2026-27 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, 2025 and March 15, 2026 (the “Selection Period”).
    - Age Eligibility: Year of Birth 2008 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 based on individual performances within the selection period will be selected to the U.S. Ski Team:

A TEAM

Athletes meeting either the following Results, listed in order of priority, or 2026 FIS World Cup Ranking List objective criteria will be selected to the A Team. FIS World Cup Rank will be assessed using the 2025/2026 FIS World Cup Ranking List as of March 15, 2026.

RESULTS

Men
- Two (2) top ten (10) World Cup results
- Four (4) cumulative top fifteen (15) World Cup results

Women
- Two (2) 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 2025/2026 FIS World Cup Ranking List as of March 15, 2026.

RESULTS

Men
- Four (4) cumulative Continental Cup (COC) top ten (10) or World Cup top thirty (30) results
- Top three (3) COC result
- Top six (6) Junior World Championship results

Women
- Four (4) cumulative COC top 6 or individual World Cup top twenty (20) results
- Two (2) top three (3) COC result
- Top six (6) Junior World Championship result

FIS WORLD CUP RANKING LIST (list by age group)

YOB 1994 - 1999
- Men ≤ 35 FIS World Cup Rank
- Women ≤ 15 FIS World Cup Rank

YOB 2000 - 2005
- Men ≤ 40 FIS World Cup Rank
- Women ≤ 20 FIS World Cup Rank

YOB 2006 & 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 2025/2026 FIS World Cup Ranking List as of March 15, 2026.

RESULT

Men

- Four (4) cumulative COC top twenty (20) results
- Top fifteen (15) Junior World Championship
- World Cup top thirty (30) result

Women

- Four (4) cumulative COC top ten (10) results
- One (1) top six (6) Junior World Championship and/or World Cup top thirty (30) result

FIS CONTINENTAL CUP RANKING LIST

YOB 1994-1999

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

YOB 2000-2005

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

YOB 2006- 2008

- 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.

ATHLETE INJURY CLAUSE

Any athlete that has been objectively named to the team and sustains a season-ending injury (as declared by the SVP of High Performance) prior to February 1st will be re-nominated to their current team for the subsequent season. In certain exceptional cases due to severe injury

certain athletes may be granted a 2-year re-nomination to give them time to return to peak performance. Such 2-year re-nomination 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 nomination criteria have not been met. In this circumstance the ranking at time of injury will be considered towards discretionary nomination.

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 and the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Nordic Combined and Ski Jumping Sport Director. Travel funding, 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.

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US SKI & SNOWBOARD