UNIVERSITY OF UTAH SKI TEAM
Information for Prospective Ski Team Members

We hope you will find the enclosed materials informative and attractive. For additional information, please write or phone:

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HOW GOOD IS THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH SKI PROGRAM?
We believe we have the most successful University Ski Program in the country. In the past 26 NCAA Championships we have placed 4th three times, 3rd five times, 2nd eight times, and 1st Place 11 times. Our team includes past and future U.S. National Team Members, as well as future and past members of foreign national teams. We have excellent dry land training facilities on campus and in the mountains that rise directly east of campus. The Wasatch Front offers us excellent skiing from November to April, only a few minutes’ drive from the University. No other institution offers you as good an opportunity to combine a high-quality education with such excellent training and skiing. We train for XC and Alpine at the 2002 Olympic Venues.

HOW GOOD IS THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH?
The University of Utah is one of the best state universities in America. According to U.S. News and World Report, which is the most respected ranking of American academic institutions, Utah compares favorably with the other skiing universities you may be considering. View www.usnews.com/usnews/edu/college/corank.htm.

WHAT KIND OF AN EDUCATION DO ATHLETES GET?
Student athletes are expected to pursue a normal course of studies just like any other student. There are no special requirements or special breaks for athletes. But, the Athletic Department has special academic advisors and tutors available to help athletes, as well as computer and study space in the new Burbidge (Athletics) Academic Center. We expect all our athletes to graduate with high academic achievement.

WHAT KIND OF PEOPLE ARE ON THE TEAM?
Our media guide gives a brief profile of each team member. We have excellent team spirit at Utah, with close friendships among the athletes and beliefs of mutual help and support. The ski team traditionally has the highest grade point average of any varsity sport, an indication of our maturity and dedication. Over the past few years we have had a mix of foreign and American skiers on the team, which we want to continue. We feel the different backgrounds and perspectives contribute to everyone’s education and development.

2005-2006 ALPINE TEAM
Will McDonald – USA
Gaspar Perricone – USA
Ben Thornhill – Canada
Andy Wieser – Slovenia
Scott Veenis – USA
Erika Hogan - USA

2005-2006 CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM
Fabian Figi - Switzerland
Jess Kiesel - USA
Casey Simons – USA
Erik Gjomle - Norway
Sara Schweiger - Germany
Nicole Naef - Switzerland
WHAT RACES DO WE COMPETE IN?
The core of our competition program is the Western Region of the NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association). We have a half dozen meets in January and February with the Universities of Colorado, Alaska, New Mexico, Nevada, Denver, Montana State, Western State College, Boise State and Whitman College followed by the NCAA championships in March.

We also attend a number of local and regional races, plus the U.S. National Championships, XC FIS Continental Cup Series and the spring Nor-Am series. Several University of Utah skiers expect to compete in the World University Games, World Juniors, U-23’s, as well as participate on U.S. National Team trips abroad.

WHAT IS NCAA SKIING LIKE?
There are about 25 colleges in America that have active NCAA ski teams. The USCSA is a much larger organization, but most of its members do not give athletic scholarships, so most of the better skiers go to NCAA schools. The level of competition at the NCAA Championships is among the highest of any race in America. All XC races are FIS Sanctioned. 6/10 Alpine races are FISU.

NCAA ski meets include both men's and women's alpine and cross-country races. Each team can enter up to seven people per race, with the best three individual finishes counting toward the team score.

HOW DO WE TRAIN?
We normally have skiing from early November until well into April. The Alpine Team trains at 2002 Olympic venues in Park City and Deer Valley, as well as at Snowbird. The Cross-Country Team trains at four sites, all groomed for skating and classic. These sites are located at Mountain Dell, Park City, Solitude, and the 2002 Olympic venue, Soldier Hollow. www.skiutah.com

We begin formal training when classes start in August. We have excellent running and hiking in the Wasatch Mountains, which rise abruptly right behind the campus. We mix endurance training and regular strength training with official workouts six days per week. We usually have a training camp during Thanksgiving week and another camp the week before Christmas. The University of Utah's Exercise and Sports Science Department's PEAK Academy scientific program is used by our ski team.

WHAT KIND OF A CITY IS SALT LAKE?
With a population 1.3 million people, Salt Lake City is big enough to provide plenty of urban, cultural and economic amenities, but small enough to get out of easily. It has excellent theater and music. It is a clean city with one of the lowest crime rates of any metropolitan area in America.

The city is located on the east edge of a broad valley, at the base of the Wasatch Mountains. The University is not far from downtown but sits up on a bench at the foot of the mountains. The climate is dry, with warm summers and moderate winters. Usually there is not much snow on the ground in the city during the winter, but there is deep snow just a few miles east in the mountains. Utah alpine resorts like Alta and Snowbird are famous for their deep powder.

The University of Utah is not a religious institution, and religion is as personal a matter here as at any other non-religious university.

WHAT FINANCIAL SUPPORT DO WE PROVIDE?
We may give financial support for tuition, books, and living expenses that NCAA rules allow. We also cover team members racing and training expenses. We make specific offers of support in the spring when we know who our applicants are.
HOW DO I GET ON THE SKI TEAM?
There are three things you must do to get accepted to the team:
Be admitted to the University through the normal application process.
Be eligible to compete according to NCAA rules.
Be selected by the ski team coaches.

