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## **2021-22 Alpine U.S. Ski Team Nomination Criteria**

U.S. Ski Team nomination criteria recognize athletic achievements while focusing financial support and resources on current results and future athletic potential.

Athletes must adhere to the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Values and Code of Conduct in order to be eligible for nomination.

### **Eligibility for Consideration**

U.S. Ski & Snowboard will consider for selection only those U.S. Ski & Snowboard member athletes in good standing who have a valid FIS license.

In addition, an athlete shall be ineligible for consideration if previously suspended or removed from team membership unless reinstated by the U.S. Ski & Snowboard. Athletes who have previously declined an offer of team membership shall not be automatically offered team membership, regardless of results achieved during the competition season. An exception can be made if an athlete specifically requests reinstatement and the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Alpine Director and the CEO approve the request.

Team status does not guarantee funding from U.S. Ski & Snowboard for competition or preparation.

### **Performance Criteria**

Only results and rankings from the 2020-21 season will be considered in the Performance Criteria. However, the 2021-22 FIS Interne BL list will include 2019-20 FIS point results.

Selection criteria referencing the World Cup Start List (WCSL) may apply both the WCSL and the World Cup Standings based on the list published after the World Cup Finals.

Selection criteria using World Rank (WR) and FIS Age World Rank (AWR) are based on the FIS Interne BL list, scheduled for publication April 14, 2021 Final team status will be determined after the 1<sup>st</sup> FIS points list 2021/2022, scheduled for publication July 11, 2021

### **A Team – Women**

The women's A Team selection will be based on results and World Cup Start List (WCSL) rank:

- 1 top 3 WSC
- or
- 1 top 20 WCSL (DH,SL,GS,SG)

Discretion

- U.S. Ski Team staff may nominate additional athletes based upon factors described below.

### **B Team – Women**

The women's B Team selection will be based on World Cup Start List (WCSL) rank, FIS World Rank (WR), World Junior Ski Championships (WJSC) results, Europa Cup (EC) results, National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Championships results and NorAm fixed World Cup (WC) start spots for the following season.

YOB 1997-1992:

- 1 top 25 WCSL (DH,SL,GS,SG)

YOB 1998

- 1 top 30 WCSL (DH,SL,GS,SG)

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YOB 1999

- 1 top 45 WCSL and FIS top 45 WR (DH,SL,GS,SG), or
- NCAA Champion and NorAm fixed start spot to WC (DH, SL, GS, SG)

YOB 2000

- NorAm fixed WC start spot (DH,SL,GS,SG) and FIS top 50 WR (DH,SL,GS,SG), or
- WJSC medal (\*Tech WR required for Speed and AC medals at WJSC: top 135), or
- 3 Top 5 EC results (DH,SL,GS,SG), or
- NCAA Champion and NorAm fixed start spot to WC (DH, SL, GS, SG)

YOB 2001

- NorAm Fixed WC start spot (DH,SL,GS,SG) and FIS top 50 WR (DH,SL,GS,SG), or
- WJSC medal (\*Tech WR required for Speed and AC medals at WJSC: top 135), or
- 3 Top 10 EC results (DH,SL,GS,SG), or
- NCAA Champion and NorAm fixed start spot to WC (DH, SL, GS, SG)

YOB 2002 and younger

- WJSC medal (\*Tech WR required for Speed and AC medals at WJSC: U19 top 150; U18 and younger top 200), or
- NCAA Champion and NorAm fixed start spot to WC (DH, SL, GS, SG)

Discretion

- U.S. Ski Team staff may nominate additional athletes based upon factors described below.

**C Team – Women**

The women's C Team selection will be based on World Cup Start List (WCSL) rank, FIS World Rank (WR), and NorAm season event rank. Athletes must also meet a Tech (SL or GS) WR as described below.

