



Team Selection Criteria

2022 FIS Alpine World Junior Ski Championships

Panorama, CAN

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1. Philosophy

The U.S. Ski Team will select those athletes with the greatest opportunity for winning medals at the 2022 FIS Alpine World Junior Ski Championships (“WJSC”) and future FIS Alpine WJSC.

2. Team Size

The total team size may be up to twelve (12) with a maximum of ten (10) per gender. An additional two (2) men and two (2) women may increase the team size to a maximum of sixteen (16) if qualified for the ZK quota by being ranked in the top-500 for men or top-400 for women in two (2) of three (3) of the following disciplines: Downhill (DH), Slalom (SL), Giant Slalom (GS).

3. Start Right

A maximum of four (4) men and four (4) women can start each event. An additional two (2) men and two (2) women may start if qualified for the ZK quota.

4. Eligibility

Only age eligible (year of birth 2001 – 2005) licensed U.S. Ski & Snowboard and FIS athletes in good standing with a valid USA passport who have passed the validated SkillsQuest – Fitness standard of 550 points for women and 700 points for men by November 1, 2021 are eligible for consideration. All injured athletes must be cleared by U.S. Ski & Snowboard Sports Medicine staff before being considered for naming to the team.

5. Naming of the Team

The U.S. team to the 2022 FIS Alpine WJSC will be announced at the U.S. Ski & Snowboard offices on February 18, 2022.

6. Selection Procedures

- A. Up to six (6) men and six (6) women will be named to the team by the objective criteria below. The balance of the team will be selected on a discretionary basis by a committee of U.S. Ski & Snowboard staff which shall include the U.S. Ski Team Men’s and Women’s Head Coaches, the U.S. Ski Team Men’s and Women’s Development Head Coaches, the Alpine Development Director, and the Alpine Director.
- B. Selections will be based on results of competitions held between October 23, 2021 and February 17, 2022 (the “evaluation period”) and the 15th FIS Points List (valid February 3 – February 23, 2022).
- C. The selection criteria will be applied in the following order:
 - 1) Two (2) men and two (2) women eligible for the ZK quota ranked in order of the lowest sum of world ranks in two of the three events (DH, SL, GS).



Qualification: Men must be ranked top-500 and women must be ranked top-400 in the world in two of these events (DH, SL, GS).

Ties will be broken by the best world rank in DH, SL, or GS.

- 2) Up to four (4) men and four (4) women ranked by National Team Selection Method (“NTSM”) based on total points scored according to the World Cup, Europa Cup, or NorAm (“Series”) scoring priority below:
 - a) Total World Cup points scored in DH, SL, GS, or SG during the evaluation period.
 - b) If fewer than four (4) athletes have been selected through World Cup points above, additional athletes will be selected based on total Europa Cup points scored in DH, SL, GS, or SG during the evaluation period.
 - c) If fewer than four (4) athletes have been selected through World Cup and Europa Cup points above, additional athletes will be selected based on total NorAm Cup points scored in DH, SL, GS, or SG during the evaluation period.

Ties will be broken by the best single FIS point result scored in the respective event (DH, SL, GS, or SG) at the respective Series during the evaluation period.

Qualification: an athlete must have a top-10 age world rank (by year of birth) in one event (DH, SL, GS, or SG) to be eligible for NTSM selection.

- D. Discretionary selections will be based on current season performance in races with peer-group competition. Priority for discretionary selection may be given to those athletes who have exhibited potential for future success.

7. Determining Start Order

The final designation of starters for each event will be made two (2) hours prior to the draw. The first two start positions in each discipline will be determined according to world rank in that event on the valid FIS points list. The remaining start positions will be selected at the discretion of the coaching staff.

8. Medical Clearance

New athletes named to the team will require a medical clearance for participation. This will be completed by a sports physical exam by a U.S. Ski & Snowboard approved physician. Once named, athlete will contact U.S. Ski & Snowboard Medical Director for appropriate paperwork and direction. Medical clearance must be obtained prior to athlete participation in team projects.

9. COVID-19 Amendments

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, U.S. Ski & Snowboard reserves the right to amend these criteria if FIS changes the national quotas to the WJSC, or if FIS changes the events to be contested as part of the WJSC. A final decision on quotas and events is expected by November 30, 2021.