

**U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD
ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
GANGWON 2024 YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES
FREESKI HALFPIPE, SLOPESTYLE/BIG AIR
JANUARY 4, 2023**

1. SELECTION SYSTEM

1.1. Provide the minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for selection to the Team:

1.1.0. Nationality/Passport requirements:

- Athlete must be a national of the United States at the time of nomination.
- Athlete must hold a valid U.S. passport that will not expire for six months after the conclusion of the Games.

1.1.1. Minimum International Olympic Committee (IOC) standards for participation:

- Any competitor in the Youth Olympic Games must be a national of the country of the National Olympic Committee (NOC) which is entering such competitor. For additional information regarding an athlete who is a national of two or more countries, has changed his or her nationality or acquired a new nationality, refer to the Olympic Charter (Rule 41).

1.1.2. Minimum International Federation (IF) standards for participation:

- Athletes must have obtained YOG FIS points in Freeski Halfpipe, Freeski Slopestyle, and Freeski Big Air to start in the respective event. Athletes with only Freeski Slopestyle YOG FIS points are also eligible to start in the Freeski Big Air event. YOG FIS points are earned in accordance with the FIS Rules for FIS Points during the YOG qualification period from 1 July 2022 to 17 December 2023.
- Additionally, to be eligible to participate in the Gangwon 2024 Youth Olympic Games, athletes must have been born between January 1, 2006 and December 31, 2009 for the Freeski Halfpipe, Freeski Slopestyle, and Freeski Big Air events.

1.1.3. Other requirements:

- Athlete must successfully complete all Gangwon 2024 Youth Olympic Games Registration requirements by stated deadline.
- Any athlete age 18 or older will be required to undergo a background screen in accordance with the current USOPC Background Check Policy.
- Any athlete age 18 or older as of the Closing Ceremony will be required to remain current with the U.S. Center for SafeSport’s education and training requirements in accordance with the USOPC Athlete Safety Policy.
- Only competitors who are U.S. Ski & Snowboard members in good standing will be considered for nomination.

1.2. Selection Events:

1.2.1. Athletes will be selected using the following ranking lists:

HALFPIPE

Highest ranked, age eligible, U.S. athletes (male & female) from the Freeski Halfpipe FIS Points List as of October 1, 2023.

<https://data.fis-ski.com/snowboard/fis-points-lists.html>

SLOPESTYLE /BIG AIR

Highest ranked, age eligible, U.S. athletes (male & female) from the Freeski Slopestyle FIS Points List as of October 1, 2023.

<https://data.fis-ski.com/snowboard/fis-points-lists.html>

1.2.2. Qualification Process for 1.2.1.:

Athletes must participate in FIS sanctioned events during the selection period to be ranked on the respective ranking lists listed in 1.2.1.

1.3. Selection Process:

The number of NOC quotas earned in each discipline will be determined by the FIS based on the results of the FIS Freeski Junior World Championships 2023. Each NOC is eligible to earn a maximum of two (2) quota places per event per gender based on the Qualification system listed [here](#).

Provided all quotas are qualified, the highest ranked, age-eligible athlete(s) will be nominated to fill each available position to U.S. Ski & Snowboard according to the following:

- Freeski Halfpipe FIS Points list valid on October 1, 2023 for Halfpipe
- Freeski Slopestyle FIS Points list valid on October 1, 2023 for Slopestyle/Big Air

2. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

2.1. Prior to submitting athlete entries by name to the USOPC, U.S. Ski & Snowboard has jurisdiction over potential nominees. An athlete who is nominated to the Team by U.S. Ski & Snowboard may be removed for any of the following reasons, as determined by U.S. Ski & Snowboard:

- 2.1.1. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the U.S. Ski & Snowboard President & CEO and Chief of Sport.
- 2.1.2. Medical disqualification. Injury or illness that limits athlete from performing at their highest level (as determined by YOG Coaching staff) may result in medical disqualification. Injury or illness must be certified by a physician (or medical staff) approved by U.S. Ski & Snowboard. If an athlete refuses verification of his/her/their illness or injury by a physician (or medical staff) approved by U.S. Ski & Snowboard, his/her/their injury will be assumed to be debilitating and he/she/they may be removed.
- 2.1.3. Failure to participate in Mandatory Training and/or Competition as defined in Section 8 of these procedures.
- 2.1.4. Violation of the U.S. Ski & Snowboard's Code of Conduct.
- 2.1.5. Non-compliance with the eligibility requirements listed in Section 1.1. of these selection procedures.

An athlete who is removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per U.S. Ski & Snowboard Bylaws and the USOPC Bylaws, Section 9.

2.2. Once athlete entries have been submitted to the USOPC, the USOPC has jurisdiction over the Team, at which time, in addition to U.S. Ski & Snowboard's Code of Conduct, the USOPC's Delegation Conduct Requirements apply, contained in the USOPC Games Delegation Terms. The USOPC Games Delegation Terms are specific to each Games and made available during the Games registration process; the USOPC's Grievance Procedures and Hearing Process are found within the Delegation

Terms. See “Delegation Events” at <https://www.teamusa.org/Footer/Legal/Dispute-Resolution> for more information.

- 2.3. An athlete may be removed as a nominee to the Team or from the Team for an adjudicated violation of IOC, WADA, USADA and/or USOPC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures, as well as the U.S. Center for SafeSport Code, the USOPC Athlete Safety Policy [and U.S. Ski & Snowboard SafeSport Policy](#), as applicable.

3. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES

- 3.1. Should a vacancy occur, the following process for selection and approval of a replacement athlete(s) will be implemented:

- 3.1.1. Prior to submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee, including any applicable group or committee:

In the case that an athlete needs to be replaced, no replacement athlete will be named unless it is deemed that there is sufficient time to make a replacement without disrupting the competition or preparation of other athletes and that the replacement athlete would have sufficient time to properly prepare for the competition. This decision regarding the replacement athlete will be made by the replacement selection review group comprised of the U.S. Ski & Snowboard President & CEO, the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Chief of Sport, the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Freeski Director, and the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Board Freeski athlete representative.

Should a replacement athlete be considered, the next highest ranked athlete as described in the procedure outlined in Section 1.2. will be followed to select the replacement athlete.

- 3.1.2. After submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee, including any applicable group or committee:

See 3.1.1

4. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

U.S. Ski & Snowboard will retain the approved Selection Procedures and all supporting documents, including scouting or evaluation forms, etc., and data from the selection process for six months past the date of the Closing Ceremony of the Games.

5. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

In addition to the USOPC Delegation Conduct Requirements, the following documents are required to be signed by an athlete as a condition of nomination to the Youth Olympic Games:

U.S. Ski & Snowboard Code of Conduct

6. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

The USOPC approved Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by U.S. Ski & Snowboard in the following public location(s):

6.1. U.S. Ski & Snowboard Website: www.usskiandsnowboard.org

These procedures will be posted as soon as possible, but not more than five business days following notice of approval by the USOPC.

7. DATE OF NOMINATION

Nomination of athletes, including replacements, will be announced to all athletes and submitted to the USOPC on or before: November 15, 2023.

8. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

At the time of development of these procedures, no mandatory training or competition has been determined for the Gangwon 2024 Youth Olympic Games Team. In the event that such mandatory training or competition is required for the Team, U.S. Ski & Snowboard will immediately notify each Team member and that athlete's coach at least thirty (30) days in advance and will post the information on U.S. Ski & Snowboard's website.

9. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

Athletes must adhere to all IOC, WADA, USADA and USOPC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing as required by the IOC, WADA, USADA and USOPC rules, as applicable.

10. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES

The following committee/group (include names and titles) was responsible for creating these Selection Procedures:

U.S. Ski & Snowboard President & CEO	Sophie Goldschmidt
U.S. Ski & Snowboard Chief of Sport	Anouk Patty
U.S. Ski & Snowboard Freeski Director	Skogen Sprang
U.S. Ski & Snowboard Freeski Development Director	Ashley Deibold

U.S. Ski & Snowboard Freeski Board Athlete Representative	Tom Wallasch
U.S. Ski & Snowboard Sport Committee Athlete Representative	Brita Sigourney
U.S. Ski & Snowboard Sport Committee Athlete Representative	Maggie Voisin
U.S. Ski & Snowboard Sport Committee Athlete Representative	Willie Borm

11. NGB/PSO BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

The U.S. Ski & Snowboard Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found [here](#).

12. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

These procedures are based on IOC, and/or FIS rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in IOC, and/or FIS rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to U.S. Ski & Snowboard. However, the selection criteria are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically may not have accounted for every possible contingency.

If any force of nature, or force majeure, should cause the alteration or cancellation of any of the selection events listed in this document, these selection procedures may require revisions, pursuant to their resubmission to the USOPC.

13. ATHLETE OMBUDS OFFICE

The Athlete Ombuds Office provides cost-free, independent and confidential advice regarding athlete rights, grievance procedures and any other related guidance pertaining to selection procedures and can assist in mediating disputes between athletes and their NGB/PSO.

To contact the Athlete Ombuds Office:
PHONE: (719) 866-5000
EMAIL: ombudsman@usathlete.org
WEBSITE: www.usathlete.org

14. NGB/PSO SIGNATURES

I certify that I have read and understand the standards/criteria set by the FIS and incorporated those standards/criteria into our Selection Procedures. I further certify that the information provided herein regarding Athlete Selection Procedures represents the method approved by U.S. Ski & Snowboard.

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
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U.S. Ski & Snowboard President or CEO/Executive Director	Sophie Goldschmidt	DocuSigned by: <i>Sophie Goldschmidt</i> FDFCC16DAD90469...	1/24/2023 5:41 PM MST
Nat. Team Coach, Head Coach, or Nat. Program Director	Skogen Sprang	DocuSigned by: <i>Skogen Sprang</i> 2EFF8CEB1C8F416...	1/17/2023 1:56 PM PST
USOPC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative*	Andrew Weibrecht	DocuSigned by: <i>Andrew Weibrecht</i> D6E12A88754242B...	1/17/2023 3:03 PM MST

* If the USOPC AAC Representative has delegated authority to the Alternate AAC Representative to sign the Selection Procedures, attach a letter from the AAC Representative indicating the reason he/she/they has delegated authority.

* Signature by the Athlete Representative constitutes that he/she/they has read and understands the Selection Procedures. If the Athlete Representative reads and does not agree with the Athlete Selection Procedures being submitted by the NGB/PSO, he/she/they may submit those reasons in writing to his/her/their USOPC Sport Performance Team.

* If, for some reason, a sport does not have an elected USOPC AAC Representative, the NGB/PSO must designate an athlete from that sport to review and sign the Selection Procedures.