



2025-26 SKI CROSS TEAM NOMINATION CRITERIA

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.

An athlete shall be ineligible for consideration if previously suspended or removed from team membership without having been reinstated by U.S. Ski & Snowboard. An athlete who has previously declined an offer of team membership shall not be automatically offered team membership unless that athlete specifically requests consideration through the Alpine Development Sport Director.

The U.S. Ski & Snowboard Team will select only the most qualified athletes with the greatest possibilities for winning medals in future World Championship and Olympic Winter Games competitions.

Athletes must demonstrate a capability to adhere to U.S. Ski & Snowboard Values and Code of Conduct to be eligible for nomination.

CRITERIA GUIDELINES

- The U.S. Ski & Snowboard - Alpine Development Sport Director is responsible for applying the selection criteria set forth herein, subject to the oversight of the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Chief of Sport.
- Objective selections shall be based on the results achieved by athletes in FIS World Cup competitions held between December 10th, 2024 and March 30th, 2025 (the "Selection Period").
- Team status does not guarantee funding from U.S. Ski & Snowboard for competition or for preparation.
- No minimum team size will be established.

OBJECTIVE NOMINATION CRITERIA

Athletes will be selected to the team based solely upon their competition results during the Selection Period. Athletes meeting the following objective criteria will be selected to the U.S. Ski Cross Team:

A-TEAM

1. Top 10 in the final 2025 Ski Cross (SX) World Cup ranking list.

B-TEAM

1. Top 20 in the final 2025 Ski Cross (SX) World Cup ranking list.



DISCRETIONARY SELECTION POLICY

U.S. Ski & Snowboard may select additional athletes to the team using coaches' discretion based upon factors other than the objective criteria. If the coaching staff selects any team nominations with discretionary selections, then the staff may consider any factors including (but not limited to) the following:

- Illness or injury during the Selection Period that interferes with the athlete's ability to meet objective criteria.
- Indication of medal potential in future Olympic and World Championship competitions, which would be materially enhanced by selection to team.

Renomination of any named team athlete by discretion will be based on objective performance benchmarks within the individualized athlete plan that exists for all named team athletes as established by U.S. Ski & Snowboard Staff.

ATHLETE INJURY CLAUSE

Any athlete that has been objectively named to the team and sustains a season-ending injury (as declared by the VP, High Performance) prior to February 1st will be renominated to their current team for the subsequent season. In certain exceptional cases due to severe injury, certain athletes may be granted a 2-year renomination to give them time to return to peak performance. Such 2-year renomination will be communicated to the athlete prior to the beginning of the selection period of the second year.

Athlete's renomination following an injury sustained after February 1st will fall under discretion if objective criteria have not been met, which is not guaranteed. In this circumstance, the ranking at time of injury will be considered toward discretion.

In all cases, in order to retain current team status an injured athlete must follow the prescribed rehabilitation or medical program along with an approved return to performance on snow progression as approved by U.S. Ski & Snowboard High Performance, the Alpine Development Sport Director, and the Alpine Development Head Coach. Travel funding, if any, team re-integration and trip inclusion will be based upon passing of Return to Performance tests and sport specific competitive form as determined by the U.S. Ski & Snowboard medical, high performance, and coaching staff.

IN-SEASON PROMOTION

Athletes will not be promoted in season. No athletes will be demoted during the season; however, funding may be suspended at any time if progress or commitment is not consistent with the team program and the athlete does not remain in good standing.

Dated: August 21st, 2024.