



# UTAH SKIING 2022 NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

## Quick Facts

### University of Utah

Location ..... Salt Lake City, Utah  
 Elevation ..... 4,657  
 Founded ..... 1850  
 Enrollment ..... 34,424  
 Nickname ..... Utes  
 Colors ..... Red (Pantone 185) and White  
 Mascot ..... Swoop (Red-Tailed Hawk)  
 Facility ..... Park City Mountain Resort (Alpine)  
 ..... Soldier Hollow Resort (Nordic)  
 Web Site ..... www.UtahUtes.com  
 Conference ..... RMISA (ski) / Pac-12  
 President ..... Taylor R. Randall  
 Athletics Director ..... Mark Harlan

### Coaching Staff

Director of Skiing .. Fredrik Landstedt (Fourth Season)  
 Head Nordic Coach ..... Miles Havlick (Fourth Season)  
 Head Alpine Coach ..... JJ Johnson (Fourth Season)  
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## NCAA Championships Schedule

### Wednesday, March 9 - Park City Mountain

Women's giant slalom ..... 9 a.m. (1st run)  
 ..... 12:45 p.m. (2nd run)  
 Men's giant slalom ..... 10:15 a.m. (1st run)  
 ..... 2:00 p.m. (2nd run)

### Thursday, March 10 - Soldier Hollow

Women's 5-km classical ..... 10 a.m.  
 Men's 10-km classical ..... Noon  
 \*Interval start

### Friday, March 11 - Park City Mountain

Men's slalom ..... 9 a.m. (1st run)  
 ..... Noon (2nd run)  
 Women's slalom ..... 10 a.m. (1st run)  
 ..... 1 p.m. (2nd run)

### Saturday, March 12 - Soldier Hollow

Men's 20-km freestyle ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Women's 15-km freestyle ..... 11:30 a.m.  
 \*Mass start

All times MT. Alpine events held at Park City Mountain Resort; Nordic events held at Soldier Hollow.

## Utah's NCAA Competitors

**Men's Alpine:** Joachim Lien, Wilhelm Normannseth, Gustav Vøllo

**Women's Alpine:** Sona Moravcikova, Kaja Norbye, Katie Parker

**Men's Nordic:** Samuel Hendry, Luke Jager, Bjørn Riksaasen

**Women's Nordic:** Sophia Laukli, Novie McCabe, Sydney Palmer-Leger

## Utes Set to Host 2022 NCAA Ski Championships

In search of the program's 15th national championship (14th NCAA title) all-time, the Utah ski team is closing in on the 2022 NCAA Ski Championships, which the Utes will host from March 9-12. Utah has won the last two completed NCAA Championships (2019, '21), and was leading at the time the 2020 event was cancelled due to COVID-19.

It marks the first time the NCAA Championships have come through Utah since 2014.

Utah qualified the NCAA maximum of 12 skiers this year with three for each gender in both alpine and Nordic competition. The Utes are one of five programs in the country to qualify the maximum 12 athletes. Other teams at that total include Denver and Colorado out of the RMISA, plus Dartmouth and Vermont.

Utah boasts the most experienced group of athletes among all teams at the NCAA Championships, as 11 of the 12 Utes racing have been on this stage before and combine for 15 All-American accolades. Freshman Kaja Norbye will make her NCAA Championships debut on the alpine side.

To date, it's been another year marked by great success for the Utes, the RMISA regular season champions (2,786 points). Sydney Palmer-Leger was named RMISA Most Valuable Skier both in women's classic and freestyle, plus Wilhelm Normannseth was tabbed Most Valuable Skier in men's slalom. The buildup to the NCAA Championships was capped by NCAA West Regional Individual titles for Novie McCabe (women's CL/FS) and Luke Jager (men's FS). Jager's result also stood as his first college victory.

Utah won all but one meet during the 2022 regular season. The triumphs were highlighted in part by a dominant victory at the Montana State Invitational, which saw the Utes amass 760 points in the team standings, a whopping

253.5 points ahead of the host Bobcats in second place. It was the largest margin of victory in an RMISA meet, smashing the previous record by 73.5 points. The Utes swept both women's Nordic podiums in that meet, the first such feat by a team in an RMISA meet since 2013.

Four Utah qualifiers were in action during the 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing: Katie Parker (Australia; alpine), Luke Jager (USA; cross-country); Sophia Laukli (USA; cross-country) and Novie McCabe (USA; cross-country). Ten total NCAA Championships participants were in Beijing, representing Colorado (2), Alaska Anchorage, Alaska Fairbanks, Denver and Vermont.

