

United States Ski & Snowboard

2021-22 U.S. Freeski Slopestyle/Big Air 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 Slopestyle/Big Air Freeski Head Coach approves the request.

The U.S. Freeski 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. Freeski 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 Slopestyle/Big Air Freeski Head Coach is responsible for applying the selection criteria set forth herein, subject to the oversight of the U.S. Ski & Snowboard President & CEO, Snowboard & Freeski Halfpipe/Slopestyle/Big Air Head Coach, and Sport Director.
- Objective selections shall be based on the results achieved by athletes in competitions held between August 1, 2020 and April 20, 2021 (“the selection period”) and the World Ranking as determined by the 9th FIS Slopestyle Points List of the 2020-21 season and the 9th FIS Big Air Points List of the 2020-21 season or if there are unforeseen changes to the FIS points list schedule then whichever FIS points list is most representative of the 2020-21 season at the time of team nominations.
- 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:

PRO TEAM

- Athletes qualifying under the 2 top 3 result based criteria
- Athletes qualifying under the Top 3 U.S. athletes on the 9th FIS Slopestyle Points List ranked men and women criteria
- Athlete qualifying under the Top 1 U.S. athletes on the 9th FIS Big Air Points List ranked men and woman

ROOKE TEAM

- Athletes qualifying under the Top 2 U.S. athletes on the 9th FIS Slopestyle Points List ranked men and women criteria
 - Athlete qualifying under the Top 1 U.S. athletes on the 9th FIS Big Air Points List ranked men and woman
 - Athletes qualifying under the 2021 NorAm Champion criteria
- 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. 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 2 Top 3 results in World Cup, X-Games, and Dew Tour during the 2020-21 season will receive a 2-year nomination

Objective Criteria:

OBJECTIVE NOMINATION CRITERIA SLOPESTYLE/BIG AIR

Athletes will be selected to the team based solely upon their competition results during the selection period and the World Ranking as determined by the by the 9th FIS Slopestyle Points List of the 2020-21 season and the 9th FIS Big Air Points List of the 2020-21 season Athletes meeting the following objective criteria will be selected to the U.S. Freeski Team:

PRO TEAM

Athletes meeting the following objective criteria will be selected to the Pro Team.

- Any athlete achieving 2 top-3 results in World Cup, X-Games, and Dew Tour, competition during in the 2020-21 season.
- Top 3 U.S. Ranked men and women on the 9th FIS Slopestyle Points List of the 2020-21 season. Athlete must be ranked Top 10 for men and Top 10 for women to be nominated.
- Top 1 U.S. Ranked man and woman on the 9th FIS Big Air Points List of the 2020-21 season. Athlete must be ranked Top 10 for men and Top 10 for women to be nominated.

ROOKIE TEAM

Athletes meeting the following objective criteria will be selected to the Rookie Team.

Age eligibility: YOB 2002 and younger.

- Top 2 U.S. men and women on the 9th FIS Slopestyle Points List of the 2020-21 season. Athlete must be ranked Top 40 for men and Top 20 for women to be nominated
- Top 1 U.S. man and woman on the 9th FIS Big Air Points List of the 2020-21 season. Athlete must be ranked Top 40 men and Top 20 for women to be nominated.
- 2021 Slopestyle/Big Air NorAm Champion.

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. Freeski Team coaching staff and as approved by the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Slopestyle/Big Air Ski Head Coach, which point toward the achievement of competition results consistent with U.S. Freeski 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 athlete does not remain in good standing.