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*Home of Ski Racing and Academic Excellence*

*Dedicated young people enter the doors of the National Ski Academy and with our support and programs, these student athletes become accomplished ski racers, enlightened students, and tomorrow's leaders.*

## **National Ski Academy**

**2018-19**

### **Grade 9 & 10 U16 Program Summary**

**January 2018**



Welcome to the National Ski Academy! Thank-you for your interest in enrolling your child in one of our unique programs. The NSA is an excellent choice to meet the needs of high performance ski racers, while continuing to work towards an Ontario Secondary School Diploma in a supportive, yet challenging academic environment. I believe that as you learn more about our programming and our defining features, you will view the NSA as the right fit to meet the needs of your child.

This package contains details about the NSA's athletic and academic program, as well as information about our Mission and Vision. Inclusions with respect to our pre-competition season camps and training, as well as our competition season are outlined, as is our injury prevention and conditioning program.

The National Ski Academy is a not-for-profit organization with charitable status. In addition, we have a newly created National Ski Academy Foundation which is held in segregation from the operating accounts. Its purpose is to raise funds for NSA initiatives, such as financial aid for deserving student athletes, infrastructure improvements and other projects which will enhance our student athletes' experiences.

One remarkable aspect of the National Ski Academy is the incredible dedication and commitment of each NSA staff member. From the care that is demonstrated in preparing meals, maintaining the house and grounds, ensuring that the administrative tasks are completed with attention to detail and efficiency, each member of the NSA team has a student-centred approach. Evening and weekend supervision are considered opportunities to make connections with our student athletes, and academic courses are differentiated for each learner. In particular, I would like to highlight the countless hours that our coaching and dryland staff spend with our student athletes prior to, and during, the race season. Their expertise in areas such as tuning, equipment selection, mental preparation, training feedback, video sessions, modified conditioning programming, and countless other details that help our student athletes to work towards their athletic goals play a significant role in our collective success.

For more information about specific academic and athletic policies, I encourage you to use the link on our website to read through our Family Handbook. It contains our educational guidelines that help to ensure all members of our community can thrive in a safe, inclusive and respectful environment.

It is truly my pleasure to be a part of the NSA community, and I am looking forward to many years of growth, skill development and goal-setting in both academic and athletic endeavours. If you have any questions at all, or are looking for additional information, please do not hesitate to reach out and connect with myself, or one of the members of our team. I look forward to welcoming your family to the National Ski Academy community!

Kind regards,

*Tobin Walsh*  
Head of School

## **Mission and Vision**

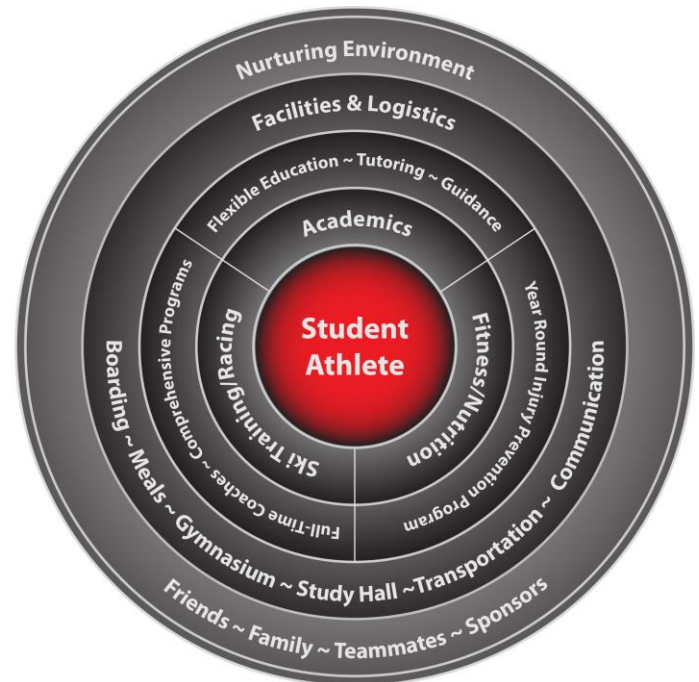
The National Ski Academy's mission is to "provide an environment for talented student athletes to maximize their individual potential through the pursuit of alpine ski racing excellence, academic achievement and personal growth."