HOW DO I GET ADMITTED TO THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH?

American:
Complete and return the Application for Undergraduate Admission with the $30 USD fee to the Admissions office. (It is possible to do this on line at _HYPERLINK http://www.utah.edu www.utah.edu_.)
Freshmen --1st full time enrollment students. Arrange to have your SAT or ACT scores sent directly to the University of Utah and NCAA Clearinghouse.
Freshmen --1st full time enrollment students. Complete and return the NCAA Clearinghouse forms with application fee. (Application for prospective student athletes and contact information can be found on the web at _HYPERLINK http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net www.ncaaclearinghouse.net_.)
Freshmen --1st full time enrollment students. Have your school mail original transcripts to the NCAA Clearinghouse. (If unofficial or sent by you, they are not acceptable.)
Have your school mail original transcripts to the University of Utah Admissions Office. (If unofficial or sent by you, they are not acceptable.)
After all of the above has been completed, the University of Utah will consider your admission status.

Foreign:
Complete and return the International Application for Admission to the University of Utah Admissions office with the $50 USD processing fee.
Send personal financial information with your application--bank statement and letter verifying use of the funds. This financial report must demonstrate sufficient funds to attend the University of Utah. If you are receiving a scholarship, the amount will be subtracted from the total set forth by the University.
Freshmen--1st full time enrollment students. You must take the SAT or ACT and arrange to have your scores sent directly to the University of Utah (Code #4853 for SAT) and to the NCAA Clearinghouse (Code #9999 for SAT). For ACT scores, please check code numbers.
If English is not your native language, you must also take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and have scores sent directly to the University of Utah Admissions Office (Code #4853).
Freshmen--1st full time enrollment students. Complete and send in NCAA Clearinghouse application with application fee of $30.00 USD payable by credit card. Application, registration and contact information can be found on the web at _HYPERLINK http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net www.ncaaclearinghouse.net_.
Have your school mail original Transcripts (with official English translation) to the University of Utah Admissions office and the NCAA Clearinghouse for Freshmen.
After all of the above has been completed, the University of Utah will send out your official acceptance letter and Student Visa I-20 Form.
Take your I-20 Form to the United States Embassy in your country to apply for your I-94 travel documents.

Transfer Students:
Foreigners: Complete the above list except for #3 (SAT or ACT tests).
Americans: Complete the above list except for #2, #3 and #4.

Important Contact Information:
Admissions forms and online registration is available from:
University of Utah Admissions Office
250 Student Services Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84112
Phone: 801-581-7281
HYPERLINK http://www.utah.edu www.utah.edu
NCAA Clearinghouse _ HYPERLINK "http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net" __www.ncaaclearinghouse.net_.

HOW DO I KNOW THAT I AM ELIGIBLE ACCORDING TO NCAA RULES?
The NCAA rules are designed to protect student athletes from commercial pressures that could interfere with their academic education. Normally, you are eligible if:

- You have completed high school. If you are an incoming freshman, you must have your high school send your transcript to the NCAA Clearinghouse—material can be found on the web at _ HYPERLINK http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net __www.ncaaclearinghouse.net_.
- You have taken the SAT or the ACT on a regular test date and have a combined SAT score (verbal plus math) of 820 or higher or an ACT score of 68 or higher.
- You have not raced professionally or received money for product endorsements.
- If you are a transfer student, you must meet credit and grade point average standards.

HOW DO I GET SELECTED BY THE SKI TEAM COACHES?
We limit the size of the team in order to give as much support as we can to each team member. Our normal squad size is six men and six women. We ask each applicant to send us a skiing resume, including a list of race results, coaches' recommendations, and whatever other information you have that would help us evaluate your potential success in our program. Please use the information form on the last page of this letter. Send this form to the Ski Team, not to the Admissions Office.

HOW DO I TAKE THE SAT OR ACT?
Americans take these tests through their high schools. Foreign prospects can usually make arrangements through a university, the American Embassy, or by contacting:

- SAT: College Board ATP
  CN6200
  Princeton, NJ 08541
  Phone: 609-771-7600

- ACT: ACT Registration
  P. O. Box 414
  Iowa City, Iowa 52243
  Phone: 319-337-1270

Important: You must take the test on one of the regularly scheduled test dates. Other dates will not suffice. You can possibly register late and pay an additional fee or enter test as a "standby". For 2004-05 the acceptable dates are:

SAT & ACT TEST DATES

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Please pay careful attention to the registration deadlines. We have had a number of students who very much wanted to come here but did not take the test soon enough. You may take the test more than once; only your highest score will count. Commercially available study guides can help, especially if you are not used to the multiple-choice format. When you fill out the test application form, be sure to have your scores sent directly to the University of Utah Admission Office and the NCAA Clearinghouse.
APPLICATION TO UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

ALPINE SKI TEAM

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Name

Date of Birth   Year       Month       Day

Address

Telephone

Nationality

Name of High School

High School Graduation Date

Have you taken any college or university level courses?   Yes _____   No _____

Do you intend to enter as a freshman or as a transfer student?

Ski Club or Racing Program

Coach

Coach’s Telephone Number

Point Profile
FIS   SL   G.S.
USSA  SL   G.S.

Height       Weight

Do you have any health problems?   If yes, please indicate
Please use additional pages to describe your background and skiing goals and to list your best ski results.

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