender may be selected using the Discretionary Selection Policy as provided in Section B below.

B. Summary of Discretionary Selection Policy:

U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD may select additional athletes to the Team as recommended by the Head Coach and/or Sport Development Staff to the Selection Committee (identified below) using factors other than objective criteria such as the following:

1. Outstanding competition results (including results achieved outside of the selection period).
2. Recent direction or trend of competition results (i.e., improving, flat, or declining).
3. Illness or injury during the selection period.
4. Indicia of medal potential in future Olympic or World Championship competition, which would be materially enhanced by selection to team.
5. 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 Junior World Championships.

The Selection Committee that will be responsible for approving discretionary selections will include the following parties (identified by their title):

1. U.S. Ski & Snowboard President and CEO
2. U.S. Ski & Snowboard, Director of Freeski & Freestyle
3. U.S. Ski & Snowboard, Head Coach of Freeski (Discipline Specific or Sport Development Staff in the case of SX)
4. U.S. Ski & Snowboard, Board Athlete Representative - Freeski

Conflicts of interest may arise for Selection Committee members during the team selection process. Conflicts of interest exist when a Selection Committee member stands to benefit privately from a decision made by the Selection Committee. A conflict may arise, but is not limited to, when a Selection Committee member is in a position to participate in discussion or a
vote concerning an athlete whom he or she coaches or trains privately who is being considered for a position on the Team. In the interest of assuring a fair selection process, the following rules will be followed by the Selection Committee when a conflict of interest arises:

- Any member of the Selection Committee that has a possible conflict of interest must disclose it and must recuse him/herself from the Selection Committee discussions and voting.
- The Selection Committee member should not otherwise influence other members of the Selection Committee in the nomination 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.

The U.S. Ski & Snowboard Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at: www.usskiandsnowboard.org.

**US Ski & Snowboard may remove a selected athlete at any time at its sole discretion and may replace the vacancy pursuant to the relevant selection criteria.**