

United States Ski & Snowboard Association
2014 Ski Jumping Men's Continental Cup Team Selection Criteria

Eligibility for Consideration:

The USSA will consider for selection only those USSA members in good standing who have a valid U.S. passport, a valid FIS license and who meet FIS minimum eligibility standards.

Criteria Guidelines:

- USSA 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 the USSA 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.
- The USSA Nordic Director is responsible for applying the selection criteria set forth herein.
- No minimum team size will be established unless otherwise noted.
- Objective selections shall be based on the results achieved by athletes in U.S. National Championships, FIS Cup and Continental Cup competition held between June 1, 2012 and April 1, 2013 (tentative) (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 the USSA.
- Athletes selected to compete in the COCJ events will be required to provide their own coaching support.

General Criteria:

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

Up to three individuals who meet the following criteria may be entered in the Men's Continental Cup competitions scheduled for the Summer 2013 or Winter 2014 seasons (except for domestic COC events).

- Score WC or COC points during the 2013 COCJ season.
- Score COC points during the 2012 COCJ season.
- Achieve a top-3 result in the last U.S. Championships (the most current U.S. Championship result).
- Score FIS Cup points during the previous 12 months

At least six, and up to 12 individuals who meet the following criteria may be entered in the Men's Continental Cup competitions scheduled for February 8-9, 2014 (tentative) at Iron Mountain, MI.

- Score WC or COC points during the 2013 COCJ season.
- Achieve a top-3 result in the last U.S. Championships (the most current U.S. Championship result) for special jumpers.
- Score FIS Cup points during the previous 12 months.

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:

- Most Continental Cup points during the 2013 season.
- Highest Continental Cup finish during the 2013 season.
- Second highest Continental Cup finish during 2013 season.
- Most Continental Cup points during the previous season (for summer 2012 events only).
- Highest U.S. Championship finish during the selection period.
- Highest overall rank in the current US Cup overall standings

Discretionary Selection Policy:

The USSA 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 USSA 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 the

USSA Medical Director, the Head Team Physician, and the athlete's designated physician.