

United States Ski & Snowboard Association

2023 Snowboard and Freeski World University Games Team Selection Criterion

Eligibility for Consideration:

U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD will consider for selection only those competitors that hold a valid and active U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD competitor membership in good standing with a valid USA-coded FIS license and who meet FIS, FISU, USOPC, and U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD minimum eligibility standards.

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

- 1) Athletes must meet the following FISU regulations:
 - a. Be officially registered students enrolled on a full-time basis as defined by the rules of the institution.
 - b. OR be a former student of the establishments mentioned in the previous article (a) who have graduated within the last calendar year.
 - c. Be at least 18 years of age and no older than 25 years of age on the 31st December of the year of the event (age range as specified in the FISU regulations and entry forms of the concerned Event).
- 2) Athlete must submit an expression of interest to the Sport Development Director by October 1st, 2022.
- 3) Athlete must commit by October 15th, 2022 that they will compete in this event.

Criterion Guidelines

- This criterion is for the 2023 year only. Criterion will be re-evaluated in May 2023 at the spring congress and changes may be made for the 2025 selection year.
- U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD policy mandates that team selection criteria shall be principally objective (or performance-based), that coaches' discretion must be limited to no more than twenty-five percent (25%) of total team selected, and that available start rights and team spots will not necessarily be filled.
- The Sport Development Director is responsible for applying the selection criteria set forth herein, subject to the oversight of U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD.
- The team selected by U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD may consist of any number of athletes up to the quota set by the International Ski Federation (FIS).
- Objective selections shall be based on the results achieved by athletes in FIS Competitions held between July 1st, 2021 and October 15th, 2022.
- Discretionary selections, if any, may be based on a variety of factors, including competitions conducted outside of the selection period.
- Team status does not include funding from U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD.

General Criterion:

Selection Date: October 15th, 2022.

The U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD selection criteria are as follows, with a maximum of four (4) spots per discipline (e.g., Mens PAR):

Alpine Snowboard, Snowboard Cross, Ski Cross:

Athletes will be selected based on their FIS PAR points on the most recent FIS point list as of the selection deadline.

Slopestyle/Big Air:

Athletes will be selected based on their ranking on the:

Snowboard - World Snowboard Points List as of the selection deadline

Freeski - FIS SS points on the most recent FIS point list as of the selection deadline

*If U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD does not receive a minimum of three (3) athletes per discipline U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD holds the rights to choose not to send a team.

TEAM SIZE

1. Each national association recognized by the FISU may enter a maximum of athletes in the Universiade Games, with the following restrictions:
 - a. A maximum of four (4) athletes per discipline per gender (e.g., Men's Slopestyle/Big Air).
 - b. Slopestyle and Big Air are considered one discipline, however; selection will be based off the Slopestyle World Snowboard Points List
 - c. PGS and PSL are considered one discipline and selection will be based on the Parallel FIS Points List.

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

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

Tie-Breaking Procedure

In the event of a tie for the final quota spot, a skier will move ahead in the selection standings, and on selections list, based on the following procedures until the tie is broken:

- Highest single WC finish during the selection period
- Highest single COC finish during the selection period
- Highest World Ranking during the 2021-2022 season

Discretionary Selection Policy

U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD may select athletes to the team using coaches' discretion. The number of individuals selected through coaches' discretion cannot exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the total named team. If the coaching staff fills any available spot(s) on the team with discretionary selections, then the staff may consider any factors including (but not limited to) the following:

- 1) Outstanding competition results (including results achieved outside of the selection period).
- 2) Recent direction or trend of competition results (i.e., improving, flat, or declining).
- 3) Illness or injury during the selection period.
- 4) Other unanticipated failure of the objective criteria to select an athlete likely to achieve competition results consistent with U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD program goals for the World University Games Championships.

Injury Clause

An athlete shall be ineligible for consideration if he/she/they is not fit to compete 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 World University Games Championships.

U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD APPEAL AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

Any member who believes that he/she/they has wrongfully been denied membership on any team whose members are selected through participation in "protected competition," as that term is defined in the USOPC Bylaws, shall be entitled to appeal such decision. The U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD Grievance Procedures can be found within Article IX of the U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD bylaws found 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 USOPC Athlete Ombuds Office. The Athlete Ombuds Office provides cost-free, independent, and confidential advice regarding athlete rights, grievance procedures, and any other related guidance pertaining to selection procedures and can assist in mediating disputes between athletes and their NGB.

- Telephone: (719) 866-5000
- Toll-free telephone: (888) ATHLETE (1-888-284-5383)
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- Website: www.usathlete.org