

2023-2024 USANS Women's Nordic Combined: National Team Selection Criteria

Eligibility for Consideration:

USA Nordic Sport will consider for selection only those U.S. Ski and 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 and 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 and Snowboard Cross Country Program Director approves the request.

USANS 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 stress performance in the Nordic World Ski Championships, World Cup, and Continental Cups (COC) in the 2023-24 season. Selection criteria will also stress progress toward individual performance markers, set forth by the USANS coaches, which point toward international success.

Criteria Guidelines:

- The USANS Team 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 World Cup competitions held on or between December 1, 2022 and March 26, 2023 and on World Ranking and COC ranking as determined by FIS points accrued from December 1, 2022 to March 26, 2023 (the "Selection Period").
- 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 USANS or U.S. Ski and Snowboard for competition or for preparation.
- Athletes who have been given individual performance criteria to meet will be subject to those specific criteria and not to general criteria as outlined below.
- Athletes must be willing to commit to and to participate in the full USANS camp and race season structure.

General Criteria:

Athletes will be selected to the team based solely upon their competition results during the selection period. Athletes meeting the following objective criteria will be selected to the USANS Nordic Combined Team:

A Team:

Athletes meeting 1 of the following objective criteria will be selected to the A-Team

- 1 World Championship medal
- 1 Individual WC podium
- 2 Individual WC top 10
- 4 Individual WC top 15
- 2 Individual COC podium
- 1 Individual Junior World Championship Medal

*(In all events, if there are fewer than 40 athletes on the start list, athlete must place in top 75% of the field, if fewer than 20 athletes on the start list, athlete must place in top 50% of the field, if fewer than 10 athletes on the start list, athletes must be on the podium for the result to count towards a qualification result)

B Team:

Athletes meeting 1 of the following objective criteria will be selected to the B-Team.

- 1 Individual World Championship top 15
- 2 Individual WC top 20
- 1 Individual COC top 6
- 2 Individual COC top 10
- 4 Individual COC top 20
- 1 Individual Junior World Championship top 6

*(In all events, if there are fewer than 40 athletes on the start list, athlete must place in top 75% of the field, if fewer than 20 athletes on the start list, athlete must place in top 50% of the field, if fewer than 10 athletes on the start list, athletes must be on the podium for the result to count towards a qualification result)

C Team:

Athletes meeting 1 of the following objective criteria will be selected to the C -Team.

- 2 Individual COC top 20

- 1 Individual Junior World Championship top 12
- 1st place at US National Championships

*(In all events, if there are fewer than 40 athletes on the start list, athlete must place in top 75% of the field, if fewer than 20 athletes on the start list, athlete must place in top 50% of the field, if fewer than 10 athletes on the start list, athletes must be on the podium for the result to count towards a qualification result)

*C Team Athletes must have reached their 18th birthday or be graduating High School (by Dec 31, 2023) to be eligible for C team selection.

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D-Team

Formerly known as the Junior National Team (JNT), the D-Team is designed for athletes who are eligible to compete at and achieve success in future World Junior events, as well as other FIS Nordic Combined events that will promote their growth and development as athletes. 2023/24 D-Team athletes must be born in the following years to be eligible: 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008.

- Qualify for the 2023 JWSC in Whistler, CAN
- Achieve a top 30 in Nordic Combined COC competition
- Top 3 in the 2022/23 US Cup Nordic Combined Overall Ranking

Discretionary Selection Policy:

USANS may select additional athletes to the team using discretion based upon factors other than the objective criteria. If the staff fills any spot(s) on the team with discretionary selections, then the staff may consider any factors including (but not limited to) the following:

- Completion of individual markers, as set forth by the USANS coaching and high performance staff and as approved by the USANS Nordic Combined Team Director, USANS CEO and U.S. Ski & Snowboard Chief of Sport, which point toward the achievement of competition results consistent with USANS program goals.
- Attitude and commitment of athletes to take part in the complete camp and

competition program.

- 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.
- Other unanticipated failure of objective criteria to select an athlete likely to achieve competition results consistent with the U.S. Ski and Snowboard program goals.

In-season promotion and demotion:

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 with USANS or U.S. Ski and Snowboard.

Team Nomination:

The USANS Women's National Team will be nominated on or near May 15, 2023 and the selection will be posted on www.usanordic.org .

U.S. Ski and Snowboard Core Values, Code of Conduct, Athlete Safety Policies & Guidelines:

Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPP) and the SafeSport Code: Athletes must demonstrate a capability to adhere to USANS athlete agreement, and other athlete safety policies, in addition, all athletes age 18 and older must complete SafeSport training and its required updates, complete avalanche training, and pass any necessary background screening to be eligible for nomination.