



Cross Country National Training Group Criteria 2018-2019

The National Training Group (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) Access to select European Continental Cup races through the International Continental Cup selection guidelines
- 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 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
- Top 6 NCAA Championships
- 1st in the Under-18 division at U.S. Junior National Championships