

US SKI & SNOWBOARD CROSS COUNTRY SKI ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
2024 YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES
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1. SELECTION SYSTEM

1.1. Minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for selection to the Team:

1.1.1. Nationality/Passport requirements:

U.S. Ski & Snowboard will consider for selection only those U.S. Ski & Snowboard members who have an active U.S. passport that will not expire for six months after the conclusion of the Youth Olympic Games

"Time of selection" is the 2023 U.S. Cross Country Championships scheduled January 2-6, 2023.

Athlete must be a national of the United States at the time of selection (January 2, 2023).

1.1.2. Minimum International Olympic Committee (IOC), standards for participation:

Any competitor in the Youth Olympic Games must be a national of the country of the National Olympic Committee (NOC) which is entering such competitor. For additional information regarding an athlete who is a national of two or more countries, has changed his or her nationality or acquired a new nationality, refer to the Olympic Charter (Rule 41)

Any competitor must have been born between 1 January 2006 and 31 December 2008

1.1.3. Minimum International Federation (IF) standards for participation:

U.S. Ski & Snowboard will consider for selection only those U.S. Ski & Snowboard members with an active U.S. coded International Ski Federation (FIS) license at or before January 1, 2024, and who meet FIS minimum eligibility standards.

1.1.4. Other requirements:

U.S. Ski & Snowboard will consider for selection only those U.S. Ski & Snowboard members in good standing at or before January 2, 2022, and remain in good standing through the "time of nomination"

- Athletes must have successfully completed all Games Registration requirements by stated deadline.
- Be available for entire duration of the Games.
- Participate in the cultural and education program, as requested

U.S. Ski & Snowboard policy mandates that team selection criteria shall be principally objective (or performance-based)

The U.S. Ski & Snowboard Cross Country Development Director is responsible for applying the selection criteria set forth herein, subject to the oversight of the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Chief of Sport

1.2. Tryout Events:

Up to three (3) men and three (3) women will start for the United States in each event based on the maximum quotas established by the FIS and the IOC. Quotas will be established based on performance at the 2023 World Junior Championships.

Objective selections shall be based upon results achieved by the competitor in the first three (3) races at the 2023 U.S. Cross Country Championships, scheduled for January 2-6, 2023

1.2.1. The races in the 2023 U.S. Cross Country Championships held in Houghton, Michigan included in the selection are the men's and women's 10km individual start freestyle, the individual classic Sprint (including Junior Finals, if applicable) competitions, and the junior men's and junior women's 10km mass start classic competitions.

1.3. Selection Process

Up to three (3) athletes per gender may be named based on the maximum quotas established by the FIS. Athletes will be selected to the team based solely upon races during the selection period.

- Only athlete's born between 1 January 2006 and 31 December 2008 will be included in the scoring, and athletes will move up the results/ scoring list as athletes not born between 1 January 2006 and 31 December 2008 are eliminated.
- Athletes that are not US citizens will not be included in the scoring, and US athletes will move up the results/ scoring list as foreign athletes are eliminated.
- Each of the first three (3) races at 2023 U.S. Cross Country Championships will receive the following points (1st place = 100 points, 2nd place = 80 points, 3rd place = 60, points 4th place = 50 points, 5th place = 45 points, etc.). See Appendix below for complete ranking and points. The highest two (2) scores are summed for each athlete. Athletes who have achieved the best cumulative total results during the selection period shall be ranked. The highest single score receives the highest rank = 1st. The second highest score receives the 2nd highest rank = 2nd.

Tie-Breaking Procedure

A skier will move ahead in the final championship or trials standings, and on selections lists, based on the following procedures until a tie is broken.