Delivering on our vision is only possible through a holistic approach that caters to all the needs of young student athletes.

Our holistic approach builds outward from individual student needs to address three core development areas: Academics, Fitness and Ski Racing.

Our home in Collingwood and late summer /early fall home in Saas Fee Switzerland provide the full breadth of facilities and professional coaches, teachers and trainers needed for our young student athletes to prosper.

The NSA is the only high school credit granting ski academy in Canada that provides this holistic program for student athletes. It is our intention that the Academy's learning environment and curriculum will foster a positive self-image and help our student athletes to become productive, responsible and caring citizens.



## **NSA PROGRAM BENEFITS & COMPONENTS**

NSA student athlete management focus:

- All-inclusive focus on training, racing and academic performance

Opportunity for development and growth:

- Recognition that excellence takes time and dedication
- Academics
- Education that travels
- Comprehensive and flexible academic offerings tailored to student needs

Fitness, injury prevention and rehabilitation support delivered via a practicing professional at the NSA

Sports psychology support

Room and board option at the NSA home in Collingwood (additional cost)

# **Grade 9 & 10 ACADEMIC Program**

## **Our Commitment**

To offer a comprehensive academic program structured to give student athletes the opportunity and support required to optimize success in their chosen postsecondary field of study. Our goal is to encourage the development of a growth mindset, and for student athletes to acquire critical thinking and problem solving skills so as to make ethical and reasoned decisions. Of equal importance is to instill an appreciation for essential learning skills and work habits of responsibility, organization, collaboration, initiative, self-regulation and independence in learning. These are all 21<sup>st</sup> century learning skills that will serve the student athletes throughout their time at the Academy and beyond: wherever their interests, passions and talents take them.

## **The Program**

Ontario Ministry of Education inspected school

- Ministry of Education credit courses in academic disciplines for the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD)
- Credit courses taught by teachers certified through the Ontario College of Teachers
- Flexible course delivery schedule to complement and optimize student athletes' academic and ski racing development
- "Education that travels" – credit course taught while in Saas-Fee, Switzerland training camp; teaching faculty will also travel to the fall camps to support student learning
- Only one credit is completed during the competition ski season
- Gr. 9 & 10 student athletes typically complete eight academic credits in the year
- Typical 8:1 student teacher ratio
- Monitoring and support of student athlete activities and progress
- Mandatory evening study hall, supervised by a certified teacher
- All Grade 10 students must complete the Provincial Literacy Test (OSSLT) as required by the Ministry
- Secondary and post-secondary academic/career counselling to support student athlete aspirations and development of a plan to help achieve future goals

## HISTORICAL NSA ACADEMIC OUTCOMES

- 100% successful course completion
- 95% of graduates achieve Ontario Scholar designation
- NSA graduates have received admission offers to some of the world's leading universities and colleges including McGill, Western, UBC, Queen's, Colorado, Harvard, Middlebury, Bates, Boston, Utah, New Hampshire and more.
- High retention rate and success in postsecondary studies
- NSA recent alumni are pursuing a wide range of undergraduate and graduate degrees including law, medicine and MBA

### Included In Tuition

- Teaching and associated facility costs associated with completion of 8 courses
- All texts and non-consumable classroom materials
- Program counselling, maintenance of records and Ministry reporting
- All NSA students will have an account with myBlueprint.ca, a comprehensive education and career planner that allows students to create an online portfolio for post-secondary and career education resources.

### Extras

- Consumable materials such as art supplies or course workbooks (e.g. French Cahiers)
- Academic field trips

## **TYPICAL 4 year program COURSE FLOW++**

Post-secondary career counseling and development of a four-year plan of course completion that begins in grade 9 and is refined in subsequent years to graduation.

