

United States Ski & Snowboard

2021-22 U.S. Snowboard Halfpipe Team Nomination Criteria

Eligibility for Consideration:

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, a valid USA-coded FIS license and who meet FIS minimum eligibility standards.

An athlete shall be ineligible for consideration if previously suspended or removed from team membership without having been reinstated by U.S. Ski & Snowboard. An athlete who has previously declined an offer of team membership shall not be automatically offered team membership unless that athlete specifically requests consideration and the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Halfpipe Snowboard Head Coach approves the request.

The U.S. Snowboard Team will select only the most qualified athletes with the greatest possibilities for winning medals in future World Championship and Olympic Winter Games competitions.

Selection criteria will stress progress toward any individual performance markers, set forth by the U.S. Snowboard Team coaches, which point toward international success.

Athletes must demonstrate a capability to adhere to U.S. Ski & Snowboard Values and Code of Conduct to be eligible for nomination.

Criteria Guidelines:

- The U.S. Ski & Snowboard Halfpipe Snowboard Head Coach is responsible for applying the selection criteria set forth herein, subject to the oversight of the U.S. Ski & Snowboard President & CEO, Halfpipe/Slopestyle/Big Air Head Coach, and Sport Director.
- Objective selections shall be based on the results achieved by athletes in competitions held between November 1, 2020 and March 29, 2021 (“the selection period”) and the World Ranking as determined by the Halfpipe World Snowboard Points List (WSPL) valid on April 24th, 2021
- Discretionary nominations, if any, may be based on a variety of factors, including competitions conducted outside of the selection period.
- Team status does not guarantee funding from U.S. Ski & Snowboard for competition or for preparation.
- No minimum team size will be established.
- A maximum of 10 Pro Team athletes and 6 Rookie Team athletes will be nominated using the objective criteria outlined below. If more than 10 Pro Team and 6 Rookie Team athletes qualify under the objective criteria then athletes will be nominated in order of the following priority:

- Athletes qualifying under the two top 3 result based criteria
 - Athletes qualifying under the Top 3 U.S. Ranked men and women criteria
 - Athletes qualifying under the YOB criteria nominating the highest ranked athletes, regardless of YOB, until the maximum team sizes are met.
- Athletes who have been given individual performance criteria to meet will be subject to those specific criteria and not to general criteria as outlined below.
 - Athletes must be willing to commit to and participate in the full U.S. Snowboard Team camp and competition season structure.
 - Athletes who are nominated to the Pro or Rookie Team for the first time will receive a 2-year team nomination.
 - Athletes who achieve the two Top 3 results in World Cup, X-Games, Dew Tour, and U.S. Open competition during the 2020-21 season will receive a 2-year nomination.

Objective Criteria:

OBJECTIVE NOMINATION CRITERIA HALFPIPE

Athletes will be selected to the team based solely upon their competition results during the selection period and the World Ranking as determined Halfpipe World Snowboard Points List (WSPL) valid on April 24th, 2021. Athletes meeting the following objective criteria will be selected to the U.S. Snowboard Team:

PRO TEAM

Athletes meeting the following objective criteria will be selected to the Pro Team. World Rank will be assessed by the Halfpipe World Snowboard Points List (WSPL) valid on April 24th, 2021

- Any athlete achieving two top-3 results in World Cup, X-Games, Dew Tour, and U.S. Open competition during in the 2020-21 season.
- Top 3 U.S. Ranked men and women on the Halfpipe World Snowboard Points List as of April 24th, 2021. Athlete must be ranked Top 10 for men and Top 10 for women to be nominated.

YOB 2000 or older:

- World Rank of 10 or better (men and women).

YOB 2001:

- World Rank of 15 or better (men) and 10 or better (women).

YOB 2002:

- World Rank of 20 or better (men) and 10 or better (women).

YOB 2003:

- World Rank of 20 or better (men) and 10 or better (women).

YOB 2004:

- World Rank of 20 or better (men) and 15 or better (women).

YOB 2005:

- World Rank of 20 or better (men) and 25 or better (women).

ROOKIE TEAM

Athletes meeting the following objective criteria will be selected to the Rookie Team. World Rank will be assessed by the Halfpipe World Snowboard Points List (WSPL) valid on April 24th, 2021.

Age eligibility: Year of Birth 2002-2005

- Top 3 U.S. men and women on the World Snowboard Points List as of April 24th, 2021. Athlete must be ranked Top 30 for men and Top 20 for women to be nominated

YOB 2002:

- World Rank of 30 or better (men) and 20 or better (women).

YOB 2003:

- World Rank of 30 or better (men) and 25 or better (women).

YOB 2004:

- World Rank of 30 or better (men) and 30 or better (women).

YOB 2005:

- World Rank of 30 or better (men) and 50 or better (women).

For both the Pro & Rookie Team Criteria athletes YOB 2006 and younger (2007, 2008 etc.) would be considered under Discretionary Selection Policy outlined below.

Discretionary Selection Policy:

U.S. Ski & Snowboard may select additional athletes to the team using coaches' discretion based upon factors other than the objective criteria. If the coaching staff selects any team nominations with discretionary selections, then the staff may consider any factors including (but not limited to) the following:

- Completion of individual markers, as set forth by the U.S. Snowboard Team coaching staff and as approved by the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Halfpipe Head Coach, which point toward the achievement of competition results consistent with U.S. Snowboard Team program goals.
- Illness or injury during the selection period.
- Indication of medal potential in future Olympic and World Championship competitions, which would be materially enhanced by selection to team.
- Other unanticipated failure of objective criteria to select an athlete likely to achieve competition results consistent with the U.S. Ski & Snowboard program goals

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 team program and/or the athlete does not remain in good standing.