



2021-22 National Team Selection Criteria

Minimum Requirements to be nominated to the National Teams

Minimum Requirements to be nominated to the US Paralympics Snowboard National Team:

- Be internationally classified by World Para Snowboarding
- Have a current National (USASA or USSS) and International (IPC) License
- Be in the USADA Registered Testing Pool/Clean Athlete Program.
- Be in good standing with the USOPC, The U.S. Center for SafeSport, IPC, USADA, USSS, WADA and USASA.

1. All athletes with at least one (1) podium (top three) finish in a WPSB 2020-21 World Cup will be nominated to the Team.
2. 2020-21 National Team Athletes without a 2020-21 World Cup Podium - Athletes must achieve the following on the May 2021 WPSB Points List in at least one discipline AND be ranked in the other discipline [SBX / BSL]:

Achieve the following in one discipline:

- Top 6 World rank for categories with 1-9 competitors OR
- Top 10 World rank for categories with 10-20 competitors OR
- 1 top 12 World rank for categories 21-40 competitors

AND

Achieve the following in the second discipline:

- Top 6 World rank for categories with 1-9 competitors OR
- Top 15 World rank for categories with 10-20 competitors OR
- Top 15 World rank for categories 21-40 competitors

3. 2020-21 Non-National Team Athletes without a 2020-21 World Cup Podium - Athletes must achieve the following on the May 2021 WPSB Points List in at least one discipline AND be ranked in the other discipline [SBX / BSL]:

Achieve the following in one discipline:

- Top 3 World rank for categories with 1-9 competitors OR
- Top 5 World rank for categories with 10-20 competitors OR
- Top 7 World rank for categories 21-40 competitors

AND

Achieve the following in the second discipline:

- Top 3 World rank for categories with 1-9 competitors OR
- Top 5 World rank for categories with 10-20 competitors OR
- Top 10 World rank for categories 21-40 competitors



4. Emerging Team Criteria:

Emerging Athletes must meet the following criteria in one discipline to be considered for an invitation to team activities:

- Top 3 rank for categories with 1-9 competitors OR
- Top 5 rank for categories with 10-20 competitors OR
- Top 10 rank for categories 21-40 competitors

AND

Show commitment to training and competing in both disciplines of Para Snowboard.

*DISCRETIONARY CRITERIA

U.S. Paralympics Snowboarding may use discretionary criteria to select additional athletes onto the National Team who have not met the objective criteria for the National Team for several reasons. These include, but are not limited to, injury or illness (via the "Injury or Illness Provision" of the National Team Agreement) and the occurrence of exceptional circumstances (e.g. earthquakes, cancellation of IF events, epidemics, riots).

Discretionary nominations, if any, may be based on a variety of factors, including consideration of competition results outside of the (12-month) selection period and data analytics of individual and relay events, to ensure that U.S. Paralympics Snowboarding is investing in the most qualified athletes with the greatest potential of winning Paralympic Games medals.

The following factors will be considered when considering an athlete for discretionary selection:

- athlete achieved a medal in the 2019 WPSB Snowboard World Championships or in the 2018 Paralympic Games.
- athlete demonstrates a trend of improving performance in international competition that is indicative of a podium performance using the current international standards within the next two (2) years.

Discretionary nominations for the National Team, along with Team support level, will be determined by a panel of three U.S. Paralympics Snowboarding high performance program staff and two elite athlete representatives meeting the eligibility requirements under, and appointed pursuant to, the USOPC Bylaws.