

Halfpipe, Slopestyle & Big Air Freeski World Cup Selection Criteria 2023-24

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.

U.S. Ski & Snowboard 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, gender, gender identity, or national origin, and with fair notice and opportunity for a hearing before declaring any such individual ineligible to participate.

Criteria Guidelines

- U.S. Ski & Snowboard mandates that team selection criteria shall be principally objective (e.g. performance-based).
- The U.S Ski & Snowboard Freeski Sport Director is responsible for applying the selection criteria set forth herein.
- The quota of start rights per nation is set annually by the FIS and is subject to change. Any change to the quota start right per nation could result in a revision of this criteria.
- U.S. Ski & Snowboard will determine, at its discretion, the specific gender totals up to the 10 athletes total, max of 6 per gender quota allocation.
 - Max team size set for Nations Spots is not impacted by the Host Nation spots, Elite, or personal spots as defined below.
- Athletes must meet the minimum FIS point requirement for entry into any World Cup.

HALFPIPE SKIING INTERNATIONAL WORLD CUPS

2023-24 Nations Spots (Basic + Additional) – Four (4) men / Three (3) women Elite Spots – Four (4) men / Two (2) women Personal Spots* - Birk Irving (2022-23 Globe winner), Nick Geiser (2022-23 NorAm winner)

- Top Six (6) U.S. men and top Three (3) U.S. women athletes ranked on the 2023 FIS Halfpipe Base List
- If athlete declines their start position, from above, then start may be filled using coach discretion
- If coach discretion isn't utilized then the next ranked athletes on the FIS Points List referenced above may be selected



MALE:

OBJECTIVELY QUALIFIED

- 1. Birk Irving*
- 2. Alex Ferrera
- 3. David Wise
- 4. Tristan Feinberg
- 5. Aaron Blunck
- 6. Hunter Hess

REMAINING QUOTA

- 7. Dylan Ladd
- 8. Cameron Brodrick

NEXT RANKED on 2023 FIS Halfpipe Base Points list

- Matt Labaugh
- Taylor Seaton
- Cassidy Jarrell
- Nick Geiser*

PERSONAL SPOTS

*Birk Irving (2022-23 Globe winner)
*Nick Geiser (2022-23 NorAm winner)

FEMALE:

OBJECTIVELY QUALIFIED

- 1. Hanna Faulhaber
- 2. Svea Irving
 - ° Brita Sigourney
- 3. Riley Jacobs

REMAINING QUOTA

Carly Margulies (Retired)

- 4. Kate Grey
- 5. Piper Arnold

NEXT RANKED on 2023 FIS Halfpipe Base Points list

- Marley Leavitt
- Nikita Rubocki

PERSONAL SPOTS

*N/A

° OBJECTIVELY QUALIFIED Brita Sigourney (Retired)

COPPER & MAMMOTH HALFPIPE GRAND PRIX

2023-24 Nations Spots (Basic + Additional) – Four (4) men / Three (3) women Elite Spots – Four (4) men / Two (2) women (elite spots do not count toward max team size) Personal Spots* Birk Irving (2022-23 Globe winner), Nick Geiser (2022-23 NorAm winner) 2023-24 Host Nation Spots– Five (5) men / Three (3) women

- Top Ten (10) U.S. men and top Six (6) U.S. women ranked on the 2024 FIS Halfpipe Base Points list.
- If athlete declines their start position, from above, then start may be filled using coach discretion
- If coach discretion isn't utilized then the next ranked athletes on the FIS Points List referenced above may be selected.



