



2021 FIS Alpine World Junior Ski Championships

Team Selection Criteria
Bansko, BUL
March 1-11, 2021

1. Philosophy

The U.S. Ski Team will select those athletes with the greatest opportunity for winning medals at the 2021 FIS Alpine World Junior Ski Championships (“WJSC”) and future FIS Alpine WJSC.

2. Team Size

The total team size may be up to four (4) per gender.

3. Start Right

A maximum of four (4) men and four (4) women can start each event.

4. Eligibility

Only age eligible (year of birth 2000–2004) U.S. Ski & Snowboard members in good standing with a valid U.S. passport, and a valid USA-coded FIS license are eligible for consideration. All injured athletes must be cleared by U.S. Ski & Snowboard Sports Medicine staff before being considered for naming to the team.

5. Naming of the Team

The U.S. Team to the 2021 FIS Alpine WJSC will be announced at the U.S. Ski & Snowboard offices on February 16, 2021.

6. Selection Procedures

- A. Up to three (3) men and three (3) women will be named to the team by the objective criteria below. The balance of the team will be selected on a discretionary basis by a committee of U.S. Ski & Snowboard staff which shall include the U.S. Ski Team Men’s and Women’s Head Coaches, the U.S. Ski Team Men’s and Women’s Development Head Coaches, the Alpine Development Director, and the Alpine Director.
- B. Selections will be based on results of competitions held between October 17, 2020 and February 14, 2021 (the evaluation period) and the 16th FIS Points List (printed on February 16, 2021 and valid from February 18 – March 3, 2021).
- C. The selection criteria will be applied in the following order:
 - 1) One (1) male and one (1) female athlete ranked in order of the lowest sum of world ranks in two of the three events (SL, GS, SG*). If SG will not be contested at the 2021 WJSC, athletes will be ranked by the sum of world ranks in SL and GS.

Qualification: Men must be ranked top-500 and women must be ranked top-400 in the world in two of these events (SL, GS, SG*).



Ties will be broken by the best world rank in SL, GS, or SG*.

* If SG will not be contested at the 2021 WJSC, only SL and GS will be considered.

2) Up to two (2) men and two (2) women ranked by National Team Selection Method (NTSM) based on total points scored according to the Cup scoring priority in the order listed below:

- a) Total World Cup points scored in SL, GS, or SG* during the evaluation period.
- b) If fewer than two (2) athletes per gender have been selected through World Cup points above, additional athletes will be selected based on total Europa Cup points scored in SL, GS, or SG* during the evaluation period.
- c) If fewer than two (2) athletes per gender have been selected through World Cup and Europa Cup points above, additional athletes will be selected based on total NorAm Cup points scored in SL, GS, or SG* during the evaluation period.
- d) If fewer than two (2) athletes per gender have been selected through World Cup, Europa Cup, and NorAm Cup points above, additional athletes will be selected based on the best average of two FIS point results per event during the evaluation period in SL, GS, or SG*.
- e) If COVID-19 disruptions contribute to less than two (2) races being contested per technical event (SL, GS) in each region of the country (East, Rocky/Central, and West), additional athletes will be selected based on the best world rank in SL, GS, or SG*.
- f) Coaches' discretion

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Ties will be broken by the best single FIS point result scored in the event during the evaluation period.

Qualification: an athlete must have a top-10 age world rank (by year of birth) in one event (DH, SL, GS, SG) to be eligible for NTSM selection.

D. Discretionary selections will be based on current season performance in races with peer-group competition. Priority for discretionary selection may be given to those athletes who have exhibited potential for future success.

7. Medical Clearance

New athletes named to the team will require a medical clearance for participation. This will be completed by a sports physical exam by a U.S. Ski & Snowboard approved physician. Once named, athlete will contact the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Medical Director for appropriate paperwork and direction. Medical clearance must be obtained prior to athlete participation in team projects.