



2017 U.S. Freeski Team Criteria

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 FIS license.

Further, an athlete shall be ineligible for consideration if previously suspended or removed from team membership without having been reinstated by the USSA. Athletes who have previously declined an offer of team membership will not be eligible for automatically offered team membership regardless of results achieved during the competition season unless that athlete specifically requests consideration and the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Sport Director approves the request.

Nomination status does not guarantee funding, coaching, services etc. from U.S. Ski & Snowboard for competition or preparation. 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. Athlete must demonstrate a capability to adhere to U.S. Ski & Snowboard Values and Code of Conduct in order to be eligible for nomination.

OBJECTIVE NOMINATION CRITERIA 2017-18 HALFPIPE & SLOPESTYLE PRO TEAM

(Men & Women)

Two, Top-3 Results at Level 2 Competitions OR, One, Top-3 Results at Level 2 Competition + Two, Top-5 Results at Level 2 Competitions.

OBJECTIVE NOMINATION CRITERIA 2017-18 HALFPIPE & SLOPESTYLE ROOKIE TEAM

(Men & Women)

Age Eligibility: 13-19 yrs by Dec 31st of season the athlete is to be named (2017).

Top **1 man** and **1 woman** with the best single Level 2 halfpipe and slopestyle competition result (minimum result of a Top 12 for men and Top 8 for women) from 2016-17 competition season, and who meet the age eligibility requirements, will receive a team nomination for 2017-18 season.

Top **1 man** and **1 woman** as ranked in the April 20, 2017 AFP Halfpipe and Slopestyle rankings will receive a team nomination for the 2017-18 season. Athlete must be ranked within Top 30 for men and Top 24 for women to be eligible.



Level 1 events are the Winter Olympic Games

Level 2 events are typically World Cup, Grand Prix, Dew Tour, X-Games, etc. where there is strong elite athlete participation*.

*Level 2 events are classified for men if there are 6 of the top 10 ranked men from the AFP Halfpipe World Ranking for halfpipe events or the AFP Slopestyle World Ranking for slopestyle events who compete in that event. The April 20, 2016 AFP Ranking List will be used for this evaluation.

*Level 2 events are classified for women if there are 5 of the top 8 ranked women from the AFP Halfpipe World Ranking for halfpipe events or the AFP Slopestyle World Ranking for slopestyle events who compete in that event. The April 20, 2016 AFP Ranking List will be used for this evaluation.

**OBJECTIVE NOMINATION CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR INDIVIDUAL ATHLETE SUPPORT
2017-18 SKICROSS
(Men & Women)**

1 Top 3 Result at Level 1 Competition OR 2 Top 3 Results at Level 2 Competitions

2 Top 8 Results at Level 2 Competitions

SKICROSS Level 1 events are World Championships and Winter Olympic Games

SKICROSS Level 2 events are World Cups

Discretionary Selection Policy

U.S. Ski & Snowboard may select additional athletes to the Team using Coach's Discretion, for any age athlete, using factors other than objective criteria such as the following:

1. Opportunities previously provided to an athlete in relationship to results.
2. Attitude and commitment
3. Outstanding results based on strength of field
4. Relative AFP Ranking
5. Physical fitness level
6. Injuries