

There is ski racing life after high school!

While a very few select juniors advance on to post-grad club ski programs or the US Ski Team, for most, college ski teams provide a great opportunity for graduating high school athletes to continue their competitive ski racing career.. Within the United States, there are two main organizations for collegiate ski racing, NCAA and the USCSA. The NCAA is varsity teams only. The USCSA is composed of NCAA and club teams that comply with USCSA/ Division II rules.

The NCAA classifies it's institutions as Divisions, I, II and III. With-in these divisions the recruiting, scholarship and playing season rules may vary. However, all NCAA skiing competitions are conducted at the same level and under the same rules. There is only one NCAA Skiing Championship for all divisions. The criteria for qualifying for NCAA varsity teams and scholarship availability vary widely; consequently it is important to contact the NCAA schools you may be interested in early. For more information on NCAA membership schools go to <http://web1.ncaa.org/ssLists/sportByInst.do>; For Eastern NCAA go to www.eisaskiing.org. For Rocky and Far West NCAA go to www.rmisaskiing.com.

The United States Collegiate Ski and Snowboard Association is the sports federation for collegiate team Ski racing, Nordic Jumping and Snowboard competition in America. The USCSA provides competition and development opportunities for student/athletes in a team atmosphere leading toward National Titles. USCSA is in excess of 170 colleges from coast to coast, fielding 4,500 athletes in over 300 events annually. Team performance is emphasized within USCSA, a departure from typical individual or world cup scoring format. For more information regarding member schools of USCSA, go to <http://www.uscsa.com>.