

**U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD
ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
GANGWON 2024 YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES
SKI CROSS
JULY 14, 2023**

1. SELECTION SYSTEM

1.1. Provide the minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for selection to the Team:

1.1.1. Nationality/Passport requirements:

- Athlete must be a national of the United States at the time of nomination.
- Athlete must hold a valid U.S. passport that will not expire for six months after the conclusion of the Games.

1.1.2. Minimum International Olympic Committee (IOC), standards for participation:

- Any competitor in the Gangwon 2024 Youth Olympic Games must be a national of the country of the National Olympic Committee (NOC) which is entering such competitor. For additional information regarding an athlete who is a national of two or more countries, has changed their nationality or acquired a new nationality, refer to the Olympic Charter (Rule 41).

1.1.3. Minimum International Federation (IF) standards for participation (if any):

- Athletes must be registered with the International Ski and Snowboard Federation (FIS).
- Athletes must be born between January 1, 2006 and December 31, 2007.
- Athletes must comply with the Olympic Charter.

1.1.4. Other requirements (if any):

- Athlete must be a member in good standing of U.S. Ski & Snowboard. Any athlete age 18 or older will be required to undergo a background screen in accordance with the current USOPC Background Check Policy.

- Any athlete age 18 or older as of the Closing Ceremony will be required to remain current with the U.S. Center for SafeSport’s education and training requirements in accordance with the USOPC Athlete Safety Policy.
- Athletes must attend for the entire duration of the Gangwon 2024 Youth Olympic Games.
- Athletes must participate in the cultural and education program, and Mixed Team events, as requested.
- Athletes must have successfully completed all Gangwon 2024 Youth Olympic Games Registration requirements by stated deadline.

1.2. Selection Events:

- 1.2.1. Athletes must have obtained YOG FIS points in Ski Cross (SX).

YOG FIS points are earned in accordance with the FIS Rules for FIS Points during the YOG qualification period from July 1, 2022 to December 17, 2023.

- 1.2.2. Provide the event names, dates and locations of all trials, events and camps to be used as part of the selection process.

Qualification events:

- All FIS SX events included in the calculation of the YOG FIS points list published at the time of nomination date of December 18, 2023. Athletes must participate in the FIS sanctioned events during the selection period.

- 1.2.3. Provide event names, dates, locations, and description of how athletes qualify for the trials, events, and camps listed above in 1.2.1. (if any).

Information regarding the FIS races and points list described above in 1.2.1 can be found at www.fis-ski.com

- 1.3. Provide a comprehensive, step-by-step description of the method that explains how athletes will go through the selection process (include maximum Team size).

Up to two (2) women and two (2) men will be named based on quotas established by the FIS.

1.3.1. Highest ranking USA athlete(s) per gender from the YOG FIS Ski Cross (SX) points list, published on December 18, 2023. Ties will be broken in the following order:

- a) Highest FIS SX point result during the YOG qualification period
- b) Second-highest FIS SX point result during the YOG qualification period
- c) Third-highest FIS SX point result during the YOG qualification period

2. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION (if applicable)

2.1. Provide rationale for utilizing discretionary selection (if any):

Discretion will be used if a selected athlete is injured or sick, or for some other reason cannot attend the 2024 Youth Olympic Games.

2.2. List the discretionary criteria and explain how they will be used (if any):

- Rank on the YOG FIS points list at the end of the qualification period

2.3. Provide the name of the committee that will be responsible for making discretionary selections, along with a complete list of the members' titles currently serving on the committee:

- Anouk Patty – Chief of Sport, U.S. Ski & Snowboard
- Chip Knight – Alpine Development Director, U.S. Ski & Snowboard
- Gillian Esson – Ski Cross Subcommittee Chair
- Whitney Gardner – Ski Cross Subcommittee Athlete Representative
- Andrew Weibrecht – USOPC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative

2.3.1. Specify the process that will be used to identify and handle any potential conflicts of interest involving a member of the committee.

If there is a conflict of interest, the committee member will be recused and another person within the organization as follows:

- Anouk Patty would be replaced by Sophie Goldschmidt, President and Chief Executive Officer
- Chip Knight would be replaced by Patrick Riml, Alpine Sport Director
- Gillian Esson would be replaced by Mike Mallon, USASA Executive Director
- Whitney Gardner or Andrew Weibrecht would be replaced by an athlete representative appointed by the AAC

3. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

- 3.1. Prior to entry by name to the Local Organizing Committee by the USOPC, U.S. Ski & Snowboard has jurisdiction over potential nominees. An athlete who is nominated to the Team by U.S. Ski & Snowboard may be removed for any of the following reasons, as determined by U.S. Ski & Snowboard:
 - 3.1.1. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the U.S. Ski & Snowboard President & CEO and Chief of Sport.
 - 3.1.2. Medical disqualification. Injury or illness that limits the athlete from performing at their highest level (as determined by YOG coaching staff) may result in medical disqualification. Injury or illness must be certified by a physician (or medical staff) approved by U.S. Ski & Snowboard. If an athlete refuses verification of their illness or injury by a physician (or medical staff) approved by U.S. Ski & Snowboard, their injury will be assumed to be debilitating and they may be removed.
 - 3.1.3. Failure to participate in Mandatory Training and/or Competition as defined in Section 9 of these procedures.
 - 3.1.4. Violation of the U.S. Ski & Snowboard's Code of Conduct ([Attachment A](#)).
 - 3.1.5. Non-compliance with the eligibility requirements listed in Section 1.1. of these selection procedures.

