

**United States Ski & Snowboard
USA Nordic Sport**

**2022-23 Men's and Women's Ski Jumping World Cup, Continental Cup and FIS Cup Team
Selection Criteria**

Eligibility for Consideration:

USA Nordic Sport (USANS) 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.

USANS provides an equal opportunity to amateur athletes, coaches, trainers, managers, administrators, and officials to participate in amateur athletic competition, without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, age, sex, or national origin, and with fair notice and opportunity for a hearing before declaring any such individual ineligible to participate.

Event Selection criteria:

Criteria Guidelines:

- U.S. Ski & Snowboard policy mandates that team selection criteria shall be principally objective (or performance-based) and that available start rights and team spots will not necessarily be filled.
- The USA Nordic Ski Jumping Head Coach(s) and Team Director are responsible for applying the selection criteria set forth herein, subject to the oversight of the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Chief of Sport.
- No minimum team size will be established.
- The team selected by USA Nordic may consist of any number of athletes up to the FIS World Cup, Continental Cup and FIS Cup quota for the United States.
- The quota for each discipline will be calculated and posted on the FIS website.
- Objective selections shall be based on current WRL standings, current WC points, current COC points and current FIS Cup points.
- Discretionary selections, if any, may be based on a variety of factors as outlined below.
- Any athlete accessing a WC will be representing the USA and therefore will be provided a USA Nordic Uniform. This must be worn at all times in the field of play.

World Cup criteria:

Athletes shall be selected to the team based solely upon current WRL standings, WC points, COC Points, FIS Cup points, and US National Championship results. Athletes shall be selected to the team according to and in order of the criteria below, in order of priority, until the available quota is filled:

1. Athletes who have achieved top 30 in the most recent Individual WC Competitions
2. Athletes who have achieved top 10 in the most recent Individual COC competitions
3. Athletes who are currently ranked in the top 50 of the WRL

If application of these criteria would result in a total team size exceeding the current FIS quota, the following tie-breaking mechanism (in order) shall be used:

- Best single WC performance from the previous WC period
- . Best Single COC performance from the previous COC period

Coaches Discretion:

If quota spots in a competition are unfilled by the objective criteria above, coach's discretion may be used to select athletes according to the following guidelines, in order of priority:

- Previous performance in the event being selected for that would indicate a strong likelihood of performance consistent with team goals and objectives.:
- Demonstrated ability in recent training that would indicate a strong likelihood of scoring World Cup points, as evidenced by the USA Nordic logging system.
- Outstanding performances in Continental Cup and or FIS Cup competitions.
- Indication of podium potential in future World Cup competition (such as international age group results and rankings) that would be materially enhanced by selection.
- Indication of a lack of progress after many World Cup opportunities may negatively affect a discretionary selection.

Discretionary Selections:

Discretionary nominations are made by a USANS Discretionary Selection Committee. All nominations are then sent to the USANS Ski Jumping Team Director for final approval. For more information about the USANS Discretionary Selection Committee, please contact the USANS Ski Jumping Team Director at: anders@usanordic.org

All discretionary selections will be reviewed by a Discretionary Selection Committee, composed of the USANS Ski Jumping Team Director, USANS Ski Jumping staff, regional head coaches, the USANS Sport Committee board chair, the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Chief of Sport, and the athlete representative from that sport who is a member of the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Board. If the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Board Athlete Representative is also a currently competing athlete, then another athlete, who is not actively competing, will be selected by the Athletes' Council to be the representative in this group.

Team Selection:

The team will be selected at the latest, 2 days prior to the following World Cup competitions, and will be notified by the USANS Team Director or Head Coach.

Continental Cup criteria:

Athletes shall be selected to the team based solely upon current WRL standings, WC points, COC Points, FIS Cup points, and US National Championship results. Athletes shall be selected to the team according to and in order of the criteria below, in order of priority, until the available quota is filled:

1. Athletes who have qualified in the most recent WC Competitions
2. Athletes who have achieved top 30 in the most recent COC competitions
3. Athletes who are currently ranked in the top 50 of the current COC standings
4. Athletes who have recently scored FIS Cup points

If application of these criteria would result in a total team size exceeding the current FIS quota, the following tie-breaking mechanism (in order) shall be used:

- Best single COC performance from the previous COC period
- . Best Single FIS Cup performance from the previous FIS Cup period

Coaches Discretion:

If quota spots in a competition are unfilled by the objective criteria above, coach's discretion may be used to select athletes according to the following guidelines, in order of priority:

- Previous performance in the event being selected for that would indicate a strong likelihood of performance consistent with team goals and objectives.:
- Demonstrated ability in recent training that would indicate a strong likelihood of scoring Continental Cup points, as evidenced by the USA Nordic logging system.
- Outstanding performances in FIS Cup and or domestic competitions.

- Indication of podium potential in future Continental Cup competition (such as international age group results and rankings) that would be materially enhanced by selection.
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Team Selection:

The team will be selected at the latest, 1 week prior to the following Continental Cup competitions, and will be notified by the USANS Team Director or Head Coach.

FIS Cup criteria:

Athletes shall be selected to the team based solely upon current WRL standings, WC points, COC Points, FIS Cup points, Domestic competition results (including but not limited to US National Championships, US Cup competitions and USA Nordic Junior National Championships) and USA Nordic Team status. Athletes shall be selected to the team according to and in order of the criteria below, in order of priority, until the available quota is filled:

1. Athletes who are currently named to the USA Nordic National Team (A, B and C team members)
2. Athletes who are currently named to the USA Nordic Junior National Team
3. Athletes who have scored FIS Cup points in the previous calendar season
4. Athletes who achieved a top 5 finish at US National Championships

If application of these criteria would result in a total team size exceeding the current FIS quota, the following tie-breaking mechanism (in order) shall be used:

- Best single FIS Cup performance from the previous FIS Cup period
- . Best Single US National Championship performance from the most recent US National Championship event

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- Previous performance in the event being selected for that would indicate a strong likelihood of performance consistent with team goals and objectives.:
- Demonstrated ability in recent training that would indicate a strong likelihood of scoring FIS Cup points.
- Outstanding performances in domestic competitions (including but not limited to US National Championships, US Cup competitions and USA Nordic Junior National Championships) .
- Indication of podium potential in future FIS Cup and Continental Cup competition (such as international age group results and rankings) that would be materially enhanced by selection.
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Team Selection:

The team will be selected at the latest, 2 weeks prior to the upcoming FIS Cup competitions, and will be notified by the USANS Team Director or Head Coach.

U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD APPEAL AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

Any member who believes that he/she has wrongfully been denied membership on any team whose members are selected through participation in “protected competition,” as that term is defined in the USOC Bylaws, shall be entitled to appeal such a decision. The U.S. Ski & Snowboard Grievance Procedures can be found within section IX of the U.S. Ski & Snowboard bylaws found at: usskiandsnowboard.org

ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN

Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete that are not answered by U.S. Ski & Snowboard may contact the USOC Athlete Ombudsman, Kacie Wallace, by:

- Telephone at (719) 866-5000
- Toll-free telephone at (888) ATHLETE (1-888-284-5383)
- E-mail at Kacie.wallace@usoc.org
- www.athleteombudsman.org
- <http://www.teamusa.org/For-Athletes/Athlete-Ombudsman.aspx>