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**2018 Women's USCSA ECSC MacConnell Division
Team Announced**



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Alexandra Skovran from the University of Connecticut has been named ECSC MacConnell Division Skier of the Year, while Castleton University's Li Aunes was selected as Rookie of the Year. University of Connecticut head coach Bruce Diamond was named Coach of the Year, while the women's team from St. Anselm College earned the MacConnell Division Team Sportsmanship Award. In addition, nine women's alpine skiers were selected to the All-Sportsmanship Team.

Skiing to the podium in eight of ten races this season, the University of Connecticut's Alexandra Skovran finished the season with four victories and two runner-up performances to go along with two third place results. Skovran earned 680 points throughout the season to claim the women's ECSC MacConnell Division crown over Elizabeth Baer of Babson College and Linn Ljungemo from Castleton University. Baer and Ljungemo finished the regular season tied for second place with 545 points each. Coincidentally, Baer and Ljungemo tied for first place during the giant slalom at West Mountain earlier in the season. Baer collected one additional victory and three more podiums during the season, while Ljungemo picked up an additional victory of her own and four more top-three results. Castleton University's Li Aunes finished close behind Baer and Ljungemo in fourth place with 534 points to earn ECSC MacConnell Division Rookie of the Year Honors. Aunes finished all ten races within the top-ten, including three slalom victories and one runner-up result. Another Castleton skier, Kylie Mackie, rounded out the top-five with 460 points. Mackie finished nine of ten races no worse than fourth with one runner-up position and three third place results.

The women from Castleton University will go into the USCSA Eastern Regional Championships as heavy favorites out of the ECSC MacConnell Division after leading the division by winning eight of ten regular season races. Babson College won two races during the season and finished in the runner-up position in the overall team standings. The University of Connecticut women finished third in the division, while St. Anselm College and the University of Massachusetts-Amherst placed fourth and fifth to earn the final berths to the regional championships. Clarkson University's Caroline Bonin qualified for the regional championships as an individual based on her top-15 regular season ranking.

Women's USCSA ECSC All-MacConnell Division Team

- 1st place: Alexandra Skovran, University of Connecticut
- 2nd place (tie): Elizabeth Baer, Babson College
- 2nd place (tie): Linn Ljungemo, Castleton University
- 4th place: Li Aunes, Castleton University
- 5th place: Kylie Mackie, Castleton University
- 6th place: Michelle Martin, Babson College
- 7th place: Kirsten Kruk, Castleton University
- 8th place: Payton Andrews, University of Massachusetts-Amherst
- 9th place: Tatum Alkier, Babson College
- 10th place: Alexandra Marshall, University of Connecticut
- 11th place: Jillian Sherpa, University of Connecticut
- 12th place: Caroline Bonin, Clarkson University
- 13th place: Taylor Cudhea, St. Anselm College
- 14th place: Leika Scott, St. Anselm College
- 15th place: Katherine Quinn, St. Anselm College

ECSC MacConnell Division Skier of the Year: *Alexandra Skovran, University of Connecticut*

ECSC MacConnell Division Rookie of the Year: *Li Aunes, Castleton University*

ECSC MacConnell Division Coach of the Year: *Bruce Diamond, University of Connecticut*

ECSC MacConnell Division Team Sportsmanship Award: *St. Anselm College*

ECSC MacConnell Division All-Sportsmanship Team:

- Amber Bick, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Taylor Cudhea, St. Anselm College
- Matilda Gutke, New England College
- Alexis Kane, Babson College
- Keara Kresser, Castleton University
- Ali Martin, University of Massachusetts-Amherst
- Selin Ozulkulu, Brown University
- Sarah Smith, Clarkson University
- Sabina Spofford, University of Connecticut