



US SKI & SNOWBOARD
ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
2024 YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES
NORDIC COMBINED
January 2024. Amended July 18 2023

1. SELECTION SYSTEM

1.1. Minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for selection to the Team:

1.1.1. Nationality/Passport requirements:

Athlete must be a national of the United States at the time of nomination

Athlete must hold a valid U.S. passport that will not expire for six months after the conclusion of the Games.

1.1.2. Minimum International Olympic Committee (IOC), standards for participation:

Any competitor in the Youth Olympic Games must be a national of the country of the National Olympic Committee (NOC) which is entering such competitor. For additional information regarding an athlete who is a national of two or more countries, has changed his or her nationality or acquired a new nationality, refer to the Olympic Charter (Rule 41).

1.1.3. Minimum International Sports Federation (IF) standards for participation (if any):

- To be eligible for the 2024 Youth Olympic Games (YOG), athletes must have been born between **1 January 2006 and 31 December 2008**.
- Athletes must be registered with an International Ski Federation (FIS) license and have competed in a FIS-level or Continental Cup competition to be eligible.

1.1.4. Other requirements (if any):

- Only U.S. Ski & Snowboard Jumping /Nordic Competitor

members with a valid FIS Ski Jumping license who are in good standing are eligible for consideration.

- Athletes must have successfully completed all Games Registration requirements by stated deadline.
- Be available for entire duration of the Games.
- Participate in the cultural and education program, as requested.

1.2. Tryout Events:

1.2.1. Provide the event names, dates and locations of all trials, events and camps to be used as part of the selection process.

- 2024 Youth Olympic Tryouts will take place In Lake Placid, NY on October 11th, 2023 and Steamboat Springs, CO on December 9th, 2023. HS100 size hill will be used as primary qualifying hill. Should weather be a factor, an HS75 meter hill will be used as a backup. Both events will be Individual Gunderson 5KM.

1.2.2. How athletes qualify for the events listed in 1.2.1.:

- Athletes that meet the requirements laid out in sections 1.1.2. and 1.1.3. will be allowed to compete in the Youth Olympic Tryouts.

1.3. Selection Process:

Up to two (2) men and two (2) women will be named based on quotas established by FIS. Date of nomination will be on or before December 12th, 2023.

1.3.1. If quota is two (2), the selection criteria will be applied in the following order:

- a) Two (2) athletes will be selected to the team based solely on their performances from the qualifying events stated above (1.2.1).
- b) Athletes with the highest combined total points using World Cup points from both qualifying events will be selected to the team.
 - i) In the event of a tie, the tie breaker will be determined by the athlete with the lowest combined finish time of the two qualifying events.

1.3.2. If quota is one (1), the selection criteria will be applied in the following order:

- c) One (1) athlete will be selected to the team based solely on their performances from the qualifying events stated above (1.2.1).
- d) Athlete with the highest combined total points using World Cup points from both qualifying events will be selected to the team.
 - i) In the event of a tie, the tie breaker will be determined by the athlete with the lowest combined finish time of the two qualifying events

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2. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION (if applicable)

2.1. Provide rationale for utilizing discretionary selection (if any):

Discretion will be used if a selected athlete is injured or sick, or for some other reason cannot attend the 2024 Youth Olympic Games.

2.2. List the discretionary criteria and explain how they will be used (if any):

- Athlete(s) ranked highest from domestic qualifying events (1.3.1)
- Athlete(s) outstanding FIS results during the selection period

2.3. The following individuals will preside over all discretionary selections:

- Anouk Patty- Chief of Sport- U.S. Ski and Snowboard
- Adam Provost- CEO- USA Nordic Sport
- Anders Johnson- Ski Jumping/Nordic Combined Sport Director- U.S. Ski and Snowboard
- Nina Lussi- Sport Committee Chair- U.S. Ski and Snowboard
- Jasper Good- Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined Athlete Representative- U.S. Ski and Snowboard
- Andrew Weibrecht - USOPC AAC Athlete Representative

1.1.1. Potential Conflicts of Interest:

All members of the selection committee must comply with the NGB/PSO's conflict of interest policy, to include completing and submitting a disclosure form for review by the NGB/PSO's ethics committee prior to convening the committee.

Any member of the selection committee who has an actual, possible, or perceived conflict of interest must disclose it to the NGB/PSO's ethics committee prior to the start of the selection process and/or recuse him/herself from the review process and/or voting. A conflict of interest exists when a personal, family, financial, professional, club, team or business interest of the committee member poses a direct or indirect relationship, connection, or affiliation, past or present, with an athlete in contention for the applicable team selection that could compromise the committee member's ability to participate in the selection process in an unbiased manner. If a conflict exists, the NGB/PSO's ethics committee shall review the conflict and determine the committee member's level of involvement (e.g., whether that committee member must recuse him/herself from participating in discussions and/or voting). For example, if it is determined that a committee member must recuse him/herself from voting, the ethics committee may still determine that a committee member 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 and so long as the committee member with the conflict of interest does not vote toward the final decision. The committee member must not otherwise influence other members of the committee in the selection process.

Additionally, any person (including any potentially impacted athlete or coach of a potentially impacted athlete) with a good faith belief that a committee member has a conflict of interest may report the alleged conflict of interest to NGB/PSO's ethics committee. Reports may be made anonymously. No committee member shall retaliate in any way against a person who, in good faith, reports an alleged conflict of interest.

Any recused individual shall be replaced in accordance with the NGB/PSO selection committee appointment process.

3. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

- 3.1. Prior to entry by name to the Local Organizing Committee by the USOPC, the NGB has jurisdiction over potential nominees.

