



## **2023 U.S. Freeski Project Gold**

### **Selection Criteria**

### **Subject to Change**

#### **SELECTION PROCEDURES**

##### **A. Summary of Objective Selection:**

U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD will consider for selection only those athletes in good standing who have a valid U.S. passport. Selection criteria will be based exclusively on performances during the period from November 1, 2022 through April 15, 2023. Athletes must be between ages 12-19 for Halfpipe and Slopestyle. Athletes in each discipline shall be selected based solely upon their competition results for each discipline in selection events during the selection period. Athletes will be selected objectively using the following:

##### **1. Halfpipe:**

- Top three (3) male and female junior athletes from the Revolution Tour Overall Halfpipe standings\*
- Top male and female junior athletes each Futures Tour event\*
- Top two (2) male and female junior athletes from the USASA Open Class National Championships\*
- Top two (2) male and female athletes from USASA Nationals Youth Class National Championships\*
- Top two (2) male and female athletes from USASA National Breakers Class National Championships\*

\*Invitations will be passed down if top qualifying junior athlete is a) a named US Ski & Snowboard Team athlete or b) a foreign national. Invitations will not be passed down if an athlete has qualified under multiple criteria.

##### **2. Slopestyle:**

- Top three (3) male and female junior athletes from the Revolution Tour Overall Slopestyle standings\*
- Top male and female junior athletes each Futures Tour event\*



- Top two (2) male and female junior athletes from the USASA Open Class National Championships- Points Assignment\*
- Top one (1) male and female athletes from USASA Nationals Junior Class National Championships\*
- Top two (2) male and female athletes from USASA Nationals Youth Class National Championships\*
- Top two (2) male and female athletes from USASA National Breakers Class National Championships\*

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**B. Discretionary Selection Policy:**

U.S. Ski & Snowboard may invite additional athletes to this project using coaches' discretion based upon factors other than the objective criteria. If discretionary invitations are issued any of (but not limited to) the following factors may be considered:

- Completion of individual markers, as set forth by the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Team Sport Development Department and coaching staff which point toward the achievement of competition results consistent with U.S. Snowboard Team program goals.
- Illness or injury during the selection period.
- Other unanticipated failure of objective criteria to select an athlete likely to achieve competition results consistent with the U.S. Ski & Snowboard program goals.