



2023-24 U.S. Alpine 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 Alpine Program Director 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. Selection criteria will stress performance in the Alpine World Ski Championships, World Cup, Europa Cup, World Junior Alpine Ski Championships, and NorAm in the 2022-23 season. Selection criteria will also stress progress toward individual performance markers, set forth by the U.S. Ski Team coaches, which point toward international success.

Athletes must demonstrate a capability to adhere to U.S. Ski and Snowboard Values and Code of Conduct and other athlete safety policies, in addition, all athletes age 18 and older must complete SafeSport training and its required updates, complete avalanche training, and pass any necessary background screening to be eligible for nomination.

Criteria Guidelines

- The U.S. Ski and Snowboard Alpine Program 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 on or between July 1, 2022 and April 5, 2023 (the "Selection Period").
- 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.
- No minimum team size will be established.
- 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 meeting objective criteria for the first time or A Team objective criteria shall receive a two (2) year nomination.
- Athletes must be willing to commit to and to participate in the full U.S. Ski Team camp and race season structure.



General Criteria

Athletes meeting the following objective criteria will be selected to the U.S. Ski Team:

A-Team

Athletes meeting either the following Result or FIS World Cup Start List (WCSL) Rank objective criteria will be selected to the A-Team. WCSL ranks will be accrued in the Selection Period and assessed following completion of the 3/19/23 World Cup competition.

Result

- One (1) Top 3 individual result at 2023 Alpine World Ski Championships

World Cup Start List

- ≤ 25 WCSL Rank in any of (SL/GS/SG/DH)

B Team

Athletes meeting either the following Result or FIS World Cup Start List (WCSL) Rank objective criteria will be selected to the B-Team. WCSL ranks will be accrued in the Selection Period and assessed following completion of the 3/19/23 World Cup competition.

Result

YOB 1993, 1994, & 1995

- Three (3) cumulative Europa Cup wins and/or World Cup Top 20 results

YOB 1996 or younger

- Three (3) cumulative Europa Cup Top 3 and/or World Cup Top 30 results

World Cup Start List

YOB 1993 & 1994

- ≤ 30 WCSL Rank in any of (SL/GS/SG/DH)

YOB 1995 & 1996

- ≤ 35 WCSL Rank in any of (SL/GS/SG/DH)

YOB 1997, 1998 or younger

- ≤ 40 WCSL Rank in any of (SL/GS/SG/DH)



C Team

Athletes meeting either the following Result or FIS World Rank objective criteria will be selected to the C-Team. FIS World Rank will be assessed using FIS points accrued in the Selection Period and found on the 2024 FIS Internal Base List, scheduled to print on 4/5/2023.

Result

YOB 1999 & 2000

- Three (3) cumulative NorAm wins and/or Europa Cup top fifteen (15) results

YOB 2001 & younger

- Three (3) cumulative NorAm Top 3 and/or Europa Cup top twenty (20) results

YOB 2002 & younger

- One (1) Top 10 individual result at 2023 World Junior Alpine Ski Championship

FIS World Rank

YOB 1999

- Men - World Rank of ≤ 75 in any of (SL/GS/SG/DH)
- Women - World Rank of ≤ 60 in any of (SL/GS/SG/DH)

YOB 2000

- Men - World Rank of ≤ 100 in any of (SL/GS/SG/DH)
- Women - World Rank of ≤ 75 in any of (SL/GS/SG/DH)

YOB 2001

- Men - World Rank of ≤ 125 in any of (SL/GS/SG/DH)
- Women - World Rank of ≤ 80 in any of (SL/GS/SG/DH)

YOB 2002 or younger

- Men - World Rank of ≤ 150 in any of (SL/GS/SG/DH)
- Women - World Rank of ≤ 100 in any of (SL/GS/SG/DH)



D Team

FIS World Rank will be assessed using FIS points accrued in the Selection Period and found on the 2024 FIS Internal Base List, scheduled to print on 4/5/2023.

Athletes meeting both the following Result & FIS World Rank objective criteria will be selected to the D-Team. *Athletes (2003 & 2004) are limited to using no more than one (1) National Championship result towards the cumulative three (3) NorAm/National Championship results.*

Result & FIS World Rank

YOB 2003

- Men – Three (3) Top 15 NorAm/National Championship (limit one (1)) results & World Rank of ≤ 225 in (SL/GS) or ≤ 200 in (SG/DH)
- Women – Three (3) Top 10 NorAm/National Championship (limit one (1)) results & World Rank of ≤ 150 in (SL/GS) or ≤ 125 in (SG/DH)

YOB 2004

- Men - Three (3) Top 20 NorAm/National Championship (limit 1) results & World Rank of ≤ 350 in (SL/GS) or ≤ 250 in (SG/DH)
- Women - Three (3) Top 15 NorAm/National Championship (limit 1) results & World Rank of ≤ 200 in (SL/GS) or ≤ 150 in (SG/DH)

YOB 2005 & 2006

- Men - One (1) Top 30 NorAm/National Championship result in (SL/GS) & World Rank of ≤ 500 in (SL/GS)
- Women - One (1) Top 15 NorAm/National Championship result in (SL/GS) & World Rank of ≤ 250 in (SL/GS)

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.



Physical Fitness and SkillsQuest

Naming to all teams requires completion of 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. U.S. Ski & Snowboard's medical department will be responsible for evaluating any medical situations that may affect physical testing results

Athlete Injury Clause

Any athlete that has been objectively named to the team and sustains a season-ending injury (as declared by the High Performance Director) prior to February 1st will be re-nominated to their current team for the subsequent season. In certain exceptional cases due to severe injury certain athletes may be granted a 2-year re-nomination to give them time to return to peak performance. Such 2-year re-nomination will be communicated to the athlete prior to the beginning of the selection period of the second year. Athlete's return from injury sustained after February 1st will fall under discretion if objective nomination criteria have not been met. In this circumstance the ranking at time of injury will be considered towards discretion.

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 High Performance, the Alpine Director, and the Head Coach. Travel funding, team re-integration and trip inclusion will be based upon passing of Return to Performance tests and sport specific 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, 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.