

US Ski and Snowboard Collegiate Working Group
USCSA Report
2024/2025

USCSA saw relatively steady membership numbers in 2024/2025. In total, USCSA had 4,827 individual members from 145 institutions, comprising 576 teams among our five disciplines. These numbers represent modest increases in individual memberships and teams from the prior year. All of our 11 conferences were able to host events this past season.

As an inclusive organization, USCSA has athletes representing 145 institutions in 11 conferences from 38 states. These programs range from fully funded varsity teams to student funded club teams, highlighting talent from elite level national team athletes to individuals who are trying racing for the first time. We are also committed to continuing to work with our current and former member institutions to ensure they have support to continue to field snowsport teams. We are continuing to provide support to our student run institutions, which make up the bulk of our membership, to ensure continuity of leadership when students graduate by providing them resources and assistance.

USCSA currently offers four disciplines: Alpine Skiing, Snowboard (freestyle and alpine), Nordic, and Freeski.

Previous Season USCSA Individual Membership Census (by primary discipline):

Year	Alpine	SB (Alp/FS)	Nordic	FS	Total
2017	3323	933	323	314	4893
2018	3370	889	373	253	4885
2019	3449	845	358	301	4953
2020	3358	874	444	273	4949
2022	3605	763	459	286	5113
2023	3393	740	500	318	4951
2024	3190	742	548	285	4765
2025	3280	458/232*	551	307	4827

*Starting in 2024/2025 USCSA now recognizes two Snowboard disciplines: freestyle and alpine.

A complete list of schools registered in 2024/2025 can be found on our individual Conference webpages accessible via <https://www.uscsa.org/member-institutions.html>.

USCSA had record breaking attendance at our 2025 U.S. Collegiate Ski & Snowboard National Championships, held at Mt. Bachelor in Bend, OR. 689 athletes representing 75 institutions competed in Alpine, Snowboard, Nordic, and Freeski competitions during the event. This was our highest attendance ever at our National Championships, breaking the previous record set only last year in 2024. USCSA continues to host one of the largest championship events in any sport, and we are constantly working to make the championships more accessible to our members by striving to keep costs of attendance as low as possible while still creating a world class event. Despite a few weather related issues, only two events (dual slalom and the Nordic relay) were cancelled.

Our collaborative partnership with USASA and USCSA to co-host events continues with various USCSA Conferences in Ohio, Colorado, Northeast, and Northern California.

As the United States Collegiate Ski Coaches Association (USCSCA) is reorganized, USCSA requests to have an active role in further discussion and review of policy.

Potential Synergies Between USCSA and USSS for Consideration

- Allow for USCSA officials, who are registered and certified with USSS, to receive USSS official's credit officiating approved USCSA events.
- Create a "collegiate" USSS membership, with a flat fee for participation in USSS events for those clubs and/or individuals seeking additional opportunities to compete.
- Expand coach's education certification into collegiate curriculums for credit toward a degree.
- Clarify World University Game selection criteria and process for all snowsport disciplines, similar to what has been done for Alpine.

USCSA Needs

- USCSA growth potential is significant though it is challenged with limited continuity and organization from year to year at the team level. Many of USCSA's programs are clubs (referred to as "USCSA Clubs") and are student athlete or volunteer coach driven, creating a disparity in sustainability.
- USCSA Clubs experience challenges to procure equipment, lane space, and quality coaching for training.
- Student athletes may have interest in participating in snowsports in college, but many do not realize that it is available at the school they are attending. Raising awareness of opportunities beyond High School and making sure that the athletes are well informed is critical.
- Expand on the desire for some athletes to be a part of something greater than themselves which they are able to contribute to.

US Skiing Needs

- Membership retention for U16+ (Freshman in high school and beyond.)
- Clearer pathways for all athletes.
- Transition from competitor to coaches and officials.
- Build a true participant to donor lifecycle model
- Strengthen existing US Skiing clubs, by providing more memberships and the potential to utilize excess inventory (see below).

USCSA Benefits

- Potential significant growth in membership
- Continuity in USCSA Club organization
- Access to experienced coaches currently working for US Skiing clubs
- Access to qualified US Skiing officials
- Easier cultivation of new programs
- Greater access to venues for competition

US Skiing Benefits

- Larger pool of potential officials and coaches
- Clear pathways to a variety of positive outcomes in skiing and snowboarding

- Keep athletes in the sport (lifelong) by promoting Masters competitor opportunities
- Financial benefit to clubs
- Utilize excess inventory. Many USCSA Clubs have the ability to train during the day, while most junior athletes are confined to training only after the school day. This would provide the ability for US Skiing clubs to utilize some of its excess inventory with coaches, training equipment, lane space, etc.

Joint Benefits

- Lifelong participation in skiing and snowboarding
- Continuity of operations
- Reduction in overlap of resources doing the same things