



## 2024 FIS SKI CROSS WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS Idre Fjäll, SWE – April 13-15, 2024

### 1. SELECTION CRITERIA GUIDELINES

- U.S. Ski & Snowboard will select only the most qualified athletes with the greatest opportunity for winning medals at the 2024 FIS Ski Cross (SX) World Junior Championships (WJC) and future FIS SX WJC.
- The Alpine Development Director is responsible for applying the selection criteria herein, subject to the oversight of the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Chief of Sport.
- U.S. Ski & Snowboard policy mandates that team selection criteria be principally objective (or performance-based).
- Selections shall be based on individual on-snow results achieved by athletes in FIS competitions.
- All qualifying competitions are governed by the international federation rules of competition. The international federation for snowsports, as recognized by the IOC, is FIS. All criteria as they relate to rules, regulations and competition calendars are subject to change based on changes by the FIS, the USOPC, and the IOC.
- All other U.S. Ski & Snowboard rules, including its [Code of Conduct](#), as well as the [U.S. Center for SafeSport Code](#) shall apply to the criteria.

### 2. 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 and a valid USA-coded FIS license, and who meet the minimum eligibility standards. The age limit for the 2024 FIS Ski Cross World Junior Championship will be by year of birth: 2003 - 2007.

All injured athletes must be cleared by U.S. Ski & Snowboard Sports Medicine staff (or a physician approved by U.S. Ski & Snowboard Sports Medicine staff) before being considered for naming to the team.

### 3. TEAM SIZE

The total team size may be up to twelve (12) with a maximum of six (6) per gender. U.S. Ski & Snowboard may select any number of athletes up to the total number of start quotas as determined by FIS. There is no minimum team size.

### 4. START RIGHT

A maximum of six (6) men and six (6) women can start the event.



## 5. TEAM SELECTION PROCEDURE AND CRITERIA

### A. Summary of Objective Selection Policy

Start positions will be filled objectively using the following criteria. Athletes must hold a minimum of 50 FIS points on the 2024 12<sup>th</sup> Freestyle FIS SX points list to be eligible for objective selection.

Up to four (4) athletes per gender will be nominated to the team in priority order as follows:

- 1) The two (2) highest ranking eligible athletes per gender from the 12<sup>th</sup> Freestyle/Freeski FIS SX points list 2023/24. The FIS Points list is available at [www.fis-ski.com](http://www.fis-ski.com).
  - i. Ties will be broken by the next highest FIS SX point result (from 23/24 FIS events)
- 2) The two (2) highest ranking eligible athletes per gender from the 2023-24 SX NorAm Cup standings on the selection date. The NorAm Cup standings are available [here](#).
  - i. Ties will be broken by the highest FIS SX point result in NorAm competition (from 23/24 NorAm events)

### B. Summary of Discretionary Selection Policy

U.S. Ski & Snowboard may select additional athletes to the Team, as recommended to the Selection Committee by the Ski Cross Subcommittee, using factors other than objective criteria such as the following:

- Outstanding competition results (including results achieved outside of the selection period).
- Recent direction or trend of competition results.
- Illness or injury during the selection period.
- Indication of medal potential in future Olympic or World Championship competition, 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 U.S. Ski & Snowboard program goals for the World Junior Championships.

The Selection Committee that will be responsible for making discretionary selections will include the following parties (identified by their title):

- U.S. Ski & Snowboard, Chief of Sport
- U.S. Ski & Snowboard, Alpine Development Director
- U.S. Ski & Snowboard, Board Athlete Representative – Freestyle/Freeski



Conflicts of interest may arise for Selection Committee members during the Team selection process. Conflicts of interest exist when a Selection Committee member stands to benefit privately from a decision made by the Selection Committee. A conflict may arise, but is not limited to, when a Selection Committee member is in a position to participate in discussion or a vote concerning an athlete whom he or she coaches or trains privately who is being considered for a position on the Team. In the interest of assuring a fair selection process, the following rules will be followed by the Selection Committee when a conflict of interest arises:

Any member of the Selection Committee that has a possible conflict of interest must disclose it and must recuse him/herself from the Selection Committee discussions and voting.

The Selection Committee member should not otherwise influence other members of the Selection Committee in the nomination process. However, a committee member who recused him/herself, but who has relevant and necessary information with respect to athlete performance, for example a national team coach or high-performance director, may, if requested by the Selection Committee, provide such information to the committee so long as such information is provided in a fair and unbiased manner.

The U.S. Ski & Snowboard Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at: [www.us skiandsnowboard.org](http://www.us skiandsnowboard.org).

## **6. ANNOUNCEMENT OF SELECTIONS**

The U.S. SX WJC team will be nominated at U.S. Ski & Snowboard offices on March 21, 2024.

Athletes may be recognized and eligible for selection; however, they will only be registered upon commitment to attend this self-funded event and upon submission of a deposit in advance of the event. All athletes are responsible for cost-sharing the expenses of the team doctor and/or physio, team leader, and coaches.

## **7. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES**

U.S. Ski & Snowboard may remove a selected athlete at any time at its sole discretion and may replace the vacancy pursuant to the relevant selection criteria.

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 U.S. Ski & Snowboard:

Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the U.S. Ski & Snowboard President & CEO and Chief of Sport.

Medical disqualification. Injury or illness that limits the athlete from performing at their highest level (as determined by U.S. Ski & Snowboard coaching staff and Sports



Medicine staff) may result in medical disqualification. Injury or illness must be certified by a physician (or medical staff) approved by U.S. Ski & Snowboard. If an athlete refuses verification of his/her/their illness or injury by a physician (or medical staff) approved by U.S. Ski & Snowboard, his/her/their injury will be assumed to be debilitating and he/she/they may be removed.

Violation of the U.S. Ski & Snowboard's Code of Conduct ([www.usskiandsnowboard.org](http://www.usskiandsnowboard.org)).

Non-compliance with the eligibility requirements listed in Section 2 of these selection procedures.

## **8. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES**

Any removed athletes will be replaced according to the objective criteria outlined in Section 4.A.2.

## **9. APPLICABLE RULES**

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## **10. MEDICAL CLEARANCE**

Athletes must attest to medical clearance in order to be eligible for event entry.

If an athlete has been injured in season prior to departure for the Championships, additional clearance specific to that injury will be required from an approved Sports Medicine provider.

## **11. ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN**

Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete that are not answered by US Ski & Snowboard may contact the USOPC Athlete Ombuds Office by: Telephone at (719) 866-5000 or toll-free at (888) ATHLETE (1-888-284-5383) E-mail at [Ombudsman@usathlete.org](mailto:Ombudsman@usathlete.org) [www.teamusa.org/athlete-ombuds](http://www.teamusa.org/athlete-ombuds)