

United States Ski & Snowboard Association

2014 Ski Jumping FIS 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 USSA may consist of any number of athletes up to the FIS quota for the United States (currently 10, plus 10 additional for nation's group at domestic FIS Cup events)
- The quota of start rights per nation is set annually by the FIS.
- The USSA Nordic Director is responsible for applying the selection criteria set forth herein in consultation with the USSA Jumping Coaches Selection Committee.
- No minimum team size will be established.
- Objective selections shall be based on the results achieved by athletes in USSA, U.S. Cup, Springer Tournee, and FIS Cup competitions specified below during the 2013 season (the "selection period"). Discretionary selections, if any, may be based on a variety of factors, including competitions conducted outside of the selection period.
- FIS Cup Team status does not include funding from USSA.
- Athletes selected to compete in the FIS Cup events will be required to provide their own coaching support.

General Criteria:

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

Up to ten (10) individuals who meet the following criteria may be entered in the Men's FIS Cup competitions scheduled for the summer of 2013 (2014 season).

* No funding or coaching support exists for these competitions at this time.

- For summer 2012 FIS Cup events, score FIS Cup or COC points during the 2012-2013 season.
- Score FIS Cup or COC points during the 2014 season.
- Highest rank in U.S. Cup 2013.
- Achieve a top 15 result in the last U.S. Championships (the most current U.S. Championship result).

- USSA will fill as much of the normal quota and nation's quota as possible using the current USSA Jump Coaches Selection Committee.

At least 10 and up to 20 individuals who meet the following criteria may be entered in the Men's FIS Cup domestic and international competitions scheduled for the winter 2013 season.

* No funding or coaching support exists for these competitions at this time.

- Score FIS Cup or COC points during the previous 12 months.
- Qualify for the most recent Junior World Championship Team.
- Highest rank in the U.S. Cup.
- Achieve a top 15 result in the last U.S. Championships (the most current U.S. Championship result).
- USSA will fill as much of the normal quota and nation's quota as possible using the current USSA Jump Coaches Selection Committee.

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 COC Cup points during the current season (previous season for Summer/Fall 2013 events)
- Most FIS Cup points during the current season (previous season for Summer/Fall 2013 events)
- Highest FIS Cup finish during the current season
- Highest Junior World Championship finish during the current season
- Highest U.S. Cup finish during the current season
- Highest U.S. Championships finish during the most current season
- Second highest U.S. Championships finish during the most current season

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.

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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.