



**2023 FIS Freestyle Junior World Ski Championships  
Airolo, Switzerland  
March 23-26, 2023**

Link to Event Invite - <https://medias1.fis-ski.com/pdf/2023/FS/8344/2023FS8344INVI.pdf>

### **1. Selection Criteria Guidelines**

U.S. Ski & Snowboard will select only the most qualified athletes with the greatest opportunity for winning medals at the 2023 FIS Junior World Championships (“WJSC”).

### **2. Eligibility**

Only age-eligible year of birth 2003 – 2008 licensed U.S. Ski & Snowboard and FIS athletes in good standing with a valid USA passport are eligible for consideration. All injured athletes must be cleared by U.S. Ski & Snowboard staff before being considered for naming to the team.

### **3. Start Right**

The start rights, per discipline and gender, are subject to the U.S. earning those quota spots in the respective discipline and gender through the International Ski Federation (FIS) respective quota process for each discipline

The maximum team size for a nation is thirty-eight (38) athletes with a the max total per gender of twenty-two (22) athletes. Athletes named to the team will start in the event from which they qualified.

### **4. Team Size**

U.S. Ski & Snowboard may select any number of athletes up to the total number of start quotas as determined by FIS. In Moguls/Dual Moguls/Dual Mogul Team (MO/DM/DMT)\* and Aerials/Aerials Team (AE/AET)\* a maximum of up to four (4) athletes per gender may start per event.

\*The same four (4) athletes per gender will start in MO/DM

Team Events - In each of the team events Aerial Team (AET) and Dual Mogul Team (DMT) each Nation is permitted to enter up to two (2) teams.

- AET will include three (3) athletes consisting of - 1 female and 2 males athletes or 2 female and 1 male athlete
- DMT will include two (2) athletes consisting of - 1 female and 1 male

### **5. Team Selection Procedure and Criteria**

**Moguls/Dual Moguls** – Up to three (3) athletes per gender will be nominated to the team as follows:

Athletes must hold a minimum of 100 FIS points on the 2023 11<sup>th</sup> Freestyle Ski FIS MO points list.

1. Top 3 men & 3 women from the 2023 11<sup>th</sup> FIS Mogul Points List ranked in the Top 20
2. Athletes that participated in the 2023 World Ski Championships

3. The remaining quota spots will be determined from the athlete's two (2) best results (via World Cup rule 1.7 World Cup Points 1.7.1 Points Breakdown (also listed in Continental Cup rule 7) from the following events:
  - January 2023 U.S. Selection Moguls #1
  - January 2023 U.S. Selection Moguls #2
  - January 2023 U.S. Selection Dual Moguls
  - January 2023 Apex NorAm Moguls
  - January 2023 Apex NorAm Dual Moguls
  - February 2023 Deer Valley NorAm Moguls
  - February 2023 Deer Valley NorAm Dual Moguls
  - March 2023 Val St Come NorAm Moguls
  - March 2023 Val St Come NorAm Dual Moguls
  - March 2023 Stratton NorAm Moguls
  - March 2023 Stratton NorAm Dual Moguls

\*\*Qualifying results can include:

- A max of one (1) dual moguls result

**Tie Breaking** - If there is a tie for any quota position the tie will be broken as follows:

- Next best result from the above list of events
- If still tied next best result from the above list of events will be utilized until the tie is broken.
- If still tied the FIS ranking from the 2023 11<sup>th</sup> FIS Mogul Points List
- If still tied then Coach discretion shall be used

**Aerials** – Up to three (3) athletes per gender will be nominated to the team as follows:

Athletes must hold a minimum of 75 FIS points on the 2023 11<sup>th</sup> Freestyle Ski AE FIS points list.

