

## **United States Ski & Snowboard**

### **2019-20 U.S. Snowboardcross Team Nomination 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 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 & 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 Snowboardcross Head Coach approves the request.

The U.S. Snowboard Team will select only the most qualified athletes with the greatest possibilities for winning medals in future World Championship and Olympic Winter Games competitions. Selection criteria will stress performance in the World Cup/World Championships and World Junior Championships in the 2019-20 season.

Selection criteria will also stress progress toward any individual performance markers, set forth by the U.S. Snowboard Team coaches, which point toward international success.

Athletes must demonstrate a capability to adhere to U.S. Ski & Snowboard Values and Code of Conduct to be eligible for nomination.

#### **Criteria Guidelines:**

- The U.S. Ski & Snowboard Snowboardcross Head Coach is responsible for applying the selection criteria set forth herein, subject to the oversight of the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Chief of Sport and Sport Director.
- Objective selections shall be based on the results achieved by athletes in FIS competitions held between November 1, 2018 and March 29, 2019 ("the selection period") and the World Ranking as determined by the 9<sup>th</sup> FIS SBX points lists of the 2018-19 season
- Discretionary nominations, if any, may be based on a variety of factors, including competitions conducted outside of the selection period.
- Team status does not guarantee funding from U.S. Ski & Snowboard for competition or for preparation.
- No minimum team size will be established.
- 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.
- Athletes must be willing to commit to and to participate in the full U.S. Snowboard Team camp and race season structure.

## Objective Criteria:

### **OBJECTIVE NOMINATION CRITERIA SNOWBOARDCROSS**

Athletes will be selected to the team based solely upon their competition results during the selection period and the World Ranking as determined by the 9<sup>th</sup> FIS SBX points lists of the 2018-19 season. Athletes meeting the following objective criteria will be selected to the U.S. Snowboard Team:

#### **A-TEAM**

Athletes meeting the following objective criteria will be selected to the A-Team. World Rank will be assessed using the **FIS 9<sup>th</sup> SBX List 2018/19**.

- Any athlete achieving a top-3 finish in a Snowboardcross World Cup or World Championship competition in the 2018-19 season.

YOB 1992 or earlier:

- World Rank of 10 or better (men and women).

YOB 1993:

- World Rank of 15 or better (men) and 10 or better (women).

YOB 1994:

- World Rank of 20 or better (men) and 10 or better (women).

YOB 1995:

- World Rank of 25 or better (men) and 10 or better (women).

YOB 1996:

- World Rank of 30 or better (men) and 10 or better (women).

YOB 1997 or later:

- World Rank of 35 or better (men) and 10 or better (women).

#### **B-TEAM**

Athletes meeting the following objective criteria will be selected to the B-Team.

B-Team athletes are expected to be competing primarily at World Cup competitions

World Rank will be assessed using the **FIS 9<sup>th</sup> SBX List 2018/19**.

- Any athlete achieving two (2) top 8 results in a Snowboardcross World Cup and/or World Championship competition in the 2018-19 season

YOB 1992 or earlier:

- World Rank of 20 or better (men and women).

YOB 1993:

- World Rank of 30 or better (men) and 20 or better (women).

YOB 1994:

- World Rank of 40 or better (men) and 20 or better (women).

YOB 1995:

- World Rank of 50 or better (men) and 20 or better (women).

YOB 1996 or later:

- World Rank of 60 or better (men) and 20 or better (women).

### **SNOWBOARDCROSS DEVELOPMENT GROUP (Men & Women)**

Athletes meeting the following objective criteria will be selected to the Development Group. Development Group athletes are expected to be competing at mix of both CoC and World Cup competitions. World Rank will be assessed using the **FIS 9<sup>th</sup> SBX List 2018/19**.

Any YOB 1997 or later who are the 2019 SBX NorAm Champion  
Any athletes who podium at 2019 Jr. World Championships

YOB 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004:

- World Rank of 80 or better (men) and 40 or better (women).

#### 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:

- Completion of individual markers, as set forth by the U.S. Snowboard Team coaching staff and as approved by the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Snowboardcross Head Coach, which point toward the achievement of competition results consistent with U.S. Snowboard Team program goals.
- Illness or injury during the selection period.
- Indication of medal potential in future Olympic and World Championship competitions, which would be materially enhanced by selection to team.
- Other unanticipated failure of objective criteria to select an athlete likely to achieve competition results consistent with the U.S. Ski & Snowboard program goals

#### 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 athlete does not remain in good standing.