OBJECTIVELY QUALIFIED	OBJECTIVELY QUALIFIED
1. Birk Irving*	Hanna Faulhaber
2. Alex Ferrera	2. Svea Irving
3. David Wise	°Brita Sigourney
4. Tristan Feinberg	3. Riley Jacobs
5. Aaron Blunck	°Carly Margulies
6. Hunter Hess	4. Kate Grey
7. Dylan Ladd	5. Piper Arnold
8. Cameron Brodrick	6. Marley Leavitt
9. Matt Labaugh	
10. Taylor Seaton	
REMAINING QUOTA	REMAINING QUOTA
11. Cassidy Jarrell	7. Nikita Rubocki
12. Nick Geiser*	8. Elaina Krusiewski
13. Connor Ladd	O. Liailia Niusiewski
13. Comilor Ladd	
NEXT RANKED on 2024 FIS Halfpipe	NEXT RANKED on 2024 FIS Halfpipe Base Points list
Base Points list	Tatym Smith
Eugene Morris	Izzy Worthington
Cael McCarthy	Kaitlyn Reital
Ben Fethke	Finley Good
 Nathanial Bourgoin 	
Hunter Carey	
Aaron Durlester	PERSONAL SPOTS

PERSONAL SPOTS

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*Birk Irving (2022-23 Globe winner)

*Nick Geiser (2022-23 NorAm winner)

*N/A

° OBJECTIVELY QUALIFIED – Brita Sigourney

(Retired), Carly Margulies (Retired)

SLOPESTYLE SKIING INTERNATIONAL WORLD CUPS

2023-24 Quota Spots - Four (4) men / One (1) woman Elite Spots - Two (2) men / Two (2) women Personal Spots*- Jay Riccomini (2022-23 NorAm winner)

- Top Four (4) U.S. men and top Two (2) U.S. women athletes ranked on the 2024 FIS Slopestyle Base Points list.
- If an athlete declines their start position, from above, then start may be filled using coach discretion.



Coach discretion may be used to fill any remaining starts up to nations quota. If coach
discretion isn't utilized then the next ranked athletes on the FIS Slopestyle Points List
referenced above may be selected.

OBJECTIVELY QUALIFIED 1. Alex Hall 2. Colby Stevenson 3. Mac Forehand 4. Konnor Ralph	OBJECTIVELY QUALIFIED 1. Caroline Claire 2. Grace Henderson
REMAINING QUOTA 5. Cody Laplante 6. Hunter Henderson	REMAINING QUOTA 3. Maggie Voisin
NEXT RANKED on 2024 FIS Slopestyle Base Points list	NEXT RANKED on 2024 FIS Slopestyle Base Points list. • Marin Hamill • Rell Harwood • Jay Riccomini*
PERSONAL SPOTS *N/A	PERSONAL SPOTS *Jay Riccomini (2022-23 NorAm winner)

MAMMOTH SLOPESTYLE GRAND PRIX

2023-24 Nations Spots - Four (4) men / One (1) woman Elite Spots - Two (2) men / Two (2) women Personal Spots*- Jay Riccomini Host Nations Spots - Five (5) men / Three (3) women

- Top Eight (8) U.S. men and top Five (5) U.S. women ranked on the 2024 FIS Slopestyle Base Points list.
- If an athlete declines their start position, from above, then start may be filled using coach discretion.
- Coach discretion may be used to fill any remaining starts up to nations quota. If coach discretion isn't utilized then the next ranked athletes on the FIS Slopestyle Points List referenced above may be selected.



OBJECTIVELY QUALIFIED

- Alex Hall
- 2. Colby Stevenson
- 3. Mac Forehand
- 4. Konnor Ralph
- 5. Cody Laplante
- 6. Hunter Henderson
- 7. Troy Podmilsak °Nick Goepper
- 8. James Kanzler

REMAINING QUOTA

- 9. Peter Raich
- 10. Charlie Gnoza
- 11. Rodney Koford

NEXT RANKED

- Richard Thomas
- Tanner Blakely
- Luke Votaw

PERSONAL SPOTS

*N/A

°OBJECTIVELY QUALIFIED

Nick Goepper (Retired)

OBJECTIVELY QUALIFIED

- 1. Caroline Claire
- 2. Grace Henderson
- 3. Maggie Voisin
- 4. Marin Hamill
- 5. Rell Harwood

REMAINING QUOTA

6. Jay Riccomini*

NEXT RANKED

- Bella Bacon
- Elaina Kruiewski
- Ellie Derosier

PERSONAL SPOTS

*Jay Riccomini (2022-23 NorAm winner)

