



**AUGUST 2024**

## **Halfpipe, Slopestyle & Big Air Freeski World Cup Selection Criteria 2024-25**

### **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.

### **Criteria Guidelines**

- U.S. Ski & Snowboard policy mandates that team selection criteria shall be principally objective or performance-based, but it may also select athletes to the team using coaches' discretion.
- The U.S. Ski & Snowboard Freeski Sport Director is responsible for applying the selection criteria set forth herein.
- The team selected by U.S. Ski & Snowboard may consist of any number of athletes up to the FIS World Cup quota for the United States.
- The [quota of start rights](#) per nation is set annually by the FIS.
- The FIS has determined a maximum team size of ten (10) per nation. U.S. Ski & Snowboard will determine, at its discretion, the specific gender totals up to the maximum team size of ten (10), considering the maximum of six (6) per gender. Any additional quota granted by the FIS will be filled at the discretion of U.S. Ski & Snowboard.
- Athletes must meet the minimum FIS point requirement for entry into any World Cup:
  - o Slopestyle - 50 FIS points
  - o Halfpipe - 10 FIS points
  - o Big Air - 50 FIS Points in Big Air or Slopestyle
- FIS Freeski Base List 2025 can be downloaded [here](#).
- All Personal World Cup spots are considered in addition to max team size and nations quota allocation.

### **HALFPIPE FREESKI INTERNATIONAL WORLD CUPS**

#### **2024-25 Nations Spots - Three (3) male / Three (3) female**

For the 2024-25 season the Nations quota spots for the USA have been determined by the FIS to be three (3) male athletes & three (3) female athlete calculated by a basic nation quota one (1) plus two (2) additional nation quota spots based on meeting the following criterion published in the current [FIS WC rules for Freeski](#): "3 or more competitors ranked between next rank after quota calculation and 20 (female) or 25 (male). (The count for additional nation quota spots will exclude the names of competitors who earned elite spots from the World Cup ranking)."



**Personal World Cup Spots Halfpipe:**

(considered in addition to max team size and nations quota allocation)

<b>Elite Quota Allocation Male</b> Alex Ferreira Hunter Hess Nicholas Goepper Birk Irving Dylan Ladd	<b>Elite Quota Allocation Female</b> Riley Jacobs Svea Irving Hanna Faulhaber Kathryn Gray
<b>World Cup Winner Male</b> Alex Ferreira	<b>World Cup Winner Female</b> N/A
<b>NorAm Male</b> Cael McCarthy	<b>NorAm Female</b> Kathryn Gray

**Criteria**

Competitors who have earned personal spots will not be included in the application of the following criteria:

- Top three (3) U.S. male and one (1) female athletes on the 2025 FIS Freeski Halfpipe Base List. Ties will be broken by the higher rank on the 2023-24 FIS Freeski Halfpipe WC standing list.
- If application of the preceding criteria create duplicate selections for a single athlete or, if an athlete declines their start position, the remaining quota may be filled by coaches' discretion.
- If coaches' discretion isn't utilized then the next ranked athletes on the most recent Freeski Halfpipe World Cup standings list at time of event entry submission may be selected.

<b>OBJECTIVELY QUALIFIED</b> 1. David Wise 2. Matthew Labaugh 3. Aaron Blunck	<b>OBJECTIVELY QUALIFIED</b> 1. Piper Arnold
<b>NEXT RANKED WC List as of 2/17/24**</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tristan Feinberg</li> <li>• Cassidy Jarell</li> <li>• Eugene Morris</li> <li>• Aaron Durlester</li> <li>• Nick Geiser</li> <li>• Ben Fethke</li> </ul>	<b>NEXT RANKED WC List as of 2/17/24**</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marley Leavitt</li> <li>• Izzy Worthington</li> <li>• Nikita Roboki</li> <li>• Elana Krusiewski</li> </ul>

**\*\*Most recent FIS Freeski Halfpipe WC Standings list will be used.**  
[FIS FK HP Cup Standings](#)



**HALFPIPE FREESKI DOMESTIC WORLD CUPS**

**2024-25 Nations Spots - Three (3) male / One (1) female**

**2024-25 Host Nations Spots<sup>◇</sup> - Five (5) male / Three (3) female**

<sup>◇</sup>Host Nation spots are not impacted by the max team size set for Nations Spots.

