

U.S. Paralympics Nordic Skiing World Cup Team Selection Criteria World Cup #1 – Canmore, Canada - December 1-14, 2021

Required for Consideration:

Only those athletes who have a valid U.S. passport, and a valid WPNS license for the 2021-22 season will be considered.

At the time of selection an athlete must have an WPNS International Classification with an international sport class status of R-Review or C-Confirmed, or if there has been no opportunity for the athlete to undergo international classification evaluation, the athlete must be evaluated by USOPC medical and /or U.S. Paralympics staff and determined likely to classify in the sport class in which he/she would be qualified for the Team (provided that athletes with an international sport class status of N-New are allowable for submission on the official team entry into this competition). A description of sport-specific classification requirements and current athlete sport class status can be found at the WPNS website at www.paralympic.org.

Criteria Guidelines:

- The team may consist of any number of athletes, with no minimum team size established.
- Objective selections shall be based on results achieved in WPNS WC & COC, U.S. Ski & Snowboard, & U.S. Paralympics competitions from Nov. 15, 2019 – November 26, 2021 (the “selection period”).
- Discretionary selections, if any, may be based on a variety of factors, see below. The Director, Biathlon Coach, & Athlete Representative for U.S. Paralympics Nordic Skiing are responsible for applying the discretionary selection criteria set forth herein.
- World Cup Team selection does not guarantee funding. Funding priorities will be directed towards the best performing athletes regardless of Team status. Priority funding may also be used for athletes who show potential to win medals at the next PWG, regardless of their past performances or experience in Nordic skiing.

General Criteria:

***All trip dates are subject to change based on race schedule and local COVID policies.**

Criteria A – Trip dates December 1-14 *full trip

Athletes who meet any of the following criteria, during the selection period defined above, will be selected for the entire race series of World Cup #1.

- Achieve a podium result in any World Cup event during the selection period.
- Achieve 50 WPNS points race or better in any WPNS race (cross country sprint races will be excluded).

Criteria B – Trip dates December 1-10 *includes 1 biathlon race

Athletes who meet any of the following criteria, but not the criteria in section A, during the selection period defined above, will be selected to participate in a **limited race schedule** for World Cup #1 (exact dates TBD).

- Achieve 200 WPNS points race or better in any WPNS race, excluding cross-country sprint.

Criteria C – Trip dates December 1-5 *no biathlon

Athletes who meet any of the following criteria, but not the criteria in section A, during the selection period defined above, will be selected to participate in a **limited race schedule** for World Cup #1 (exact dates TBD).

- Achieve a 225 or better in any WPNS race during the selection period.
- Standing & VI athletes achieve a calculated 400 points or better in any one USS&S race.

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 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 for which he/she has been selected.