

# **U.S. Aerials Project Gold**

### **Selection Criteria**

#### **SELECTION PROCEDURES**

## A. Summary of Objective Selection:

U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD will consider for selection only those athletes in good standing who have a valid U.S. passport. Selection criteria will be based exclusively on performances during the period from December 1 through April 15. Athletes must be between ages 13-19. Athletes in each discipline shall be selected based solely upon their competition results in selection events during the selection period. Athletes will be selected objectively using the following:

- Top five (5) overall FIS Juniors athletes per gender from NorAm Cup standings as of March 15.\*
- Top three (3) athletes per gender from the US Ski & Snowboard FSP #8 in each of the following age groups\*:
  - U19
  - U17
  - U15
- Top two (2) athletes per gender from Junior Nationals results from each of the following age groups\*:
  - U19
  - U17
  - U15
  - U13

\*Invitations will be passed down if top qualifying junior athletes is a) a named US Ski & Snowboard Team athlete or b) a foreign national. Invitations will not be passed down if an athlete has qualified under multiple criteria.

## **B. Discretionary Selection Policy:**

U.S. Ski & Snowboard may invite additional athletes to this project using coaches' discretion based upon factors other than the objective criteria. If discretionary invitations are issued any of (but not limited to) the following factors may be considered:



- Completion of individual markers, as set forth by the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Team Sport Development Department and coaching staff which point toward the achievement of competition results consistent with U.S. Snowboard Team program goals.
- Illness or injury during the selection period.
- Other unanticipated failure of objective criteria to select an athlete likely to achieve competition results consistent with the U.S. Ski & Snowboard program goals.