



**NOMINATION FORM**  
For

**HONORED MEMBERSHIP**

In The

**U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD HALL OF FAME**

Candidate's Name: Jonna Mendes

Date & Place of Birth: March 31, 1979      Santa Cruz, California

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Is the candidate still living?      **Yes**

**Nominator information:**

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For what category are you nominating this candidate?

Athlete: **X**

**An 8 x 10 photograph of the candidate must be supplied: \_\_\_\_\_**

**State why the candidate merits election to the U.S. National Ski & Snowboard Hall of Fame (limit this statement to 250 words):**

Olympic skier, Jonna Mendes, goes well beyond representing U.S. National Ski & Snowboard Hall of Fame honorees. She personifies the best attributes of leadership and teamwork, learned from a lengthy and valid career in ski racing. In addition to numerous national and international achievements, she goes further by positively impacting the future of skiing through her continued work in the industry.

Jonna specialized in Downhill and Super-G events. She raced for nine seasons on the World Cup circuit and tallied 130 World Cup starts; she competed in five events during the 1998 and 2002 Winter Olympics. She also raced in nine events across four World Championships in 1999, 2001, 2003 and 2005. She achieved top-10 placing three times, but her crowning achievement is when she won a Bronze medal racing Super-G at the 2003 Alpine World Championships, held in St. Moritz, Switzerland.

Starting out as a young athlete, Mendes competed in four invite-only Junior World Ski Championships; here, she won a silver medal for Downhill in 1998 and 1999. Mendes was also the two-time winner of *Ski Racing Magazine's* prestigious Junior Skier of the Year award.

She competed at the U. S. Nationals every year from 1997 to 2004. In the events of Downhill, Super-G and GS, she scored 13 podiums, four national titles, four silver medals, plus five bronze medals. She made her World Cup debut in March 1997 and retired from international competition in May 2006.

Post-ski racing, Jonna has committed the past fourteen years to working with up-and-coming athletes, and was the recipient of USSA's 2008 Russell Wilder award, an annual award to recognize outstanding efforts at focusing the interests of American youth on skiing or snowboarding.

Jonna currently is the program director for the Sun Valley Ski Academy where she continues to use her background in alpine ski racing, coaching on-mountain and continually serving as a role-model to young skiers.

**In chronological order by year, list the candidate's achievements:**

**World Championship Results**

06-02-2005	Santa Caterina	ITA	FIS World Ski Championships	Downhill	12
09-02-2003	St. Moritz	SUI	FIS World Ski Championships	Downhill	6
03-02-2003	St. Moritz	SUI	FIS World Ski Championships	Super G	3
06-02-2001	St. Anton	AUT	FIS World Ski Championships	Downhill	20
02-02-2001	St. Anton	AUT	FIS World Ski Championships	Combined	9
29-01-2001	St. Anton	AUT	FIS World Ski Championships	Super G	18
08-02-1999	Vail/Beaver Creek, CO	USA	FIS World Ski Championships	Combined	10
07-02-1999	Vail/Beaver Creek, CO	USA	FIS World Ski Championships	Downhill	25
03-02-1999	Vail/Beaver Creek, CO	USA	FIS World Ski Championships	Super G	26

**U. S. National Championship Results**

01-04-2005	Mammoth, CA	USA	National Championships	Downhill	1
19-03-2004	Alyeska, AK	USA	National Championships	Downhill	1
25-03-2003	Whiteface, NY	USA	National Championships	Giant Slalom	3
21-03-2003	Whiteface, NY	USA	National Championships	Super G	2
19-03-2003	Whiteface, NY	USA	National Championships	Downhill	3
18-03-2002	Squaw Valley, UT	USA	National Championships	Giant Slalom	1
15-03-2002	Squaw Valley, UT	USA	National Championships	Super G	3
27-03-2001	Big Mountain, MT	USA	National Championships	Giant Slalom	1
25-03-2001	Big Mountain, MT	USA	National Championships	Super G	2
23-03-2001	Big Mountain, MT	USA	National Championships	Downhill	3
20-03-1999	Snowbasin, UT	USA	National Championships	Downhill	3

21-03-1998	Jackson Hole, WY	USA	National Championships	Downhill	2
25-03-1996	Sugarloaf, ME	USA	National Championships	Giant Slalom	3

### Top 10 Results

18-03-2004	Alyeska, AK	USA	FIS Race	Downhill	1
27-02-2004	Radstadt	AUT	FIS Race	Super G	4
26-02-2004	Radstadt	AUT	FIS Race	Super G	2
20-12-2003	St. Moritz	SUI	FIS World Cup	Downhill	5
09-04-2003	Mammoth Mountain, CA	USA	FIS Race	Super G	2
08-04-2003	Mammoth Mountain, CA	USA	FIS Race	Super G	3
28-02-2003	Innsbruck	AUT	FIS World Cup	Super G	8
18-01-2003	Cortina d'Ampezzo	ITA	FIS World Cup	Downhill	5
17-01-2003	Cortina d'Ampezzo	ITA	FIS World Cup	Super G	8
08-01-2003	Brigels	SUI	FIS Race	Giant Slalom	4
07-01-2003	Brigels	SUI	FIS Race	Giant Slalom	9
08-12-2002	Lake Louise, AB	CAN	FIS World Cup	Super G	9
06-12-2002	Lake Louise, AB	CAN	FIS World Cup	Downhill	9
29-11-2002	Aspen, CO	USA	FIS World Cup	Super G	10
04-12-2001	Lake Louise, AB	CAN	Nor-Am Cup	Super G	4
01-12-2001	Lake Louise, AB	CAN	FIS World Cup	Super G	10
22-03-2001	Big Mountain, MT	USA	FIS Race	Downhill	4
15-03-2001	Snowbasin, UT	USA	Nor-Am Cup	Downhill	10
02-02-2001	St. Anton	AUT	FIS Race	Downhill	9
02-02-2001	St. Anton	AUT	FIS Race	Slalom	10

**On one page provide additional data, anecdotes, etc. that you feel are pertinent to this nomination:**

Jonna Mendes was born on March 31, 1979, in Santa Cruz, California. She started skiing at age 4 when her family moved to Lake Tahoe area.

Mendes, who has been working with U.S. Ski Team's national alpine development system (NDS) for the past four years, became a member of the U.S. Alpine Ski Team in 1996 when she was 16 years old and traveled the alpine World Cup circuit for a decade. She was named to the Olympic team for the Nagano (Japan) and Salt Lake City winter games and became a World Championship medalist in 2001 in St. Moritz, Switzerland.

SUN VALLEY, Idaho –Olympian and world champion medalist Jonna Mendes has been appointed Director of Recruiting for the Sun Valley Ski Academy.

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