



## **2024-25 ALPINE EUROPA CUP SELECTION 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. Athletes that are ranked in the top two hundred fifty (250) on the current valid FIS list in an event will be eligible for selection to a European Cup race in that event.

### **CRITERIA GUIDELINES**

- U.S. Ski & Snowboard team selection criteria shall be principally objective and performance-based but it may also select athletes to the team using coaches' discretion.
- The U.S. Ski Team respective gender Head Coach is responsible for applying the selection criteria set forth herein, subject to the oversight of the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Chief of Sport.
- The group of athletes selected by U.S. Ski & Snowboard may consist of any number of athletes up to the FIS Europa Cup quota for the United States.
- Discretionary selections, if any, may be based on a variety of factors.
- Achieving a start right does not guarantee funding or ski service from the U.S. Ski Team.

### **SELECTION PROCEDURE**

Athletes shall be selected to start at a Europa Cup (EC) according to the criteria below, listed in order of priority:

1. Athletes finishing in the top three (3) at a NorAm Cup will be invited to the next available EC.
2. Athletes winning a European FIS race with a maximum penalty of twenty-five (25) will be invited to the next available EC.
3. Coaches' Discretion selections are based on the following:
  - a. NorAm Cup results.
  - b. Tracking for World Junior Championships selection
  - c. Injured athletes returning to World Cup level pace

### **U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD 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 USOC 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](https://usskiandsnowboard.org)



#### **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 Ombuds Office 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)
- [www.athleteombudsman.org](http://www.athleteombudsman.org)