

US Ski & Snowboard

2019 U.S. Nordic Combined World Championship Team Selection 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 FIS license and who meet FIS minimum eligibility standards.

U.S. Ski & Snowboard provides an equal opportunity to amateur athletes, coaches, trainers, managers, administrators, and officials to participate in amateur athletic competition, without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, age, sex, or national origin, and with fair notice and opportunity for a hearing before declaring any such individual ineligible to participate.

Criteria Guidelines:

- U.S. Ski & Snowboard policy mandates that team selection criteria shall be principally objective (or performance-based), but it may select additional athletes to the Team using coaches' discretion.
- Up to five athletes may be selected to represent the United States in Nordic Combined at the 2019 World Championships.
- Up to four athletes may start for the United States in each of the events unless otherwise specified by the International Ski Federation (FIS). Assignment of start rights will be at the discretion of the USA Nordic Nordic Combined staff.
- No minimum team size shall be established.
- The USA Nordic Athletic Director is responsible for applying the selection criteria set forth herein, subject to the approval of the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief of Sport of the U.S. Ski & Snowboard.
- Objective selections shall be based on results in World Cup & Continental Cup (COC) competitions held between November 24, 2018 and February 03, 2019 (the "selection period").
- Discretionary selections, if any, may be based on a variety of factors, including competitions conducted outside of the selection period.
- U.S. Nordic Combined World Championships Team status does not grant funding from the U.S. Ski & Snowboard

Objective Criteria:

Athletes may be selected to the team based solely upon their competition results during the selection period. Up to six athletes shall be selected to the team based solely upon their World Cup & COC competition results during the selection period.

- Athletes ranking in the top 50 of the FIS World Cup Ranking List on Feb 3rd 2018 shall be selected to the team.
- Athletes who achieve a top 15 in World Cup competition.
- Athletes who achieve a podium result in COC.
- Athletes who achieve a podium result in JWSC

Athletes meeting the objective criteria shall be selected to the team, unless application of these criteria would result in a total of more than five objective selections, in which case the U.S. Ski & Snowboard shall use the following tie-breaking mechanisms in order:

- Best ranking on the most current FIS World Cup Ranking List
- Best single performance on the World Cup during the selection period
- Best ranking on the most current FIS Continental Cup Ranking List
- Best single performance on the Continental Cup 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), before 8:00 AM Mountain time on February 4, 2019.

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.

Athlete Replacement Procedure:

In the case that an athlete that has been selected to the team becomes injured or ill prior to the World Championships and is unable to compete, no replacement athlete will be named unless it is deemed that there is sufficient time to make a replacement without disrupting the competition or preparation of other athletes and that the additional athlete would have sufficient time to properly prepare for the competition. This decision will be made by the USANS Athletic Director, the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Chief of Sport, the Head Coach and U.S. Ski & Snowboard Medical Director. Should an additional athlete be considered, the same criteria as outlined above shall be

followed to select that athlete. No athletes will be named to the team following the conclusion of mandatory training or within five days of the start of the World Championships.