BIG AIR SKIING INTERNATIONAL WORLD CUPS

2023-24 Nations Spots - Three (3) men / Two (2) women Elite spots - Two (2) men / One (1) woman Personal Spots* - Jay Riccomini (2022-23 NorAm winner)

- Top Two (2) U.S. men and top One (1) U.S. woman ranked on the 2023 FIS Big Air Base Points list.
- Top One (1) U.S. man and top One (1) U.S. woman ranked on the 2023 FIS Slopestyle Base Points list.
- If an athlete declines their start position, from above, then start may be filled using coach discretion.
- Coach discretion may be used to fill any remaining starts up to nations quota. If coach discretion isn't utilized then the next ranked athletes on the FIS Slopestyle Points List referenced above may be selected.



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- 1. Troy Podmilsak
- 2. Alex Hall

REMAINING QUOTA

3. Colby Stevenson

NEXT RANKED

- Mac Forehand
- Konnor Ralph
- Cody Laplante
- Hunter Henderson

PERSONAL SPOTS

*N/A

OBJECTIVELY QUALIFIED

1. Caroline Claire

REMAINING QUOTA

2. Grace Henderson

NEXT RANKED

- Maggie Voisin
- Marin Hamill
- Rell Harwood

PERSONAL SPOTS

*Jay Riccomini (2022-23 NorAm winner)

USA BIG AIR GRAND PRIX

2023-24 Nations Spots - Three (3) men / Two (2) women Personal Spots* - Jay Riccomini (2022-23 NorAm winner) Host Nations Spots - Five (5) men / Three (3) women

Criteria:

- Top Two (2) U.S. men and One (1) U.S. woman ranked on the 2024 FIS Big Air Base Points list.
- Top Six (6) U.S. men and Two (2) U.S. women ranked on 2024 FIS Slopestyle Base Points list.
- If an athlete declines their start position, from above, then start may be filled using coach discretion.
- Coach discretion may be used to fill any remaining starts up to nations quota. If coach
 discretion isn't utilized then the next ranked athletes on the FIS Slopestyle Points List
 referenced above may be selected.

OBJECTIVELY QUALIFIED

- 1. Troy Podmilsak
- 2. Alex Hall
- 3. Colby Stevenson
- 4. Mac Forehand
- 5. Konnor Ralph
- 6. Cody Laplante
- 7. Hunter Henderson

REMAINING QUOTA

Nick Goepper (Retired)

8. James Kanzler

OBJECTIVELY QUALIFIED

- 1. Caroline Claire
- 2. Grace Henderson

REMAINING QUOTA

- 3. Maggie Voisin
- 4. Marin Hamill
- 5. Rell Harwood

NEXT RANKED

- Jay Riccomini*
- Bella Bacon
- Elaina Krusiewski



NEXT RANKED	PERSONAL SPOTS
 Peter Raich Charlie Gnoza Rodney Koford Richard Thomas Tanner Blakely 	*Jay Riccomini (2022-23 NorAm winner)
PERSONAL SPOTS *N/A	

DISCRETIONARY SELECTIONS

Athletes who have not met the Objective Criteria may be selected to the team based on a variety of factors, including competitions outside of the selection period, and/or they satisfy any of the following:

- Outstanding competition results from the 2022-23 and 2023-24 seasons, indicating a
 potential for success.
- Recent positive direction or trend of competition results indicating a potential for success.
- Indication of medal potential in future elite level competition (such as international age group results and age rankings) that would be materially enhanced by selection to the team.

All discretionary selections will be reviewed by a discretionary selection review group comprised of the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Freeski Sport Director, the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Chief of Sport, and the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Freeski Athlete Representative to the Board of Directors. If the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Freeski 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.

U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD APPEAL AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

Any member who believes that he/she/they has wrongfully been denied membership on any team whose members are selected through participation in "protected competition," as that term is defined in the USOPC 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 USOPC Athlete Ombuds Office:

- Telephone at (719) 866-5000
- Toll-free telephone at (888) ATHLETE (1-888-284-5383)
- E-mail at Ombudsman@usathlete.org
- https://www.teamusa.org/athlete-ombuds