



2023 National Team Selection Criteria

Sept. 14, 2022

National Team A

Invited to all scheduled National Team camps.

A 1 Team:

1. Top-10 result at World Championships (WCH), or
2. Two top-15 performances at World Cup (WC)/WCH, or
3. Top-40 overall WC Final Score, or
4. Recommendation of coaching staff with ICC consideration and approval based upon significant national and/or international results applying the USBA Principles of Discretion (see Appendix A below).

A 2 Team:

1. Two top-25 performances at WC/WCH, or
2. Top-60 overall WC Final Score, or
3. Recommendation of coaching staff with ICC consideration and approval based upon significant national and/or international results applying the USBA Principles of Discretion (see Appendix A below).

A 3 Team:

1. Two top-40 performances at WC/WCH, or
2. Member of Top-5 Relay, Mixed Relay Team, or Single-Mixed Relay at WC's or WCH's, or
3. Top-3 result at Junior World Championships (only in junior class)
4. Recommendation of coaching staff with ICC consideration and approval based upon significant national and/or international results applying the USBA Principles of Discretion (see Appendix A below).

National Team B

Invited to training camps on a case-by-case basis.

2. Two Top-15 results at IBU Cup and/or OECHs, or
3. Top-15 result at Junior World Championships (only in junior class)
4. Recommendation of coaching staff with ICC consideration and approval based upon significant national and/or international results applying the USBA Principles of Discretion (see Appendix A below).

Note: In the event of extended absence from competition due to illness or injury, an athlete *may* be named to any of the above teams through recommendation of coaching staff with ICC consideration and approval *exclusively* based upon Section 4 of the USBA Principles of

Discretion (see Appendix A below).

Note: The winner of an individual race at U.S. Nationals in March will be invited to the first National Team Training Camp in Lake Placid. The athletes will be evaluated there. It is possible that athletes going through this process may be nominated to the B Team by the staff and ICC after the camp.

Note: National Team nominations and the National Team training camp schedule will be released on or before **April 1, 2023**. Nominees will be asked to accept or decline their nomination by **April 23, 2023**. All nominees who accept their nomination will be required to sign the Team Member Agreement.

Appendix A:

USBA Principles of Discretionary Selection

The purpose of a discretionary choice is to ensure selection of the most competitive team. Creating watertight, finite criteria for discretionary choices is impossible, since by their very nature they are meant to account for the unanticipated circumstances, which inevitably elude the principles of objective criteria. Based on the context of the situation, the ICC will select the athlete(s) that has the best chance of producing the best result based on the following factors. Note: This list is not in any order of priority:

1. History of performance in a specific competition type (e.g., Relay or Individual) over the current and previous two competitive seasons
2. Recent improvements in results or performance parameters such as ski speed and shooting performance (both in training and competition)
3. Recent positive trend of competition results or performance parameters, such as ski speed and shooting, indicating a potential for Olympic success. This includes indication of medal potential in future Olympic or World Championship competition that would be materially enhanced by selection to the Team.
4. Performance/participation in the qualification process effected by illness or injury as confirmed by USBA
5. Ability to effectively contribute to a relay

If an athlete declines or is unable to attend the competition(s) for which (s)he has qualified, the ICC will rely upon the above Principles of Discretionary Selection to fill the spot. The ICC also reserves the right to not fill the vacated spot.