

U.S. Ski & Snowboard

2018-2019 Nordic Combined Continental Cup Team Selection Criteria Men & Women

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 FIS license and who meet FIS minimum eligibility standards.

Criteria Guidelines:

- U.S. Ski & Snowboard policy mandates that team selection criteria shall be principally objective (or performance-based), but additional athletes may be selected to the Team using coaches' discretion.
- The team selected by U.S. Ski & Snowboard may consist of any number of athletes up to the FIS quota for the United States.
- The quota of start rights per nation is set by the FIS. In the cases where the team size may exceed the quota, start rights are determined by USA Nordic, Nordic Combined coaching staff.
- USA Nordic Athletic Director is responsible for applying the selection criteria set forth herein, subject to the oversight of U.S. Ski & Snowboard Chief of Sport.
- No minimum team size will be established unless otherwise noted.
- Objective selections for the first period (Dec. 2018) shall be based on the results achieved by athletes in FIS COC competitions held during the 2017-2018 season and U.S. Ski & Snowboard COC tryout events (described below).
- Discretionary selections, if any, may be based on a variety of factors, including competitions conducted inside and outside of the selection period.
- Team status does not grant funding from U.S. Ski & Snowboard.

General Criteria:

Athletes may be selected to the COC Team based solely upon their competition results during the selection period. (2017-19 Competition Season) Athletes meeting below criteria shall be selected to the team on a period by period basis.

- Score WC points during the 2018-2019 season.
- Score COC points during the 2018-2019 season.
- Score WC or COC points during the 2017-2018 season.

Men: Up to 4 individuals who meet the above criteria may be entered in the Men's Nordic Combined Continental Cup competitions scheduled for the Summer 2018 or Winter 2018-19 seasons (except for domestic COC events).

- Individuals who meet the general criteria will be selected to the COC TEAM **for Period 1**
12-8- 2018 – 12-16-18
- Individuals who meet the general criteria will be selected to the COC TEAM **for Period 2**
1-4- 2019 – 1-20-19
- Individuals who meet the general criteria will be selected to the COC TEAM **for Period 3**
2-9- 2019 – 2-17-19

- Individuals who meet the general criteria will be selected to the COC TEAM **for Period 4** 3-8- 2019 – 3-10-19
- Selection to the team does not guarantee start rights at competitions.

Women: Up to 6 individuals who meet the above criteria may be entered in the Women's Nordic Combined Continental Cup competitions scheduled for the Summer 2018 or Winter 2018-19 seasons (except for domestic COC events).

- Individuals who meet the general criteria will be selected to the COC TEAM **for Period 1** 12-8- 2018 – 12-16-18
- Individuals who meet the general criteria will be selected to the COC TEAM **for Period 2** 1-5- 2019 – 1-6-19
- Individuals who meet the general criteria will be selected to the COC TEAM **for Period 3** 2-16- 2019 – 3-10-19
- Selection to the team does not guarantee start rights at competitions.

Domestic Criteria:

U.S. Ski & Snowboard will select athletes, up to the full FIS quota, and 100 percent of the Nations' group quota (expected to be four), who meet the following criteria for the Period One (12-8-2018 – 12-16-18) Continental Cup Nordic Combined competitions as scheduled by FIS.

- Athletes will be chosen in rank order from the athletes in the current season COC Ranking list.
- Athletes will be chosen in rank order from U.S. Ski & Snowboard Nordic Combined COC tryout competitions tentatively scheduled for Dec 2018.

Athletes meeting the general 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:

- Most World Cup points during the 2017-2018 season.
- Most COC points during the 2017-2018 season.
- Highest single COC finish during the selection period.
- Second highest single COC finish during the selection period.
- Third highest single COC finish during the selection period.
- Fourth highest single COC finish during the selection period.

Discretionary Selection Policy:

U.S. Ski & Snowboard may select additional athletes to the Team using coaches' discretion, using factors other than objective criteria such as:

- Outstanding competition results from the 2017-2018 or 2018-2019 seasons.
- Recent positive direction or trend of competition results indicating a potential for Olympic success.

- Indication of medal potential in future Olympic or World Championship competition (such as international age group results and rankings) that would be materially enhanced by selection to the team.

All discretionary selections will be documented and appropriate forms will be available for record keeping purposes. All discretionary selections will be reviewed by a discretionary selection review group comprised of USANS Executive Director, the Chief of Sport, and the athlete representative from that sport who is a member of U.S. Ski & Snowboard Board. If 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.

Athletes may also petition directly to the Selection Committee to be considered for discretionary selection by submitting, in writing, a petition including any rationale to the Executive Director of USANS Bill Demong (Billy@usanordic.org)

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 competitions he/she has been selected for. Such determination shall be at the discretion of the USANS Head Nordic Combined Coach, Athletic Director, Head Team Physician, in consultation with U.S. Ski & Snowboard Medical Director, and the athlete's designated physician.