The U.S. Paralympics Nordic Skiing Team aims to win medals in Paralympic Winter Games (PWG), World Championships (WCH), and World Cup (WC) competitions. Athletes will be nominated to National or Development Teams based on objective criteria (results) from the previous season, along with subjective criteria that demonstrates each athlete’s capacity, preparation, and commitment to winning in the 2018-2019 seasons.

National Team status does not guarantee Direct Athlete Support (DAS) or activity support for the entire season. DAS and activity support will be based on continued progress towards individual goals as outlined in each athlete’s Personal Performance Plan and a sustained commitment to excellence in training and performance in international competition. Similarly, athletes who are not on the National Team may earn funding/support for particular projects and competitions by showing significant potential towards achieving international competitiveness. Priority of funding will be directed to the best performing, professional, and committed athletes regardless of Team status.

Part A: General National and Development Team Criteria and Guidelines

The following criteria and guidelines will apply to all athletes to earn official status as a National Team or Development Team member, in addition to the specific criteria listed in Part B below:

- No minimum team size will be established.
- To be eligible athletes must:
  - Be internationally classified by IPC Nordic Skiing.
  - Have a USSA (standing/V1 only), USBA (sitting and biathletes only), and an WPNS Nordic Skiing competition license.
- National Team and Development Team status will be evaluated after each season is completed.
- To qualify for National Team or Development Team, athletes must achieve the criteria during the 2018-2019 season (May 2018 - April 2019).
- National Team status includes A, B, and C Teams as described below.
- Development Team is not considered “National Team” but recognizes progress towards achieving that Team and international success. Development Team criteria is described in Part B below.
- Returning National Team athletes must meet any individual performance criteria in their Personal Performance Plan from the previous season(s) in addition to the below published criteria.
- Athletes selected to the National Team must demonstrate a commitment to achieving and performance trends indicating podium results in future PWG, WCH, and WC competitions in addition to the criteria described below.

Part B: Specific National Team (A, B, C) and Development Team Criteria

A TEAM CRITERIA

Athletes must achieve one of the following:

- One WC/WCH win (minimum field size of five).
- Two WC/WCH podium results (minimum field size of six).
- Three WC/WCH top 4 results (minimum field size of eight).
B TEAM CRITERIA

Athletes must achieve one of the following:

- One WC/WCH podium result (minimum field size of six).
- Two Top 5 WC/WCH results (minimum field size of ten).
- Entry into sprint finals in two WC/WCH XC sprint races (race must have maximum semi-finals participation by the rules).
- Minimum 30 IPCNS points in one WC/WCH event (minimum field size of 5 & excludes XC sprints).
- Minimum 45 IPCNS points in two WC/WCH events (minimum field size of 5 & excludes XC sprints).

C TEAM CRITERIA

Athletes must achieve one of the following:

- Qualification into the sprint finals in WC/WCH XC sprint race (race must have maximum semi-finals participation by the rules).
- Minimum 65 IPCNS points in one WC/WCH event (minimum field size of 5 & excludes XC sprints).
- Minimum 80 IPCNS points in two WC/WCH events (minimum field size of 5 & excludes XC sprints).
- Standing & VI athletes achieve a calculated 150 points (or lower) in any one USSA race.
- Standing & VI athletes achieve a calculated 200 points (or lower) in any two USSA races.

DEVELOPMENT TEAM CRITERIA

Athletes must achieve one of the following:

- Minimum 150 IPCNS points in any event (excluding XC sprints).
- Minimum 100 IPCNS points in a XC sprint qualifier.
- Standing & VI athletes achieve a calculated 350 points (or lower) in any one USSA race.