



2024 National Under 16 Preparation Camp Team Selection Criteria

Eligibility for Consideration

U.S. Ski Snowboard will consider for selection only those U.S. Ski Snowboard members in good standing born in the years 2008 or 2009.

Criteria Guidelines

- These Guidelines are for the year of 2024 only. These TENTATIVE criteria guidelines are not official until voted through by the Cross Country Sport Committee at 2024 Spring Congress in May 2024, however these guidelines are consistent with past National Under-16 camps and LIKELY not subject to change. Guidelines will be reevaluated in May 2025 at the spring congress and changes may be made for the 2025 selection year.
- U.S. Ski & Snowboard policy mandates that team selection criteria shall be principally objective (or performance-based).
- The 2024 National Under-16 Program Director (Will Wicherski), is responsible for applying the selection guidelines set forth herein, subject to the oversight of the Cross-Country Development Director.
- To ensure that the United States fields a representative team, minimum team size should strive for athlete representation from both genders from birth years 2008 and 2009. Team size not to exceed 50 athletes.
- Objective selections shall be based on the results achieved by athletes in U.S. Ski Snowboard competitions. To be eligible you need to meet one of the criteria below. Athletes achieving "Priority 1" criterion are named followed by "Priority 2."
- Priority 1 – Top ranked 20 boys and top ranked 20 girls who competed as U16's in the 2020 Junior National Championships. The ranking list is created by combining the respective athlete's two best 2020 Junior National Championship race results using the World Cup points system. The races that are scored include: 5km interval start, 5km mass start, prelim results from the sprint, final results from the sprint. In compiling the two best, a skier may use only the prelim or the final sprint results from the sprint, not both.
- Priority 2 – Each division is also afforded 1 or 2 additional divisional selections based on the following formula:
 - If a division has 2 or more athletes selected via Priority 1, they are afforded 1 additional discretionary selection of either gender.
 - If a division has 1 or no athletes selected via priority 1, they are afforded 2 additional discretionary choices which must include an athlete of each gender.
 - It is recommended that divisions have an objective criterion to select their divisional Priority 2 Athlete(s)
- Team status does not include funding from the U.S. Ski & Snowboard