



## 2026 Winter Olympic Games Selection Criteria Snowboard Milano-Cortina, ITA February 16-22, 2026

**To:** Elite Snowboard athletes interested in participating in the qualification events for the 2026 Winter Olympic Games

**From:** U.S. Ski & Snowboard (USSS) as the National Governing Body

**RE:** Preliminary Notice to the Athlete Selection Procedure for the 2026 Winter Olympic Games

Final criteria for the 2026 Winter Olympic Games in Milano-Cortina, ITA will be released in the fall of 2024. However, the opportunity exists for one (1) athlete per gender to qualify over the 2024/25 season for the disciplines listed below.

### **Snowboard Cross & Parallel Snowboard:**

USSS will nominate up to one (1) athlete per gender per discipline based on the following criterion: the top ranked U.S. athlete in the respective gender when ranked in the top three (3) world rank on the respective FIS Base List 2026. World rank retained due to injury protection (relating to injury, illness, pregnancy, or professional/military obligation) will not be eligible for this criterion.

The selection window for additional objective qualification based on performance will encompass World Cups between April 1<sup>st</sup> 2025 through January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

### **Snowboard Halfpipe & Slopestyle:**

USSS will nominate up to one (1) athlete per gender per discipline based on the following criterion: the top ranked U.S. athlete in the respective of gender when ranked in the top three (3) world rank on the respective World Snowboard Points List (WSPL) published on or before May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. If a WSPL is not published on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, USSS will use the most recent WSPL published before May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. World rank retained due to injury protection (relating to injury, illness, pregnancy, or professional/military obligation) will not be eligible for this criterion.

The selection window for additional objective qualification based on performance will be confirmed after the World Cup calendar is confirmed at the Fall FIS meetings in 2024.

Ties will be broken by each athlete's final World Cup Standing rank for the 2024/25 Season in the respective discipline of Snowboard Cross, Parallel Snowboard, Halfpipe or Slopestyle.

This preliminary information is provided to assist athletes with their training and competition planning and is subject to change upon approval of the Athlete Selection Procedures for the 2026 Winter Olympic Games.

Once approved, the Athlete Selection Procedures will be posted at

<https://usskiandsnowboard.org/sport-programs/criteria>

If you have any questions or comments, you can reach out to Snowboard Sport Director Rick Bower  
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