<i>1<sup>st</sup> Year Choices (Grade 9)</i>		<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Year Choices (Grade 10)</i>	
<b>OSSD category</b>	<b>Customary</b>	<b>OSSD category</b>	<b>Customary</b>
compulsory	English 9	compulsory	English 10
compulsory	Math 9	compulsory	Math 10
compulsory	Science 9	compulsory	Science 10
compulsory	Canadian History 10 or Geography 9	compulsory	Canadian History 10 or Geography 9
compulsory	Health & Physical Ed 9 French 9	automatic	Health & Physical Ed 10
compulsory	French 9	recommended	French 10
compulsory	The Arts 10	compulsory	Civics/Career Studies 10
Compulsory	Business 10	elective	

<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Year Choices (Grade 11)</i>		<i>4<sup>th</sup> Year Choices (Grade 12)</i>	
<b>OSSD category</b>	<b>Customary</b>	<b>OSSD category</b>	<b>Customary</b>
compulsory	English 11	compulsory	English 12
compulsory	Math 11	recommended	Math 12 Advanced Functions
compulsory	*1 of biology 11, chemistry 11 or physics 11	elective	*
recommended	*1 additional gr 11 science	elective	*
recommended	Social Science, Canada & World Studies or Business	elective	*
automatic	Health & Physical Education 11	automatic	Health & Physical Education 12
elective	*	elective	*
elective (rare)		elective (rare)	

Compulsory designation reflects Ministry of Education Ontario Secondary School Diploma requirements

\* Choices based on Post-secondary Program prerequisite requirements

For example:

- Engineering = Gr 11 & 12 physics, chemistry, Gr 12 advanced functions, calculus & vectors
- Commerce = typically Gr 12 advanced functions + calculus & vectors
- Arts including social sciences, English, humanities = Gr 12 English

++The NSA will strive to provide students with their choice of academic program; however, due to insufficient enrolment interests, staffing considerations or scheduling constraints, some course offerings may not be possible.

**NOTE:** A 5 year academic plan is also an option.

## **U16 ATHLETIC PROGRAM**

### **Included with U16 Tuition**

NSA Descente three piece uniform (jacket, mid layer and pants),

Fulltime supervision and administration of all NSA programs

Nutrition education

Sports psychology sessions

Use of all NSA facilities including gym, weight room, games room, ski tuning trailer, dining room, common room, study hall

Expenses for all training and included race competitions in Eastern North America:

- Coaching fees (racer to coach ratio approximately 6:1)
- Race entries,
- Lift tickets,
- Accommodations and meals (breakfast and dinner)
- All ground transportation (van)

### **PRE COMPETITION SEASON - ON-SNOW RESIDENTIAL TRAINING CAMPS**

- Late August & September (Saas-Fee, Switzerland)
  - Includes
    - Return Air Flight
    - Accommodation and all Meals
    - Lift and Lane fee
    - Daily video review
    - Progress Report for Student Athlete
    - On-site Sporting Life Boot Tech/Ski Tech
    - Cultural/educational excursion
- Early December (Eastern Canada and/or US)
  - Includes:
    - All ground (van) transportation
    - Accommodation and Meals (breakfast and dinner)
    - Lift tickets
    - Daily video review
    - Progress Report for student athlete

## **COMPETITION SEASON U16**

- Up to 42 sessions in Collingwood from January to beginning of April
- On-hill training in Collingwood is followed by academic class and dryland conditioning
- Training days away from home at camps prior to race series
- GS training camp in Quebec in February - 5 days on snow
- Up to 20 starts from the following races:
  - AOA O Cup Series
  - Provincial/ O Cup Championships
  - Can-Am Race Series
  - National U16 Championships

Note: Tuition does **NOT** include lunch or airfare, if required, for competition season training or race series.

## **Injury Prevention and Conditioning Program**

- Specific year round fitness programs, designed to develop the student athlete and address individual needs
- Supervised conditioning and injury prevention sessions from August to June, Monday through Friday at the NSA and at all camps
- Program includes biomechanical assessments delivered through affiliate associations
- Fitness testing and tracking of student athletes, 4 times through the academic year in August, November, April and June
- Scheduled physical training during out of town races
- Over 250 hours of fitness training

## **Grade 9 & 10 – U16 Tuition and Costs**

**Tuition: \$38,000**

**Boarding Fee: \$7,000**

**International Student Fee: \$2,000**

Note: Does **not** include Alpine Ontario Registration fee or SAIP Insurance