



2024 FIS Freestyle Junior World Ski Championships
Valmalenco, Italy
April 3-7, 2024

1. Selection Criteria Guidelines

U.S. Ski & Snowboard will select only the most qualified athletes with the greatest opportunity for winning medals at the 2024 FIS Junior World Championships (“WJSC”).

2. Eligibility

Only age-eligible years of birth 2004 – 2009 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.

The maximum team size for a nation is thirty-eight (38) athletes, with the maximum total per gender of twenty-two (22) athletes. Athletes named to the team will start in the event they qualify for.

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 four (4) athletes per gender may start per event.

*The same four (4) 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 two (2) teams.

- AET will include three (3) athletes consisting of - One (1) female and two (2) male athletes or two (2) female and one (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 three (3) athletes per gender will be nominated to the team as follows:

Athletes must hold a minimum of 100 FIS points on the 2024 11th Freestyle Ski FIS MO points list.

1. The top three (3) men & three (3) women from the 2024 11th FIS Mogul Points List ranked in the Top 20.
2. The remaining quota spots will be determined from the athlete's two (2) best results via World Cup rule 1.7 World Cup Points 1.7.1 Points Breakdown (also listed in Continental Cup rule 7) from the following events:
 - December 2023 U.S. Selection Moguls
 - December 2023 U.S. Selection Dual Moguls
 - February 2024 Deer Valley NorAm Moguls
 - February 2024 Deer Valley NorAm Dual Moguls
 - February 2024 Apex NorAm Moguls
 - February 2024 Apex NorAm Dual Moguls
 - February 2024 Val St Come NorAm Moguls
 - February 2024 Val St Come NorAm Dual Moguls
 - March 2024 Stratton NorAm Moguls
 - March 2024 Stratton NorAm Dual Moguls

**Qualifying results can include:

- A maximum of one (1) dual moguls result

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

- The next best result from the above list of events
- If still tied, the next best result from the above list of events will be utilized until the tie is broken.
- If still tied, the FIS ranking from the 2024 11th FIS Mogul Points List will be utilized.
- If still tied, then Coach's Discretion shall be used.

Aerials – Up to three (3) athletes per gender will be nominated to the team as follows:

Athletes must hold a minimum of 75 FIS points on the 2024 11th Freestyle Ski AE FIS points list.



1. The top three (3) men & three (3) women from the 11th FIS Mogul Points List ranked in the Top 20.
2. The remaining quota spots will be determined from the athlete's two (2) best results via World Cup rule 1.7 World Cup Points 1.7.1 Points Breakdown (also listed in Continental Cup rule 7) from the following events:
 - January 2024 U.S. Aerials FIS Open
 - January 2024 U.S. Aerials Nationals
 - February 2024 Lac Beauport NorAm Aerials #1
 - February 2024 Lac Beauport NorAm Aerials #2
 - March 2024 Lake Placid NorAm Aerials #1
 - March 2024 Lake Placid NorAm Aerials #2

*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 next best result from the above list of events
- If still tied, the next best result from the above list of events will be utilized until the tie is broken.
- If still tied, the FIS ranking from the 2024 11th Freestyle Ski AE FIS points list will be utilized.
- If still tied, then Coach discretion shall be used.

Team Events - The team event spots will be determined from the athlete's two (2) best results in MO/DM and the athlete's result in AE (1) via World Cup rule 1.7 World Cup Points 1.7.1 Points Breakdown (also listed in Continental Cup rule 7) from the following events:

Moguls

- 2024 FIS Freestyle Junior World Ski Championships – Moguls
- 2024 FIS Freestyle Junior World Ski Championships – Dual Moguls

Aerials

- 2024 FIS Freestyle Junior World Ski Championships – Aerials

In the case of an event(s) cancellation (MO/DM one event can be utilized if needed) and the results cannot be used, then team event athletes will be named from item #5 of the Team Selection Procedure and Criteria.



6. Remaining Team Nomination Criteria

The fourth (4) 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 ranking lists generated through item # 5 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 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 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 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 Ombudsman@usathlete.org
- www.athleteombudsman.org

7. 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.

8. Announcement of Selections

Selections to the 2024 FIS Freestyle Junior World Ski Championships team shall be announced on March 3, 2024 at the offices of U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD in Park City, Utah, and shall be posted on the [U.S. Ski & Snowboard](http://www.usandsnowboard.org) website (www.usandsnowboard.org).

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 the coaches for their respective discipline(s).

9. 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: October 20, 2023