



2023-24 Snowboard Slopestyle/Big Air Team Nomination Criteria

Eligibility for Consideration:

U.S. Ski & Snowboard will consider for selection only those U.S. Ski & 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 & 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 & Snowboard Slopestyle/Big Air Snowboard Head Coach approves the request.

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

Criteria Guidelines:

- The Snowboard Sport Director is responsible for applying the selection criteria set forth herein, subject to the oversight of the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Chief of Sport.
- Objective selections shall be based on the results achieved by athletes in competitions held between November 1, 2022, and April 30, 2023 ("the selection period") and the World Ranking as determined by the Slopestyle World Snowboard Points List (WSPL) valid on May 8th, 2023, and the Big Air WSPL valid on May 8th, 2023.
- 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 & Snowboard for competition or for preparation.
- No minimum team size will be established.
- A maximum of 10 Pro Team athletes and 4 Rookie Team athletes will be nominated using the objective criteria outlined below. If more than 10 Pro Team and 4 Rookie Team athletes qualify under the objective criteria, then athletes will be nominated in order of priority as outlined in Objective Criteria below.
- Athletes who are objectively nominated to the Pro or Rookie Team for the first time will receive a 2-year team nomination.
- Athletes who achieve the two (2) Top Three (3) results in World Cup, World Championships, X-Games, Dew Tour, and/or U.S. Open competitions during the selection period will receive a 2-year nomination.
- Athletes must be willing to commit to and participate in the full U.S. Snowboard Team camp and competition season structure.



Objective Criteria:

OBJECTIVE NOMINATION CRITERIA SLOPESTYLE/BIG AIR

Athletes meeting the following objective criteria during the selection period will be selected to the U.S. Snowboard Team:

PRO TEAM

Athletes meeting the following objective criteria will be selected for the Pro Team.

- Any athlete achieving two (2) top three (3) results in World Championships, World Cup, X-Games, Dew Tour, and/or U.S. Open competitions.
- Any athlete in top fifteen (15) for men and top ten (10) for women on the WSPL as of May 8th to be nominated.
- Top U.S. Ranked man and woman on the Big Air World Snowboard Points List as of May 8th, 2023. Athlete must be ranked Top 15 for men and Top 10 for women.
- The Slopestyle World Snowboard Points List valid on May 8th, 2023, will be used to nominate athletes meeting the following standard based on year of birth (YOB):
 - YOB 2004 or older: World Rank of fifteen (15) or better (men) and ten (10) or better (women)
 - YOB 2005: World Rank of fifteen (15) or better (men) and fifteen (15) or better (women)
 - YOB 2006: World Rank of twenty (20) or better (men) and fifteen (15) or better (women)
 - YOB 2007: World Rank of twenty (20) or better (men) and fifteen (15) or better (women).

ROOKIE TEAM

Athletes meeting the following objective criteria will be selected to the Rookie Team.

Age eligibility: YOB 2003-2007

- Top Two (2) U.S. athletes in each gender category on the Slopestyle WSPL as of May 8th, 2023. Athlete must be ranked Top Twenty (20) for men and Top Twenty-Five (25) for women to be nominated.
- Top U.S. man and woman on the Big Air WSPL as of May 8th, 2023. Athlete must be ranked Top Twenty (20) men and Top Twenty-Five (25) for women to be nominated.
- The Slopestyle World Snowboard Points List valid on May 8th, 2023, will be used to nominate athletes meeting the following standard:
 - YOB 2003: World Rank of Twenty (20) or better (men) and Twenty-Five (25) or better (women).
 - YOB 2004: World Rank of Twenty (20) or better (men) and Twenty-Five (25) or better (women).
 - YOB 2005: World Rank of Twenty-Five (25) or better (men) and Thirty (30) or better (women).
 - YOB 2006: World Rank of Fifty (50) or better (men) and Thirty (30) or better (women).



- YOB 2007: World Rank of Fifty (50) or better (men) and Thirty (30) or better (women).

*2023 World Junior Snowboard Championships will be held outside of the selection period and will therefore be considered for 2024-25 Team Nomination.

Discretionary Selection Policy:

U.S. Ski & 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.

Renomination of any named team athlete by discretion 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 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/or the athlete does not remain in good standing.