

9 - PNSA SELECTION PROCEDURES

PNSA Selection Procedures are used to qualify PNSA racers for regional and national events where an official team will represent PNSA. Selection procedures vary depending on the age and the ability of the racer. It is PNSA's philosophy that younger racers be rewarded for solid, all-event skiing, whereas the older, more experienced skiers are rewarded for excelling in any event. The final selection and all selection boards are on record and available in the PNSA office.

The Athletic Development Sub-committee of the ACC oversees PNSA Selections. The respective working group for each age class conducts specific selections.

YOUTH SKI LEAGUE WORKING GROUP

J4 Festival selections

J-3 WORKING GROUP

Western Region J3 Junior Olympics

J1-2 WORKING GROUP

All FIS events including:

Divisional ENL FIS races

Western Region FIS JUN (J2 Classification)

Western Region Devo FIS series

Western Region Elite FIS series

Western Region Junior Championships

PNSA DOUBLE SELECTION BOARD

The PNSA Double Selection Board generally follows the same procedure as the Regional Double Selection Board Method as described in the USSA Alpine Competition Guide. However, the PNSA Double Selection Board order of events is as follows: GS, SG, SL & DH.

Rules for Setting up the Board

1. Only the events contested at the competition will be placed on the board.
2. The Place Points board comes first followed by the USSA Points board.
3. Racers are awarded place points at identified selection races. A racer's best two results in each event are added together and placed in the appropriate column. Columns for each event are arranged with the top ranked racer first.
4. Only eligible PNSA athletes at the time of the selection will receive place points. Current automatics at the time of the selection, past and present members of the US Ski Team, racers from other divisions and racers normally excluded from the event will not be awarded place points.
5. Ties in Place Points:
 - a. Considering a racer's single best place point result in that event first breaks ties. Next, considering any unused place point result in that event breaks ties.
 - b. If, after all place point results have been considered, a tie still exists, the racer with higher USSA points (worse rank) on the current list at the selection deadline will be placed ahead of the other tied racer on the board. Only the USSA points of the event in which the tie exists will be considered.
6. The USSA Points board is arranged in columns for each event with the top ranked racer first based on the identified selection races and the most current USSA points list.

7. For racers to be included on the USSA Points side of the board they must have competed in at least one of the selection races of the qualifying series.
8. When a tie exists on the USSA Points board the racer ranked higher on the Place Points board of the same event will be ranked first.

Selection

Selection is made by moving across the board, left to right, and choosing the racer in each column before moving to the next row. If a racer has previously been chosen from the board, the racer is skipped over and the selection procedure continues. If a column does not contain a racer, the blank column is skipped and selection continues across the board.

Example

Selection for a 4-event, 12-person team:

| Place Points Board | | | | USSA Seed Points Board | | | |
|--------------------|----|----|----|------------------------|----|----|----|
| GS | SG | SL | DH | GS | SG | SL | DH |
| A | B | E | D | A | X | D | C |
| G | D | Q | E | F | E | X | Z |
| R | Z | D | Q | Z | M | Q | D |
| F | Q | B | M | T | D | C | Q |

Selection: A, B, E, D, X, C, G, Q, F, Z, R, & M

PNSA SINGLE SELECTION BOARD

In case no selection races are held prior to the selection announcement date, a single selection board will be used. In this case, only the USSA seed points portion of the Double Board is utilized. The selection procedure for the Single Board is otherwise the same as that described for the double selection board.

WESTERN REGION ELITE FIS SERIES SELECTION

A single selection board will be used to select PNSA teams to WR Elite FIS Series events, using the identified USSA Points List. (See *Intent* and *Selection Deadlines* in the Appendix.) There are no PNSA selection races for these events. Only the events contested will be placed on the board.

Eligibility to be placed on the Board

1. Racers must be licensed members in good standing of USSA and PNSA.
2. Racers must have submitted their PNSA Intent to Compete Form to the PNSA office as per guidelines. (See PNSA Intent to Compete procedures later in this section.)
3. Racers must be FIS-age eligible and have a current FIS license.
4. Racers who are in violation of the USSA Code of Conduct, USSA policy or PNSA policy will not be placed on the board.

Only PNSA racers who meet the Elite Pass point cut-off in one of the contested events will be included on the selection board.

5. Current automatics, past and present members of USST, any racers normally excluded from the event, and any racers not eligible for the PNSA quota will not be placed on the board.
6. Racers may petition for discretionary consideration. (See Discretionary Policy later in this section.)

Alternate List

For all Western Region Elite FIS races an alternate list will include all eligible racers who have submitted an Intent to Compete Form to the PNSA office. If after notifying racers to the extent of this list, the PNSA quota is still not filled, no further racers will be selected.