YOB 2000:

- Top 50 WCSL or WR (DH,SL,GS,SG), and Top 5 NorAm season event rank (DH,SL,GS,SG), and  
Tech top 135 WR

YOB 2001:

- Top 60 WR (DH,SL,GS,SG), and Top 10 NorAm season event rank, and Tech top 135 WR

YOB 2002:

- Top 80 WR (DH,SL,GS,SG), and Top 15 NorAm season event rank (DH,SL,GS,SG), and  
Tech top 150 WR

YOB 2003 and younger:

- Top 150 WR (DH,SL,GS,SG), and Top 20 NorAm season event rank (DH,SL,GS,SG), and  
Tech top 200 WR

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### **D Team – Women**

The women's D Team selection will be based on FIS Age World Rank (AWR) in Tech (SL or GS) or Speed (DH or SG), NorAm season event rank, National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Championships results, U16 National Performance Series (NPS) season event rankings, and OPA Cup results. Athletes must also meet a Tech (SL or GS) WR as described below.

YOB 2001:

- NCAA top 5 and tech top 150 WR, or
- AWR top 10 Tech or top 5 Speed, and Top 10 NorAm season event rank (DH,SL,GS,SG), and Tech top 150 WR

YOB 2002:

- NCAA top 5 and Top 185 WR, or
- AWR top 10 Tech or top 5 Speed, and Top 15 NorAm season event rank (DH,SL,GS,SG), and Tech top 185 WR

YOB 2003:

- AWR top 10 Tech or top 5 Speed, and Top 20 NorAm season event rank (DH,SL,GS,SG), and Tech top 270 WR

YOB 2004:

- AWR top 10 Tech or top 5 Speed, and Top 30 NorAm season event rank (DH,SL,GS,SG), and Tech top 450 WR

YOB 2005 and younger:

- One Top 3 (SL,GS,or SG) at OPA Cup or Alpe Cimbra and One win at the U16 National Championships

Discretion

- U.S. Ski Team staff may nominate additional athletes based upon factors described below.

Nomination and naming to all teams requires sports science physical fitness testing and U.S. Ski & Snowboard medical department clearance.

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### **A Team – Men**

The men's A Team selection will be based on results and World Cup Start List (WCSL) rank:

- 1 top 3 WSC  
or
- 1 top 20 WCSL (DH/SL/GS/SG)

Discretion

- U.S. Ski Team staff may nominate additional athletes based upon factors described below.

### **B Team – Men**

The men's B Team selection will be based on World Cup Start List (WCSL) rank FIS World Rank (WR), World Junior Ski Championships (WJSC) results, National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Championships results and NorAm fixed World Cup (WC) start spots for the following season.

YOB 1995-1990:

- 1 top 25 WCSL (DH,SL,GS,SG)

YOB 1996:

- 1 top 30 WCSL (DH,SL,GS,SG)

YOB 1997:

- 1 top 45 WCSL (DH/SL/GS/SG) and FIS top 45 WR (DH,SL,GS,SG), or
- NCAA Champion and NorAm fixed start spot to WC (DH, SL, GS, SG)

YOB 1998:

- 1 top 60 WCSL and FIS top 55 WR (DH/SL/GS/SG) or NCAA Champion and NorAm fixed start spot to WC (DH, SL, GS, SG)

YOB 1999 and younger

- 1 top 60 WCSL and FIS top 70 WR (DH,SL,GS,SG), or
- WJSC medal (\*Tech WR required for Speed and AC medals at WJSC: top 250), or
- NorAm fixed WC start spot (DH,SL,GS,SG) and top 70 FIS WR (DH,SL,GS,SG) and Tech top 250 WR, or
- NCAA Champion and NorAm fixed WC start spot (DH, SL, GS, SG)

Discretion

- U.S. Ski Team staff may nominate additional athletes based upon factors described below.

### **C Team – Men**

The men's C Team selection will be based on FIS World Rank (WR), and NorAm season event rank or World Junior Ski Championships (WJSC) results. Athletes achieving the WR criteria in Speed (DH or SG) must also meet a Tech (SL or GS) WR as described below.

YOB 2000:

- Top 115 WR (DH,SL,GS,SG) and Top 10 NorAm season event rank (DH,SL,GS,SG) and Tech top 250 WR

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YOB 2001:

- Top 150 WR (DH,SL,GS,SG) and Top 15 NorAm season event rank (DH,SL,GS,SG) and Tech top 250 WR, or
- WJSC top 5 and Tech top 250 WR

YOB 2002 and younger:

- Top 250 WR (DH,SL,GS,SG) and Top 30 Nor Am season event rank (DH,SL,GS,SG) and Tech top 330 WR, or
- WJSC top 10 and Tech top 330 WR

Discretion

- U.S. Ski Team staff may nominate additional athletes based upon factors described below.

