



**2025 Snowboard World Championship Selection Criteria  
St Mortiz/Engadin, SUI  
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**1. SELECTION CRITERIA GUIDELINES**

The U.S. Ski & Snowboard selection philosophy is aimed at fielding teams with athletes that are capable of winning medals or show potential for future medal success. Athletes will be selected to the World Championship Team based on the following principles.

- a. No minimum team size will be established.
- b. U.S. Ski & Snowboard policy mandates that team selection criteria shall be principally objective and performance-based, but it may also select athletes to the team using coaches' discretion.

**2. 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.

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, religion, age, gender, disability, national origin, or sexual orientation 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 at the time selections are made he/she is not fit to compete due to any injury or illness from which he/she is not expected to recover adequately by the time of the 2025 World Championship as verified by a member of the U.S. Ski & Snowboard medical staff. Such determination shall be at the discretion of the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Snowboard Sport Director and Chief of Sport in consultation with the VP of High Performance, Sports Medicine Director, High Performance staff, Discipline Head Coach, the Head Team Physician, and the Athlete's designated physician.

**3. TEAM SIZE**

The International Ski and Snowboard Federation (FIS) has established the following rules regarding team composition and starts at the 2025 World Championships in Snowboarding: a maximum of four (4) athletes per gender, per discipline; a maximum team size of twenty (20) per gender and a maximum of thirty-six (36) overall athletes representing any one nation. Each of these totals excludes reigning FIS World Champions, who count above the stated quotas. Athletes can be named to compete in the following World Championship events: Parallel Giant Slalom, Parallel Slalom, Halfpipe, Slopestyle/Big Air, and Snowboardcross/Team Snowboardcross.



#### 4. START RIGHTS

Up to four (4) male and up to four (4) female athletes may start for the United States in each discipline. Athletes named to the team will start in the event from which they qualified. 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 and Snowboard Federation (FIS) respective quota process for each discipline. The quota allocation system is described in the FIS World Championships Rules published within the World Championship Invitation on the [FIS website](#).

#### 5. TEAM SELECTION PROCEDURE AND CRITERIA

The Snowboard Director is responsible for applying the selection criteria set forth herein, subject to the approval of the Chief of Sport for U.S. Ski & Snowboard. Objective selections shall be based on results achieved by athletes in competitions held in the 2023-24 season and in season results from the 2024-25 season as defined within each event criterion below. Discretionary selections, if any, may be based on a variety of factors as outlined below. Criteria are applied in the order of priority described below:

##### A. Objective Criteria

###### Parallel Giant Slalom / Parallel Slalom

A1\*. One (1) athlete per gender will be nominated for the event based on the following criteria. The top one (1) U.S. athlete, respective of gender, ranked in the top three (3) on the 2025 FIS Parallel Base List shall be nominated. Preliminary Notification linked [HERE](#)

- Women - NA
- Men - NA

A2\*. Up to two (2) athletes, per gender, will be nominated for the event based on an athlete's best single top ten (10) result during the 2024-25 World Cup Parallel Snowboard season, as of March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025. *A third athlete may qualify by Objective Criteria A2 if no athlete from the respective gender meets the above Objective Criteria A1.*

A3. If applicable, the remaining quota spot(s) may be filled by the 5.B. Coaches' Discretion Criteria outlined below.

###### Snowboard Cross - Individual Event

A4\*. One (1) athlete per gender will be nominated for the event based on the following criteria. The top one (1) U.S. athlete, respective of gender, ranked in the top three (3) on the 2025 FIS Snowboard Cross Base List shall be nominated. Preliminary Notification linked [HERE](#)

- Women - NA
- Men - NA

A5\*. Up to two (2) athletes, per gender, will be nominated for the event based on an athlete's best single top ten (10) individual result during the 2024-25 World Cup Snowboard Cross season, as of March 11th, 2025. *A third athlete may qualify by Objective Criteria A5 if no athlete from the respective gender meets the above Objective Criteria A4.*



A6. The remaining event quota spots, respective of gender, may be nominated by the 5.B. Coaches' Discretion Criteria outlined below.