An athlete who is removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per U.S. Ski & Snowboard's [Bylaws](#) and the USOPC's Bylaws, Section 9.

- 3.2. Once athlete entries have been submitted to the Local Organizing Committee by the USOPC, the USOPC has jurisdiction over the Team, at which time, in addition to any applicable NGB Code of Conduct, the USOPC's Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures apply. The USOPC's Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures can be found at:
<http://www.teamusa.org/Athlete-Resources/Athlete-Ombudsman/Resources/Code-of-Conduct>
<http://www.teamusa.org/Footer/Legal/Governance-Documents>
- 3.3. An athlete may be removed as a nominee to the Team or from the Team for an adjudicated violation of IOC, PASO, IPC, WADA, IF, USADA and/or USOPC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures, as applicable.

4. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES

4.1. Describe the selection and approval process for determining replacement athlete(s) should a vacancy occur:

4.1.1. Prior to submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee, including any applicable group or committee:

The next-best athlete will be selected ranked on the YOG FIS SX list at the end of the qualification period. Ties will be broken by the highest FIS point result during the YOG qualification period.

4.1.2. After submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee, including any applicable group or committee:

The next-best athlete will be selected ranked on the YOG FIS SX list at the end of the qualification period. Ties will be broken by the highest FIS point result during the YOG qualification period.

5. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

US Ski & Snowboard will retain the approved Selection Procedures and all supporting documents, including scouting or evaluation forms, etc., and data from the selection process for six months past the date of the Closing Ceremony of the Games.

6. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

In addition to the USOPC Code of Conduct, the following documents are required to be signed by an athlete as a condition of nomination to the Youth Olympic Games and are included as attachments:

- U.S. Ski & Snowboard Code of Conduct ([Attachment A](#))

7. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

The USOPC approved Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by the NGB in the following locations:

7.1. NGB Web site: <http://www.usskiandsnowboard.org/>

These procedures will be posted as soon as possible, but not more than five business days following notice of approval by the USOPC.

8. DATE OF NOMINATION

The Nomination of Athletes form, including replacements, will be announced to all athletes and submitted to the USOPC on or before December 18, 2023.

9. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

Not applicable.

10. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

Athletes must adhere to all IOC, IPC, PASO, WADA, IF, USADA and USOPC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing as required by the IOC, IPC, PASO, WADA, IF, USADA and USOPC Rules, as applicable.

11. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES

The following committee/group (include names and titles) was responsible for creating these Selection Procedures:

Chip Knight – U.S. Ski & Snowboard Alpine Development Director
Gillian Esson – U.S. Ski & Snowboard Ski Cross Subcommittee Chair
Andrew Weibrecht – USOPC Athletes’ Advisory Council Representative

12. NGB BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

US Ski & Snowboard’s Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found within Section IX of the U.S. Ski & Snowboard bylaws at: <http://www.usskiandsnowboard.org>

13. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

These procedures are based on IOC and/or FIS rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in IOC and/or FIS rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to US Ski & Snowboard. However, the selections are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically may not have accounted for every possible contingency.

If any force of nature, or force majeure, should cause the alteration or cancellation of any of the selection events listed in this document, these selection procedures will be revised, pursuant to their resubmission to the USOPC.

14. ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN

Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete that are not answered by US Ski & Snowboard may contact the USOPC Athlete Ombuds Office, Kacie Wallace, by:

- Telephone at (719) 866-5000 or toll-free at (888) ATHLETE (1-888-284-5383)
- E-mail at Ombudsman@usathlete.org
- www.teamusa.org/athlete-ombuds

15. NGB SIGNATURES

I certify that I have read and understand the standards/criteria set by our IF and/or CF (PAG/PPAG only) and incorporated those standards/criteria into our Selection Procedures. I further certify that the information provided herein regarding Athlete Selection Procedures represents the method approved by US Ski & Snowboard.

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
NGB President or CEO/Executive Director	Sophie Goldschmidt		
Nat. Team Coach, Head Coach, or Nat. Program Director	Chip Knight		
USOPC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative*	Andrew Weibrecht		

* If the USOPC AAC Representative has delegated authority to the Alternate AAC Representative to sign the Selection Procedures, attach a letter from the AAC Representative indicating the reason he/she has delegated authority.

* Signature by the Athlete Representative constitutes that he/she has read and understands the Selection Procedures. If the Athlete Representative reads and does not agree with the Athlete Selection Procedures being submitted by the NGB, he/she may submit those reasons in writing to his/her Sport Performance Team.

* If, for some reason, a sport does not have an elected USOPC AAC Representative, the NGB must designate an athlete from that sport to review and sign the Selection Procedures.