



2024-25 U.S. Para Alpine 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 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 & Snowboard Para 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 Paralympic Winter Games competitions. Selection criteria will stress performance in the Alpine Para World Ski Championships, World Cup, and NorAm in the 2023-24 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 & Snowboard Values and Code of Conduct to be eligible for nomination.

CRITERIA GUIDELINES

- The U.S. Ski & Snowboard Para 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 Nov 1, 2023 and April 15, 2024 (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 & Snowboard for competition or for preparation.
- No minimum team size will be established.
- A maximum of 12 athletes (max 8 per gender) will be nominated using the criteria outlined below. If more than 12 athletes qualify, then athletes will be nominated in order of priority as outlined in Objective Criteria below.
- Athletes must be willing to commit to and to participate in the full U.S. Ski Team camp and race season structure.



OBJECTIVE CRITERIA

Athletes meeting the following objective criteria will be selected to the U.S. Ski Team. If needed, priority will be given within team level by single best FIS point performance.

A Team

Athletes meeting any of the FIS World Cup Results objective criteria will be selected to the A-Team.

FIS World Cup Results

- Three (3) World Cup results of ≤ 99.99 FIS race points
 or
- Three (3) World Cup podium finishes where in order to be considered for qualification the following is true:
 - *SL/GS results must be ≤ 159.99 FIS race points*
 - *SG/DH results must be ≤ 139.99 FIS race points*

B Team

Athletes meeting the following FIS Result Points objective criteria will be selected to the B-Team.

FIS Result Points

- Four (4) results of ≤ 119.99 FIS race points

D Team

Athletes meeting the following FIS Result Points objective criteria will be selected to the D-Team.

FIS Result Points

- Four (4) results of ≤ 159.99 FIS race points

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 Paralympic 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 the U.S. Ski & Snowboard staff.



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 along with an approved return to performance on snow progression as approved by U.S. Ski & Snowboard High Performance, the Para Sport 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.