All told, Utah had 12 current and former student-athletes named Olympians, half of whom are currently on the active roster. Across the entire University of Utah, there were 38 athletes with a tie to campus, more than any university in the world. Two more Utes in action for NCAAAs—Samuel Hendry and Sydney Palmer-Leger—traveled to Lygna, Norway in February for the FIS Junior/U23 World Championships.

### Quick Hits: Women's Nordic

- Undoubtedly one of the greatest storylines heading into the NCAA Championships is that of Sydney Palmer-Leger, the Park City, Utah, native and two-time individual NCAA champion (classic and freestyle) in 2021. Palmer-Leger, top-seeded by the NCAA in both Nordic disciplines, was named RMISA Most Valuable Skier in both classic and freestyle. She has hit the podium in all eight of her college races this year, with six wins. She was named 2021 National Nordic Skier of the Year and also was among the Utes in Lygna, Norway in February for the FIS Junior World Championships.

- Novie McCabe is a few weeks back into the college circuit, fresh off representing Team USA at the Olympics. Although only racing in four college events in 2022, she has won three and took silver in the other—the 5K freestyle at the Montana State Invitational. McCabe won the NCAA West Regional Individual Championship in both classic and freestyle. She was named All-RMISA First Team.

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• Fellow Olympian Sophia Laukli, winding down her first season as a Ute, has also been limited to four college races. But Laukli has nevertheless starred in those four events, winning the 5K freestyle and taking bronze in the 10K classic at the MSU Invitational, then claiming silver in both 5K classic and 15K freestyle at the RMISA Championships. Laukli also earned All-RMISA First Team laurels and was tabbed Skier of the Meet for the RMISA Championships.

#### Quick Hits: Men's Nordic

• Like the trio of women's Nordic qualifiers for Utah, there has been plenty of international racing in the last month for the men as well. Luke Jager repped Team USA at the Winter Olympics, and Samuel Hendry was in Lygna, Norway with Team Canada for the 2022 FIS U23 World Championships.

• Jager, an Alaska native, earned his first collegiate victory on Feb. 26 in the 20K freestyle at the RMISA Championships, doubling as the NCAA West Regional. He was ultimately named RMISA Skier of the Meet and All-RMISA First Team as well. The 2021 All-American honoree owns two other top-five results this season on the college circuit.

• Hendry is a three-time All-American and skied to the podium at NAAs in 2021, both in the 20K freestyle (2nd) and 10K classic (3rd). He's finished top-10 four times of his five college races this season, with back-to-back podiums at the Montana State Invitational.

• Bjørn Riksaasen rounds out the Nordic men's lineup, twice tabbed All-America in 2021. Riksaasen earned All-RMISA Second Team this season and hit the podium at the RMISA Championships, taking third in the 20K freestyle.

#### Quick Hits: Men's Alpine

• All-RMISA selection Joachim Lien has finished in the top-10 in eight of his last nine races. He won the RMISA giant slalom qualifier in February, though this was not part of team scoring as the race was not part of a meet. Lien also tabbed silver in giant slalom at the RMISA Invitational.

• Normannseth, the RMISA men's slalom Most Valuable Skier, has four straight top-five performances, bookended by slalom wins at the Denver Invitational in addition to the RMISA alpine qualifier in February. He has placed no lower than ninth in 10 of his 11 finishes on the season, with an additional podium coming at the Montana State Invitational (silver).

• Gustav Vøllo picked up All-RMISA Honorable Mention with eight top-10 races during the 2022 season. His two best giant slalom results of the year came at Park City, the Utes' home hill and host of the NCAA Championships. Vøllo took fifth in the RMISA Invitational in January, then moved up to fourth the following day during the Utah Invitational.

#### Quick Hits: Women's Alpine

• Sona Moravcikova will race in the NCAA Championships for the fourth time, including third as a Ute (2020, '21). Moravcikova previously skied at New Mexico and qualified for the 2019 NCAA Championships. She owns four top-fives this year, two each in slalom and GS. She was named All-RMISA Honorable Mention as well as Skier of the Meet for the Denver Invitational.

• Making her NCAA Championships debut, Kaja Norbye will be capping an outstanding freshman season with the Utes. The Oslo, Norway native has hit four podiums among her 10 finishes in 2022, all four in giant slalom. The Skier of the Meet for the RMISA Championships took silver in GS at the RMISA Invitational, and also owns three third-place finishes.

• Melbourne, Australia native Katie Parker produced some remarkable college results, even in missing part of the season due to the Winter Olympics. She won the slalom at the Montana State Invitational, after which Parker was named Skier of the Meet. At the Olympics Parker competed in slalom but did not finish. She was named All-RMISA Second Team.