### **Halfpipe**

A7\*\*. One (1) athlete per gender will be nominated for the event based on the following criteria. The top one (1) U.S. athlete, respective of gender, ranked in the top three (3) on the World Snowboard Points List (WSPL) Halfpipe as of 4/1/2024, shall be nominated. Preliminary Notification linked [HERE](#)

- Women - Maddie Mastro
- Men - NA

A8\*\*. Up to two (2) athletes, per gender, will be nominated for the event based on an athlete's best single top ten (10) WSPL Halfpipe point performance during the 2024-25 World Cup or X-Games season, as of February 24th, 2025. *A third athlete may qualify by Objective Criteria A8 if no athlete from the respective gender meets the above Objective Criteria A7.*

A9. The remaining event quota spots, respective of gender, may be nominated by the 5.B. Coaches' Discretion Criteria outlined below.

### **Slopestyle/ Big Air**

A10\*\*. One (1) athlete per gender will be nominated for the event based on the following criteria. The top one (1) U.S. athlete, respective of gender, ranked in the top three (3) on the WSPL for Slopestyle as of 4/1/24, shall be nominated. Preliminary Notification linked [HERE](#)

- Women - Julia Marino
- Men - Dusty Henricksen

A11\*\*. Up to two (2) athletes, per gender, will be nominated for the event based on an athlete's best single top ten (10) WSPL Slopestyle point performance during the 2024-25 World Cup or X-Games season, as of February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

A12. The remaining event quota spots, respective of gender, may be nominated by the 5.B. Coaches' Discretion Criteria outlined below.

\*Ties will be broken by taking each athlete's next best World Cup result in the applicable period. This process may repeat as many times as needed to break the tie.

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### **B. Coaches' Discretion:**

If after application of the 5A. Objective Criteria above, additional quota positions remain, coaches' discretion may be applied. U.S. Ski & Snowboard staff may consider any factors including, but not limited to, the following:

5B.1. Illness or injury during the selection period.

5B.2. World Cup results during the selection period indicative of World Championship medal potential.

5B.3. *(If applicable)* Medal potential in the Nations Team Event, as described in Section 6 below.



All discretionary selections will be documented and the appropriate forms will be available for record keeping purposes. All discretionary selections will be reviewed by a discretionary selection review group composed of the Snowboard Sport Director, 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.

### **C. Remaining Team Nomination Criteria**

If quota spots remain after the application of 5.A Objective Criteria and 5.B Coaches' Discretion criteria, any remaining team nominations will be determined, in order of next highest ranked U.S. athletes not already selected to the team across both genders and all disciplines according to World Ranking from the specific discipline lists below.

1. The FIS Parallel Points List (10th FIS List)
2. The FIS Snowboard Cross Points List (10th FIS List)
3. The most recent WSPL Snowboard Halfpipe Points List on February 24th, 2025
4. The most recent WSPL Slopestyle Points List on February 24th, 2025

U.S. Ski & Snowboard will use the following tie-breaking mechanism if two or more athletes, across disciplines and gender, are tied within their respective ranking lists:

1. Ties will be broken by taking each athlete's next best World Cup result. This process may repeat as many times as needed to break the tie.

### **6. NATIONS TEAM EVENT SELECTIONS - Snowboard Cross Team Event**

The U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD coaching staff shall select the athletes who compete in the Team Snowboard Cross competition at World Championships. Only the athletes who were selected to compete in the Individual Snowboard Cross World Championship competition shall be eligible to compete in the Team Snowboard Cross competition.

### **7. ANNOUNCEMENT OF SELECTIONS**

Selections to the 2025 World Snowboard Championship team shall be announced per discipline between Monday, March 6th, and Friday, March 21st, 2025 via media from the offices of U.S. Ski & Snowboard in Park City, Utah.

### **8. ATHLETE REPLACEMENT PROCEDURE**

In the case that an athlete that has been selected to the team becomes injured or ill prior the World Snowboard Championships and is unable to compete, 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 additional athlete would have sufficient time to properly prepare for the competition. This decision will be made by the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Snowboard Sport Director after consulting with the Chief of Sport, VP of High Performance, the Head Coaches, and the High Performance Department.



Should an additional athlete be considered, the procedures as outlined in section 5.B. above will be followed to select that athlete. No athletes will be named to the team following the conclusion of mandatory training for or within five (5) days of the start of the World Ski Championship.

## **9. MANDATORY TRAINING**

Following the selection of the 2025 World Snowboard Championship Team mandatory training camps may be organized in preparation for the World Snowboard Championship. Dates, locations, and organization of these training camps will be announced prior to final selection of the team.

## **10. 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 USOPC Bylaws, shall be entitled to appeal such a 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)

## **11. ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN**

Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete that are not answered by U.S. Ski & Snowboard may contact the USOPC 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)