



2025-26 U.S. SNOWBOARD CROSS 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 Snowboard Cross (SBX) Head Coach approves the request.

The U.S. Snowboard Team will select only the most qualified athletes with the greatest possibilities for winning medals in future World Championship and Olympic Winter Games competitions.

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 SBX Head Coach is responsible for applying the selection criteria herein, subject to the oversight of the U.S. Ski & Snowboard - Snowboard Sport Director and Chief of Sport.
- Objective selections shall be based on the results achieved by athletes in FIS competitions held between December 13, 2024, and April 6, 2025 (the "Selection Period") and the FIS World Rank as determined by the 13th FIS Points List for Snowboard Cross 2024-25 Season.
- 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 twelve (12) A/B Team athletes and four (4) Development Group athletes will be nominated using the criteria outlined below.
- If more than twelve (12) A/B Team and four (4) Development Group athletes qualify under the criteria, then athletes will be nominated in order of priority as outlined in Objective Criteria below. If ties exist following the final bullet, priority will be applied in order of the single best World Cup result. This process may repeat as many times as needed to break the tie.
- Athletes must be willing to commit to and to participate in the full U.S. Snowboard Team camp and competition season structure.



OBJECTIVE NOMINATION CRITERIA SNOWBOARDCROSS

Athletes meeting the following objective criteria during the Selection Period, which are listed in order of priority, may be selected for the U.S. Snowboard Team within the maximum team size limits outlined above:

A-TEAM

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

1. One (1) podium result in a Snowboardcross World Cup or World Championship individual competition.
2. Two (2) cumulative top five (5) results in Snowboardcross World Cup or World Championship individual competitions.
3. FIS World Rank less than or equal to (\leq) ten (10) (i.e. World Rank 1-10).

B-TEAM

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

1. Two (2) cumulative top eight (8) results in Snowboardcross World Cup or World Championship individual competitions.
2. Three (3) cumulative top sixteen (16) results in Snowboardcross World Cup or World Championship individual competitions.
3. FIS World Rank of ≤ 35 for men or ≤ 20 for women. (i.e. World Rank 11-35 for men and 11-20 for women).
4. NorAm Tour top three (3) overall 2025 rank and one (1) or more top 32 (men) or top 16 (women) at a 2024/25 FIS World Cup competition.

SNOWBOARDCROSS DEVELOPMENT GROUP

Athletes meeting the following objective criteria will be selected to the Development Group.

1. The top ranked athlete, YOB 2003 or younger, who is in the top three (3) of the final 2025 SBX NorAm Cup standings.
 - a. Additional competitors in the Top Three (2nd and/or 3rd place) will be also nominated only if they have achieved a minimum of 125 FIS points.
2. One (1) top three (3) result at 2025 Individual SBX Jr. World Championships.
3. YOB 2003 - 2009: FIS World Rank of ≤ 65 for men or ≤ 40 for women.



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:

- Illness or injury during the Selection Period that interferes with the athlete's ability to meet objective criteria.
- Indication of medal potential in future Olympic and World Championship competitions, which would be materially enhanced by selection to team.

Renomination of any named team athlete by discretion will be based on objective performance benchmarks within the individualized athlete plan that exists for all named team athletes as established by U.S. Ski & Snowboard Staff.

ATHLETE INJURY CLAUSE

Any athlete that has been objectively named to the team and sustains a season-ending injury (as declared by the VP of High Performance) prior to February 1st will be re-nominated to their current team for the subsequent season. In certain exceptional cases due to severe injury certain athletes may be granted a 2-year re-nomination to give them time to return to peak performance. Such 2-year re-nomination will be communicated to the athlete prior to the beginning of the selection period of the second year.

Athlete's renomination following an injury sustained after February 1st will fall under discretion if objective nomination criteria have not been met, which is not guaranteed. In this circumstance the ranking at time of injury will be considered towards discretionary nomination.

In all cases, in order to retain current team status an injured athlete must follow the prescribed rehabilitation or medical program along with an approved return to performance on snow progression as approved by U.S. Ski & Snowboard High Performance, the Snowboard Sport Director, and the SBX Head Coach. Travel funding, team re-integration and trip inclusion will be based upon passing of Return to Performance tests and sport specific 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, funding may be suspended at any time if progress or commitment is not consistent with the team program and/or the athlete does not remain in good standing.

Dated: August 1, 2024.