WESTERN REGION FIS SERIES SELECTION & WR FIS J2 CLASSIFICATION RACE

Classification System

A single selection board will be used to select PNSA teams to WR FIS Series events, and the J2 Classification race using the most current USSA Points List. There are no PNSA selection races for these competitions. Only the events contested will be placed on the board.

Eligibility to be placed on the Board

1. Racers must be licensed members in good standing of USSA and PNSA.
2. Racers must have submitted their PNSA Intent to Compete Form to the PNSA office as per guidelines. (See PNSA Intent to Compete procedures later in this section.)
3. Racers must be FIS-age eligible and have a current FIS license.
4. Racers who are in violation of the USSA Code of Conduct, USSA policy or PNSA policy will not be placed on the board.
5. All "A" competitors qualifying must hold a current FIS license and must have points on the current FIS list in at least one of the contested events.
6. For the J2 Classification series, only FIS Junior competitors will be considered. The quota will be split 1/3 first-year J2, 1/3 second-year J2, and 1/3 J1 athletes.
7. Racers must meet the PNSA Elite Pass Point Cutoffs* in the contested event in order to be placed on the board. ****Coaches must file a petition for athletes intending to compete in speed events who do not meet the Elite Pass Point Cutoffs in SG or DH.***

Alternate List

For the Western Region FIS Series an alternate list will include all eligible racers who have submitted an Intent to Compete Form to the PNSA office. If after notifying racers to the extent of this list, the PNSA quota is still not filled, no further racers will be selected.

For the J2 Classification series, an alternate list will be made in the following order: 1st year J2, 2nd year J2, then J1. If after notifying racers to the extent of this list, the PNSA quota is still not filled, no further racers will be selected.

WESTERN REGION JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

The double selection board method will be used to fill the PNSA quota to the Western Region Junior Championships, using the identified selection races and the most current USSA points list valid at the time of the selection. All PNSA NW Cup races held prior to the selection deadline, will be used as selection races; for 2008-2009, the Sun Cup will not be used.. A racer's best two results in each event will be counted.

Place points will be assigned to the top 30 PNSA finishers using World Cup points, who are eligible at the time of the selection. (See appendix) The best two results in each event will be used on the selection board. Two selection boards will be constructed with eligible athletes placed on both boards. The appropriate number of events, that is, only those events contested at the Junior Championships will be placed on the appropriate selection board.

Eligibility to be placed on the Board

1. Racers must be licensed members in good standing of USSA and PNSA.
2. Racers must be age-eligible for the championship event.
3. Racers must have competed in at least one of the designated selection races.
4. Racers who are in violation of the USSA Code of Conduct, USSA policy or PNSA policy will not be placed on the board.
5. Racers must have a current FIS license

Alternate List

The alternate lists for the Western Region Junior Championships will have no limitations. All effort will be made to fill the PNSA quota with eligible PNSA racers.

WESTERN J3 JUNIOR OLYMPICS SELECTION

A modified single selection board will be used to fill the PNSA quota to the Western J3 Olympics. Only place points are used on the board. Racers earn place points at identified selection races, called "J3 Qualifiers".

Rules for Setting up the Board

1. Place points will be assigned to the top 30 eligible PNSA finishers for each run at the selection races. World Cup points will be assigned. (See appendix.)
2. A racer's best 2 results in each event will be counted.
3. Racers will be ranked in a single column by accumulated place points counted from all events.
4. Considering a racer's best-unused place points result in any event breaks ties in the Selection Board list. If a tie still exists, the racer with the lowest single race points result from the qualifying races will be ranked first.
5. Selection will begin with the highest ranked athlete and continue down the list until the quota has been filled.

Eligibility to be placed on the Board

1. Racers must be licensed members in good standing of USSA and PNSA.
2. Racers must be J3-age eligible.
3. Racers who are in violation of the USSA Code of Conduct, USSA policy or PNSA policy will not be placed on the board.

4. Racers normally excluded from the event, and any racers not eligible for the PNSA quota, will not be placed on the board.
5. Racers selected in the first round of the NDS National J3 project and the regional selections as candidates to Topolino will be automatics to the J3 Junior Olympics and will be considered to be the regional director's quota.

Alternate List

The alternate list for the Western Region J3 Olympics will have no limitations. All efforts will be made to fill the PNSA quota with eligible PNSA racers.

Team Announcement

The J3 Junior Olympic Team and the team alternates will be selected after the completion of the last PNSA J3 qualifying competition. The team members will be announced as soon as the J3 working group members validate the selection.

J3 Junior Olympics Seeding

A ranking list for each event will come from the PNSA office, based upon the place points earned in each event used on the selection board.

Considering any unused place point results in that event will break ties in place points. If a tie still exists, the racer with the lowest single race point result in that event from the qualifying races will be ranked first.

