

U.S. Disabled Alpine Ski Team

Team Nomination Criteria for 2006/2007 season to qualify for 2007/2008 season

Team status does not guarantee funding from USSA for competition or preparation, however, every effort will be made to maximize available funding to the Teams to develop and implement comprehensive preparation and competition athlete programs.

A Team

Athletes must achieve the designated standing in **World Cup** points in their respective class in any **two** disciplines or any **one** discipline and overall standing (Three-Category system).

Stand Men	Sit Men	VI Men	Stand Women	Sit Women	VI Women
Top 10	Top 10	Top 2	Top 3	Top 2	Top 1

Selection is based upon World Cup points published after the World Cup Finals. Coach's discretion may be used.

OR

Paralympic Medalist or World Championship Medalist. Athlete must have the designated finish in any discipline in their respective class (Three-Category System) and be within 10% of the winning factored time.

AND

Athlete must be below 100 ASD points in any two disciplines.

B Team

Athletes must achieve the designated standing in World Cup points in their respective class in any **two** disciplines or any **one** discipline and overall standing (Three-Category system).

Stand Men	Sit Men	VI Men	Stand Women	Sit Women	VI Women
Top 14	Top 14	Top 3	Top 5	Top 3	Top 2

Selection is based upon World Cup points published after the World Cup Finals. Coach's discretion may be used.

AND

Athlete must be below 100 ASD points in any two disciplines.

C Team

National Championships

Athlete must have the designated finish in any discipline in their respective class (Three-Category System) and be within 10% of the winning factored time.

Stand Men	Sit Men	VI Men	Stand Women	Sit Women	VI Women
Top 4	Top 4	Top 1	Top 3	Top 2	Top 1

AND

ASD Points

Athlete must have designated ASD Points in any two disciplines on the posted ASD Points list posted March 20, 2007.

Stand Men	Sit Men	VI Men	Stand Women	Sit Women	VI Women
Top 30	Top 28	Top 8	Top 13	Top 6	Top 3

Or

Athletes must achieve the designated standing in World Cup points in their respective class in any **two** disciplines or any **one** discipline and overall standing (Three-Category system).

Stand Men	Sit Men	VI Men	Stand Women	Sit Women	VI Women
Top 18	Top 18	Top 4	Top 7	Top 4	Top 3

Selection is based upon World Cup points published after the World Cup Finals Coach's discretion may be used.

AND

Athlete must be below 100 ASD points in at least one discipline.

Athletes remaining on the C Team for two years without advancement to the A or B team will be dismissed from the team.

Clauses Applicable to all Athlete Selection Criteria

Coaches Discretion will consider:

1. Attitude and Commitment
 2. Outstanding Results
 3. Physical fitness level
 4. Injuries
- Coaches' discretion will include but not be limited to; the percent back from winning time and evaluation of the quality of the field. If the quality of the field was not internationally competitive, the race will not be considered for qualification. Also, attendance at mandatory team functions will be taken into consideration (i.e., training camps, athlete appearances, etc.)

Athlete Injury Clause

An athlete injured prior to March 15 of the competition calendar season will be named to the respective team at the time of injury for only the following season. The athlete must qualify through normal qualification criteria in successive years (including those athletes who are repeatedly injured in the following year). In order to qualify for maintaining team status at the time of injury for the following year, the athlete must follow a prescribed rehabilitation medical program as approved by USDST medical staff. Funding may be based upon a return to physical fitness level or competitive form as determined by USDST medical staff.

In Season Promotion

Athletes will not be promoted in season. No athletes will be demoted during the season; however, funding may be suspended at any time if progress or commitment is not consistent with the team program.

General Comments Concerning Team Status

- All athletes selected to the USDST must participate in all training camps, competitions and other designated team functions unless excused by the head coach.
- Any athlete who cannot or does not abide by the USSA Code of Conduct will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination of team standing.
- Level of funding will vary depending on the USDST budget. Priority of funding will be in this order A Team, B Team, C Team.
- Being on the USDST Alpine Team does not automatically qualify an athlete for competition at the International level.
- Competition in USSA or FIS races is encouraged for USDST members.
- Team size may not be larger than 20 athletes.
- Athletes must hold a USSA Competitor license and an ASD license.
- Athletes must be in compliance with USADA.
- Scholastic Commitment
 - Attend All Team Functions (Camps, Competitions and SkiTam)
 - Maintain current team status
 - Provide athlete management plan to be approved by head coach with on and off snow training plan.

The United States Disabled Alpine Team for the 2006/2007 season will be announced by April 1, 2007. Any petitions regarding team status must be received by April 6, 2007. All inquires should be directed to:

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