

United States Ski & Snowboard Association

2023 Men's Nordic Combined Junior World Championships Team Selection Criteria

Eligibility for Consideration:

- USA Nordic Sport will consider for selection only those US Ski and Snowboard members in good standing who have a valid U.S. passport, a valid FIS license and who meet FIS minimum eligibility standards.

Criteria Guidelines:

- US Ski and Snowboard policy mandates that team selection criteria shall be principally objective (or performance-based), but it may select additional athletes to the Team using coaches' discretion.
- The USA Nordic Sport staff is responsible for applying the selection criteria set forth herein, subject to the oversight of the US Ski and Snowboard.
- A minimum of four athletes and a maximum of five athletes will be chosen to represent the United States in the 2023 Junior World Championships.
- The quota of start rights per nation is set by the FIS, but is typically four athletes per individual event. In cases where the team size may exceed the quota, start rights are determined by the USA Nordic coaching staff.
- Discretionary selections, if any, may be based on a variety of factors, including competitions conducted outside of the selection period and injuries that have been discussed with the USANS medical team.
- Athletes must declare a sport (ski jumping or nordic combined) by December 5, 2022 to be eligible to be named to the Team and compete in their respective JWSC event.
- Team status does not include funding from the US Ski and Snowboard or USA Nordic.

General Criteria:

Athletes may be selected to the U.S. Nordic Combined Junior World Ski Championships (JWSC) Team based solely upon their competition results during the selection period in this order: Selection Method #1, Discretionary Selection, and Selection Method #2, in descending order:

Selection Method #1:

- Junior MNC athletes achieving a top 30 in the World Cup
- Junior MNC athletes achieving a top 30 in COC competition

Discretionary Selection Policy:

U.S. Ski & Snowboard may select additional athletes to the Team using coaches' discretion, using the factors below in order:

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1. Recent positive direction or trend of competition results indicating a potential for World Championship success
2. Illness or injury during the selection period
3. Indication of medal potential in future Olympic , or World Championship competition (such as international age group results and rankings) that would be materially enhanced by selection to the team

All discretionary selections will be documented, and appropriate forms will be available for record keeping purposes. All discretionary selections will be reviewed by a discretionary selection review group composed of the USANS CEO, USANS Board Chair, USANS Athlete Representative, U.S. Ski & Snowboard Board Chief of Sport, and the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Board Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined Athlete Representative. If the Athlete Representative is a currently competing athlete then another athlete, who is not actively competing, will be selected by the Athletes' Council to be the representative in this group.

Athletes may also petition directly to the Selection Committee to be considered for discretionary selection by submitting a petition in writing, including any rationale to the CEO of USA Nordic Sports, before 8:00 AM Mountain time on Jan 9, 2023.

Selection Method #2:

- Highest scoring athletes at JWSC Trials results in Park City, January 7th and 8th, 2023. *

* JWSC Trial results will be awarded based on the World Cup individual competition evaluation. In the event of a tie-break, the Selection Committee will award the JWSC nomination to the athlete with the best finish based on percent back from the winner.

Points for JWSC Trials:

1st place: 100 points

2nd Place: 80 points

3rd Place: 60 points

4th Place: 50 points

etc.

Reference rule #3.1 WC-NC Evaluation Individual Competitions.

https://assets.fis-ski.com/image/upload/v1658213974/fis-prod/assets/WC-NC-M_2022-Rules_E_marked-up.pdf

Injury Clause:

An athlete shall be ineligible for consideration if he/she is not fit to compete at the time selections are made due to any injury or illness from which he/she is not expected to

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recover adequately by the time of the competitions he/she has been selected for. Such determination shall be at the discretion of the USA Nordic Sport Director in consultation with the US Ski and Snowboard Medical Director, the Head Team Physician, and the athlete's designated physician.

Team Selection:

Selection for the USA Nordic Combined Women's JWSC team will be made on or near Jan 11, 2023, the team selection will be posted to www.usans.org and all athletes selected will be notified by the Nordic Combined Team Director or Head Coach.

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 Article IX of the U.S. Ski & Snowboard bylaws found at: 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 Ombudsman, Kacie Wallace, by:

- • Telephone at (719) 866-5000
- • Toll-free telephone at (888) ATHLETE (1-888-284-5383)
- • E-mail at kacie.wallace@usopc.org
- • www.athleteombudsman.org
- • <http://www.teamusa.org/For-Athletes/Athlete-Ombudsman.aspx>