2025-26 U.S. NORDIC COMBINED 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 being 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, and the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Ski Jumping & Nordic Combined Sport Director approves the request.

U.S. Ski & Snowboard will select only the most qualified athletes with the greatest possibilities for winning medals in future World Championship and Olympic Winter Games competitions. Selection criteria will also stress progress toward individual performance markers, set forth by the U.S. Ski Team coaches, which point toward international success.

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 Ski Jumping & Nordic Combined 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 competitions held on or between August 23, 2024 and March 23, 2025 (the “Selection Period”).
    - Age Eligibility: Year of Birth 2007 and older are eligible for selection.
- Discretionary nominations, if any, may be based on a variety of factors, including competitions conducted outside of the Selection Period.
- Team status does not guarantee funding from U.S. Ski & Snowboard for competition or preparation.
- No minimum team size will be established.
- Athletes must be willing to commit to and to participate in the full U.S. Ski Team camp and race season structure.

OBJECTIVE NOMINATION CRITERIA

Athletes meeting the following objective criteria will be selected to the U.S. Ski Team:

A TEAM

Athletes meeting either the following Results, listed in order of priority, or 2025 FIS World Cup Ranking List objective criteria will be selected to the A Team. FIS World Cup Rank will be assessed using the 2024/2025 FIS World Cup Ranking List as of March 31, 2025.

RESULTS

Men
- Two (2) individual Top 10 World Cup results
- Four (4) cumulative Top 15 World Cup results

Women
- Two (2) individual Top 6 World Cup results
- Four (4) cumulative Top 10 World Cup results

FIS WORLD CUP RANKING LIST:
- Men ≤ 30 FIS World Cup rank
- Women ≤ 15 FIS World Cup rank

B TEAM
Athletes meeting either the following Result, listed in order of priority, or FIS World Cup Ranking List objective criteria will be selected to the B-Team. FIS World Cup Rank will be assessed using the 2024/2025 FIS World Cup Ranking List as of March 31, 2025.

RESULTS

Men
- Four (4) cumulative Continental Cup Top 10 and/or individual World Cup Top 30 results
- One (1) Top 3 individual COC result
- One (1) Top 6 individual Junior World Championship result

Women
- Four (4) cumulative Continental Cup Top 6 and/or individual World Cup Top 20 results
- Two (2) Top 3 individual COC result
- One (1) Top 6 individual Junior World Championship result

FIS WORLD CUP RANKING LIST (list by age group)

YOB 1993 - 1998
- Men - ≤ 35 FIS World Cup Rank
- Women - ≤ 15 FIS World Cup Rank

YOB 1999 - 2004
- Men - ≤ 40 FIS World Cup Rank
- Women - ≤ 20 FIS World Cup Rank

YOB 2005 & younger
- Men - ≤ 50 FIS World Cup Rank
- Women - ≤ 25 FIS World Cup Rank

Athletes meeting either the following Result, listed in order of priority, or FIS World Cup Ranking/Continental Cup List objective criteria will be selected to the C-Team. FIS World Cup Rank will be assessed using the 2024/2025 FIS World Cup Ranking List as of March 31, 2025.

RESULT

Men

- Four (4) cumulative Continental Cup Top 20 individual results
- One (1) Top 15 individual Junior World Championship and/or individual World Cup top 30 result

Women

- Four (4) cumulative Continental Cup Top 10 individual results
- One (1) Top 6 individual Junior World Championship and/or individual World Cup top 30 result

FIS CONTINENTAL CUP RANKING LIST

YOB 1993-1998

- Men - ≤ 30 FIS Continental Cup Ranking
- Women - ≤ 10 FIS Continental Cup Ranking

YOB 1999-2004

- Men - ≤ 30 FIS Continental Cup Ranking
- Women - ≤ 15 FIS Continental Cup Ranking

YOB 2005- 2007

- Men - ≤ 40 FIS Continental Cup Ranking
- Women - ≤ 25 FIS Continental Cup Ranking

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 the U.S. Ski & Snowboard 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.

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