1. Best final individual finish within the first three (3) races at the 2023 U.S. Cross Country Championships.
2. Second-best final individual finish within the first three (3) races at the 2023 U.S. Cross Country Championships

3. Third-best final individual finish within the first three (3) races at the 2023 U.S. Cross Country Championships
4. Best current rank on the U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD overall National Ranking List valid 06 April 2023

2. SELECTION COMMITTEE

- 2.1 Provide the name of the committee that will be responsible for making selections, along with a complete list of the members' titles currently serving on the committee:

U.S. Ski & Snowboard Selection Committee Members

Anouk Patty, U.S. Ski & Snowboard Chief of Sport

Bryan Fish, U.S. Ski & Snowboard Cross Country Development Director

Kelsey Phinney Cross Country Athlete Representative (non-competing) selected by the Athlete's Council

3. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

- 3.1 Prior to entry by name to the Local Organizing Committee by the USOPC, U.S. Ski & Snowboard has jurisdiction over potential nominees.

An athlete who is nominated to the Team by U.S. Ski & Snowboard may be removed for any of the following reasons, as determined by a majority vote of the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Selection Committee:

- 3.1.1 Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the U.S. Ski & Snowboard's Cross Country Development Director.
- 3.1.2 Injury or illness as certified by a physician (or medical staff) approved by U.S. Ski & Snowboard. If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by a physician (or medical staff) approved by U.S. Ski & Snowboard, his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.
- 3.1.3 Failure to participate in Mandatory Training and/or Competition as defined in Section 9 of these procedures.
- 3.1.4 Violations of the U.S. Ski & Snowboard's Code of Conduct, which may be found online: <https://usskiandsnowboard.org/governance/policies>

An athlete who is removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Bylaws (Article IX Section B) and the USOPC's Bylaws, Section 9.

- 3.2 Once athlete entries have been submitted to the Local Organizing Committee by the USOPC, the USOPC has jurisdiction over the Team, at which time, in addition to any applicable U.S. Ski & Snowboard Code of Conduct, the USOPC's Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures shall apply. The USOPC's Code

of Conduct is included in the Games Forms made available prior to the respective Games; the USOPC's Grievance Procedures can be found at: www.teamusa.org/Footer/Legal/Governance-Documents

3.3 An athlete may be removed as a nominee to the Team or from the Team for an adjudicated violation of IOC, WADA, FIS, USADA, and/or USOPC anti-doping protocol, policies, and procedures, as well as the U.S. Center for SafeSport Code, the USOPC Athlete Safety Policy and U.S. Ski & Snowboard Athlete Safety policies, as applicable.

4. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES

4.1. Describe the selection and approval process for determining replacement athlete(s) should a vacancy occur:

4.1.1. Prior to submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee, including any applicable group or committee:

If necessary, if an athlete is removed from the team for the reasons described in Section 3 above, the athlete may be replaced by the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Selection Committee using the selection processes specified in Selection Method No. 1 to fill the specific gender quota to be replaced. Any replacement of athletes must comply with these selection procedures, IOC, USOPC, and FIS regulations and entry deadlines.

4.1.2. After submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee, including any applicable group or committee:

See above, same as Section 4.1.1.

5. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

U.S. Ski & Snowboard will retain the approved Selection Procedures and all supporting documents, including scouting or evaluation forms, etc., and data from the selection process for six months past the date of the Closing Ceremony of the Youth Olympic Games.

6. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

In addition to the USOPC Code of Conduct, the following documents are required to be adhered to/signed by an athlete as a condition of nomination to the Youth Olympic Games and can be found online [HERE](#) and [HERE](#):

- U.S. Ski & Snowboard Code of Conduct
- U.S. Ski & Snowboard Athlete Safety Policies & Guidelines

7. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

The USOPC approved Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by U.S. Ski & Snowboard in the following locations:

7.1. U.S. Ski & Snowboard Website: www.usskiandsnowboard.org

These procedures will be posted as soon as possible, but not more than five (5) business days following notice of approval by the USOPC.

8. DATE OF NOMINATION

The Nomination of Athletes form, including replacements, will be announced to all athletes, and submitted to the USOPC on or before **April 15, 2023**.

9. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

Specify the location, schedule and duration of mandatory training and/or competition:

- Any mandatory training and/or competitions after the date of nomination will be announced at least thirty (30) days prior to the start of training or competition. Location, schedule, and duration of any mandatory training and/or competition will be posted on U.S. Ski & Snowboard website at www.usskiandsnowboard.org/
- Waivers from mandatory training and/or competitions are not permitted, unless there are extraordinary circumstances. In that case, it is reviewed and either accepted or rejected by the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Selection Committee (see Section 2.3). Any unexcused absence will serve as cause for removal from the 2024 U.S. Youth Olympic Team with the right to a hearing pursuant to the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Bylaws and Grievance Procedures or Section 9 of USOPC Bylaws.

10. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

Athletes must adhere to all IOC, WADA, FIS, USADA and USOPC anti-doping protocols, policies, and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing as required by the IOC, WADA, FIS, USADA and USOPC Rules, as applicable.

11. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES

The following committee/group (include names and titles) was responsible for creating these Selection Procedures:

<i>Chris Grover</i>	<i>U.S. Ski and Snowboard Cross Country Program Director</i>
<i>Bryan Fish</i>	<i>U.S. Ski and Snowboard Cross Country Development Director</i>
<i>Greta Anderson</i>	<i>U.S. Ski and Snowboard Cross Country Development Coach</i>

12. NGB BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

The U.S. Ski & Snowboard Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at:
<https://www.usskiandsnowboard.org/governance/board-directors>

13. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

These procedures are based on IOC and/or FIS rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in IOC and/or FIS rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to U.S. Ski & Snowboard. However, the selections are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically may not have accounted for every possible contingency.

If any force of nature, or force majeure, should cause the alteration or cancellation of any of the selection events listed in this document, these selection procedures will be revised, pursuant to their resubmission to the USOPC.

14. ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN

The Athlete Ombudsman provides cost-free, independent, and confidential advice regarding athlete rights, grievance procedures and any other related guidance pertaining to selection procedures and can assist in mediating disputes between athletes and their NGB.

To contact the Athlete Ombudsman Office:




PHONE: (719) 866-5000

EMAIL: ombudsman@usathlete.org

WEBSITE: <https://www.teamusa.org/Athlete-Ombuds>

15. NGB SIGNATURES

I certify that I have read and understand the standards/criteria set by the IOC, USOPC, and FIS and incorporated those standards/criteria into our Selection Procedures. I further certify that the information provided herein regarding Athlete Selection Procedures represents the method approved by U.S. Ski & Snowboard.

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date Signed
NGB President or Chief of Sport	Anouk Patty		12/20/2022 2:09 PM MST
Nat. Team Coach, Head Coach, or Nat. Program Director	Bryan Fish		12/9/22
USOPC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative*	Rosie Brennan		12/12/22

* If the USOPC AAC Representative has delegated authority to the Alternate AAC Representative to sign the Selection Procedures, attach a letter from the AAC Representative indicating the reason he/she has delegated authority.

* Signature by the Athlete Representative constitutes that he/she has read and understands the Selection Procedures. If the Athlete Representative reads and does not agree with the Athlete Selection Procedures being submitted by the NGB, he/she may submit those reasons in writing to his/her Sport Performance Team.

* If, for some reason, a sport does not have an elected USOPC AAC Representative, U.S. Ski & Snowboard must designate an athlete from that sport to review and sign the Selection Procedures.

APPENDIX:

U.S. Ski & Snowboard Championship Scoring

Race Rank	Championship Points
1	100
2	80
3	60
4	50
5	45
6	40
7	36
8	32
9	29
10	26
11	24
12	22
13	20
14	18
15	16
16	15
17	14
18	13
19	12
20	11
21	10
22	9
23	8
24	7
25	6
26	5
27	4
28	3
29	2
30	1
31	0