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LATEST NEWS



STRENGTHENING ODST's HIGH-PERFORMANCE FUTURE Candace Crawford & Mattia Cason join Ontario Development Ski Team Coaching Staff

Alpine Ontario (AOA) is proud to welcome two accomplished former international racers to the **2025-26 Ontario Development Ski Team (ODST) coaching staff: Candace Crawford and Mattia Cason**. They join **Head Coach Henry Yeigh**, alongside **Tobias Porter** in his second year with the program, further elevating the depth and expertise of the ODST coaching team.

Candace Crawford brings exceptional high-performance experience to the ODST program. Developed through the **Georgian Peaks Ski Club** system, Candace represented Canada at the **World Junior Championships** in 2013, 2014, and 2015, before delivering a breakthrough 2014-2015 season, where she captured the **NorAm Cup overall title**, along with first-place finishes in slalom, giant slalom, and alpine combined.

She made her **World Cup** debut in 2014, earning multiple top-30 finishes, including a career-best 9th place, and was a key contributor to Canada's silver medal performance in the Nations Team Event at the **2015 FIS Alpine World Ski Championships**. Candace went on to represent Canada at the **2018 Olympic Winter Games** in PyeongChang, competing in four events on the sport's biggest stage.

Highly regarded for her technical insight and analytical approach, Candace brings a strong focus on tactical awareness, mental resilience, and athlete ownership into her coaching. Her firsthand experience navigating the Canadian high-performance pathway uniquely positions her to guide ODST athletes as they pursue success at the international level.

the prestigious Carabinieri Sports Centre (CS Carabinieri) and earning selection to the **Italian National Team** during the 2019–2020 season.

His career includes **Europa Cup** and **World Cup** competition, where he developed deep expertise in technical execution, tactical decision-making, physical preparation, and high-performance equipment management. After retiring from racing at age 25, Mattia transitioned seamlessly into coaching, applying elite-level performance knowledge to the development of emerging athletes.

Investing in Coaching to Elevate Performance - Alpine Fund

Together, **Candace Crawford** and **Mattia Cason** represent a significant step forward for the ODS program. Their combined international experience, athlete-first approach, and passion for development will enhance the technical, tactical, and performance culture within Alpine Ontario.

*"The ability to **attract and retain this level of coaching talent** is a direct result of the support we receive through the **Alpine Fund**," said **Head Coach Henry Yeigh**. "These investments allow us to build a coaching team that not only **raises daily training standards** but also provides our athletes with **mentors who understand what it takes to succeed at the highest levels of the sport**. The impact on athlete development is immediate and long-lasting."*

AOA proudly welcomes Candace Crawford and Mattia Cason and looks forward to the impact they will have on Ontario's next generation of elite ski racers.



**WELCOME
TO OUR NEW PARTNER!**



WHITE RAVEN ENERGY JOINS ALPINE ONTARIO **Platinum Partner - Fueling the Next Generation of Athletes**

We're excited to welcome **White Raven Energy** as a **Platinum Partner** of **Alpine Ontario** for the 2026 season!

This new partnership is all about fueling potential. With a **shared commitment to performance, perseverance, and community development**, White Raven Energy's support will **directly impact the development** of young ski racers across the province—helping them reach new heights both on and off the hill.

"White Raven Energy brings a bold energy to our team—quite literally," says Pat Biggs, Executive Director, Alpine Ontario. "Their investment in our programs means more opportunities for athletes, more access to training, and more momentum heading into a big season."

White Raven Energy echoes the enthusiasm for what lies ahead: *"We are proud to be a partner of Alpine Ontario to help support the development of the next generation of ski talent in Ontario."* says **Fred Eaton, CEO, White Raven Energy**. *"We believe in the energy that drives people forward, whether it's on the slopes, in competition, or in their lives away from skiing. Alpine Ontario does such a great job of that, and that is why we are so excited about this opportunity to help out."*

We're proud to team up with a partner that's helping us move the sport forward—one athlete, one race, and one run at a time.

Welcome to the AOA family, White Raven Energy. Let's fuel greatness—together!



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FROM DEVASTATING LOSS TO MOUNTAIN LEGACY A Blue Mountain Chalet Story

At **Alpine Ontario Alpin (AOA)**, we're proud to work with sponsors who **share our passion for mountain living and quality craftsmanship**. This remarkable story from Normerica showcases exactly the kind of excellence we love to highlight for our community.

When Speed Meets Quality

In recent years, a family faced every **homeowner's nightmare: fire destroyed** their beloved Blue Mountain chalet. They were anxious to recover what they'd lost. But this wasn't just about rebuilding a structure — it was about restoring a gathering place where generations of memories had been made and ensuring it would be ready for the next ski season.

Working against an incredibly tight timeline, this family partnered with Normerica to **reimagine their mountain retreat**. What resulted was something even better than what was lost.

A Chalet Designed for Real Family Living

Inspired by **Normerica's Nipissing model but completely customized** for the mountainside property, the new 2,852 square foot chalet doubled the original footprint by incorporating a full basement beneath the 1,426 sq ft main floor.

