

Aerial World Cup Selection Criteria 2020-21

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.

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)
- The Program Head Coach is responsible for applying the selection criteria set forth herein
- The team selected by U.S. Ski & Snowboard may consist of any number of athletes up to the FIS World Cup quota for the United States.
- The quota of start rights per nation is set annually by the FIS and is subject to change. Any change to the quota start rights per nation could result in a revision of this criteria.

AERIALS (10 total / Max 6 per gender)

Athletes who meet the FIS criteria for entry (50 FIS points), will be chosen for the World Cup start positions using the system as follows. Additional start positions will be allocated to Coaches Discretion, until the quota is filled. U.S. Ski & Snowboard will determine, at its, discretion, the specific gender totals up to the 10 athletes total / max 6 per gender quota allocation.

Events: 2020/21 World Cups

Criteria #1 Top 3 men & 3 women from the Base FIS Aerials Point List 2020/21
CHRIS LILLIS MEGAN NICK
JUSTIN SCHOENEFELD ASHLEY CALDWELL
ERIC LOUGHRAN KAILA KUHN

Criteria #2 Remaining quota allocation (not already qualified from above criteria) may be selected based on coach discretion. Discretionary positions may be considered on an event by event basis. If coach discretion isn't utilized, then the next ranked athletes on the Base FIS Aerials Points List 2020/2021 may be selected. If coach discretion isn't utilized, and there is a ranking tie between men and women for the 10th (and final) quota position the tie will be broken as follows:

- Best Aerials World Cup ranking from 2019/20 season
- Best World Cup result from the 2019/20 season
- If still tied then Coach discretion shall be used

Deer Valley World Cup Host Nation Quota 2 per gender

Criteria #1- Athletes who meet the FIS criteria for entry (50 FIS points), will be chosen for the Deer Valley World Cup start positions using the system as follows:

- The top 1 man & 1 woman from the 7th FIS points list (not already qualified from above criteria).

Criteria #2- Remaining quota allocation may be selected based on coaches discretion. If coaches discretion isn't utilized then the next ranked athletes on the ranking list referenced above in criteria #1 will be selected.

NorAm Champion Personal Spots – N/A

DISCRETIONARY SELECTIONS

Athletes who have not met the Objective Criteria may be selected to the team based on a variety of factors, including competitions outside of the selection period, and/or they satisfy any of the following:

- Outstanding competition results from the 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 seasons, indicating a potential for success.
- Recent positive direction or trend of competition results indicating a potential for success.
- Indication of medal potential in future elite level competition (such as international age group results and age rankings) that would be materially enhanced by selection to the team.

All discretionary selections will be reviewed by a discretionary selection review group comprised of the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Sport Director, the U.S. Ski & Snowboard President & CEO, and the athlete representative from that sport who is a member of the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Board. If the 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.

U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD APPEAL AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

Any member who believes that he/she has wrongfully been denied membership on any team whose members are selected through participation in "protected competition," as that term is defined in the USOC Bylaws, shall be entitled to appeal such decision.

The U.S. Ski & Snowboard Grievance Procedures can be found within section IX of the U.S. Ski & Snowboard bylaws found at: usskiandsnowboard.org

ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN

Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete that are not answered by U.S. Ski & Snowboard may contact the USOC Athlete Ombudsman, Kacie Wallace, by:

- Telephone at (719) 866-5000
- Toll-free telephone at (888) ATHLETE (1-888-284-5383)
- E-mail at Kacie.wallace@usoc.org
- www.athleteombudsman.org
- <http://www.teamusa.org/For-Athletes/Athlete-Ombudsman.aspx>