

Aaron Ewen- Tuakau, New Zealand

Aaron had just turned 16 when during a downhill mountain bike race in his native New Zealand, he crashed on a jump, went over his handlebars and hit a tree. He hasn't lost his love of speed and competition so when he came to Winter Park 4 years ago to free ski, he discovered the NSCD Competition Center. He took a gap year and, now at 23, is back at Winter Park to train full time. This is his second year competing but his goal is to represent New Zealand and make it to the 2022 Paralympics in Beijing. Aaron has stayed close to his first love, Downhill Mountain biking, and when he isn't training, he works as a bike technician at a nearby bike shop.