



Summary of USFSS Team USA Official Selection Rules

CRITERIA TO BE ELIGIBLE TO QUALIFY FOR Team USA

1. Competitor/applicant must be a US citizen or permanent resident. Non-citizens need USFSS board approval.
2. Applicants must have a valid International Federation of Sleddog Sports (IFSS) Driver Identification Number (DID).
3. Applicant must be a USFSS member in good standing, with dues paid prior to application.
4. Preselected and non-preselected candidates must meet the application deadlines.
5. In addition to the preselected candidates, USFSS will select (3) athletes per class based on performance results.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

1. Race results for the classes applied for should be furnished with the applicant's completed application. Provide as much detail as possible concerning the event and how you finished, such as trail conditions and terrain.
2. Medal finishers from the previous World Championship (WCh) will receive an automatic berth to participate at the following WCh in the class in which they had medaled.
3. IFSS World Cup (WCp) races in which USFSS members have competed will receive a higher weighted value.
4. Race results from the prior race season will carry the most weight.
5. International Sled Dog Racing Association (ISDRA) races and local club races in which USFSS members have participated will be considered in the selection process if the respective race class drew a field of 7 or more competitors.
6. Applicants need to be in good standing. This means that they must not have had any positive drug test result for either themselves or their dogs that resulted in extant sanctions (still existing) being imposed on them. Applicants with a history

of inappropriate trail etiquette or sportsmanship and negative attitudes may not be considered. Racers with a history of improper, cruel or inappropriate dog handling may not be considered.

7. Applicants will be ranked among the field of applicants in each class in case more than 3 slots per class become available to the US or in case of an applicant's dropping out or being disqualified from the field.
8. If possible, when it is determined the US does have additional slots, Wild Card races will be held the race season of the event to determine final selections. The top finisher per class in each region of the US will automatically qualify. If the top finisher is already selected to the US team, the next best finisher will be qualified.

The USFSS selection committee will use sound reasoning and best judgment in addition to the selection criteria when making its selections. The USFSS board with the recommendations of the selection committee is solely responsible for the selection of Team USA. Committee members will avoid all bias and have no family relationship to or other conflict of interest with the applicants in the class being selected.

Deadlines:

Application deadlines for both snow and dryland events will be established at least 8 months prior to each event and published on Facebook, the USFSS website, and other media outlets available to USFSS.

Questions about the selection process should be made to the Selection Committee Chair, who will be appointed by the USFSS President prior to the Selection Committee's commencement of its task.

APPEALS:

Appeals of the Selection Committee's decision may be made to the USFSS president and will be heard by the USFSS Executive Committee, as per USFSS Bylaw XVI.