## 2022 Utah Skiing Roster

### Men's Alpine

Name	Yr.	Hometown
Tomas Birkner	Sr.	Bariloche, Argentina
Bjorn Brudevoll	So.	Oslo, Norway
Joachim Lien	Sr.	Rælingen, Norway
Jeremy Mathers	Fr.	Cottonwood Heights, Utah
Wilhelm Normannseth	So.	Oslo, Norway
Oliver Parazette	Fr.	Jackson, Wyo.
Gustav Vøllo	Jr.	Hemsedal, Norway

### Women's Alpine

Madison Hoffman	So.	Sydney, Australia
Michelle Kervén	So.	Stockholm, Sweden
Sona Moravcikova	Sr.	Bratislava, Slovakia
Kaja Norbye	Fr.	Oslo, Norway
Katie Parker	Sr.	Melbourne, Australia
Josefine Selvaag	Gr.	Oslo, Norway
Claire Timmermann	So.	Calgary, Alberta
Katie Vesterstein	Sr.	Duluth, Minn.

<b>Director of Skiing</b>	Fredrik Landstedt
<b>Head Nordic Coach</b>	Miles Havlick
<b>Head Alpine Coach</b>	JJ Johnson
<b>Assistant Alpine Coach</b>	Mary Joyce

### Men's Nordic

Name	Yr.	Hometown
Brian Bushey	Fr.	Montpelier, Vt.
Walker Hall	Fr.	Winthrop, Wash.
Samuel Hendry	Jr.	Canmore, Alberta, Canada
Luke Jager	Jr.	Anchorage, Alaska
Noel Keeffe	Sr.	Steamboat Springs, Colo.
Bjørn Riksaasen	Gr.	Vaga, Norway

### Women's Nordic

Name	Yr.	Hometown
Karianne Dengerud	Fr.	Oslo, Norway
Abby Jarzin	Jr.	Green Bay, Wis.
Sophia Laukli	Jr.	Yarmouth, Maine
Novie McCabe	So.	Winthrop, Wash.
Sydney Palmer-Leger	So.	Park City, Utah
Julia Richter	Sr.	Sayda, Germany
Ezra Smith	Sr.	Breckenridge, Colo.



## Joachim Lien

(you-AH-keem lee-in)

Senior - Rælingen, Norway  
 Career Top-20 Finishes: 41 (20 GS, 21 SL)  
 Career Top-10 Finishes: 35 (18 GS, 17 SL)  
 Career Podiums: 14 (8 GS, 6 SL)  
 Career Wins: 7 (3 GS, 4 SL)

**NCAA Championships:** Fourth appearance appearance (2019, '20, '21)

### Top NCAA Championships Finishes:

- GS: 3rd (2020)
- SL: 4th (2021)

### 2022 - Senior

- 2022 All-RMISA Men's Alpine Second Team
- Alpine Skier of the Meet for the 2022 RMISA Alpine Qualifiers
- Won the RMISA Qualifier giant slalom race in February 2022 and second in GS at the RMISA Invitational
- Ninth in slalom at the 2022 Utah Invitational

### On Lien

- Three time All-American, most recently earning First Team in 2021 both in giant slalom (fifth at NCAAs) and slalom (fourth at NCAAs)
- 2020 USCSCA men's alpine Skier of the Year
- 2020 RMISA men's alpine MVP and men's alpine Athlete of the Year

## 2022 Results

Date	Event	Race	Place
Jan. 18	MSU Invite	GS	11
Jan. 19	MSU Invite	SL	21
Jan. 20	RMISA Invite	SL	17
Jan. 23	RMISA Invite	GS	2
Jan. 24	Utah Invite	GS	5
Jan. 25	Utah Invite	SL	9
Feb. 17	RMISA Qualifier	GS	1
Feb. 18	DU Invite	GS	7
Feb. 21	DU Invite	SL	12
Feb. 23	RMISA Champ	GS	4
Feb. 24	RMISA Champ	SL	10
Feb. 25	RMISA Qualifier	SL	4



## Sona Moravcikova

(Sonya more-av-cha-koh-vuh)

Senior - Bratislava, Slovakia  
 Career Top-20 Finishes: 42 (22 GS, 20 SL)  
 Career Top-10 Finishes: 25 (16 GS, 9 SL)  
 Career Podiums: 3 (1 GS, 2 SL)  
 Career Wins: 1 (SL)

**NCAA Championships:** Fourth appearance (2020, '21 at Utah; 2019 at New Mexico)

### Top NCAA Championships Finishes:

- GS: 3rd (2020)
- SL: 12th (2019)