**Personal World Cup Spots Halfpipe:**

(considered in addition to max team size and nations quota allocation)

<b>Elite Quota Allocation Male</b> Alex Ferreira Hunter Hess Nicholas Goepper Birk Irving Dylan Ladd	<b>Elite Quota Allocation Female</b> Riley Jacobs Svea Irving Hanna Faulhaber Kathryn Gray
<b>World Cup Winner Male</b> Alex Ferreira	<b>World Cup Winner Female</b> N/A
<b>NorAm Male</b> Cael McCarthy	<b>NorAm Female</b> Kathryn Gray

**Criteria**

Competitors who have earned personal spots will not be included in the application of the following criteria:

- Top eight (8) U.S. male and four (4) female athletes on the 2025 FIS Freeski Halfpipe Base List. Ties will be broken by the higher rank on the 2023-24 FIS Freeski Halfpipe WC standing list.
- If application of the preceding criteria create duplicate selections for a single athlete or, if an athlete declines their start position, the remaining quota may be filled by coaches' discretion.
- If coaches' discretion isn't utilized then the next ranked athlete on the most recent Freeski Halfpipe World Cup standings list at time of event entry submission may be selected.

<b>OBJECTIVELY QUALIFIED</b> 1. David Wise 2. Matthew Labaugh 3. Aaron Blunck 4. Cassidy Jarell 5. Tristan Feinberg 6. Eugene Morris 7. Aaron Durlister 8. Nick Geiser	<b>OBJECTIVELY QUALIFIED</b> 1. Piper Arnold 2. Marley Leavitt 3. Abby Winterberger 4. Keva Kelly
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<p><b>NEXT RANKED WC List as of 2/17/24**</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ben Fethke</li> <li>• Bennett Balogh</li> <li>• Hunter Maytin</li> <li>• Evan Wischmeyer</li> </ul>	<p><b>NEXT RANKED WC List as of 2/17/24**</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Izzy Worthington</li> <li>• Nikita Roboki</li> <li>• Tatym Smith</li> <li>• Elaina Krusiewski</li> </ul>
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**CORRECTED AUGUST 16TH 2024**

**\*\*Most recent FIS Freeski Halfpipe WC Standings list will be used.**

[FIS FK HP Cup Standings](#)

**SLOPESTYLE FREESKI INTERNATIONAL WORLD CUPS**

**2024-25 Nations Spots - Three (3) male / Three (3) female**

For the 2024-25 season the Nations quota spots for the USA have been determined by the FIS to be three (3) male athletes & three (3) female athletes calculated by a basic nation quota (1) plus two (2) additional nation quota spots based on meeting the following criterion published in the current [FIS WC rules for Freeski](#): “3 or more competitors ranked between next rank after quota calculation and 20 (female) or 25 (male). (The count for additional nation quota spots will exclude the names of competitors who earned elite spots from the World Cup ranking).”

**Personal World Cup Spots Slopestyle:**

(considered in addition to max team size and nations quota allocation)

<p><b>Elite Quota Allocation Male</b> Mac Forehand Alex Hall Konnor Ralph Colby Stevenson</p>	<p><b>Elite Quota Allocation Female</b> Jay Riccomini</p>
<p><b>World Cup Winner Male</b> Mac Forehand</p>	<p><b>World Cup Winner Female</b> N/A</p>
<p><b>World Junior Champion Male</b> Henry Townshend</p>	<p><b>World Junior Champion Female</b> N/A</p>
<p><b>NorAm Male</b> N/A</p>	<p><b>NorAm Female</b> N/A</p>

**Criteria**

- Top one (1) U.S. male and one (1) female athlete on the 2025 FIS Freeski Slopestyle Base List 2025. Ties will be broken by the higher rank on the 2023-24 FIS Freeski Slopestyle WC standings list.
- If application of the preceding criteria create duplicate selections for a single athlete or, if an athlete declines their start position, the remaining quota may be filled by coaches' discretion.



- If coaches' discretion isn't utilized then the next ranked athletes on the 2025 FIS Slopestyle Base Points List may be selected.

