

United States Ski & Snowboard

2021-22 U.S. Snowboard Slopestyle/Big Air 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 Slopestyle/Big Air Snowboard 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 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 both U.S. Ski & Snowboard Values and Code of Conduct to be eligible for nomination.

Criteria Guidelines:

- The U.S. Ski & Snowboard Slopestyle/Big Air Snowboard Head Coach is responsible for applying the selection criteria set forth herein, subject to the oversight of the U.S. Ski & Snowboard President & CEO, Halfpipe/Slopestyle/Big Air Head Coach, and Sport Director.
- Objective selections shall be based on the results achieved by athletes in competitions held between November 1, 2020 and March 29, 2021 (“the selection period”) and the World Ranking as determined by the Slopestyle World Snowboard Points List (WSPL) valid on April 24th, 2021 and the Big Air World Snowboard Points List valid on April 24th, 2021.
- 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.
- A maximum of 10 Pro Team athletes and 4 Rookie Team athletes will be nominated using the objective criteria outlined below. If more than 10 Pro Team and 4 Rookie Team athletes qualify under the objective criteria then athletes will be nominated in order of the following priority:

PRO TEAM

- Athletes qualifying under the two top 3 result based criteria
- Athletes qualifying under the Top 3 U.S. World Slopestyle Points List ranked men and women criteria within the Rank range
- Athlete qualifying under the Top 1 U.S. World Big Air Points List ranked men and woman within the Rank range
- Athletes qualifying under the YOB criteria nominating the highest ranked athletes, regardless of YOB, until the maximum team sizes are met.

ROOKIE TEAM

- Athletes qualifying under the Top 2 U.S. World Slopestyle Points List ranked men and women criteria within the YOB/Rank range
- Athlete qualifying under the Top 1 U.S. World Big Air Points List ranked men and woman within the YOB/Rank range
- Athletes qualifying under the YOB criteria nominating the highest ranked athletes, regardless of YOB, until the maximum team sizes are met.

- 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 participate in the full U.S. Snowboard Team camp and competition season structure.
- Athletes who are nominated to the Pro or Rookie Team for the first time will receive a 2-year team nomination.
- Athletes who achieve the two Top 3 results in World Cup, X-Games, Dew Tour, and U.S. Open competition during the 2020-21 season will receive a 2-year nomination.

Objective Criteria:

OBJECTIVE NOMINATION CRITERIA SLOPESTYLE/BIG AIR

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 Slopestyle World Snowboard Points List (WSPL) valid on April 24th, 2021 and Big Air World Snowboard Points List valid on April 24th, 2021. Athletes meeting the following objective criteria will be selected to the U.S. Snowboard Team:

PRO TEAM

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

- Any athlete achieving two top-3 results in World Cup, X-Games, Dew Tour, and U.S. Open competition during in the 2020-21 season.
- Top 3 U.S. Ranked men and women on the Slopestyle World Snowboard Points List as of April 24th, 2021. Athlete must be ranked Top 15 for men and Top 10 for women to be nominated.
- Top 1 U.S. Ranked man and woman on the Big Air World Snowboard Points List as of April 24th, 2021. Athlete must be ranked Top 15 for men and Top 10 for women to be nominated.

The Slopestyle World Snowboard Points List valid on April 24th, 2021 will be used for the below criteria:

YOB 2002 or older:

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

YOB 2003:

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

YOB 2004:

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

YOB 2005:

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

ROOKIE TEAM

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

Age eligibility: Year of Birth 2002-2005

- Top 2 U.S. men and women on the Slopestyle World Snowboard Points List as of April 24th, 2021. Athlete must be ranked Top 20 for men and Top 25 for women to be nominated
- Top 1 U.S. man and woman on the Big Air World Snowboard Points List as of April 24th, 2021. Athlete must be ranked Top 20 men and Top 25 for women to be nominated

The Slopestyle World Snowboard Points List valid on April 24th, 2021 will be used for the below criteria:

YOB 2002:

- World Rank of 20 or better (men) and 25 or better (women).

YOB 2003:

- World Rank of 25 or better (men) and 30 or better (women).

YOB 2004:

- World Rank of 50 or better (men) and 30 or better (women).

YOB 2005:

- World Rank of 50 or better (men) and 30 or better (women).

For both the Pro & Rookie Team Criteria athletes YOB 2006 and younger (2007, 2008 etc..) would be considered under Discretionary Selection Policy outlined below.

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 Halfpipe 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/or the athlete does not remain in good standing.