



Dear XXXX,

Congratulations on a strong season. You've been selected for nomination to the 2017-18 National Training Group (NTG) based on your results from the 2016-2017 racing season. This Under-24 (1994 YOB and younger) training group is a portion of the development pipeline that feeds athletes onto the National Teams.

The NTG program objective is to bring the nation's best developing athletes together with higher frequency to challenging, educational and motivational U.S. Ski Team training camps and international racing trips. From the perspective of the USST, this is a talent identification tool, an intense training opportunity and a pathway to the Team.

Benefits:

- 1) Invitation to select USST camps. Live, eat, and train with the National Team
- 2) Invitation to select European Continental Cup races
- 3) Access to the Center of Excellence in Park City, Utah during camp
- 4) Access to USST coaching and training consultation
- 5) U.S. Ski Team summer training gear

NTG Selection: Qualification for the NTG is based upon international performance and U.S. Championship results from the following year that display a trajectory toward international excellence. Additionally, USST coaches may select athletes via discretion based on outstanding results. The NTG is a self-funded project.

Under-24 Qualification Criteria:

- World Cup Top 30
- Top 15 Women's / Top 20 Men's European (Scandinavian or Europa Cup) Continental Cup result
- Top 15 Women's / Top 30 Men's World U23 Championship result
- 2 Top 10's or 1 Top 5 at U.S. National Championships
- 2 Top 10's or 1 Top 5 at U.S. Super Tour Finals
- Top 3 NCAA Championships

Under-21 Qualification Criteria:

- 1 Top 20 Women's/ 1 Top 30 Men's result at the 2016 Junior World Ski Championships
- 1 Top 15 Women's/ 1 Top 20 Men's result at an overall SCANDO CUP or OPA CUP that has been scored to the USSA National Ranking List (NRL)
- 1 Top 10 Women's/ 1 Top 15 Men's result in the Junior division at a SCANDO CUP or OPA CUP that has been scored to the USSA National Ranking List (NRL)
- 1 Top 10 Women's/ 1 Top 15 Men's result at the Under-18 Nation's Cup (aka J1 Scando Cup Trip)
- Qualify for Junior World Ski Championship
- Qualify for Youth Olympic Games



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- Top 6 NCAA Championships
- 1st in the Under-18 division at U.S. Junior National Championships

Deadline for Acceptance: June 1st, 2017. Confirm acceptance by e-mailing: bfish@ussa.org

Requirements: Athletes accepting their position on the NTG agree to attend the following camps and race opportunities:

Under-24 Requirements:

- 1) A minimum of one USST camps from the following options:
 - a. Park City, Utah Dry Land/Altitude Camp – tentatively September 30 – October 13 (7-day minimum)
- 2) U.S. Nationals and/ or U.S Super Tour Finals
- 3) 2+ weeks of International racing (World Cup, U23, OPA, Scandinavian Cup) – based on qualification

The Bend, OR (May 13-26th) and Park City, UT USST training camps may be available to NTG athletes with an accompanying coach. Contact Bryan Fish to check specific training camp availability.

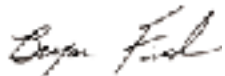
U21 Requirements:

- 1) Park City, Utah Junior NTG Camp – tentatively Aug 2nd – 15th
- 2) U.S. Nationals and/ or U.S Super Tour Finals
- 3) 1+ weeks of International racing (U18, WJC, OPA, Scandinavian Cup) – based on qualification

The October Park City, UT USST training camps may be available to NTG athletes with an accompanying coach. Contact Bryan Fish to check specific training camp availability.

Accepting your nomination to this team will require sacrifice, both financially and physically. It will take nothing less to reach the top. We look forward to welcoming you to the 2017-18 National Training Group. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,



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