

All-star Program (Freestyle)

Each year, Colorado Ski Country USA and Rocky Mountain Division announce a Colorado All Star Team. In recent years, Colorado Ski Country USA has allotted 19 Gold Passes to Freestyle each year good for unlimited skiing at each of the member resorts. After Vail Resorts withdrew from Colorado Ski Country USA, Vail Resorts has also awarded Vail Resorts passes to All Star Team athletes. Rocky Mountain Division (parent organization for Rocky Mountain Freestyle) provides 19 All Star Team jackets or backpacks to the deserving athletes.

The purpose of Colorado Ski Country USA's All Star Team is to help Colorado athletes with their training and competition expenses. Despite being well known for our winter sports, a Colorado athlete had never won a gold medal (as of 2010) at the Winter Olympic Games in skiing. Twelve other states can claim that one of their athletes has won gold, but Colorado cannot. Colorado Ski Country USA would like to help change that.

The selection criteria for becoming an All Star Team athlete (Freestyle) are as follows:

- 1) Only Colorado residents with a Colorado mailing address are eligible.
- 2) Athletes must have been active members of the Rocky Mountain Division of USSA for the past three years with no lapses in membership. RMD must be your home division for those three years and you must have competed in Rocky Mountain Freestyle events and the RMF Divisional Championships for each of those three years. Members must be in good standing with USSA and RMD.
- 3) Current US Ski Team members are ineligible. Further, they are removed from the USSA points lists for all remaining calculations.
- 4) From the season-ending Points List #5 of the previous season, those athletes who are both in the top 5 and top 5% of their respective discipline lists are selected to the All Star Team. For some disciplines, the "top 5%" criteria may be the limiting factor, resulting in only two or so eligible positions; Women's Slopestyle and Women's Halfpipe are examples. For other disciplines, the "top 5" criteria is the limiting factor; both Men's and Women's Moguls are examples. This selection criteria typically results in a list of approximately 12 athletes.
- 5) Next, only those disciplines that are 2014 Winter Olympic Sports are further considered. This eliminates Dual Moguls from further consideration. Athletes from these remaining disciplines are ranked according to their percentile rank and selected to fill the remaining spots to reach a team size of 19 athletes. Skier Cross is so new that there is no development pipeline points list.
- 6) Typically, five alternates are named using the same criteria.

7) All Star Team candidates must complete USSA's Physical Assessment tests in September (usually the 2nd Sunday). They must also agree to participate in a minimum of three Rocky Mountain Freestyle events during the season, one of which must be a Divisional Championships event. They are required to sign a contract agreeing to these and other terms before receiving their All Star Passes and Team Jacket. Athletes will receive their passes and jackets at the Fall Festival banquet in October (usually the 2nd Sunday) which they are required to attend.

8) There is no injury clause or other exceptions to the above rules. Each athlete must re-qualify for the All Star Team each year.