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**NINE NSCD COMPETITIVE ATHLETES  
EARN SPOT ON THE U.S. WINTER PARALYMPIC TEAM**

**DENVER (Feb. 17, 2022)** – The National Sports Center for the Disabled (NSCD), one of the nation's leading providers of adaptive outdoor recreation, is thrilled to announce nine of its athletes training through their competitive program were named to the U.S. Winter Paralympic team earlier today and will compete in the Winter Paralympic Games in Beijing, China starting March 4 – 13, 2022.

"This is an exciting day for our athletes, they work day-in and day-out to compete at the Paralympic level and we couldn't be more proud of all the athletes who were named to the U.S. team today," said Erik Petersen, competition director for the NSCD. "We're looking forward to a successful trip to Beijing representing the U.S. in a variety of races."

The following athletes who train with the NSCD were named to the U.S. Winter Paralympic Team:

- [Jasmin Bambur](#) – Men's Sitting Para Alpine Skier
- [Andrew Kurka](#) – Men's Sitting Para Alpine Skier
- Kyle Taulman – Men's Sitting Para Alpine Skier
- [Tyler Carter](#) – Men's Standing Para Alpine Skier
- Allie Johnson – Women's Para Alpine Skier
- Patrick Halgren – Men's Standing Para Alpine Skier
- Robert Enigl – Men's Sitting Para Alpine Skier
- David Williams – Men's Sitting Para Alpine Skier
- [Joy Rondeau](#) – Women's Biathlon and Cross Country Skiing

The NSCD Competition Center has training programs for racers of all abilities. Whether athletes are interested in Alpine, Snowboard Cross or Cross-Country/Biathlon, the NSCD has a program that will fit any needs. NSCD coaches train athletes with visual impairments, amputations, paraplegia, spina bifida, cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis, post-polio and congenital disabilities. Petersen has trained more than 300 athletes in his career at the NSCD. He has more than 30 years of experience in competitive ski racing, is a seven-time All American in Alpine Skiing and a three-time Overall Champion in NCSA Collegiate Alpine Skiing. The Competition Program is based on the same teaching principals used for able-bodied competitive ski racing organizations. It involves on-snow and dry land cross-training that includes biking, aerobics and weight lifting.

The NSCD also trained athletes from around the world who will be representing their respective countries at the Winter Paralympics including three athletes from New Zealand, two from Japan, three from Chili, one from Israel and 1 from Great Britain.



### **About the National Sports Center for the Disabled**

The National Sports Center for the Disabled is a leading provider of adaptive outdoor recreation experiences committed to helping individuals with disabilities, their caregivers and the broader community rethink ability. Through the power of adaptive innovation, recreation and Colorado's great outdoors, we are transforming lives, families and communities and creating a world that celebrates each person's abilities. Our exhilarating adaptive outdoor experiences help participants make the very most of their passion, their talents and their aspirations. They discover a renewed sense of confidence, reignite the pure joy of play, and find motivation to try new things, meet new people and believe in their own abilities. With industry-leading adaptive equipment, renowned coaches, instructors and volunteers and unmatched mountain and metro programs, we change the perceptions of athletes of all levels and help them, and the world, **#RethinkAbility**.

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