Do skiers need to set goals? How can it help performance?

Many athletes achieve some success without using formal goal setting, but virtually every great athlete who consistently succeeds uses some form of goal setting.

~ GOALS TURN DREAMS INTO REALITY ~

Direction

Goals tell you what you need to do and how to get there

Feedback

Goals tell you when you are making progress

Support

Goals keep you going when you might otherwise not want to keep going

Long-term Goals:

5+ years – What do you want to accomplish in your life? In your skiing?

Short-term Goals:

2 - 4 years – Where do you see yourself in 2 - 3 - 4 years?

Immediate Goals:

6 months - 1 year – What do you want to accomplish this season?

Right Now Goals:

daily & weekly – What do you want to accomplish this session, this weekend?

Set S.M.A.R.T. Goals

Specific: What outcome would you like? Measurable: How will you know when you've reached it? Attainable: On a scale of 1 to 10, how confident are you that you will achieve it? Relevant: On a scale of 1 to 10, how meaningful is this goal to you? Time bound: When do you intend to reach your chosen end point?

~FOCUS ON HABITS~

Those who succeed and those who do not succeed have the same GOALS.

What separates them from each other is their HABITS.

Focusing on habits shifts the dialogue

From – what you want to achieve – To – how to achieve what you want

Building new habits for success:

Be clear on what new habit you want to build – where/when will you do it?

Keep it simple, focus on improvement, not perfection – the more you do something the easier it gets to do it, and the better the quality gets.

Acknowledge small gains positively – it triggers the dopamine response, the immediate reward for making progress. When dopamine rises so does your motivation to continue building the habit.

Good habits compound on each-other. Tracking progress is one tool to confirm a new habit is being built.