



2023-24 Freeski Slopestyle/Big Air 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.

The U.S. Freeski Team will select only the most qualified athletes with the greatest possibilities for winning medals in future World Championship and Olympic Winter Games competitions.

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 Freeski 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 between August 1, 2022 and April 30, 2023 (“the selection period”) and the World Ranking as determined by the 2024 Slopestyle FIS Base Points List and 2024 Big Air FIS Base Points List of the 2022-23 season.
- 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 for preparation.
- No minimum team size will be established.
- A maximum of 10 Pro Team athletes and 6 Rookie Team athletes will be nominated using the objective criteria outlined below. If more than 10 Pro Team and 6 Rookie Team athletes qualify under the objective criteria, then athletes will be nominated in order of priority as outlined in Objective Criteria below.
- In the scenario that multiple athletes fulfill the same piece of criteria and surpass the maximum team sizes, athletes will be prioritized by their single highest FIS point result during the selection period.
- Athletes who are objectively nominated to the Pro or Rookie Team for the first time will receive a 2-year team nomination.
- Athletes who achieve the 2 Top 3 results in World Championships, World Cup, and X-Games during the 2022-23 season will receive a 2-year nomination
- Athletes must be willing to commit to and participate in the full U.S. Team camp and competition season structure.

Objective Criteria:

OBJECTIVE NOMINATION CRITERIA SLOPESTYLE/BIG AIR

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



PRO TEAM

Athletes meeting the following objective criteria will be selected to the Pro Team. Any podium must be an 800+ point Slopestyle or Big Air World Cup in order to be considered for qualification.

- Any athlete achieving one (1) podium **and** one (1) top eight (8) finish for men or women, results in any of the following contests: World Championships, World Cup, and X-Games Slopestyle or Big Air competition during the 2022-23 season.
- Any athlete achieving two (2) top six (6) finishes in any of the following contests: World Championships, World Cup, and X-Games Slopestyle or Big Air competition during in the 2022-23 season.
- Any U.S. athlete in the Top Ten (10) on the 2024 Slopestyle FIS Base Points List.
- Any U.S. athlete in the Top Ten (10) on the 2024 Big Air FIS Base Points List.

ROOKIE TEAM

Athletes meeting the following objective criteria will be selected to the Rookie Team.

Age eligibility: YOB 2003 and younger.

- Top 2 U.S. men and women on the 2024 Slopestyle FIS Base Points List. Athletes must be ranked Top 40 for men and Top 25 for women to be nominated
- Top 1 U.S. man and woman on the 2024 Big Air FIS Base Points List. Athlete must be ranked Top 40 men and Top 25 for women to be nominated.
- Achieve any two (2) of the following (max one (1) big air result):
 - Rev Tour SS and/or BA win
 - Top eight (8) women or top ten (10) men in an 800+ point SS and/or BA World Cup.
- 2023 Slopestyle/Big Air NorAm Champion

*2023 World Junior Freestyle Championships will be held outside of the selection period and will therefore be considered for 2024-25 Team Nomination.

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.
- 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 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.