

## **U.S. Paralympics Nordic Skiing World Cup Team Selection Criteria Winter 2024**

### Required for Consideration:

Only those athletes who have a valid U.S. passport, and meet all criteria outlined in the FIS Qualification Criteria for Para Nordic Competitions will be considered for qualification:

[https://assets.fis-ski.com/image/upload/fis-prod/assets/2023\\_09\\_27\\_FIS\\_Para\\_Nordic\\_Qualification\\_Criteria\\_final.pdf](https://assets.fis-ski.com/image/upload/fis-prod/assets/2023_09_27_FIS_Para_Nordic_Qualification_Criteria_final.pdf)

### Criteria Guidelines:

- The team may consist of any number of athletes, with no minimum team size established.
- Athletes must be eligible to compete in the 2026 PWG according to the qualification guide criteria including classification eligibility and events on the PWG program.
- Objective selections shall be based on results achieved in FIS Para Nordic races and/or U.S. Ski & Snowboard (USSS) during the selection periods defined for each competition series listed below.
- Discretionary selections, if any, may be based on a variety of factors, see below.

### Discretionary Selection Policy:

U.S. Paralympics Nordic Skiing may select athletes via discretion, using factors other than the objective criteria, including the following:

- Outstanding competition results (including results achieved outside of the selection period).
- Recent direction or trend of competition results.
- Attitude and commitment of athletes.
- Illness or injury during the selection period.
- Indication of medal potential in future Paralympic or World Championship competition.
- Other unanticipated failure of objective criteria to select an athlete likely to achieve competition results consistent with program goals.

### Injury Clause:

An athlete shall be ineligible for consideration if they are not fit to compete at the time selections are made due to any injury or illness from which they are not expected to recover adequately by the time of the competitions for which they have been selected.

### World Cup #1+ #2, January 14-21 – Pokljuka, Slovenia + January 22-28 – Toblach, Italy –Criteria:

Athletes who meet any of the criteria by described above in section “Required for Consideration” by 12/1/23, will be selected for World Cups #1 + #2.

### World Cup #3 Martell, Italy – January 29-February 5 –Criteria:

Athletes who meet any of the following criteria guidelines between March 1, 2023 and December 17, 2023, in addition to the criteria described above in section “Required for Consideration”, will be selected for World Cups #3:

- Achieve 45 FIS Para Nordic points race or better in any FIS Para Nordic race (cross country sprint races will be excluded).
- Standing & VI athletes achieve a calculated 250 points or better in any one USSS race.
- For U23 athletes (born 2001 or later): 75 FIS Para Nordic points race or better in any FIS Para Nordic race (cross country sprint races will be excluded).

### World Cup Finals, March 10-18 – Prince George, Canada –Criteria:

Athletes who meet any of the following criteria guidelines between November 15, 2023 and February 24, 2024, in addition to the criteria described above in section “Required for Consideration”, will be selected for World Cup Finals:

- Achieve 180 FIS Para Nordic points race or better in any FIS Para Nordic race (cross country sprint races will be excluded).
- Standing & VI athletes achieve a calculated 350 points or better in any one USSS race.

- For U23 athletes (born 2001 or later): 300 FIS Para Nordic points race or better in any FIS Para Nordic race or a calculated 400 points or better in any one USSS race.