### 2022 - Senior

- 2022 All-RMISA Women's Alpine Honorable Mention
- Alpine Skier of the Meet for the 2022 Denver Invitational
- First college victory came in 2019 at the New Mexico Invitational (SL)

### On Moravcikova

- Skied her freshman year at New Mexico before transferring to Utah
- Earned All-America First Team honors in the giant slalom at the 2020 NCAA Championships

## 2022 Results

Date	Event	Race	Place
Jan. 18	MSU Invite	GS	11
Jan. 19	MSU Invite	SL	5
Jan. 20	RMISA Invite	SL	12
Jan. 23	RMISA Invite	GS	8
Jan. 24	Utah Invite	GS	5
Jan. 25	Utah Invite	SL	14
Feb. 17	RMISA Qualifier	GS	18
Feb. 18	DU Invite	GS	5
Feb. 21	DU Invite	SL	4
Feb. 23	RMISA Champ	GS	11
Feb. 24	RMISA Champ	SL	15
Feb. 25	RMISA Qualifier	SL	27



## Kaja Norbye

(KY-uh NOR-bee)

Freshman - Oslo, Norway  
 Career Top-20 Finishes: 10 (5 GS, 5 SL)  
 Career Top-10 Finishes: 9 (5 GS, 4 SL)  
 Career Podiums: 4 (4 GS)  
 Career Wins: N/A



## Wilhelm Normannseth

(will-helm nor-man-seth)

Sophomore - Oslo, Norway  
 Career Top-20 Finishes: 20 (10 GS, 10 SL)  
 Career Top-10 Finishes: 19 (9 GS, 10 SL)  
 Career Podiums: 6 (6 SL)  
 Career Wins: 2 (2 SL)

**NCAA Championships:** First appearance

### 2022 - Freshman

- All-RMISA Women's Alpine Second Team
- Alpine Skier of the Meet for the 2022 RMISA Championships
- Four podiums (all in giant slalom)
- Top GS performance to date was a second-place effort at the RMISA Invitational
- Added a seventh-place slalom finish at the Montana State Invitational

### 2022 Results

Date	Event	Race	Place
Jan. 18	MSU Invite	GS	10
Jan. 19	MSU Invite	SL	7
Jan. 20	RMISA Invite	SL	DNF
Jan. 23	RMISA Invite	GS	2
Jan. 24	Utah Invite	GS	DNF
Jan. 25	Utah Invite	SL	11
Feb. 17	RMISA Qualifier	GS	3
Feb. 18	DU Invite	GS	3
Feb. 21	DU Invite	SL	10
Feb. 23	RMISA Champ.	GS	3
Feb. 24	RMISA Champ.	SL	9
Feb. 25	RMISA Qualifier	SL	4

**NCAA Championships:** Second appearance (2021)

### Top NCAA Championships Finishes:

- GS: 9th (2021)
- SL: N/A (DQ in 2021)

### 2022 - Sophomore

- All-RMISA Men's Alpine First Team
- RMISA Men's Slalom Most Valuable Skier
- Alpine Skier of the Meet for the 2022 RMISA Invitational
- Won the slalom at the 2022 Denver Invitational
- Fifth in giant slalom at the 2022 RMISA Championships

### On Normannseth

- Second Team All-American in giant slalom in 2021
- All-RMISA Second Team in 2021

### 2022 Results

Date	Event	Race	Place
Jan. 18	MSU Invite	GS	18
Jan. 19	MSU Invite	SL	2
Jan. 20	RMISA Invite	SL	4
Jan. 23	RMISA Invite	GS	6
Jan. 24	Utah Invite	GS	DNF
Jan. 25	Utah Invite	SL	5
Feb. 17	RMISA Qualifier	SL	7
Feb. 18	DU Invite	GS	9
Feb. 21	DU Invite	SL	1
Feb. 23	RMISA Champ	SL	5
Feb. 24	RMISA Champ	SL	4
Feb. 25	RMISA Qualifier	SL	1



## Katie Parker

Senior - Melbourne, Australia  
 Career Top-20 Finishes: 29 (17 GS, 12 SL)  
 Career Top-10 Finishes: 19 (14 GS, 5 SL)  
 Career Podiums: 3 (2 GS, 1 SL)  
 Career Wins: 1 (SL, MSU Invite 2022)

**NCAA Championships:** Third appearance (2020, '21)

### Top NCAA Championships Finishes:

- GS: 8th (2021)
- SL: 15th (2021)

### 2022 - Senior

- All-RMISA Women's Alpine Second Team
- Alpine Skier of the Meet for the 2022 Montana State Invitational, where Parker won the slalom
- Top GS finishes in 2022 were a pair of fourth-place efforts at the MSU Invitational and Utah Invitational

