

United States Ski & Snowboard

2021-22 U.S. Snowboardcross 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 Snowboardcross 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 also 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 U.S. Ski & Snowboard Values and Code of Conduct to be eligible for nomination.

Criteria Guidelines:

- The U.S. Ski & Snowboard Snowboardcross Head Coach is responsible for applying the selection criteria set forth herein, subject to the oversight of the U.S. Ski & Snowboard President & CEO and Sport Director.
- Objective selections shall be based on the results achieved by athletes in FIS competitions held between November 1, 2020 and March 29, 2021 (“the selection period”) and the World Ranking as determined by the 11th FIS SBX points lists of the 2020-21 season, or if there are unforeseen changes to the FIS points list schedule then whichever FIS points list is most representative of the 2020-21 season at the time of team nominations.
- 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 12 A/B Team athletes and 8 Development Group athletes will be nominated using the objective criteria outlined below. If more than 12 A/B Team and 8 Development athletes qualify under the objective criteria then athletes will be nominated in order of the following priority:
 - A/B Team Priority
 - Athletes qualifying under the A-Team top 3 result based criteria

- Athletes qualifying under the B-Team 2 top 8 result based criteria
- Athletes qualifying under the YOB criteria nominating the highest ranked athletes, regardless of YOB, until the maximum team sizes are met.

Development Group Priority

- 2021 NorAm Champion
 - 2021 Jr World Podium
 - Athletes qualifying under the YOB criteria nominating the highest ranked athletes, regardless of YOB, until the maximum team sizes are met.
- Athletes who are nominated to the A/B Team or Development Group for the first time will receive a 2-year team nomination.
 - Athletes who achieve the A-Team criteria of a World Cup win or two Top 3 results during the 2020-21 season will receive a 2-year nomination
 - 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 to participate in the full U.S. Snowboard Team camp and competition season structure.

Objective Criteria:

OBJECTIVE NOMINATION CRITERIA SNOWBOARDCROSS

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 11th FIS SBX points lists of the 2020-21 season. Athletes meeting the following objective criteria will be selected to the U.S. Snowboard Team:

A-TEAM

Athletes meeting the following objective criteria will be selected to the A-Team. World Rank will be assessed using the **FIS 11th SBX List 2020-21**.

- Any athlete achieving a win in a Snowboardcross World Cup competition in the 2020-21 season.
- Any athlete achieving two top-3 finishes in a Snowboardcross World Cup competition in the 2020-21 season.

YOB 1994 or older:

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

YOB 1995:

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

YOB 1996:

- World Rank of 20 or better (men) and 10 or better (women).

YOB 1997:

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

YOB 1998:

- World Rank of 30 or better (men) and 10 or better (women).

YOB 1999 through 2004:

- World Rank of 35 or better (men) and 10 or better (women).

B-TEAM

Athletes meeting the following objective criteria will be selected to the B-Team. World Rank will be assessed using the **FIS 11th SBX List 2020-21**.

- Any athlete achieving two top 8 results in a Snowboardcross World Cup competition in the 2020-21 season

YOB 1994 or older:

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

YOB 1995:

- World Rank of 30 or better (men) and 20 or better (women).

YOB 1996:

- World Rank of 40 or better (men) and 20 or better (women).

YOB 1997:

- World Rank of 50 or better (men) and 20 or better (women).

YOB 1998 through 2004:

- World Rank of 60 or better (men) and 20 or better (women).

SNOWBOARDCROSS DEVELOPMENT GROUP (Men & Women)

Athletes meeting the following objective criteria will be selected to the Development Group. World Rank will be assessed using the **FIS 11th SBX List 2020-21**.

- Any YOB 1999 or younger who are the 2021 SBX NorAm Champion
- Any athlete(s) who podium at 2021 Individual SBX Jr. World Championships

YOB 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005:

- World Rank of 80 or better (men) and 40 or better (women).

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 Snowboardcross 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.