J4 FESTIVAL SELECTION

PNSA participants at the Western Region J4 Festival will be selected by results from the PNSA Buddy Werner Championships. PNSA will select three boys and three girls. Selection for each gender will be conducted as follows:

1. Selection proceeds in the following order until three individual athletes are selected:
 - a. GS winner
 - b. SL winner
 - c. Combined winner
 - d. 2nd place GS finisher
 - e. 2nd place SL finisher
 - f. 3rd place GS finisher
2. Until three athletes have been selected, ties are not broken.
3. If a tie exists when selecting the 3rd athlete the following tie-breaking criteria will be applied:
 - a. use GS race points to break the tie
 - b. use SL race points to break the tie
 - c. use Combined race points (GS and SL) to break the tie
 - d. use a coin toss
4. If an athlete declines the invitation, the next qualifying alternate will be invited.

PNSA DISCRETIONARY POLICY

PNSA allows discretionary selections*. The following procedures apply:

1. The last 2 places of the quota will be considered for discretionary selection.
2. Petitions for discretionary selection are due in the PNSA office prior to the Selection Deadline. Late petitions will not be considered.
3. Final decision of a discretionary petition will be a majority vote from the appropriate working group of the Athletic Development Sub-committee.
4. Petitions that are denied will be forwarded to the Western Region for consideration.

* There are no discretionary quota spots for the WR J1-J2 Championships, and the J3 JOs/J4 Festival.

A racer must provide evidence to show why his or her ranking should be adjusted. Examples of evidence to qualify for discretionary consideration include:

1. Physician verification of injury or illness and proof that such injury or illness prevented a racer from maintaining competitive ranking
2. Results from a higher level competition, e.g. Regional FIS race, Nor-Am, etc., that prevented a racer from competing in a qualifying event
3. Other proof that a racer's current ranking among his or her peers should be much better than indicated by the current selection procedure, i.e. results from recent competitions, prior season rankings, etc.

FOREIGN COMPETITORS IN PNSA

Foreign competitors racing for clubs within PNSA, and with a USSA "X" Competitors License, may be eligible for PNSA selections to Western Region events. Foreign racers must submit a completed Intent to Compete Form to the PNSA office before inclusion on any selection board. Foreign racers will not receive place points from any selection races conducted prior to submitting the Intent to Compete Form. Place points are not retroactive. Foreign competitors must meet all other eligibility criteria, including the submission of an authorization letter from their national federation allowing them to compete in North American FIS races for the current season. This letter should be sent to the PNSA office prior to Nov. 15th.

PNSA INTENT TO COMPETE POLICY

1. Coaches are responsible to respond to the PNSA office for each athlete intending to compete in a specific event by the **Intent Deadline**. Intents are due on the 1st day of the month preceding the event. For example, intents are due December 1 for all January races; January 1 for all February races; etc... Notification can be via mail, PNSA web site, e-mail or phone.
2. PNSA will maintain an updated intent list on the PNSA web site.
3. A preliminary selection will be published 21 days prior to the event. Final selection will be made at least 15 days prior to the event. The preliminary selection list will be derived from the intent list only, and published on the PNSA website.
4. Petitions for discretionary consideration must be received immediately following the preliminary selection.
5. Selected athletes must confirm their attendance to the event by the deadline posted on the website. Confirmation may be made via mail, PNSA web site, e-mail or phone.
6. The final selection will be published no later than 15 days prior to the event.

7. All **Intent deadlines and preliminary selection dates** will be noted in advance on the PNSA website.
8. Athletes should declare their intent to compete through their coach. Athletes can confirm their selection to an event by responding on-line, by calling the PNSA office, or by having a designated representative (e.g. a coach or parent) respond to the PNSA office.

POLICY REGARDING RACERS QUALIFYING FOR PNSA TRAVELING TEAMS

1. The PNSA office will post a notice on the PNSA website (www.pnsa.org). Athletes who are independent are required to provide the office with contact information.
2. Competitors who will not be available for contact at their usual address should contact the office after the preliminary selection to verify their selection.
3. All competitors notified that they have qualified for a team must be prepared to accept their selection by informing the office as directed. The next racer on the selection list will replace a competitor who fails to confirm with the office by the deadline.
4. A competitor who expresses the intention of competing, and fails to race without informing the office in time to effect a replacement, may be declared ineligible for the next traveling team or series. Any athlete who pulls from an event after the preliminary selection deadline will be held responsible and invoiced for ALL non-recoverable costs.
5. All competitors must have complete payment and paperwork into the PNSA office by the established **deadline** to be entered into the event.
6. Where a selected team member has failed to meet a financial obligation to the division, region or USSA by deadlines for final naming of teams, the next person on the selection list will replace the racer.
7. Western Region Junior Championship Teams: Athletes named to PNSA Junior Championship teams will be entered in all races held at the event. Athletes may choose not to compete in every event; however, they will still be responsible for the entry fee. The unused race start will not be filled with an alternate or non-named athlete.