SELECTION CRITERIA
2020 FIS FREESTYLE JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
Moguls/Dual Moguls – Valmalenco, ITA April 3-4, 2020
Aerials/Aerials Team – Valmalenco, ITA April 5-6, 2020

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:
The total number of athletes will be restricted to the start quota as determined by FIS. In Aerials/Aerials Team and Moguls/Dual Moguls a maximum of 4 women and 4 men may start per event. For specific qualification system rules for establishing team size, go to www.fisski.com.

3. ELIGIBILITY:
The age limit for the 2020 FIS Junior World Championships will be by year of birth: from 2000-2005 for Moguls/Dual Moguls and for Aerials/Aerials Team.

4. NAMING OF PARTICIPANTS:
The U.S. FIS Junior World athletes will be named by at least three (3) weeks prior to the first day of the respective Junior World Championship event. They will be announced at the U.S. Ski & Snowboard offices and posted on the U.S. Ski & Snowboard website.

5. COACHING STAFF:
Maximum Junior World Championships coaching staff will not exceed two (2) coaches. U.S. Ski & Snowboard will send a minimum of one (1) coach. Domestic coach or coaches will be chosen by U.S. Ski & Snowboard.

6. 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.

7. SELECTION PROCEDURES:
A. Summary of Objective Selection Policy:
Athletes shall be nominated to the team objectively based on the following process:

Moguls/Dual Moguls –
Four (4) athletes per gender per discipline (up to eight (8) athletes total) will be selected by objective criteria below until the 4 quota spots are filled. Moguls and Dual Moguls is considered one team, athletes qualified for singles will also compete in duals.

1. One (1) highest ranking U.S. athlete per gender from the 2020 7th FIS Mogul Points List. This FIS Points list is available at www.fis-ski.com.
2. One (1) highest ranking U.S. athlete per gender for the final 2020 NorAm Moguls standings that did not qualify via the criteria in number 1 above.
3. 2020 Junior National Champion - for both genders.
4. If the athletes above decline their invitation, then spots may be passed down the 2020 7th FIS Mogul Points List to the next highest ranked athlete(s).
5. One (1) U.S. athlete per gender may be selected using the Discretionary Selection Policy as provided in Section B below.

Aerials/Aerials Team –

Four (4) athletes per gender per discipline (up to eight (8) athletes total) will be selected by objective criteria below until the 4 quota spots are filled. Aerials and Aerials Team is considered one team, athletes qualified for singles will also compete in Aerials Team as eligible.

1. Two (2) highest ranking U.S. athletes per gender from the 2020 7th FIS Aerials Points List. The FIS Points list is available at www.fis-ski.com
2. One (1) highest ranking U.S. athlete per gender for the final 2020 NorAm Aerials standings, not qualified via the criteria in number 1 above.
3. If the athletes above decline their invitation, then spots may be passed down the 2020 7th FIS Aerials Points List to the next highest ranked athletes.
4. One (1) U.S. athlete 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 using factors other than objective criteria such as the following:

1. Outstanding competition results (including results achieved outside of the 2019/2020 season).
2. Recent direction or trend of competition results (i.e., improving, flat, or declining).
3. Illness or injury during the 2019/2020 season.
4. Indication 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 making discretionary selections will include the following parties (identified by their title):
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.**