



2023-24 Men's and Women's Nordic Combined World Cup Team Selection 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.

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

Criteria Guidelines

- U.S. Ski & Snowboard policy mandates that team selection criteria shall be principally objective (or performance-based) and that available start rights and team spots will not necessarily be filled.
- The U.S. Ski & Snowboard Ski Jumping & Nordic Combined 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.
- No minimum team size will be established.
- The team selected by U.S. Ski & Snowboard may consist of any number of athletes up to the FIS World Cup quota for the United States.
- The start right quotas per nation are set every competition period by FIS.
- Objective selections shall be based on the results achieved by athletes in 2023-2024 FIS World Cup and Continental Cup competitions, and 2024 Junior World Ski Championships (JWSC).
- Athletes who have not met the General Criteria may be selected to the team via discretionary selection. Discretionary selections, if any, may be based on a variety of factors, including competitions conducted outside of the selection period.
- Team status does not automatically include funding or ski service

General Criteria

Athletes shall be selected to the team based solely upon their competition results during the selection period. Athletes selected objectively from World Cup racing will be scored and selected solely on the basis of individual finishes. Athletes meeting the below criteria shall be selected to the team, unless application of these criteria would result in a total team size exceeding the FIS quota, in which case U.S. Ski & Snowboard shall use the following tie-breaking mechanisms in order:



1. Most individual World Cup points
2. Best World Cup individual result
3. Best COC individual result

1. Individuals who meet the following criteria will be selected to the World Cup Nordic Combined Team for **Period 1** (November 24 - December 17, 2023):
 - Considering only individual World Cup finishes, attained a top-55 World Cup Overall ranking at the conclusion of the 2022/23 season.
 - Considering COC finishes, the highest ranked athlete(s) on the 2023-24 COC Ranking list.
2. Individuals who meet the following criteria will be selected (in the following order) to the World Cup Nordic Combined Team for World Cups occurring in **Period 2** (January 6 – January 28, 2024).
 - Considering only individual World Cup finishes, attained a top-55 World Cup Overall ranking by the finish of Period 1.
 - Considering only individual World Cup finishes, scored top 30 in World Cup during Period 1.
3. Individuals who meet the following criteria will be selected (in the following order) to the World Cup Nordic Combined Team for World Cups occurring in **Period 3** (February 2 – February 11, 2024).
 - Considering only individual World Cup finishes, attained a top-55 World Cup Overall ranking at the conclusion of the Period 2.
 - Considering only individual World Cup finishes, scored top 30 in World Cup during Period 2.
 - Considering only individual Junior World Ski Championship finishes, attained a top 3 result (Feb 5 - Feb 11).
 - Considering only individual COC finishes, attained a top 3 finish in a COC during Periods 1 or 2.
4. Individuals who meet the following criteria will be selected (in the following order) to the World Cup Nordic Combined Team for World Cups occurring in **Period 4** (February 17- March 17, 2023).
 - Considering only individual World Cup finishes, attained a top-55 World Cup Overall ranking at the conclusion of the Period 3.
 - Considering only individual World Cup finishes, scored top 30 in World Cup during Period 3.
 - Considering only individual COC finishes, attained a top 3 finish in a COC during Periods 1 or 2.



Injury Clause

An athlete shall be ineligible for consideration if he/she is not fit to compete at the time selections are made due to any injury or illness from which he/she is not expected to recover adequately by the time of the World Cup competitions he/she has been selected for.

Discretionary Selections

Discretionary selections will be made by a U.S. Ski & Snowboard Discretionary Selection Committee composed of the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Ski Jumping & Nordic Combined Sport Director, the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Chief of Sport, and the athlete representative from that sport who is a member of the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Board. If the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Board Athlete Representative is also a currently competing athlete, then another athlete, who is not actively competing, will be selected by the Athletes' Council to be the representative in this group.

- Discretionary selections may be based on:
 - Outstanding competition results from the 2021/22 and 2022/23 seasons, including achievements as a member of a team event
 - An athlete's indication of potential for World Cup success.
 - Recent positive direction or trend of competition results indicating a potential for Olympic or World Championship success.
 - Indication of medal potential in future Olympic or World Championship competition (such as international age group results and age rankings) that would be materially enhanced by selection to the team.

Team Selection

The team will be selected a minimum of 5 days prior to the start of the World Cup period, and will be notified by the USSS Sport Director or Head Coach.

U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD APPEAL AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

Any member who believes that he/she has wrongfully been denied membership on any team whose members are selected through participation in "protected competition," as that term is defined in the USOC Bylaws, shall be entitled to appeal such a decision. The U.S. Ski & Snowboard Grievance Procedures can be found within section 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 USOC Athlete Ombuds Office by:

- Telephone at (719) 866-5000
- Toll-free telephone at (888) ATHLETE (1-888-284-5383)
- E-mail at Kacie.wallace@usoc.org
- www.athleteombudsman.org
- <http://www.teamusa.org/For-Athletes/Athlete-Ombudsman.aspx>