



2023-24 Freeski Halfpipe 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 having been 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 Halfpipe Ski Head Coach approves the request.

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 FIS Base List.
- 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 ten (10) Pro Team athletes and six (6) Rookie Team athletes will be nominated using the objective criteria outlined below. If more than ten (10) Pro Team and six (6) Rookie Team athletes qualify under the objective criteria then athletes will be nominated in order of priority as outlined in Objective Criteria below.
- Athletes who are objectively nominated to the Pro or Rookie Team for the first time will receive a two (2) year team nomination.
- Athletes who achieve the two (2) top three (3) results in World Championships, World Cup, and/or X-Games during the 2022-23 season will receive a two (2) year nomination.

Objective Criteria:

OBJECTIVE NOMINATION CRITERIA HALFPIPE

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



PRO TEAM

Athletes meeting the following objective criteria in the selection period will be selected to the Pro Team. Each qualifying halfpipe event must be an 800-point event or higher.

- Any athlete achieving a win in World Championships, World Cup, X-Games and/or Dew Tour competition.
- Any athlete achieving two (2) top three (3) results in World Championships, World Cup, X-Games and/or Dew Tour competition.
- Any athlete achieving a podium **and** a top eight (8) for men or top six (6) for women in World Championships, World Cup, X-Games and/or Dew Tour competition.
- Top three (3) U.S. ranked men and women on the 2024 Ski Halfpipe FIS Base List. Athlete must be ranked Top Ten (10) in their gender category to be nominated.
- Any athlete achieving three (3) top five (5) results in World Championships, World Cup, X-Games and/or Dew Tour competitions.

ROOKIE TEAM

Athletes meeting the following objective criteria will be selected to the Rookie Team. Each qualifying event must be an 800-point event or higher.

Age eligibility: Year of Birth (YOB) 2003 and younger

- Top three (3) U.S. men and women on the 2024 Ski Halfpipe FIS Base List. Athletes must be ranked top thirty (30) for men and top twenty-five (25) for women to be nominated.
- 2023 Halfpipe NorAm Champion.
- Achieving 1 Rev Tour win plus a top eight (8) for women or top ten (10) for men result in a World Cup.

*2023 World Junior Snowboard 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 nominates an athlete with discretionary selection, 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.



Re-nomination by discretion of any named team athlete will be based on objective performance benchmarks within the individualized Athlete Plan that exists for all named team athletes as established by U.S. Freeski Team 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.