<b>OBJECTIVELY QUALIFIED</b> 1. Hunter Henderson	<b>OBJECTIVELY QUALIFIED</b> 1. Grace Henderson
<b>REMAINING QUOTA</b> 2. 3.	<b>REMAINING QUOTA</b> 2. 3.
<b>NEXT RANKED</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Troy Podmilsak</li> <li>• Cody LaPlante</li> <li>• <i>Walker Woodring</i> (ineligible due to age)</li> <li>• James Kanzler</li> <li>• Sean Jensen</li> <li>• Rodney Koford</li> <li>• Hugh Macmenamin</li> </ul>	<b>NEXT RANKED</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eleanor Andrews</li> <li>• Marin Hamill</li> <li>• Rell Harwood</li> <li>• Elaina Krusiewski</li> </ul>

### SLOPESTYLE FREESKI DOMESTIC WORLD CUPS

**2024-25 Nations Spots - Three (3) male / Three (3) female**

**2024-25 Host Nation Spots<sup>♦</sup> - Five (5) male / Three (3) female**

<sup>♦</sup>Host Nation spots are not impacted by the max team size set for Nations Spots.

#### Personal World Cup Spots Slopestyle:

(considered in addition to max team size and quota allocation)

<b>Elite Quota Allocation Male</b> Mac Forehand Alex Hall Konnor Ralph Colby Stevenson	<b>Elite Quota Allocation Female</b> Jay Riccomini
<b>World Cup Winner Male</b> Mac Forehand	<b>World Cup Winner Female</b> N/A
<b>World Junior Champion Male</b> Henry Townshend	<b>World Junior Champion Female</b> N/A
<b>NorAm Male</b> N/A	<b>NorAm Female</b> N/A



**Criteria**

Competitors who have earned personal spots will not be included in the application of the following criteria:

- Top six (6) U.S. male and four (4) female athletes ranked on the 2025 FIS Slopestyle Base List. Ties will be broken by the higher rank on the 2023-24 FIS Freeski Slopestyle WC standings list.
- If application of the preceding criteria create duplicate selections for a single athlete or, if an athlete declines their start position, the remaining quota may be filled by coaches' discretion.
- If coaches' discretion isn't utilized then the next ranked athletes on the 2025 FIS Slopestyle Base Points List may be selected.

<p><b>OBJECTIVELY QUALIFIED</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Hunter Henderson</li> <li>2. Troy Podmilsak</li> <li>3. Cody Laplante</li> <li>4. Henry Townshend</li> <li>5. <i>Walker Woodring</i>(ineligible due to age)</li> <li>5. James Kanzler</li> </ol>	<p><b>OBJECTIVELY QUALIFIED</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Grace Henderson</li> <li>2. Eleanor Andrews</li> <li>3. Marin Hamill</li> <li>4. Rell Harwood</li> </ol>
<p><b>REMAINING QUOTA</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6.</li> <li>7.</li> <li>8.</li> </ol>	<p><b>REMAINING QUOTA</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5.</li> <li>6.</li> </ol>
<p><b>NEXT RANKED</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sean Jensen</li> <li>• Rodney Koford</li> <li>• Hugh Macmenimen</li> <li>• Jack Rodeheaver</li> <li>• Luke Votaw</li> </ul>	<p><b>NEXT RANKED</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elaina Krusiewski</li> <li>• Kate Gray</li> <li>• Bella Bacon</li> </ul>

**BIG AIR FREESKI INTERNATIONAL WORLD CUPS**

**2024-25 Nations Spots - One (1) male / Two (2) female**

For the 2024-25 season the USA Nations quota spots have been determined by the FIS to be one (1) male athletes & two (2) female athletes calculated by a basic nation quota.



**Personal World Cup Spots Big Air:**

(considered in addition to max team size and quota allocation)

<b>Elite Quota Allocation Male</b> Alex Hall Mac Forehand	<b>Elite Quota Allocation Female</b> N/A
<b>World Cup Winner Male</b> Alex Hall	<b>World Cup Winner Female</b> N/A
<b>World Junior Championship Male</b> N/A	<b>World Junior Championship Female</b> N/A
<b>NorAm Male</b> N/A	<b>NorAm Female</b> N/A

**Criteria**

- Top one (1) U.S. male and one (1) U.S. female athlete ranked on FIS 2025 Freeski Big Air Base List. Ties will be broken by the higher rank on the 2023-24 FIS Freeski Big Air WC standings list.
- If application of the preceding criteria create duplicate selections for a single athlete or, if an athlete declines their start position, the remaining quota may be filled by coaches' discretion.
- If coaches' discretion isn't utilized then the next highest ranked athletes on the 2025 FIS Freeski Slopestyle Base list or Freeski Big Air Base List according to their highest rank between Slopestyle and Big Air may be selected. Ties will be broken by Big Air rank.

