

U. S. Ski & Snowboard
2022-23 Alpine U.S. Ski Team Nomination Criteria

U.S. Ski Team nomination criteria recognize athletic achievements while focusing financial support and resources on current results and future athletic potential. Athletes must adhere to the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Values and Code of Conduct in order to be eligible for nomination.

Eligibility for Consideration

U.S. Ski & Snowboard will consider for selection only those U.S. Ski & Snowboard member athletes in good standing who have a valid U.S. passport, a valid USA-coded FIS license.

An athlete shall be ineligible for consideration if previously suspended or removed from team membership unless reinstated by the U.S. Ski & Snowboard. An athlete who has previously declined an offer of team membership shall not be automatically offered team membership, regardless of results achieved during the competition season, unless that athlete specifically requests consideration and the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Alpine Director and the CEO approve the request.

Team status does not guarantee funding from U.S. Ski & Snowboard for competition or preparation.

Performance Criteria

Only results and rankings from the 2021-2022 season will be considered in the Performance Criteria. Selection criteria referencing the World Cup Start List (WCSL) may apply both the WCSL and the World Cup Standings based on the list published after the World Cup Finals.

Selection criteria using World Rank (WR) and FIS Age World Rank (AWR) are based on the FIS Interne BL list, scheduled for publication April 15, 2022. Final team status will be determined after the 1st FIS points list 2022-2023, scheduled for publication July 1, 2022.

A Team – Women

The women's A Team selection will be based on results and World Cup Start List (WCSL) rank:

- 1 top-3 OWG
- or
- 1 top-20 WCSL (DH, SL, GS, SG)

Discretion: U.S. Ski Team staff may nominate additional athletes based upon factors described below.

B Team – Women

The women's B Team selection will be based on World Cup Start List (WCSL) rank, FIS World Rank (WR), World Junior Ski Championships (WJSC) results, Europa Cup (EC) results, National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Championships results and NorAm fixed World Cup (WC) start spots for the following season.

YOB 1998-1993:

- 1 top-25 WCSL (DH, SL, GS, SG)
- or
- 1 top-5 EC Standings (DH, SL, GS, SG)
- or
- 3 Top-5 results in an event (DH, SL, GS, SG)

YOB 1999

- 1 top-30 WCSL (DH, SL, GS, SG)
- or
- 1 top-10 EC Standings (DH, SL, GS, SG)
- or
- 3 top-10 EC results in an event (DH, SL, GS, SG)

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YOB 2000

- 1 top-45 WCSL and FIS top-45 WR (DH, SL, GS, SG)
or
- NCAA Champion and NorAm fixed start spot to WC (DH, SL, GS, SG)
- or
- 1 top-10 EC Standings
- or
- 3 top-10 EC results in an event (DH, SL, GS, SG)

YOB 2001

- NorAm fixed WC start spot (DH, SL, GS, SG) and FIS top-50 WR (DH, SL, GS, SG)
or
- WJSC medal (*Tech WR required for Speed and AC medals at WJSC: top-135)
or
- 3 top-10 EC results (DH, SL, GS, SG)
or
- NCAA Champion and NorAm fixed start spot to WC (DH, SL, GS, SG)

YOB 2002

- NorAm Fixed WC start spot (DH, SL, GS, SG) and FIS top-50 WR (DH, SL, GS, SG)
or
- WJSC medal (*Tech WR required for Speed and AC medals at WJSC: top-135)
or
- 3 top-10 EC results (DH, SL, GS, SG)
or
- NCAA Champion and NorAm fixed start spot to WC (DH, SL, GS, SG)

YOB 2003 and younger

- WJSC medal (*Tech WR required for Speed and AC medals at WJSC: U19 top-150; U18 and younger top-200)
or
- NCAA Champion and NorAm fixed start spot to WC (DH, SL, GS, SG)
- or
- 3 top-10 EC results (DH, SL, GS, SG)

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C Team – Women

The women's C Team selection will be based on World Cup Start List (WCSL) rank, FIS World Rank (WR), and NorAm season event rank. Athletes must also meet a Tech (SL or GS) WR as described below.

