

United States Ski & Snowboard Association
2014 Ski Jumping Junior World Championship 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.
- A maximum of five ski jumping athletes per gender may be selected to represent the United States in the 2013 Junior World Championships.
- Up to four athletes per gender may start for the United States in each event, unless otherwise specified by the International Ski Federation (FIS). Quotas will be announced by FIS at a date/time TBA which will help determine the number of athletes USSA will nominate.
- Assignment of start rights will be at the discretion of the U.S. JWC coaching staff.
- The USSA Nordic Director is responsible for applying the selection criteria set forth herein.
- No minimum team size will be established.
- Objective selections shall be based on the results achieved by athletes in World Cup, Continental Cup and FIS Cup competitions during November & December 2013, and during Junior World Championship Trials competitions set for Park City, Dec 28-29 2013 (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 USSA.

General Criteria:

- Athletes may be selected to the team based solely upon their competition results during the selection period.
- Up to two athletes who score at least one World Cup point during the objective selection period will be selected to the team.
- Athletes with a top-5 single COC result for women and top-15 for men during the objective selection period will be selected to the team.
- Up to two athletes shall be selected to the team who have scored the most Continental Cup points during the objective selection period.
- If fewer than four athletes have been selected through the above methods, the USSA 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 in rank order from the USSA Junior World Championship Trials competitions set for Park City Dec 28-29 2013 (the "selection period"), based on the cumulative

total results of an athlete's best two of three competitions, calculating the percent back of competition points.

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:

- Highest single WC finish during the selection period.
- Highest single COC finish during the selection period.
- Highest single USSA JWC Trials finish.
- Second Highest single USSA JWC Trials finish.

Discretionary Selection Policy:

The USSA may select up to one athlete per gender to the team using coaches' 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).
- 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.