

United States Ski & Snowboard Association

2014 Ski Jumping World 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) and that available start rights and team spots will not necessarily be filled. The Nordic Director of USSA is responsible for applying the selection criteria set forth herein, subject to the oversight of the VP of Athletics.

No minimum team size will be established.

The team selected by USSA may consist of any number of athletes up to the FIS World Cup quota for the United States.

The quota of start rights per nation is set annually by the FIS.

Objective selections shall be based on the results achieved by athletes in FIS World Cup and Continental Cup competitions held during the 2013 and 2014 seasons.

To be considered for the team, an athlete must have scored at least one Continental Cup point during the current or previous seasons.

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 USSA.

General Criteria:

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

Athletes meeting below criteria shall be selected to the team:, unless application of these criteria would result in a total team size exceeding the FIS quota.

(a) Achieve a top-50 ranking on the men's FIS World Ranking List, or top-30 on the women's FIS World Ranking List

(b) Achieve a top-30 World Cup result in the current or previous seasons

(c) Achieve a top-10 Continental Cup result in the current or previous seasons

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 World Rank on the most current World Ranking List.

Highest single WC finish during the selection period.

Highest single COC finish during the selection period.

Selection to the team does not guarantee start rights at competitions.

Discretionary Selection Policy:

USSA may select athletes to the team using coaches' discretion. The coaching staff may make selections based upon factors other than the objective criteria, and 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:

- 1) Outstanding competition results (including results achieved outside of the selection period).
- 1) Recent direction or trend of competition results (i.e., improving, flat, or declining).
- 2) Attitude and commitment of athletes.
- 3) Physical fitness level.
- 4) Illness or injury during the selection period.
- 5) Indicia of medal potential in future Olympic or World Championship competition, which would be materially enhanced by selection to team
- 6) Other unanticipated failure of objective criteria to select an athlete likely to achieve competition results consistent with USSA program goals for World Cup.

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 World Cup competitions he/she has been selected for.