### **D Team – Men**

The men's D Team selection will be based on FIS Age World Rank (AWR) in Tech (SL or GS) or Speed (DH or SG), NorAm season event rank, National Collegiate Athletic Association Championships (NCAA) results, and U19 National Performance Series (NPS) season event rankings. Athletes must also meet a Tech (SL or GS) WR as described below.

YOB 2001:

- NCAA top 10 and Top 350 WR, or
- AWR top 10 Tech or top 5 Speed and Top 30 NorAm season event rank (DH,SL,GS,SG), and Tech top 350 WR

YOB 2002:

- NCAA top 10 and Top 400 WR, or
- AWR top 10 Tech or top 5 Speed and Top 45 NorAm season event rank (DH,SL,GS,SG), and Tech top 400 WR

YOB 2003 and younger:

- 1st NPS SL, GS, or SG (ranking U18s by total WC points from all NPS and Junior Nationals races), and another top 3 NPS (SL, GS, or SG), or
- AWR top 10 Tech or top 5 Speed, and Top 60 NorAm season event rank (DH,SL,GS,SG), and tech top 600 WR

Discretion

- U.S. Ski Team staff may nominate additional athletes based upon factors described below.

Nomination and naming to all teams requires sports science physical fitness testing and U.S. Ski & Snowboard medical department clearance. All B, C and D Team athletes will be required to pass SkillsQuest physical fitness standards prior to official naming. The medical department will be responsible for evaluating any medical situations that may affect physical testing results.

### **Clauses Applicable to All Athlete Selection Criteria**

#### **Discretionary Selection Factors and Methods**

Athletes may be selected to teams by discretion considering the following factors circumstances:

- History of hitting significant performance markers at:

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- Olympics and World Championships
- World Cup
- Europa Cup
- NorAm Cup
- World Junior Championships
  - Season-ending injury sustained in the previous 12 months
  - Ideal functional size of training and competition groups
  - Attitude, commitment, and positive contribution to the athlete development system and team culture

Proposed discretionary selections will be reviewed and discussed by the "Discretion Review Committee" ("DRC") during the Athletic Summit, considering all inputs.

Members of the DRC are Tiger Shaw, Jesse Hunt, Paul Kristofic, Forest Carey, and Chip Knight.

*Complete explanation will be provided for any decision if requested.*

### **Nomination Extensions**

Athletes will be re-nominated for a 2<sup>nd</sup> year (current team regardless of the age restrictions) following an objective nomination unless there is an exceptional situation. An exceptional situation is defined by unsatisfactory performance in the following areas as evaluated by the staff and DRC:

- Participation in US Ski Team designed program,
- Physical-strength and conditioning progress relative to individual athlete goals and any team requirements,
- Skiing-technical/tactical progress relative to individual athlete goals, and
- Positive contribution to team culture and values.

### **Athlete Injury Clause**

Any athlete that has been objectively named to the team and sustains a season-ending injury prior to Feb 1 in that subsequent season will be re-nominated to their current team for the subsequent 2 seasons regardless of age restrictions. Athlete's return from injury sustained after Feb 1 will fall under discretion. In the case of a discretionary nomination the rankings of the athlete at the time of injury will be considered for future discretionary nomination if criteria for future objective nomination are not met. In all cases, in order to retain current team status an injured athlete must follow the prescribed rehabilitation or medical program as approved by the U.S. Ski & Snowboard HP/medical staff, the Alpine Director, and the Head Coach. Travel funding, team re-integration and trip inclusion will be based upon a return to physical fitness level recovery and 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, trip/camp inclusion and or funding may be suspended at any time if progress or commitment is not consistent with the designed program.

### **Medical Clearance**

New athletes named to the team will require a medical clearance for participation. This will be completed by a sport's physical exam by a U.S. Ski & Snowboard approved physician. Once named, athlete will contact the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Medical Director for appropriate paperwork and direction. Medical clearance must be obtained prior to athlete participation in team projects.

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**Acceptance to Team**

Athletes nominated to the team must accept or decline their nomination within ten (10) days after notification. Team naming will occur after nominated athletes have signed the U.S. Ski Team athlete agreement.