1. Top 3 men & 3 women from the 11<sup>th</sup> FIS Mogul Points List ranked in the Top 20
2. Athletes that participated in the 2023 World Ski Championships
3. The remaining quota spots will be determined from the athlete's two (3) best results (via World Cup rule 1.7 World Cup Points 1.7.1 Points Breakdown (also listed in Continental Cup rule 7) from the following events:
  - January 2023 U.S. Selection Aerials #1
  - January 2023 U.S. Selection Aerials #2



- February 2023 Park City NorAm Aerials #1
- February 2023 Park City NorAm Aerials #2
- February 2023 Park City NorAm Aerials #3
- February 2023 Park City NorAm Aerials #4
- February 2023 Le Relais NorAm Aerials #1
- February 2023 Le Relais NorAm Aerials #2
- February 2023 Le Relais NorAm Aerials #3
- February 2023 Le Relais NorAm Aerials #4

\*Aerials Team (AET) Results will not factor into the selection process

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- Next best result from the above list of events
- If still tied next best result from the above list of events will be utilized until the tie is broken.
- If still tied the FIS ranking from the 2023 11<sup>th</sup> Freestyle Ski AE FIS points list
- If still tied then Coach discretion shall be used

**Team Events** - The team event spots will be determined from the athlete's two (2) best results in MO/DM and from the athlete's result in AE (1) (via World Cup rule 1.7 World Cup Points 1.7.1 Points Breakdown (also listed in Continental Cup rule 7) from the following events:

Moguls

- 2023 FIS Freestyle Junior World Ski Championships – Moguls
- 2023 FIS Freestyle Junior World Ski Championships – Dual Moguls

Aerials

- 2023 FIS Freestyle Junior World Ski Championships – Aerials

In the case of an event(s) cancellation (MO/DM 1 event can be utilized if needed) and the results can not be used then team event athletes will be named from item #5 Team Selection Procedure and Criteria

### C. Remaining Team Nomination Criteria

The fourth (4) quota slot per gender per discipline will be evaluated under Discretionary Selection Procedures.

If Discretionary Selection Procedures are not utilized U.S. Ski and Snowboard will return to the ranking lists generated thru item 5 to fill the remaining quota spots.

#### 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 2020/2021 and 2021/2022 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, U.S. Ski & Snowboard Chief of Sport, 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](http://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 [Ombudsman@usathlete.org](mailto:Ombudsman@usathlete.org)
- [www.athleteombudsman.org](http://www.athleteombudsman.org)

### 7. Determining Start Right

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, gender identity, or national origin, and with fair notice and opportunity for a hearing before declaring any such individual ineligible to participate.

An athlete shall be ineligible for consideration if he/she/they is not fit to perform at their highest level at the time selections are made due to any injury or illness from which he/she/they is not expected to recover adequately by the time of the 2023 FIS Freestyle Junior World Ski Championships as verified by U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD Athletics Staff. Such determination shall be at the discretion of the Sport Director after consulting with the U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD High Performance and Sport Coaching staffs, the Head Team Physician and the athlete's designated physician.

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.

The coaching staff is responsible for applying the selection criteria set forth herein, subject to the approval of the U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD Chief of Sport.

### 8. Announcement of Selections

Selections to the 2023 FIS Freestyle Junior World Ski Championships team shall be announced on March 11, 2023 at the offices of U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD in Park City, Utah, and shall be posted on the [U.S. Ski & Snowboard](#) website ([www.usskiandsnowboard.org](http://www.usskiandsnowboard.org)).

Athletes may be recognized and eligible for selection; however, they will only be registered upon a commitment to attend this **self-funded** event and upon submission of a deposit in advance of the event.



All athletes are responsible for cost-sharing the expenses of the team doctor and/or physio, team leader and the coaches for their respective discipline(s).

#### **9. Medical Clearance**

Athletes named to the team will require proof of medical clearance for participation dated no longer than 6 months before departure to the Championship, this is to be supplied in the form of a sports physical exam. Once named, the athlete will submit paperwork to the Team Leader as designated by U.S. Ski & Snowboard. If an athlete has been injured between the date of their physical and departure for the Championships, additional clearance specific to that injury will be required.