

**US Ski & Snowboard
Team Nomination Criteria
2019-20 U.S. Snowboard Halfpipe and Slopestyle/Big Air**

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 Head Coach for the specific sport approves the request.

Nomination status does not guarantee funding, coaching, services etc. from the USSA 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 USSA Values and Code of Conduct in order to be eligible for nomination.

PRO TEAM OBJECTIVE NOMINATION CRITERIA HALFPIPE & SLOPESTYLE/BIG AIR (Men & Women)

2 Top 3 Results at Level 2 Competitions

Top 3 U.S. ranked men and women on the World Snowboarding Points List in Halfpipe, and Slopestyle as of April 1, 2019 will be nominated to Pro Team.

Top 1 U.S. ranked man and woman on the World Snowboarding Points List in Big Air as of April 1, 2019 will be nominated to Pro Team.

Athletes must be ranked within Top 15 for men and Top 10 for women of the respective ranking list to be nominated.

ROOKIE TEAM OBJECTIVE NOMINATION CRITERIA HALFPIPE & SLOPESTYLE/BIG AIR (Men & Women)

Age Eligibility: 13-19 yrs by Dec 31st of eligibility season (2019).

Top 2 U.S. men and women on the World Snowboard Points List in Halfpipe & Slopestyle as of April 1st, 2019 will be nominated to the Rookie Team.

Top 1 U.S. man and woman on the World Snowboard Points List in Big Air as of April 1st, 2019 will be nominated to the Rookie Team.

Athletes must be ranked within Top 30 for men and Top 20 for women of the respective ranking list to be nominated.

HALFPIPE/SLOPESTYLE/BIG AIR Level 1 events are the Winter Olympic Games

HALFPIPE/SLOPESTYLE/BIG AIR Level 2 events are typically Grand Prix, Dew Tour, X-Games, US Open, Euro-X, Air & Style, World Cups 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 OR 5 of the top ranked 8 women from the Halfpipe World Ranking List for halfpipe events OR the Slopestyle World Ranking List for slopestyle events OR

the Slopestyle and/or Big Air World Ranking List for big air events who compete in that event. The April 1, 2019 World Ranking Lists will be used for this evaluation.

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 Sport Director, 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.