



U.S. Disabled Alpine Ski Team

Team Nomination Criteria for 2007/2008 season to qualify for 2008/2009 season

Eligibility for Consideration: USSA will consider for selection only those USSA members in good standing who have a valid IPCAS license.

Further, an athlete shall be ineligible for consideration if previously suspended or removed from team membership without having been reinstated by USSA. Also, athletes who have previously declined an offer of team membership shall not be automatically offered team membership regardless of results achieved during the competition season unless that athlete specifically requests consideration prior to the competition season which qualifies one for team membership and the USSA Sport Director in his or her sole judgment determines that the athlete in question will in good faith strive to meet the standards and values and conduct as outlined in the Team Agreement. . 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. Athletes who have been given individual performance criteria to meet will be subject to that specific criteria and not to general criteria as outlined below.

A Team

Athlete must be below 20 IPCAS points in any two disciplines on the posted IPCAS list on March 25, 2008. Two of the qualifying results must have been obtained during the 2007/08 competition season.

OR

Paralympic Medalist, World Championship Medalist or World-Cup Globe Winner.

AND

Athlete must be below 40 IPCAS points in any two disciplines on the posted IPCAS list on March 25, 2008.

B Team

Athlete must be below 40 IPCAS points in any two disciplines on the posted IPCAS list on March 25, 2008. Two of the qualifying results must have been obtained during the 2007/08 competition season.

C Team

Athlete must be below 80 IPCAS points in any two disciplines on the posted IPCAS list on March 25, 2008. Two of the qualifying results must have been obtained during the 2007/08 competition season.

AND

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 3	Top 3	Top 3	Top 2

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.)

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

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 have a written injury status letter from the Head USDST Team Doctor. 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. Athlete must also complete the IPC injury form prior to April 30 to maintain their point status.

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 and athlete does not remain in good standing.

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. Missing a mandatory camp or competition may result in loss of team funding and/or team dismissal.
- Any athlete who cannot or does not abide by the USSA Code of Conduct and the Athlete Management Agreement 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 current USSA Competitor license and an IPCAS license. Both licenses must be renewed by June 30
- Athletes must be in compliance with USADA.

Leave of Absence

Athlete may take a one-year leave of absence from the team (May 1 – April 30) with Head Coach approval. Head Coach approval will include creating an athletic plan for the athlete's return to competition. Athlete will return to level of team they qualified for at the time of leave. During leave athlete is not eligible for APP Funds.

The United States Disabled Alpine Team for the 2008/2009 season will be announced by April 1, 2008. Any petitions regarding team status must be received by April 6, 2008. All inquires should be directed to:

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