<b>OBJECTIVELY QUALIFIED</b> 1. Troy Podmilsak	<b>OBJECTIVELY QUALIFIED</b> 1. Rell Harwood
<b>REMAINING QUOTA</b>	<b>REMAINING QUOTA</b> 2.
<b>NEXT RANKED</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Colby Stevenson</li> <li>• Konnor Ralph</li> <li>• Hunter Henderson</li> <li>• Cody Laplante</li> </ul>	<b>NEXT RANKED</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jay Riccomini</li> <li>• Grace Henderson</li> <li>• Eleanor Andrews</li> <li>• Marin Hamill</li> </ul>

**BIG AIR DOMESTIC WORLD CUPS**

**2024-25 Nations Spots - one (1) male / two (2) female**

**2024-25 Host Nations Spots<sup>♦</sup> - Five (5) male / Three (3) female**

<sup>♦</sup>Host Nation spots are not impacted by the max team size set for Nations Spots.

**Personal World Cup Spots Big Air:**

(considered in addition to max team size and quota allocation)



<b>Elite Quota Allocation Male</b> Alex Hall Mac Forehand	<b>Elite Quota Allocation Female</b> N/A
<b>World Cup winner Male</b> Alex Hall	<b>World Cup Winner Female</b> N/A
<b>World Junior Championship Male</b> N/A	<b>World Junior Championship Female</b> N/A
<b>NorAm Male</b> N/A	<b>NorAm Female</b> N/A

**Criteria**

- Top one (1) U.S. male and one (1) U.S. female athletes, excluding any Personal Spots, ranked on FIS 2025 Freeski Big Air Base List. Ties will be broken by the higher rank on the FIS 2023-24 Freeski Big Air WC standings list.
- The next ranked three (3) U.S. males and three (3) U.S. females ranked on the FIS 2025 Freeski Slopestyle Base list or FIS 2025 Freeski Big Air Base list according to their highest rank between Slopestyle and Big Air. Ties will be broken by Big Air rank.
- If application of the preceding criteria creates duplicate selections for a single athlete or, if an athlete declines their start position, the remaining quota may be filled by coaches' discretion.
- If coaches' discretion isn't utilized then the next highest ranked athletes on the FIS 2025 Freeski Slopestyle Base list or FIS 2025 Freeski Big Air Base list according to their highest rank between Slopestyle and Big Air may be selected. Ties will be broken by Big Air rank.

<b>OBJECTIVELY QUALIFIED</b> 1. Troy Podmilsak 2. Colby Stevenson 3. Konnor Ralph 4. Hunter Henderson	<b>OBJECTIVELY QUALIFIED</b> 1. Rell Harwood 2. Jay Riccomini 3. Grace Henderson 4. Eleanor Andrews
<b>REMAINING QUOTA</b> 5. 6.	<b>REMAINING QUOTA</b> 5.
<b>NEXT RANKED</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cody LaPlante</li> <li>• Henry Townshend</li> <li>• <i>Walker Woodring</i> (ineligible due to age)</li> <li>• James Kanzler</li> <li>• Sean Jensen</li> </ul>	<b>NEXT RANKED</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marin Hamill</li> <li>• Elaina Krusiewski</li> <li>• Kathryn Gray</li> <li>• Bella Bacon</li> </ul>





### **DISCRETIONARY SELECTIONS**

Athletes who have not met the objective criteria above may be selected to the team based on a variety of factors, including competitions outside of the selection period, and/or they satisfy any of the following:

- Outstanding competition results from the 2023/24 and 2024/25 seasons, indicating a potential for success.
- Recent positive direction or trend of competition results indicating a potential for success.
- Indication of medal potential in future elite level competition (such as international age group results and age rankings) that would be materially enhanced by selection to the team.

### **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 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](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:

- 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.teamusa.org/athlete-ombuds](https://www.teamusa.org/athlete-ombuds)