

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

### **2023 Women's Nordic Combined Junior World Championships Team Selection Criteria**

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

- USA Nordic 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 two athletes and a maximum of four 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.
- Objective selections shall be based on the results achieved by athletes in World Cup, Continental Cup competitions from November 26th, 2020 thru January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and during Junior World Championship Trials competitions set for Park City, Utah, January 7th-8th, 2023, (the "selection period").
- Discretionary selections, if any, may be based on a variety of factors, including competitions conducted outside of 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 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 WNC athletes achieving a top 20 in the World Cup will be selected to the team.
- Junior WNC athletes achieving a top 15 in COC competition will be selected to the team.

#### **Discretionary Selection Policy:**

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If fewer than two athletes have been selected through their World Cup and/or Continental Cup points the Junior World Selection committee (made up of regional and national team coaches) 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 based off of the Junior World Championship Trial competitions set for Park City, January 7 and 8, 2023.

In the event that one or both of the Junior World Championship Trial events and/or Continental Cup events are canceled due to COVID or venue conditions, additional spots may be selected by the Junior World Selection Committee using 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).
- Physical fitness level.
- Illness or injury during the selection period.
- Other unanticipated failure of objective criteria to select an athlete likely to achieve competition results consistent with USA Nordic program goals.

**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.

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**Injury Clause:**

- An athlete shall be ineligible for consideration if he/she is not fit to compete at the

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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 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.usanordic.org](http://www.usanordic.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](http://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](mailto:kacie.wallace@usopc.org)
- • [www.athleteombudsman.org](http://www.athleteombudsman.org)
- • <http://www.teamusa.org/For-Athletes/Athlete-Ombudsman.aspx>