YOB 2001:

- Top-50 WCSL or WR (DH, SL, GS, SG), and top-5 NorAm season event rank (DH, SL, GS, SG), and Tech top-135 WR

YOB 2002:

- Top-60 WR (DH, SL, GS, SG), and top-10 NorAm season event rank, and Tech top-135 WR

YOB 2003:

- Top-80 WR (DH, SL, GS, SG), and top-15 NorAm season event rank (DH, SL, GS, SG), and Tech top-150 WR

YOB 2004 and younger:

- Top-150 WR (DH, SL, GS, SG), and top-20 NorAm season event rank (DH, SL, GS, SG), and Tech top-200 WR

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D Team – Women

The women's D Team selection will be based on FIS Age World Rank (AWR) in Tech (SL or GS) or Speed (DH or SG), NorAm season event rank, and National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Championships results. Athletes must also meet a Tech (SL or GS) WR as described below.

YOB 2002:

- NCAA top 5 and tech top 150 WR, or
- AWR top 10 Tech or top 5 Speed, and Top 10 NorAm season event rank (DH, SL, GS, SG), and Tech top 150 WR

YOB 2003:

- NCAA top 5 and Top 185 WR, or
- AWR top 10 Tech or top 5 Speed, and Top 15 NorAm season event rank (DH, SL, GS, SG), and Tech top 185 WR

YOB 2004:

- AWR top 10 Tech or top 5 Speed, and Top 20 NorAm season event rank (DH, SL, GS, SG), and Tech top 270 WR

YOB 2005:

- AWR top 10 Tech or top 5 Speed, and Top 30 NorAm season event rank (DH, SL, GS, SG), and Tech top 450 WR

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Nomination and naming to all teams requires sports science physical fitness testing and U.S. Ski & Snowboard medical department clearance.

A Team – Men

The men's A Team selection will be based on results and World Cup Start List (WCSL) rank:

- 1 top-3 OWG
or
- 1 top-20 WCSL (DH, SL, GS, SG)

Discretion: U.S. Ski Team staff may nominate additional athletes based upon factors described below.

B Team – Men

The men's B Team selection will be based on World Cup Start List (WCSL) rank FIS World Rank (WR), World Junior Ski Championships (WJSC) results, Europa Cup (EC), National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Championships results, and NorAm fixed World Cup (WC) start spots for the following season.

YOB 1996-1991:

- 1 top-25 WCSL (DH, SL, GS, SG)
- or
- 1 top-5 EC Standings (DH, SL, GS, SG)
- or
- 3 top-5 results in an event (DH, SL, GS, SG)

YOB 1997:

- 1 top-30 WCSL (DH, SL, GS, SG)
or
- 1 top-10 EC Standings (DH, SL, GS, SG)
or
- 3 top-10 EC results in an event (DH, SL, GS, SG)

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YOB 1998:

- 1 top-45 WCSL (DH, SL, GS, SG) and FIS top-45 WR (DH, SL, GS, SG)
or
- NCAA Champion and NorAm fixed start spot to WC (DH, SL, GS, SG)
- or
- 1 top-10 EC Standings (DH, SL, GS, SG)
- or
- 3 top-10 EC results in an event (DH, SL, GS, SG)

YOB 1999:

- 1 top-60 WCSL and FIS top-55 WR (DH, SL, GS, SG)
or
- NCAA Champion and NorAm fixed start spot to WC (DH, SL, GS, SG)
- or
- 3 top-10 EC results (DH, SL, GS, SG)

YOB 2000 and younger

- 1 top-60 WCSL and FIS top-70 WR (DH, SL, GS, SG)
or
- WJSC medal (*Tech WR required for Speed and AC medals at WJSC: top-250)
or
- NorAm fixed WC start spot (DH, SL, GS, SG) and top-70 FIS WR (DH, SL, GS, SG)
and Tech top-250 WR
or
- NCAA Champion and NorAm fixed WC start spot (DH, SL, GS, SG)
- Or
- 3 top-10 EC results (DH, SL, GS, SG)

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C Team – Men

The men's C Team selection will be based on FIS World Rank (WR), and NorAm season event rank or World Junior Ski Championships (WJSC) results. Athletes achieving the WR criteria in Speed (DH or SG) must also meet a Tech (SL or GS) WR as described below.

