



## [2025 FIS Freestyle Junior Ski World Championships](#)

**Almaty, Kazakhstan  
Jan 4-7, 2025**

### **1. Selection Criteria Guidelines**

U.S. Ski & Snowboard will select only the most qualified athletes with the greatest opportunity for winning medals at the 2025 FIS Freestyle Junior World Championships.

### **2. Eligibility**

Only 2005-2011 years of birth who are licensed U.S. Ski & Snowboard and FIS athletes in good standing with a valid US passport are eligible for consideration. All injured athletes must be cleared by U.S. Ski & Snowboard staff before being considered for naming to the team.

### **3. Start Right**

The start rights, per discipline and gender, are subject to the U.S. earning those quota spots in the respective discipline and gender through the International Ski Federation (FIS) respective quota process for each discipline.

### **4. Team Size**

U.S. Ski & Snowboard may select any number of athletes up to the total number of start quotas as determined by FIS. In Moguls/Dual Moguls/Dual Mogul Team (MO/DM/DMT)\* and Aerials/Aerials Team (AE/AET), a maximum of up to six (6) athletes per gender may start per event.

The same six (6) athletes per gender will start in MO/DM.

Team Events - In each of the team events, Aerial Team (AET) and Dual Mogul Team (DMT), each Nation is permitted to enter up to three (3) teams.

- AET will include three (3) athletes consisting of - One (1) female and two (2) male athletes or two (2) female and (1) male athletes.
- DMT will include two (2) athletes consisting of - One (1) female and one (1) male.

### **5. Team Selection Procedure and Criteria**

**Moguls/Dual Moguls** – Up to five (5) athletes per gender will be nominated to the team as follows:

1. Age eligible US Ski Team athletes.
2. The top two (2) men & two (2) women from the 6th Freestyle//Freeski FIS Points List 2024/2025 that are age eligible.



3. The next three (3) quota spots will be determined thru the U.S Selections Ranking List ranking list utilizing the athlete's two (2) results via [World Cup rule 1.7 World Cup Points 1.7.1 Points Breakdown](#) from the following events:
  - a. December 2024 U.S. Selection Moguls
  - b. December 2024 U.S. Selection Dual Moguls

**Tie Breaking** - If there is a tie for any quota position, the tie will be broken as follows:

- The FIS ranking from the 6th Freestyle//Freeski FIS Points List 2024/2025 will be utilized.
- If still tied, then Coach discretion shall be used.

In the case of an event(s) cancellation and the results cannot be used, then the athletes will be named from the 6th Freestyle//Freeski FIS Points List 2024/2025

**Aerials** – Up to five (5) athletes per gender will be nominated to the team as follows:

1. Age eligible US Ski Team athletes.
2. The top five (5) men & five (5) women from the 6th Freestyle//Freeski FIS Points List 2024/2025 that are age eligible.

Aerials Team (AET) Results will not factor into the selection process.

**Tie Breaking** - If there is a tie for any quota position, the tie will be broken as follows:

- The best aerial NorAm result from the 2023/2024 season will be utilized.
- If still tied, then Coach discretion shall be used.

**Team Events** - The team event spots will be determined thru a ranking list utilizing the athlete's two (2) results in MO/DM and the athlete's one (1) result in AE via [World Cup rule 1.7 World Cup Points 1.7.1 Points Breakdown](#) from the following events:

Moguls

- 2025 FIS Freestyle Junior World Ski Championships – Moguls
- 2025 FIS Freestyle Junior World Ski Championships – Dual Moguls

Aerials

- 2025 FIS Freestyle Junior World Ski Championships – Aerials

## 6.Event Cancellation

In the case of an event(s) cancellation

- MO/DM one event can be utilized for ranking



- If both events are canceled athletes will be named from the 6th Freestyle/Freeski FIS Points List 2024/2025
- if the 2025 FIS Freestyle Junior World Ski Championships - MO, DM, AE events are canceled DMT, AET athletes will be named from the 6th Freestyle/Freeski FIS Points List 2024/2025

## 7.Remaining Team Nomination Criteria

The sixth (6) quota slot per gender per discipline will be evaluated under Discretionary Selection Procedures.

If Discretionary Selection Procedures are not utilized, U.S. Ski and Snowboard will return to the the following lists to fill the remaining quota spots.

- Moguls/Dual Moguls - U.S Selections Ranking List ranking list utilizing the athlete's two (2) results via [World Cup rule 1.7 World Cup Points 1.7.1 Points Breakdown](#) from the following events:
  - December 2024 U.S. Selection Moguls
  - December 2024 U.S. Selection Dual Moguls
- Aerials - 6th Freestyle//Freeski FIS Points List 2024/2025 to fill the remaining quota spots.

## DISCRETIONARY SELECTIONS

Athletes who have not met the Objective Criteria may be selected for 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 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 seasons indicate a potential for success
- The recent positive direction or trend of competition results indicates a potential for success.
- Indication of medal potential in future elite-level competitions (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 composed of the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Sport Director, 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.

## 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 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](#).

#### 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:

- Telephone at (719) 866-5000
- Toll-free telephone at (888) ATHLETE (1-888-284-5383)
- E-mail at [Ombudsman@usathlete.org](mailto:Ombudsman@usathlete.org) • [www.athleteombudsman.org](http://www.athleteombudsman.org)

### 8. Determining Start Right

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, sex, gender identity, or national origin, and with fair notice and opportunity for a hearing before declaring any such individual ineligible to participate.

An athlete shall be ineligible for consideration if he/she/they is not fit to perform at their highest level at the time selections are made due to any injury or illness from which he/she/they is not expected to recover adequately by the time of the 2023 FIS Freestyle Junior World Ski Championships as verified by U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD Athletics Staff. Such determination shall be at the discretion of the Sport Director after consulting with the U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD High Performance and Sport Coaching staff, the Head Team Physician, and the athlete's designated physician.

All qualifying competitions are governed by the international federation rules of competition. The International Federation for Snowsports, as recognized by the IOC, is the FIS. All criteria as they relate to rules, regulations and competition calendars are subject to changes based on changes by the FIS, the USOPC and the IOC. All other U.S. Ski & Snowboard rules, including its [Code of Conduct](#), as well as the [U.S. Center for SafeSport Code](#) shall apply to the criteria.

The coaching staff is responsible for applying the selection criteria set forth herein, subject to the approval of the U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD Chief of Sport.

### 9. Announcement of Selections

Selections to the 2025 FIS Freestyle Junior World Ski Championships team will be announced on December 17, 2025, at the offices of U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD in Park City, Utah, and posted on [U.S. Ski & Snowboard](#).

Athletes may be recognized and eligible for selection; however, they will only be registered upon a commitment to attend this **self-funded** event and upon submission of a deposit in advance of



the event. All athletes are responsible for cost-sharing the expenses of the team doctor and/or physio, team leader and coaches for their respective discipline(s).

## **10. Medical Clearance**

Athletes named to the team will require proof of medical clearance for participation dated no longer than 6 months before departure to the Championship, this is to be supplied in the form of a sports physical exam. Once named, the athlete will submit paperwork to the Team Leader as designated by U.S. Ski & Snowboard. If an athlete has been injured between the date of their physical and departure for the Championships, additional clearance specific to that injury will be required.

Dated: Aug 30, 2024