



## Deep Creek Winter Sports Team (DCWST) Membership/Program Structure for 2020-2021

In light of the current challenges presented by COVID-19, DCWST will provide streamlined options to our members for the coming season. As always, we will continue to serve those who wish to improve their skills, and those who wish to compete in various alpine ski racing and snowboarding events. The overall program structure and the membership options are explained below.

- Alpine Team - \$600\*

Open to athletes age 7 to 18 who meet the basic ability requirements during tryouts. Training in a structured group setting that blends all mountain skiing fundamentals, drill work USSS SkillsQuest activities, and slalom and giant slalom training to prepare for all races hosted by DCWST and all other regional USSS events\*\*.

Members of the Alpine Team enjoy coaching at Wisp Resort starting with a Holiday Mini-Camp\*\*\* in December, and on Tuesday\*\*\*\*, Friday\*\*\*\*, Saturday, and Sunday (except for race days at Wisp) through early-March (weather permitting). In addition, Alpine Team members also receive coaching during USSS races held at Wisp Resort, at regional USSS events throughout the season, and at state level post-season events.

\* Alpine Team membership also requires USSS Competitor Membership and PARA Competitor Membership (visit <https://usskiandsnowboard.org/>). First year members are eligible for membership at a discounted rate of \$450.

\*\* Participating in every race is encouraged but not mandatory – race fees are paid directly to race organizers and are not included in the team registration fee.

\*\*\* With permission of Wisp and weather permitting, loosely organized gate training will be offered to all returning members of the Alpine Team on weekends in December prior to Holiday Minicamp.

\*\*\*\* Tuesday and Friday practices are loosely organized and may not be appropriate for all members.

- Snowboard Team - \$575\*

Open to athletes age 7 to 18 who meet the basic ability requirements at tryouts. Training in a structured group setting focused on developing alpine and freestyle riding skills to prepare for the USASA Appalachian Series and events hosted by Wisp. Members of the Snowboard Team enjoy coaching at Wisp Resort starting with the Holiday Minicamp in December, and every Saturday and Sunday through mid-March (weather permitting). Members are encouraged to participate in Wisp Rail Jams and will receive coaching during three USASA\*\* Appalachian Series events and the Governor's Cup snowboard event at the end of the season\*\*\*.

- \* Snowboard Team membership also requires USSS General Membership (visit <https://usskiandsnowboard.org/>) First year members are eligible for membership at a discounted rate of \$450.

- \*\* USASA Membership required for competition in USASA events (visit [www.usasa.org](http://www.usasa.org))

- \*\*\* Participating in all coached competition events is encouraged but not mandatory – event fees are paid directly to USASA and are not included in the team registration fee.

DCWST acknowledges that, while our intent is to provide our members with the same high-quality experience that we always do, COVID-19 could create disruptions to our normal operating schedule. We want our members to know that while a full refund is not possible (due to upfront costs that the team incurs), in the case of severe disruption or cancellation of part of the season we will offer an appropriate refund to all members of the team.