### 2022 Winter Olympics

- Represented Australia at the Olympic Games in Beijing
- Started in slalom but DNF on a challenging course

### On Parker

- Two-time All-America Second Team in giant slalom

## 2022 Results

Date	Event	Race	Place
Jan. 18	MSU Invite	GS	4
Jan. 19	MSU Invite	SL	1
Jan. 20	RMISA Invite	SL	DNF
Jan. 23	RMISA Invite	GS	7
Jan. 24	Utah Invite	GS	4
Jan. 25	Utah Invite	SL	DNS
Feb. 17	RMISA Qualifier	GS	12
Feb. 18	DU Invite	GS	11
Feb. 21	DU Invite	SL	15
Feb. 23	RMISA Champ	GS	DNF
Feb. 24	RMISA Champ	SL	6
Feb. 25	RMISA Qualifier	SL	6



## Gustav Vølle

(GOOSE-tav VOLL-oh)

Junior - Hemsedal, Norway  
 Career Top-20 Finishes: 24 (15 GS, 9 SL)  
 Career Top-10 Finishes: 21 (14 GS, 7 SL)  
 Career Podiums: 6 (5 GS, 1 SL)  
 Career Wins: 2 (2 GS)

**NCAA Championships:** Third appearance (2020, '21)

### Top NCAA Championships Finishes:

- GS: 3rd (2021)
- SL: N/A (DQ in 2021)

### 2022 - Junior

- All-RMISA Men's Alpine Honorable Mention
- Top giant slalom finish this season was fourth at the Utah Invitational
- Won bronze in slalom at the RMISA Championships

### On Vølle

- 2021 All-America First Team in giant slalom
- First Team All-RMISA team in 2021

## 2022 Results

Date	Event	Race	Place
Jan. 18	MSU Invite	GS	7
Jan. 19	MSU Invite	SL	32
Jan. 20	RMISA Invite	SL	8
Jan. 23	RMISA Invite	GS	5
Jan. 24	Utah Invite	GS	4
Jan. 25	Utah Invite	SL	11
Feb. 17	RMISA Qualifier	GS	7
Feb. 18	DU Invite	GS	6
Feb. 21	DU Invite	SL	10
Feb. 23	RMISA Champ	GS	DNF
Feb. 24	RMISA Champ	SL	3
Feb. 25	RMISA Qualifier	SL	29



## Samuel Hendry

Junior - Canmore, Alberta  
 Career Top-20 Finishes: 20 (9 CL, 11 FS)  
 Career Top-10 Finishes: 19 (8 CL, 11 FS)  
 Career Podiums: 15 (7 CL, 8 FS)  
 Career Wins: 4 (2 CL, 2 FS)

**NCAA Championships:** Third appearance (2020, '21)

### Top NCAA Championships Finishes:

- 10K Classic: 3rd (2021)
- 10K Freestyle: 2nd (2020)
- 20K Freestyle: 2nd (2021)

### 2022 - Junior

- All-RMISA Men's Nordic Second Team
- Hit the podium in both the 10km freestyle and 15km classical at the Montana State Invitational (Jan. 2022)

### 2022 FIS U23 World Championships - Lygna, Norway

- Represented Canada in February at the U23 World Championships
- Finished 15th in the 15K classic
- 56th in freestyle sprints
- Part of the Team Canada 4x5K relay team that finished 14th

### On Hendry

- Three-time All-America First Team
- Three-time All-RMISA, including two First Team honors
- Hit podium in all three of his NCAA Championships races

## 2022 Results

Date	Event	Race	Place
Jan. 2	Utah Invite	FS Sprints	DNR
Jan. 6	Utah Invite	15K CL	DNR
Jan. 7	RMISA Qualifier	CL Sprints	DNR
Jan. 15	MSU Invite	10K FS	3
Jan. 16	MSU Invite	15K CL	2
Feb. 1	UAF Invite	5K CL	11
Feb. 2	UAF Invite	10K FS	8
Feb. 5	RMISA Invite	10K FS	4
Feb. 25	RMISA Champ	10K CL	DNR
Feb. 26	RMISA Champ	20K FS	DNR



## Luke Jager

(JAE-gurr)

Junior - Anchorage, Alaska  
 Career Top-20 Finishes: 18 (9 CL, 9 FS)  
 Career Top-10 Finishes: 16 (9 CL, 7 FS)  
 Career Podiums: 6 (3 CL, 3 FS)  
 Career Wins: 1 (20K FS, 2022 RMISA Champ.)

