



## National Team Funding

Selection to the U.S. Ski & Snowboard national team provides athletes with a unique opportunity to access and benefit from training facilities, coaching and high-performance expertise, a world-class team environment, and financial resources in furtherance of the team's Best in the World vision. With nearly 200 athletes selected annually across a dozen different Olympic sports, membership in the team is a rare opportunity to join with other elite athletes to achieve world-class performances.

The team is structured to identify athletes with the capacity to win at the highest levels of each sport, now or in the future, and to provide enhanced levels of support as athletes move through that structure. The A teams are composed of athletes at the very pinnacle of the sport, and these team members receive the most comprehensive support. The B-D teams cast a wider net to begin to identify talent and introduce enhanced resources to athletes. The development teams serve to progress athletes from the development stage to the pro teams as selection standards become more rigorous.

All members of the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Team at all levels benefit from:

- Coaching resources
- Access to team conditioning and on-snow training facilities
- Medical services, including PT and access to the team's medical network
- High performance support, including conditioning programming, nutritional support, performance psychology, and sport science programming
- Insurance, including accident insurance during team projects, and for qualified A and B team members, general health insurance
- Equipment (outerwear, race suits, some training equipment, etc.)
- Comprehensive access to equipment technicians (if not covered by the manufacturer, excludes D team)
- Individual financial support for team-related travel (varies by team)
- Need-based grants to offset portions of team-related travel costs not otherwise provided by the team (Bob Beattie Travel Fund)
- Annual individual financial grants (USOPC DAS for A and B-Team athletes)
- College tuition grants (up to \$6,000/year/athlete) and waivers when available, and professional career development support
- Travel and logistics coordination and administrative support

Athletes below the B-team are responsible for paying all, or a portion of, their team-related travel costs (depending on team level). In addition to the opportunity for prize money and personal sponsorship, U.S. Ski & Snowboard provides support in accessing a variety of external grants and team-specific fundraising, which can offset some or all of these travel costs. In 2019, depending on the actual travel done by each athlete, team related travel costs by level (which provide an example for the 2020 program) are:



D Team: \$10,000 \*Travel costs may be offset by the following:

- External grants and fundraisers (T2 Foundation, National Nordic Foundation, RallyMe, GoFundMe, etc.) \$0 - \$30,000