

YOUNG GUNS



**PODIUM CLUB
2018-19**

Young Guns Development Program

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All TAX-DEDUCTIBLE donations will go directly to Alpine Canada's Development Team for the 2018-19 season



Dear Ski Friends,

It is my absolute honour to be in the position of leading Alpine Canada and its athletes on the path to success.

The Canadian Alpine Development Program is the foundation of all of our champions and provides the building blocks for success in this sport. The future of ski racing depends on it. The "YOUNG GUNS" donor program supports young Canadian skiers in their quest to become the best of the best, under the guidance of world-class coaches and staff. These are the bright young stars of the future and they need support to become elite athletes.

We all know the phrase, "it takes a village", and ski racing is no exception. No ski racer becomes an Olympian on their own. The path is forged with highly-committed coaches, teammates and supporters. Our success at future World Cup and Winter Olympic Games is fuelled by ongoing and committed financial support from corporate partners and private donors.

These Development team athletes will be competing in high profile international events including the World Junior Championships in Italy, the NorAm Circuit in the US and Canada, and the National Championships in Collingwood, Ontario.

Please join our team today and help make a difference in the future of Canadian ski racing. It is an investment not only in sport, but in life. These athletes are future champions on and off the snow, and it's something we can all be proud of.

Vania Grandi

President & CEO, Alpine Canada Alpine

112 World Cup medals
32 Olympians
49 Moved to the World Cup

** 1990–2018*



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My years on the devo team were

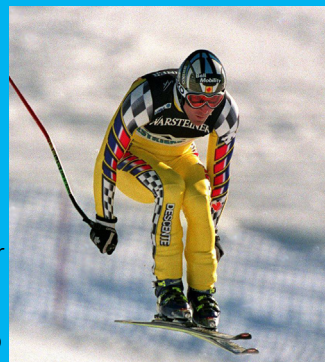
CHARACTER BUILDING”

EDI PODIVINSKY, 4X Olympian (Medallist 1994)
Director, RBC Capital Markets

When I was interviewing for a job with a private equity firm they said, “high performance athletes always perform better under pressure ... others have a tendency to burn out, but the athletes learned when to step up to the big occasion, and when to throttle back.”

The hard work and effort that I put forward into my ski racing career made the transition easier to complete an undergrad degree and CFA and eventually a career in finance. My years on the development team were character building. We certainly weren't at glamorous resorts and we raced at incredibly tough hills, in second-tier locations. Everyone in the race had the same goal to claw their way to the World Cup.

This level of sport is where you learn to begin to work very hard, and usually through a profound struggle, you can begin to apply yourself and you take that lesson and repeat it over and over and into World Cup racing and towards your next career. This group needs to be supported, to have the greatest chance of success at the higher levels of ski racing.





“The development team unleashes your **FULL POTENTIAL**”

The development team is the most important part of an athlete's career. Not the first time I ever put on skis, or my first race, my first win or even the day I hopefully win a World Cup. My years on the development team were the hardest years of training I have done (and still do). Athletes find the most about themselves as an athlete and person when they are put in situations where they must push their limits and reach for the top. The development team is where you learn all your good hard working habits that you can take with you to the next level. It is an environment where the best young skiers in the country get world class coaching and training. It is an environment full of opportunity and exposure to higher competition. A lot will find it very tough, physically and mentally ... but that's exactly what it is meant for; to push the limits of young athletes.”

« **Mikaela Tommy**
Development team member 2013

WHAT IS THE DEVELOPMENT TEAM?

The ACA Development program identifies elite U21 ski racers within the Canadian ski racing system, and provides athletic and financial support to bolster their continued success.

These targeted athletes are provided dedicated on-snow training programs, support for Nor-Am series and world junior races, and world-class dryland training programs (strength & conditioning, nutrition, sports medicine) centered in Calgary. ACA Development programs also accommodate those targeted athletes who have chosen to pursue post-secondary education and high performance ski racing.



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2018-2019 DEVELOPMENT TEAM

1. SIERRA SMITH
Club: Mont St-Marie Ski Club
PSO: Ski Quebec

2. JAMIE CASSELMAN
Club: Kimberley Alpine Team / Team Panorama
PSO: BC Alpine / Alberta Alpine

3. DECLAN MCCORMACK
Club: Osler Bluff Ski Club
PSO: Alpine Ontario Alpin

4. ASHER JORDAN
Club: Whistler Mountain Ski Club
PSO: BC Alpine

5. LIAM WALLACE
Club: Sunshine Alpine Racers
PSO: Alberta Alpine

COACHES / STAFF

Peter Rybarik,
Head Coach

Gavin McNutt,
Assistant Coach

PRE-SEASON:

- » 8 weeks Strength & Conditioning
- » Centralized out of Canadian Sport Institute, Calgary
- » Medical and bio-mechanical assessments
- » Sport education, i.e. nutrition, sleep, physiotherapy
- » On-snow camps in Oregon, South America, Canada and Europe

COMPETITION SEASON:

- » Focus on Nor-Am & Europa Cup circuits
- » Continued sports science support (physical, psychological, functional)
- » Traveling physiotherapist
- » Dedicated ski technician
- » Canadian national championships

100% OF THE MONEY RAISED GOES DIRECTLY
TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT TEAM.

WHERE YOUR FINANCIAL
SUPPORT FOR THE
YOUNG GUNS GOES:



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*TAX-DEDUCTIBLE**

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For more information:
www.alpinecanada.org/donate

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Podium Club Alpine Canada invites you to be part of the exclusive and all-important behind the scenes team that exemplifies the spirit and leadership of Canadian ski racers.

“*Simply put, without
development today there are no*

**CHAMPIONS
TOMORROW**



Kelly VanderBeek,
Development team (2001-2004)

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THESE YOUNG GUNS ARE FUTURE CHAMPIONS ON AND OFF THE SNOW. BE PART OF THE TEAM.

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