**NCAA Championships:** Second appearance (2021)

### Top NCAA Championships Finishes:

- 10K Classic: 2nd (2021)
- 20K Freestyle: 19th (2021)

### 2022 - Junior

- 2022 All-RMISA Men's Nordic First Team
- Nordic Skier of the Meet for the 2022 RMISA Championships
- Picked up his first collegiate win via the 20km freestyle at the RMISA Championships
- Also tabbed bronze in the 10km classical at the RMISA Championships, Jager's top classical finish this season

### 2022 Winter Olympics

- Made his Olympic debut with Team USA at the 2022 Winter Olympics
- First leg of the eventual ninth-place USA men's 4x10km relay team
- Also took 25th in the men's freestyle sprints

### On Jager

- First Team All-American in 10K classic (2021)

## 2022 Results

Date	Event	Race	Place
Jan. 2	Utah Invite	FS Sprints	DNR
Jan. 6	Utah Invite	15K CL	DNR
Jan. 7	RMISA Qualifier	CL Sprints	DNS
Jan. 15	MSU Invite	10K FS	11
Jan. 16	MSU Invite	15K CL	4
Feb. 1	UAF Invite	5K CL	DNR
Feb. 2	UAF Invite	10K FS	DNR
Feb. 5	RMISA Invite	10K FS	DNR
Feb. 25	RMISA Champ	10K CL	3
Feb. 26	RMISA Champ	20K FS	1



## Sophia Laukli

Junior - Yarmouth, Maine  
 RMISA Top-5 Finishes: 5 (2 CL, 3 FS)  
 RMISA Podiums: 5 (2 CL, 3 FS)  
 RMISA Wins: 1 (FS, MSU Invite, 2022)  
 \*5 RMISA starts

**NCAA Championships:** Second appearance (2020)

### Top NCAA Championships Finishes:

- 5K Freestyle: 2nd (2020)

### 2022 - Junior

- 2022 All-RMISA Women's Nordic First Team
- Nordic Skier of the Meet for the 2022 RMISA Championships
- Pair of silver medals at RMISA Championships both in classic and freestyle
- Won the 5km freestyle at the Montana State Invitational and was third in the 10km classical

### 2022 Winter Olympics

- Made her Olympics debut representing Team USA at the 2022 Winter Games in Beijing
- Raced to a 15th-place finish in the women's 30km freestyle

### On Laukli

- Had a top-five effort on Tour de Ski in 10km freestyle in January 2022
- Previously skied for Middlebury College
- Accolades included All-America, EISA First-Team All-East, EISA Rookie of the Year, EISA Freestyle Bib Leader, EISA Classic Bib Leader and USCSCA All-Academic

## 2022 Results

Date	Event	Race	Place
Jan. 2	Utah Invite	FS Sprints	DNR
Jan. 6	Utah Invite	10K CL	DNR
Jan. 7	RMISA Qualifier	CL Sprints	DNS
Jan. 15	MSU Invite	5K FS	1
Jan. 16	MSU Invite	10K CL	3
Feb. 1	UAF Invite	5K CL	DNR
Feb. 2	UAF Invite	10K FS	DNR
Feb. 5	RMISA Invite	5K FS	DNR
Feb. 25	RMISA Champ	5K CL	2
Feb. 26	RMISA Champ	15K FS	2



## Novie McCabe

(NO-vee)  
 Sophomore - Winthrop, Wash.  
 Career Top-20 Finishes: 14 (7 CL, 7 FS)  
 Career Top-10 Finishes: 14 (7 CL, 7 FS)  
 Career Podiums: 14 (7 CL, 7 FS)  
 Career Wins: 8 (3 CL, 5 FS)

**NCAA Championships:** Second appearance (2021)

### Top NCAA Championships Finishes:

- 5K Classic: 3rd (2021)
- 15K Freestyle 3rd (2021)

### 2022 - Sophomore

- NCAA West Regional Individual Champion (Women's Classic and Women's Freestyle)
- 2022 All-RMISA Women's Nordic First Team
- Also won the 10K classical at the Montana State Invitational in January
- Nordic Skier of the Meet for MSU Invitational
- Edged by teammate Sophia Laukli for gold at the MSU Invitational's 5K freestyle

### 2022 Winter Olympics

- Made her Olympics debut with Team USA at the 2022 Winter Olympics
- Took 24th in the women's 10K classic
- Carried the third leg of USA's 4x5km relay, finishing sixth
- Raced to an 18th-place finish in the women's 30K freestyle

