Veterans, newbies to represent U.S. in snowboarding

By U.S. Ski & Snowboard

One of the most successful snowboard teams in the world will bring a star-studded lineup to PyeongChang, South Korea. Following final selection events this past weekend, U.S. Ski & Snowboard announced the selection of 26 athletes who will compete at the 2018 Olympic Winter Games.

Included on the 2018 U.S. Olympic Snowboarding Team is two-time gold medalist Shaun White (Carlsbad), three-time Olympic medalist Kelly Clark (Mt. Snow, Vt.), and Sochi gold medalist Jamie Anderson (Meyers). The selections will be confirmed by the United States Olympic Committee when it formally names Team USA this Friday.

"The 2018 U.S. snowboarding team is led by three of the best snowboarders of all time in Shaun White, Kelly Clark and Jamie Anderson. Add in some of the best young talent in the world with Chloe Kim, Red Gerard, Ben Ferguson, Chris Corning and Hailey Langland, and we have the best U.S. team we have ever had," Mike Jankowski, halfpipe, slopestyle and big air head coach, said.

Snowboardcross and parallel giant slalom athletes qualified from select World Cups this past season. Halfpipe and slopestyle athletes qualified through a process that included the Toyota U.S. Grand Prix and the Dew Tour, with the team being recognized after last weekend's finale.

The PyeongChang Opening Ceremony is set for Feb. 9. The U.S. Olympic snowboarding team will have its first competition on Feb. 10 with men's slopestyle qualifiers.

- Team facts:
  17-year-old Chloe Kim, who has Korean parentage, will be looking for her first Olympic gold medal. She is a three-time X Games gold medalist.
- White will be returning to his fourth Olympic Games. He has gold medals from Torino 2006 and Vancouver 2010.
- Anderson will be looking to defend her gold medal from Sochi 2014.
- Kelly Clark will be looking for her second Olympic gold, and her fourth overall Olympic medal. Clark will be attending her fifth Olympics.
- New to the Olympics, with six combined X Games medals, Julia Marino and Hailey Langland will be looking for their first Olympic podiums.
- 17-year-old Red Gerard will be heading to his first Olympics as one of the youngest athletes in PyeongChang. The only younger athlete on the U.S. snowboarding team is Hailey Langland.
- The most decorated snowboardcross athlete and snowboarder in history, Lindsey Jacobellis, looks to add more Olympic medals to her collection, having won silver in 2006.
- Nick Baumgartner has a podium from the Olympic test event in Korea and is a solid medal contender. He battled back from injury this season and made the big final in the last selection event, showing his speed is increasing as the Games approach.

2018 Olympic snowboard team
Men's snowboard slopestyle/big air
Chris Corning, Silverthorne, Colo.
Redmond Gerard, Silverthorne, Colo.
Kyle Mack, West Bloomfield, Mich.
Ryan Stassel, Anchorage

Women's snowboard slopestyle/big air
Jamie Anderson, Meyers

Jessika Jenson, Rigby, Idaho
Julia Marino, Westport, Conn.
Hailey Langland, San Clemente

Men's snowboard halfpipe
Ben Ferguson, Bend, Ore.
Chase Josey, Hailey, Idaho
Jake Pates, Eagle, Colo.
Shaun White, Carlsbad

Women's snowboard halfpipe
Kelly Clark, Mt. Snow, Vt.
Arielle Gold, Steamboat Springs, Colo.
Chloe Kim, Torrance
Maddie Mastro, Wrightwood

Men's snowboardcross
Nick Baumgartner, Iron River, Mich.
Jonathan Cheever, Saugus, Mass.
Mick Dierdorff, Steamboat Springs, Colo.
Hagan Kearney, Telluride, Colo.

Women's snowboardcross
Lindsey Jacobellis, Roxbury, Conn.
Faye Gulini, Salt Lake City
Meghan Tierney, Edwards, Colo.
Rosie Mancari, Anchorage

Men's parallel giant slalom
Aaron Muss, Rumson, N.J.
Michael Trapp, Hyannis, Mass.