YOB 2001:

- Top-115 WR (DH, SL, GS, SG), and top-10 NorAm season event rank (DH, SL, GS, SG), and Tech top-250 WR

YOB 2002:

- Top-150 WR (DH, SL, GS, SG), and top-15 NorAm season event rank (DH, SL, GS, SG), and Tech top-250 WR
or
- WJSC top-5 and Tech top-250 WR

YOB 2003 and younger:

- Top-250 WR (DH, SL, GS, SG), and top-30 NorAm season event rank (DH, SL, GS, SG) and Tech top-330 WR
or
- WJSC top-10 and Tech top-330 WR

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D Team – Men

The men's D Team selection will be based on FIS Age World Rank (AWR) in Tech (SL or GS) or Speed (DH or SG), NorAm season event rank, and National Collegiate Athletic Association Championships (NCAA) results. Athletes must also meet a Tech (SL or GS) WR as described below.

YOB 2002:

- NCAA top-10 and top-350 WR
or
- AWR top-10 Tech or top-5 Speed and top-30 NorAm season event rank (DH, SL, GS, SG), and Tech top-350 WR

YOB 2003:

- NCAA top-10 and top-400 WR
or
- AWR top-10 Tech or top-5 Speed and top-45 NorAm season event rank (DH, SL, GS, SG), and Tech top-400 WR

YOB 2004 and younger:

- AWR top-10 Tech or top-5 Speed, and top-60 NorAm season event rank (DH, SL, GS, SG), and tech top-600 WR

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Physical Fitness and SkillsQuest

Nomination and naming to all teams requires sports science physical fitness testing and U.S. Ski & Snowboard medical department clearance. All B, C, and D Team athletes will be required to pass SkillsQuest physical fitness standards prior to official naming. The medical department will be responsible for evaluating any medical situations that may affect physical testing results.

Clauses Applicable to All Athlete Selection Criteria

Discretionary Selection Factors and Methods

Athletes may be selected to teams by discretion considering the following factors circumstances:

- History of hitting significant performance markers at:
 - Olympics and World Championships
 - World Cup
 - Europa Cup
 - NorAm Cup
 - World Junior Championships
- Season-ending injury sustained in the previous 12 months
- Ideal functional size of training and competition groups
- Attitude, commitment, and positive contribution to the athlete development system and team culture

Proposed discretionary selections will be reviewed and discussed by the "Discretion Review Committee" ("DRC") during the Athletic Summit, considering all inputs. Members of the DRC are Sophie Goldschmidt, Jesse Hunt, Paul Kristofic, Forest Carey, and Chip Knight. An explanation will be provided for any decision if requested.

Nomination Extensions

Athletes will be re-nominated for a 2nd year (current team regardless of the age restrictions) following an objective nomination unless there is an exceptional situation. An exceptional situation

is defined by unsatisfactory performance in the following areas as evaluated by the staff and DRC:

- Participation in U.S. Ski Team designed program,
- Physical-strength and conditioning progress relative to individual athlete goals and any team requirements,
- Skiing-technical/tactical progress relative to individual athlete goals, and
- Positive contribution to team culture and values.

Athlete Injury Clause

Any athlete that has been objectively named to the team and sustains a season-ending injury prior to Feb 1 in that subsequent season will be re-nominated to their current team for the subsequent two (2) seasons regardless of age restrictions. Athlete's return from injury sustained after Feb 1 will fall under discretion. In the case of a discretionary nomination the rankings of the athlete at the time of injury will be considered for future discretionary nomination if criteria for future objective nomination are not met. In all cases, in order to retain current team status an injured athlete must follow the prescribed rehabilitation or medical program as approved by the U.S. Ski & Snowboard HP/medical staff, the Alpine Director, and the Head Coach. Travel funding, team re-integration and trip inclusion will be based upon a return to physical fitness level recovery and competitive form as determined by the U.S. Ski & Snowboard medical, high performance and coaching staff.

In Season Promotion

Athletes will not be promoted in season. No athletes will be demoted during the season; however, trip/camp inclusion and or funding may be suspended at any time if progress or commitment is not consistent with the designed program.

Medical Clearance

New athletes named to the team will require a medical clearance for participation. This will be completed by a sport's physical exam by a U.S. Ski & Snowboard approved physician. Once named, athlete will contact the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Medical Director for appropriate paperwork and direction. Medical clearance must be obtained prior to athlete participation in team projects.

Acceptance to Team

Athletes nominated to the team must accept or decline their nomination within ten (10) days after notification. Team naming will occur after nominated athletes have signed the U.S. Ski Team athlete agreement.