The transformation is remarkable: six bedrooms now provide space for adult children, spouses, and grandchildren — no more fighting over who sleeps on the pullout couch! But it's the practical details that really stand out: a generous mudroom designed for actual ski gear storage, a dedicated dog-washing station (because we know your four-legged family members join every mountain adventure), and direct basement access for equipment and seasonal storage.

These aren't decorative features — they're the **essentials that make chalet life actually work for active families**.

How They Built It So Fast

Here's what makes this project remarkable: this **entire rebuild was completed in just over a year** from the family's first contact with Normerica to move-in, without cutting a single corner on quality.

And the energy performance? Outstanding. Their panelized building systems achieved less than 1.0 air changes per hour at 50 pascals — delivering a mountain retreat that's as efficient as it is beautiful.

Your Mountain Retreat Awaits

Located steps from a Blue Mountain ski club, this chalet proves that when family memories are waiting to be made, you don't have to choose between speed, sustainability, and uncompromising quality.

Check out all the photos and full project details to see how Normerica transformed devastating loss into a reimagined family legacy.

If you're looking to capture the beauty of a timber frame for your home, cottage, or ski chalet, **reach out to the Normerica team**



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Some projects aren't just about building — they're about creating spaces where your family's story continues for generations to come. **Normerica** — *Fall in love with craftsmanship.*



THE NEXT CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL SKI ACADEMY **Rebuilt, Renewed, Ready for the Future**

Forty years ago, 200 Oak Street found a new purpose as the home of the National Ski Academy. Within its walls, **young athletes learned to dream big, rise early, train with discipline, and pursue excellence** both on the snow and in the classroom.

This iconic home of **Canadian ski development** has long been a place where student-athletes pushed boundaries, built character, and prepared for life through sport. That **legacy of high standards and commitment continues** to guide the Academy today.

National Ski Academy is **actively recruiting an Athletic Program Director / Head Coach** to lead the athletic program forward, setting the standard for performance, athlete development, and competitive excellence.

While recruitment is underway, **Jürg Gfeller will serve as Interim Athletic Director**, supporting the ongoing development of the program and ensuring a smooth transition as the National Ski Academy prepares to welcome its new Head Coach.

We are **recruiting committed student-athletes for the 2026–2027 team**; young competitors ready to challenge themselves in a high-performance environment that values discipline, growth, and balance.

For more information or to explore the National Ski Academy further, please contact: **Joanne Hale** **Executive Director, National Ski Academy** www.nsa.on.ca

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CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS!

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HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF SKI RACING IN ONTARIO Looking for Committee Members!

Alpine Ontario Alpin is seeking **community members to join two key committees** that support the work of our Board of Directors:

- **Finance Committee**
- **Discipline & Complaints Committee**

Each committee is chaired by a member of the Alpine Ontario Board of Directors, with committee members drawn from our broader community. Participation is a low-time commitment and a meaningful way to give back to the sport we all love. Meetings are held virtually, are professional in tone, and focused on clear, action-oriented outcomes.

If you're interested in contributing your time and expertise, we'd love to hear from you. Learn more and express interest directly 📧 **AOA Executive Director** [Patrick Biggs](#) or **AOA Board Chair** [Stephanie Warner](#)

Together, we can continue to **strengthen ski racing across Ontario**.

UPCOMING EVENTS





WOMEN IN COACHING WEBINAR

Featuring Marie-Ève Boulianne
February 2, 2026

Meet Canadian Development Coach Marie-Ève Boulianne, hear insights from Alpine Canada's Women's Development Team.

- How to **build competence and confidence** in high-performance coaching - Coach education credits

[Register for WIC WEBINAR HERE](#)



WOMEN IN COACHING ON-SNOW SESSION

ACA | CSIA Collab
February 3, 2026

Join us for a dedicated day of **inspiring on-snow sessions**, targeted for women coaches, professional development, and mentorship that features additional crossover sessions with CSIA Women in Skiing. - Coach education credits

[Register for WIC ON-SNOW HERE](#)

NZ SL TRAINING
5:30PM - 8:00PM
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Every Wednesday
Jan 7 - Feb 25

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NZ 'WEDNESDAY' NIGHTS

Training Sessions - Glacier Ski Club - MSLM

Feb 5 to Feb 25
Train: 5:30-8:00pm
Race Fee: \$15
Lift Ticket: \$50 + HST

Nik Zoricic



NZ THURSDAY NIGHTS

"Get in the Gates" - Only 4 nights left!

Sessions will now run **4:30 PM - 7:30 PM**, from **Thursday, January 29** through **Thursday, February 19th**.

participate.

To pre-register, [Click HERE](#)



TWO
World Cup Ski Cross Races
@ Craigleith Ski Club
March 21 & 22, 2026
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AOA COACH SKI CROSS
MODULE

📍 **Craigleith Ski Club, The Blue Mountains, ON**
Feb 7, 2026

- 1 Online eLearning (Part A/B) – www.coach.ca | \$45 | 1.5 hrs
- 2 On-Snow Module – Feb 7, 2026 | \$25
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