

## **USTSA Regional Team**

USTSA established a new "Regional Team" in 2010 and plans to continue this team into the future. The intent of the Regional Team is to recognize athletes, of any age, that have demonstrated a commitment to the sport of telemark racing and continue to improve their skills. Some Regional Team members will have a long term goal of being selected as a member of the USTSA A, B or Development Team. Other Regional Team members may be retired National Team Members that want to stay involved in the sport or USTSA members who exhibit a passion for the sport and have already been an ambassador for telemark racing.

Regional Team members will be ambassadors of the sport and of USTSA at their home ski area and the surrounding region. Team members will be given a team jacket to be worn as much as is practical as a way to draw attention to USTSA and the sport of telemark racing.

Nominations must be emailed to [Info@ustsa.org](mailto:Info@ustsa.org) by USTSA Team Members or Telemark Coaches by June 1, so that the Board of Directors can choose the team members during the summer. Individuals, who would like to be considered in the nomination process, may send their request for consideration to the email address above.

### **Following is the criteria for selection:**

1. Have competed in at least 1 USTSA sanctioned event in the past year.
2. Committed to continued improvement and to compete in a minimum of 1 USTSA sanctioned event per year.
3. Register as a USTSA Competitive member.
4. Be nominated by local telemark coach, member of USTSA National Team or USTSA board member based on race results.
5. Pay a participation fee as determined each year by the Board of Directors
6. Sign Regional Team contract
7. Some athletes that are eligible to be members of the USTSA A,B or Development teams but decline due to contract requirements would have the option to be a member of the regional team.

It is anticipated that Regional Team members will be invited to ski and train with USTSA Team Members as is practical. Regional Team members may be able to take advantage of some "pro deals" on equipment that would normally only be available to USTSA Team members. Regional Team members would also be invited to any organized training events organized by USTSA.