

## **United States Ski & Snowboard Association**

### **2022 Nordic Combined Junior World Championships Team Selection Criteria**

#### **Eligibility for Consideration:**

- The US Ski and Snowboard 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 Combined staff is responsible for applying the selection criteria set forth herein, subject to the oversight of 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 2022 Junior World Championships.
- The quota of start rights per nation is set by the FIS, at four athletes per event. In cases where the team size may exceed the quota, start rights are determined by the USA Nordic combined coaching staff.
- Objective selections shall be based on the results achieved by athletes in World Cup and Continental Cup competitions from **November 13th, 2021** thru **January 30th, 2022**, and during Junior World Championship Trial competitions set for Steamboat, CO, December 4th, 2021, Lake Placid, NY, December 30th, 2021 and Eau Claire, WI, January 15th, 2022, (the "selection period").
- 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 Championship (JWC) Team based solely upon their competition results during the selection period.

- Junior NC athletes achieving a top 30 in World Cup and/or a top 15 in COC competition will be selected to the team.
- If positions are still available, further Team selections shall be granted to those junior athletes with the best world ranking on January 30th, 2021 in order, until the team is filled. In the absence of one single world ranking list, the US Ski and Snowboard will use the WC list first, then the COC list second.
- If fewer than four athletes have been selected through their World Cup and/or Continental Cup the US Ski and Snowboard shall select as many additional athletes as may be necessary to bring the total team size up to the USA quota, as established by FIS. These athletes will be selected in rank order from the Junior World Championship Trials set for Steamboat, CO, December 4th, 2021, Lake Placid, NY, December 30th, 2021 and Eau Claire, WI, January 15th, 2022, (the "selection period"). This will be based on the cumulative finish time back

from all three competitions.

- Athletes must declare a sport (ski jumping or Nordic combined) by November 20, 2020 to be eligible to be named to the Team and compete in their respective JWC event.
- Race lengths:
  - Two 10k and a 5k for men
  - All 5k for Women

Athletes meeting the general criteria shall be selected to the team, unless application of these criteria would result in a total team size exceeding the FIS quota, in which case the USSA shall use the following tie-breaking mechanisms in order:

- Highest single WC finish during the selection period.
- Highest single COC finish during the selection period.
- Highest World Ranking during the 2021-2022 season.
- Highest single US Ski and Snowboard JWC Trials finish.

**Discretionary Selection Policy:**

US Ski and Snowboard may select up to one athlete to the team using coaches' discretion. If the coaching staff fills any available spot(s) on the team with discretionary selections, then the staff may consider any factors including (but not limited to) the following:

- Outstanding competition results (including results achieved outside of the selection period).
- Recent direction or trend of competition results (i.e., improving, flat, or declining).
- Attitude and commitment of athletes.
- Physical fitness level.
- Illness or injury during the selection period.
- 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 USA Nordic program goals.

**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 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 USA Nordic Medical Director, the Head Team Physician, and the athlete's designated physician.