

U. S. Ski & Snowboard

2017-2018 Ski Jumping Continental Cup Team Selection Criteria

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, a valid FIS license and who meet FIS minimum eligibility standards.

Criteria Guidelines:

- U.S. Ski & Snowboard policy mandates that team selection criteria shall be principally objective (or performance-based), but additional athletes may be selected to the Team using coaches' discretion.
- The team selected by U.S. Ski & Snowboard may consist of any number of athletes up to the FIS quota for the United States.
- The quota of start rights per nation is set by the FIS. In cases where the team size may exceed the quota, start rights will be determined by the U.S. COC coach.
- U.S. Ski & Snowboard Nordic Director is responsible for applying the selection criteria set forth herein.
- No minimum team size will be established unless otherwise noted.
- The U.S. coaching staff will determine all events that will be entered and not entered by U.S. athletes from the FIS calendar
- Objective selections shall be based on the results achieved by athletes in U.S. National Championships, FIS Cup, Continental Cup, Summer Grand Prix and World Cup competition held between June 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018 (the "selection period").
- Discretionary selections, if any, may be based on a variety of factors, including competitions conducted outside of the selection period.
- FIS COC Team status does not include funding from U.S. Ski & Snowboard.
- Athletes selected to compete in the COC events will be required to provide their own coaching support from either USANS or WSJ-USA.

General Criteria:

Athletes may be selected to the COC Team based solely upon their competition results during the selection period.

Men: Up to three individuals who meet the following criteria may be entered in the Men's Continental Cup competitions scheduled for the Summer 2017 or Winter 2017-18 seasons (except for domestic COC events where 6 can be entered if qualified).

Women: Up to 6 individuals who meet the following criteria may be entered in the Women's Continental Cup competitions scheduled for the Summer 2017 or Winter 2017-18 seasons (except for domestic COC events where 12 can be entered if qualified).

- Score WC or COC points during the 2016-2017 COC season.
- Score COC points during the 2017-2018 COC season.
- Score FIS Cup points during the current or previous season

Domestic Criteria:

Up to 6 individuals who meet the following criteria may be entered in the Men's Continental Cup competitions scheduled for February 10-11, 2018 in Iron Mountain, MI. Athletes that are ranked highest and will not attend this event will defer their start right to the next athlete on the WC, COC then FIS Cup ranking list and so on until 6 quota spots are filled.

- Score WC or COC points during the 2016-2017 COC season.
- Score COC points during the 2017-2018 COC season.
- Score FIS Cup points during the current or previous season

Selection Policy when exceeding FIS Quota:

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 U.S. Ski & Snowboard shall use the following tie-breaking mechanisms in order:

- Most WC points scored in 2017-2018 season
- Most WC points scored in 2016-2017 season
- Most COC points scored in 2017-2018 season
- Most COC points scored in 2016-2017 season
- Most FIS Cup points during 2017-2018
- Highest Top 10 FIS Cup result in pervious FIS CUP period
- Highest current overall US Cup ranking

- Women: Highest overall rank in FIS CUP standings 2017

Discretionary Selection Policy:

U.S. Ski & Snowboard may select additional athletes to the Team using coaches' discretion, using factors other than objective criteria such as:

- 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.
- Indicia 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.

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 Nordic Director in consultation with U.S. Ski & Snowboard Medical Director, the Head Team Physician, and the athlete's designated physician.