



## United States Ski & Snowboard

### **2023-24 U.S. Aerial Team Nomination Criteria**

#### Eligibility for Consideration:

U.S. Ski and Snowboard will consider for selection only those U.S. Ski and 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 and 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 and Snowboard Aerial Head Coach approves the request.

The U.S. Ski 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 and Snowboard Values and Code of Conduct to be eligible for nomination.

#### Criteria Guidelines:

- The U.S. Ski and Snowboard Aerial Head Coach is responsible for applying the selection criteria set forth herein, subject to the oversight of the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Chief of Sport and Sport Director.
- Objective selections shall be based on the results achieved by athletes in FIS competitions held between August 1, 2022, and April 30, 2023 (“the selection period”) and the World Ranking as determined by the 2024 FIS Base List.
- 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 and Snowboard for competition or for preparation.
- Athletes who have been given individual performance criteria to meet will be subject to those specific criteria and not to general criteria as outlined below.
- Athletes must be willing to commit to and participate in the full U.S. Ski Team camp and race season structure.
- Athletes who are objectively nominated to the Team for the first time will receive a 2-year team nomination.



- Athletes who achieve a win or 2 Top 3 World Cup results during the 2022-23 season will receive a 2-year nomination.
- No minimum team size will be established.
- A maximum of up to 8 A-Team and 4 D-Team athletes will be nominated using the objective criteria outlined below. If more than 12 total athletes qualify under the objective criteria, then athletes will be nominated in order of priority as outlined in Objective Criteria below.
- Only Aerial events will count toward criteria qualification, Aerial Team results will not be utilized.
- Any athlete nominated must meet minimum Degree of Difficulty (DD) requirements by competing the below tricks in the 2022-23 season:
  - Women: Full Full (FF)
  - Men: Full Double Full (FdF) or Double Full Full (dFF)

#### Objective Criteria:

Athletes will be selected to the team based solely upon their competition results during the selection period and the World Ranking as determined by the 2024 FIS Base List. Athletes meeting the following objective criteria will be selected to the U.S. Ski Team:

#### **A-Team**

Athletes meeting the following objective criteria will be selected for the A-Team. World Rank will be assessed using the 2024 FIS Base List. All criteria qualification is based on **individual results** only.

- Any athlete achieving a podium in an Aerial World Cup competition in the 2022-23 season
- Any athlete achieving two (2) top six (6) results in an Aerial World Cup competition in the 2022-23 season
- Any U.S. ranked athlete ranked in the Top 15 of the 2024 FIS Base List.

#### **D-Team**

Athletes meeting the following objective criteria will be selected for the D-Team. World Rank will be assessed using the 2024 FIS Base List. All criteria qualification is based on individual results only.

Age eligibility: Year of Birth 1999-2006

- 2023 Aerial NorAm Grand Prix Champion within the age eligibility
- Any athlete achieving a Junior World Championships podium

The 2024 Aerial FIS Base points list will be used to nominate athletes meeting the following standard:



- YOB 1999: World Rank of 20 or better (men and women)
- YOB 2000 & 2001: World Rank of 25 or better (men and women)
- YOB 2002-2006: World Rank of 30 or better (men and women)

Discretionary Selection Policy:

U.S. Ski and 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.
- Indication of medal potential in future Olympic and World Championship competitions, which would be materially enhanced by selection to team.
- Re-nomination by discretion of any named team athlete 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 Aerial Team 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 the athlete does not remain in good standing.