### On McCabe

- Two-time All-American coming off two top-five performances at the 2021 NCAA Championships
- Had a top-10 effort on Tour de Ski in 10km freestyle in January 2022
- Eight career college wins in 14 races
- 12 podiums in those 14 races

## 2022 Results

Date	Event	Race	Place
Jan. 2	Utah Invite	FS Sprints	DNR
Jan. 6	Utah Invite	10K CL	DNR
Jan. 7	RMISA Qualifier	CL Sprints	DNS
Jan. 15	MSU Invite	5K FS	2
Jan. 16	MSU Invite	10K CL	1
Feb. 1	UAF Invite	5K CL	DNR
Feb. 2	UAF Invite	10K FS	DNR
Feb. 5	RMISA Invite	5K FS	DNR
Feb. 25	RMISA Champ	5K CL	1
Feb. 26	RMISA Champ	15K FS	1



## Sydney Palmer-Leger

Sophomore - Park City, Utah  
 Career Top-20 Finishes: 18 (9 CL, 9 FS)  
 Career Top-10 Finishes: 18 (9 CL, 9 FS)  
 Career Podiums: 15 (8 CL, 7 FS)  
 Career Wins: 10 (6 CL, 4 FS)

**NCAA Championships:** Second appearance (2021)

### Top NCAA Championships Finishes:

- 5K Classic: 1st (2021)
- 15K Freestyle: 1st (2021)

### 2022 - Sophomore

- All-RMISA Women's Nordic First Team
- RMISA Most Valuable Skier (Women's Classic and Women's Freestyle)
- Nordic Skier of the Meet for the Utah Invitational
- Six wins in eight college races during the 2022 season, including in three straight starts

### 2022 FIS World Junior Championships - Lygna, Norway

- Represented United States in February at the World Junior Championships
- Sixth in the 15K freestyle
- Fifth as part of the 4x3.3K USA relay team
- Also raced in the 5K classic (19th) and 1.2K freestyle sprints (35th)

### On Palmer-Leger

- 2021 National Nordic Skier of the Year and two-time All-America First Team
- Won individual NCAA championships in 5km classical and 15km freestyle during 2021.

## 2022 Results

Date	Event	Race	Place
Jan. 2	Utah Invite	FS Sprints	1
Jan. 6	Utah Invite	10K CL	1
Jan. 7	RMISA Qualifier	CL Sprints	1
Jan. 15	MSU Invite	5K FS	3
Jan. 16	MSU Invite	10K CL	2
Feb. 1	UAF Invite	5K CL	1
Feb. 2	UAF Invite	10K FS	1
Feb. 5	RMISA Invite	5K FS	1
Feb. 25	RMISA Champ	5K CL	DNR
Feb. 26	RMISA Champ	15K FS	DNR



## Bjørn Riksaasen

(be-yrn rick-sauce-in)  
 Graduate - Vaga, Norway  
 Career Top-20 Finishes: 49 (24 CL, 25 FS)  
 Career Top-10 Finishes: 36 (17 CL, 19 FS)  
 Career Podiums: 5 (2 CL, 3 FS)  
 Career Wins: 0

**NCAA Championships:** Third appearance (2018, '21)

### Top NCAA Championships Finishes:

- 10K Classic: 5th (2021)
- 20K Freestyle: 10th (2021)

### 2022 - Graduate

- All-RMISA Men's Nordic Second Team
- Top classic finish this season was in fourth at the RMISA Championships
- First podium of 2022 came in the men's 20km freestyle at RMISA Championships

### On Riksaasen

- 2021 First Team All-American in 10km classical, Second Team in 20km freestyle
- All-RMISA First Team in 2021, Second Team in 2018 and '19

## 2022 Results

Date	Event	Race	Place
Jan. 2	Utah Invite	FS Sprints	10
Jan. 6	Utah Invite	15K CL	16
Jan. 7	RMISA Qualifier	CL Sprints	8
Jan. 15	MSU Invite	10K FS	12
Jan. 16	MSU Invite	15K CL	10
Feb. 1	UAF Invite	5K CL	9
Feb. 2	UAF Invite	10K FS	14
Feb. 5	RMISA Invite	10K FS	6
Feb. 25	RMISA Champ	10K CL	4
Feb. 26	RMISA Champ	20K FS	3



## National Finishes

Year	Combined
2021	1st
2020	Cancelled (COVID)
2019	1st
2018	4th
2017	1st
2016	3rd
2015	3rd
2014	5th
2013	2nd
2012	2nd
2011	2nd
2010	4th
2009	6th
2008	3rd
2007	4th
2006	8th
2005	3rd
2004	2nd
2003	1st
2002	3rd
2001	4th
2000	4th
1999	4th
1998	2nd
1997	1st
1996	1st
1995	2nd
1994	2nd
1993	1st
1992	3rd
1991	3rd
1990	2nd
1989	2nd
1988	1st
1987	1st
1986	1st
1985	2nd
1984	1st
1983	1st

