



SELECTION CRITERIA
2020 FIS SNOWBOARD JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
Parallel Giant Slalom/Parallel Slalom – Lachtal, AUT December 19 – 21
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1. PHILOSOPHY:

U.S. Ski & Snowboard will select only the most qualified athletes with the greatest opportunity for winning medals at the 2020 FIS Junior World Championships. 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, an active U.S.-coded FIS license, and who meet FIS minimum eligibility standards.

2. QUOTAS:

U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD may select any number of athletes up to the total number of start quotas as determined by FIS, with a maximum number of athletes of up to six (6) per gender per discipline for Parallel Giant Slalom/Parallel Slalom (PGS/PSL).

3. ELIGIBILITY:

For PGS/PSL Events:

- Athletes whose year of birth is between 2000 – 2004.
- Athletes who have a minimum of 50 FIS Points in their discipline on the 2021 Snowboard Parallel FIS Base Points List available at www.fis-ski.com.

4. NAMING OF THE PARTICIPANTS:

The U.S. Snowboard FIS Junior World athletes will be named two (2) weeks prior to the first day of the respective Junior World Championship event, once the date is set by FIS. They will be announced at the U.S. Ski and Snowboard offices and posted on the [U.S. Ski & Snowboard](http://www.us Ski & Snowboard) website (www.us Ski & Snowboard).

5. APPLICABLE RULES:

All qualifying competitions are governed by the international federation rules of competition. The international federation for snowsports, as recognized by the IOC, is the FIS. All criteria as they relate to rules, regulations and competition calendars are subject to changes based on changes by the FIS, the USOPC and the IOC. All other U.S. Ski & Snowboard rules, including its Code of Conduct, as well as the U.S. Center for SafeSport Code shall apply to the criteria.

6. SELECTION PROCEDURES:

A. Summary of Objective Selection Policy:

Start positions in Parallel Giant Slalom/Parallel Slalom disciplines, men and women, will be filled objectively using the following:

PGS/PSL – Up to six (6) athletes per gender may be nominated to the Team as follows:



1. Four (4) highest ranking U.S. Athletes per gender from the 2021 Snowboard Parallel FIS Base Points list. The FIS Points list is available at www.fis-ski.com.
2. If the athletes qualified via the above criteria decline their invitation, then spots may be passed down the 2021 Parallel FIS Base Points list to the next highest ranked athlete(s) until the four (4) quota spots are filled.
3. Up to two (2) U.S. Athletes per gender may be selected using the Discretionary Selection Policy as provided in Section B below.

B. Summary of Discretionary Selection Policy

U.S. Ski & Snowboard may select additional athletes to the Team as recommended by the Head Coach and/or Sport Development Staff to the Selection Committee, for any age athlete, using factors other than objective criteria such as the following:

1. Outstanding competition results (including results achieved outside of the selection period).
2. Recent direction or trend of competition results (i.e., improving, flat, or declining).
3. Illness or injury during the selection period.
4. Indicia of medal potential in future Olympic or World Championship competition, which would be materially enhanced by selection to Team.
5. Other unanticipated failure of objective criteria to select an athlete likely to achieve competition results consistent with U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD program goals for the Junior World Championships.

The Selection Committee that will be responsible for making discretionary selections will include the following parties (identified by their title):

1. U.S. Ski & Snowboard, President and CEO
2. U.S. Ski & Snowboard, Director of Snowboard
3. U.S. Ski & Snowboard, Sport Development Manager
4. U.S. Ski & Snowboard, Board Athlete Representative - Snowboard

Conflicts of interest may arise for Selection Committee members during the Team selection process. Conflicts of interest exist when a Selection Committee member stands to benefit privately from a decision made by the Selection Committee. A conflict may arise, but is not limited to, when a Selection Committee member is in a position to participate in discussion or a vote concerning an athlete whom he or she coaches or trains privately who is being considered for a position on the Team. In the interest of assuring a fair selection process, the following rules will be followed by the Selection Committee when a conflict of interest arises:

- Any member of the Selection Committee that has a possible conflict of interest must disclose it and must recuse him/herself from the Selection Committee discussions and voting.
- The Selection Committee member should not otherwise influence other members of the Selection Committee in the nomination process. However, a committee member who recused him/herself, but who has relevant and necessary information with respect to



athlete performance, for example a national team coach or high-performance director, may, if requested by the Selection Committee, provide such information to the committee so long as such information is provided in a fair and unbiased manner.

The U.S. Ski & Snowboard Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at:
www.uskiandsnowboard.org.

US Ski & Snowboard may remove a selected athlete at any time at its sole discretion and may replace the vacancy pursuant to the relevant selection criteria.