



**2023 FIS Alpine World Junior Ski Championships
St. Anton, AUT
January 17-25, 2023**

1. Selection Criteria Guidelines

The U.S. Ski Team will select those athletes with the greatest opportunity for winning medals at the 2023 FIS Alpine World Junior Ski Championships (“WJSC”) and future FIS Alpine WJSC.

2. Eligibility

Only age eligible (year of birth 2002 – 2006), licensed U.S. Ski & Snowboard and FIS athletes in good standing with a valid USA passport who have passed the validated SkillsQuest – Fitness standard of 550 points for women and 700 points for men by November 1, 2022 are eligible for consideration. All injured athletes must be cleared by U.S. Ski & Snowboard Sports Medicine staff before being considered for naming to the team.

3. Team Size

The total team size may be up to twelve (12) with a maximum of ten (10) per gender. An additional two (2) men and two (2) women may increase the team size to a maximum of sixteen (16) if qualified for the [ZK quota](#) by being ranked in the top-500 for men or top-400 for women in two (2) of three (3) of the following disciplines: Downhill (DH), Slalom (SL), and Giant Slalom (GS).

4. Start Right

A maximum of four (4) men and four (4) women can start each event. An additional two (2) men and two (2) women may start if qualified for the [ZK quota](#) by being ranked in the top-500 for men or top-400 for women in two (2) of three (3) of the following disciplines: Downhill (DH), Slalom (SL), and Giant Slalom (GS).

5. Team Selection Procedure and Criteria

- A. Up to six (6) men and six (6) women will be named to the team by the objective criteria below. The balance of the team will be selected on a discretionary basis by a committee of U.S. Ski & Snowboard staff which shall include the U.S. Ski Team Men’s and Women’s Head Coaches, the U.S. Ski Team Men’s and Women’s Development Head Coaches, the Alpine Development Director, and the Alpine Director.
- B. Selections will be based on results of competitions held between October 22, 2022 and January 8, 2023 (the “evaluation period”) and the 13th FIS Points List (valid December 29, 2022 – January 11, 2023).
- C. The selection criteria will be applied in the following order:
 - 1) Two (2) men and two (2) women eligible for the ZK quota ranked in order of the lowest sum of world ranks in two of the three events (DH, SL, GS).
 - 2) Up to four (4) men and four (4) women ranked by [NTSM](#) based on total points scored according to the Cup scoring priority below:
 - a) Total World Cup points scored in the event (DH, SL, GS, or SG) during the evaluation period.



- b) If fewer than four (4) athletes have been selected through World Cup points above, additional athletes will be selected based on total Europa Cup points scored in the event (DH, SL, GS, or SG) during the evaluation period.
- c) If fewer than four (4) athletes have been selected through World Cup and Europa Cup points above, additional athletes will be selected based on total NorAm Cup points scored in the event (DH, SL, GS, or SG) during the evaluation period.

Ties will be broken by the best single FIS point result scored in the respective event (DH, SL, GS, or SG) at the World Cup, Europa Cup, or NorAm Cup levels during the evaluation period.

Qualification: an athlete must have a top-10 age world rank (by year of birth) in one event (DH, SL, GS, or SG) to be eligible for NTSM selection.

- D. Discretionary selections will be based on current season performance in races with peer-group competition. Priority for discretionary selection may be given to those athletes who have exhibited potential for future success.

7. Determining Start Right

The final designation of starters for each event will be made two (2) hours prior to the draw. The first two (2) start positions in each discipline will be determined according to world rank in that event on the valid FIS points list. The remaining start positions will be selected at the discretion of the coaching staff.

8. Announcement of Selections

The U.S. team to the 2023 FIS Alpine WJSC will be announced at the U.S. Ski & Snowboard offices on January 9, 2023.

9. Medical Clearance

Athletes named to the team will require proof of medical clearance for participation dated no longer than six (6) months before departure to the Championship, supplied in the form of a sports physical exam. Once named, 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.