## Men Women

1982	3rd	3rd
1981	1st	4th
1980	2nd	4th
1979	2nd	2nd
1978	5th	1st
1977	5th	2nd
1976	5th	2nd
1975	6th	-
1974	12th	-
1972	16th	-
1971	8th	-
1967	4th	-
1966	5th	-
1965	2nd	-
1959	4th	-
1957	6th	-
1956	7th	-
1955	7th	-
1954	6th	-

\* The NCAA began sponsoring a combined championship in 1983 following the discontinuation of the AIAW.

## Men's National Champions

## 10-Kilometer Freestyle (3)

1995	Havard Solbakken
1999	Rune Kollerud
2004	Henning Dybendel

## 20-Kilometer Freestyle (2)

2013	Miles Havlick
2017	Martin Bergström

## 10-Kilometer Classical (6)

1989	Hans Sjulstad
1990	Luke Bodensteiner
1993	Luke Bodensteiner
1994	Havard Solbakken
2017	Martin Bergström
2018	Martin Bergström

## 20-Kilometer Classical (4)

1995	Thomas Weman
2004	Henning Dybendel
2007	Snorri Einarsson
2012	Miles Havlick

## Slalom (8)

1959	Marvin Melville
1962	Jim Gaddis
1979	Per Nicolaysen
1981	Scott Hoffman
1985	Jeff Durtschi
1993	Mark Bonnell
1994	L.-Francois Gagnon
2001	Jernej Bukovec

## Giant Slalom (6)

1996	Andrew Hare
2003	Ben Thornhill
2004	Ben Thornhill
2006	Scott Veenis
2014	Mark Engel
2016	Endre Bjertness

## Alpine (3)

1959	Marvin Melville
1960	Jim Gaddis
1962	Jim Gaddis

## Nordic (3)

1965	Matz Jenssen
1966	Frithjof Prydz
1967	Matz Jenssen

## Cross Country (6)

1979	Svein Arne Osen
1981	Bernt Lund
1984	John Aalberg
1985	John Aalberg
1986	H.-Martin Sjulstad
1987	Asmund Drivenes

## Cross Country Relay (3)

1984	Utah
1986	Utah
1987	Utah

## Downhill (1)

1959	Marvin Melville
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## Jumping (5)

1964	Frithjof Prydz
1966	Frithjof Prydz
1967	Bjorn Loken
1976	Kip Sundgaard
1977	Ron Steele

## Skimeister (1)

1967	Matz Jenssen
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## Women's National Champions

## 5-Kilometer Freestyle (6)

1995	Heidi Selnes
2003	Katrin Smigun
2011	Maria Graefnings
2012	Maria Graefnings
2015	Veronika Mayerhofer
2019	Julia Richter

## 15-Kilometer Freestyle (1)

2021	Sydney Palmer-Leger
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## 5-Kilometer Classical (1)

2021	Sydney Palmer-Leger
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## 15-Kilometer Classical (3)

1992	Kristin Vestgren
1995	Heidi Selnes
2003	Katrin Smigun

## Slalom (6)

1984	Bente Dahlum
1990	Anke Friedrich
1992	Katja Lesjak
2001	Petra Svet
2003	Lina Johansson
2016	Julie Mohagen

## Giant Slalom (10)

1983	Kathy Kreiner
1984	Bente Dahlum
1987	Vibeke Hoff
1989	Anke Friedrich
1990	Anke Friedrich
1993	Karianne Eriksen
1994	Christl Hager
1995	Christl Hager
1997	Christl Hager
2010	Eva Huckova

## Utah Records At A Glance

- Utah has 13 NCAA Championships, which ranks third all-time behind Denver (24) and Colorado (19). The Utes also won an AIAW title in 1978, bringing their total to 14.
- Utah's 78 individual national championships ranks third all-time.
- Marvin Melville won three individual titles in 1959 – downhill, slalom and Alpine. The three titles in one year ties for the most in NCAA history.
- Four Utes combined to win five individual titles in 1995, still the NCAA record for most individual championships by one school in a season. Harvard Solbakken (10-km freestyle), Heidi Selnes (5-km freestyle and 15-km classical) Thomas Weman (20-km classical), and Christl Hager (giant slalom) all won titles for Utah that season.
- Christl Hager is the only three-time repeat champion in Utah history, which also ties the national record. She won the giant slalom in 1994, 1995 and 1997.