An athlete who is to be nominated to the Team by the NGB may be removed for any of the following reasons, as determined by the NGB:

- 3.1.1. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the NGB CEO.
- 3.1.2. Injury or illness as certified by a physician (or medical staff) approved by the NGB. If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by a physician (or medical staff) approved by the NGB, his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.
- 3.1.3. Failure to participate in Mandatory Training and/or Competition as defined in Section 9 of these procedures.
- 3.1.4. Violation of U.S. Ski & Snowboard's Code of Conduct ([Attachment 1](#)).
- 3.1.5. Non-compliance with the eligibility requirements listed in Section 1.1. of these selection procedures.

An athlete who is removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per U.S. Ski & Snowboard's Bylaws, Article IX, Grievances, Suspensions and Appeals and the USOPC Bylaws, Section 9.

- 3.2. Once athlete entries have been submitted to the USOPC, the USOPC has jurisdiction over the Team, at which time, in addition to any applicable NGB/PSO Code of Conduct, the USOPC's Delegation Conduct Requirements apply, contained in the USOPC Games Delegation Terms. The USOPC Games Delegation Terms are specific to each Games and made available during the Games registration process; the USOPC's Grievance Procedures and Hearing Process are found within the Delegation Terms. See "Delegation Events" at <https://www.teamusa.org/Footer/Legal/Dispute-Resolution> for more information.

- 3.3. An athlete may be removed as a nominee to the Team or from the Team for an adjudicated violation of IOC, PASO, IPC, WADA, IF, USADA and/or USOPC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures, as applicable.1.1. as well as the U.S. Center for SafeSport Code, the USOPC Athlete Safety Policy and **U.S. Ski & Snowboard's SafeSport policies**, as applicable.

4. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES

4.1. Describe the selection and approval process for determining replacement athlete(s) should a vacancy occur:

4.1.1. Prior to submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee, including any applicable group or committee:

- In the case that an athlete needs to be replaced, the next best placed athlete from the qualification procedure will be selected (1.3.1).
- In the event an athlete needs to be replaced, this decision will be made by the replacement selection review group comprised of the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Chief of Sport, U.S. Ski & Snowboard Sport Director, USANS CEO, and the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Board athlete representative.

4.1.2. After submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee, including any applicable group or committee:

See 4.1.1. above

5. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

US Ski & Snowboard will retain the approved Selection Procedures and all supporting documents, including scouting or evaluation forms, etc., and data from the selection process for six months past the date of the Closing Ceremony of the Games.

6. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

In addition to the USOPC Code of Conduct, the following documents are required to be signed by an athlete as a condition of nomination to the Youth Olympic Games and are included as attachments:

[U.S Ski & Snowboard Code of Conduct](#)

7. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

The USOPC approved Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by the NGB in the following locations:

7.1. NGB Web site: www.uskiandsnowboard.org

These procedures will be posted as soon as possible, but not more than five business days following notice of approval by the USOPC.

7.2. Other: N/A

8. DATE OF NOMINATION

The Nomination of Athletes form, including replacements, will be announced to all athletes and submitted to the USOPC on or before: December 12th, 2023.

9. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

Specify the location, schedule and duration of mandatory training and/or competition (if any):

At the time of development of these procedures no mandatory training or competition has been determined for the 2024 Youth Olympic Games Team. In the event that such mandatory training or competition is required for the Team, U.S. Ski & Snowboard will notify each Team member and that athlete's coach at least 30 days in advance and will post the information on the U.S. Ski & Snowboard website.

10. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

Athletes must adhere to all IOC, IPC, PASO, WADA, IF, USADA and USOPC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of Competition Testing as required by the IOC, IPC, PASO, WADA, IF, USADA and USOPC Rules, as applicable.

11. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES

The following committee/group (include names and titles) was responsible for creating these Selection Procedures:

U.S. Ski & Snowboard Sport Director Anders Johnson
USANS Coaches Committee Chair Zak Hammil
U.S Ski & Snowboard Sport Chair Nina Lussi
USANS CEO Adam Provost

12. NGB BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

US Ski & Snowboard Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at:

usskiandsnowboard.org

13. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

These procedures are based on IOC and/or FIS rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in IOC and/or FIS rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to US Ski & Snowboard. However, the selections are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically may not have accounted for every possible contingency.

If any force of nature, or force majeure, should cause the alteration or cancellation of any of the selection events listed in this document, these selection procedures will be revised, pursuant to their resubmission to the USOPC.

14. 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 (888-284-5383)
- Email at Ombudsman@usathlete.org
- www.teamusa.org/athlete-ombuds

15. NGB SIGNATURES

I certify that I have read and understand the standards/criteria set by our IF

and/or CF (PAG/PPAG only) and incorporated those standards/criteria into our Selection Procedures. I further certify that the information provided herein regarding Athlete Selection Procedures represents the method approved by US Ski & Snowboard

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
NGB President or CEO	Sophie Goldschmidt		
Nat. Team Coach, Head Coach, or Nat. Program Director	Anders Johnson		
USOPC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative*	Andrew Weibrecht		

* If the USOPC AAC Representative has delegated authority to the Alternate AAC Representative to sign the Selection Procedures, attach a letter from the AAC Representative indicating the reason he/she has delegated authority.

* Signature by the Athlete Representative constitutes that he/she has read and understands the Selection Procedures. If the Athlete Representative reads and does not agree with the Athlete Selection Procedures being submitted by the NGB, he/she may submit those reasons in writing to his/her Sport Performance Team.