



U.S. Ski & Snowboard Regional Teams

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 Chief of Sport approves the request.

U.S. Ski & Snowboard will select only the most qualified athletes with the greatest possibilities for winning medals in future World Junior Championship and competing for titles at the NorAm Cup level. Selection criteria will stress head-to-head performance in the NorAm Cup, U.S. National Championships, U18 and U16 Nationals during the 2024-25 season. FIS point rankings will be included to benchmark against the rest of the world. Athletes must demonstrate a capability to adhere to the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Values and Code of Conduct to be eligible for nomination.

CRITERIA GUIDELINES

- The U.S. Ski & Snowboard Alpine Development 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 July 1, 2024 and April 20, 2025 (the "Selection Period").
- Discretionary nominations, if any, may be based on a variety of factors, including competitions conducted outside of the selection period.
- Team Nomination is not a guarantee of Team Naming. All athletes nominated to the team in May of 2025 must pass Skills Quest Fitness Testing or an approved individualized fitness assessment prior to team nomination in October 2025.
- Athletes who have been given individual performance criteria to meet will be subject to those specific criteria and not to general criteria as outlined below.
- Team status does not guarantee funding from U.S. Ski & Snowboard for competition or preparation.
- No minimum team size will be established.
- Athletes must be willing to commit and participate in a mutually agreed-upon camp and race season structure.



OBJECTIVE CRITERIA

Athletes meeting the following objective criteria in any of the disciplines listed below will be selected to their respective U.S. Ski & Snowboard Regional Team.

Disciplines: Slalom (SL) / Giant Slalom (GS) / Super G (SG) / Downhill (DH)

Tech Disciplines: SL / GS

Speed Disciplines: SG / DH

YOB: Year of birth

Athletes meeting either the following Head-to-Head Performance or FIS World Rank objective criteria will be selected to the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Regional Teams. FIS World Rank will be assessed on the **FIS Internal Base List, scheduled to print on 4/22/2025.**

Head-to-Head Performance

YOB 2004 & younger

- Three (3) top five (5) NorAm or U.S. Alpine Championships results (at least one must be in Tech)

YOB 2005 & younger

- Three (3) top ten (10) NorAm or U.S. Alpine Championships results (at least one must be in Tech)

YOB 2006 & younger

- Three (3) top fifteen (15) NorAm or U.S. Alpine Championships results (at least one must be in Tech)

YOB 2007-2008

- Two (2) top three (3) individual results at U18 Nationals, at least one of which must be in Tech, **AND**
 - Top ten (10) FIS Age World Rank

YOB 2009-2010

- Three results within the following (one result must be in a Tech discipline):
 - A top three (3) individual result at Alpe Cimbra, FESA Cup, or Whistler Cup
 - A top three (3) individual result in SL, GS or SG at U16 Nationals
 - A top ten (10) overall result in SkillsQuest at U16 Nationals

FIS World Rank

YOB 2004 & younger

- Women - FIS World Rank of less than or equal to two hundred (≤ 200) in two disciplines, at least one of which must be a Tech discipline.
- Men - FIS World Rank of less than or equal to two hundred fifty (≤ 250) in two disciplines, at least one of which must be a Tech discipline.

YOB 2005 & younger

- Women - FIS World Rank of less than or equal to two hundred fifty (≤ 250) in two disciplines, at least one of which must be a Tech discipline.



- Men - FIS World Rank of less than or equal to three hundred (≤ 300) in two disciplines, at least one of which must be a Tech discipline.

YOB 2006 & younger

- Women - FIS World Rank of less than or equal to three hundred (≤ 300) in two disciplines, at least one of which must be a Tech discipline.
- Men - FIS World Rank of less than or equal to four hundred (≤ 400) in two disciplines, at least one of which must be a Tech discipline.

YOB 2007 & younger

- Women - FIS World Rank of less than or equal to four hundred (≤ 400) in two disciplines, at least one of which must be a Tech discipline.
- Men - FIS World Rank of less than or equal to six hundred (≤ 600) in two disciplines, at least one of which must be a Tech discipline.

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 World Junior or other Championship competitions, which would be materially enhanced by selection to the 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.

PHYSICAL FITNESS AND SKILLSQUEST FITNESS TEST

Naming to all teams requires completion of physical fitness testing and U.S. Ski & Snowboard medical department clearance. All named athletes will be required to pass SkillsQuest physical fitness standards prior to official naming. U.S. Ski & Snowboard's medical department will be responsible for evaluating any medical situations that may affect physical testing participation and/or results.

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. Athlete's return from injury sustained after February 1st will be subject to a possible discretionary spot 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 Alpine Development 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.