

## 7 - PNSA ALPINE TEAM

The PNSA Alpine Team will be selected at the beginning of each race season. Team size and gender distribution will reflect the previous season's PNSA Elite Series quota. The purpose of the team is to recognize the top active junior racers in PNSA and to reward their efforts to the extent possible as they strive for the next level. There are numerous benefits to members of the PNSA Alpine Team. The benefits are defined annually and vary according to available funding. Each member of the PNSA Alpine Team receives a uniform piece.

The PNSA Alpine Team will be posted to the PNSA website in the fall.

### PNSA ALPINE TEAM SELECTION PROCEDURES

1. Eligibility for the PNSA Alpine Team requires that the competitor is a junior (aged 15-19) for the up coming season, maintains a permanent residence within division, is a registered member with a recognized PNSA club\*, was a member in good standing of PNSA and USSA during the previous season and attended Northwest Cup races held in the previous season, attends a fall and spring physical assessment, and must renew his/her USSA Competitor membership by June 30th. Exceptions: Attendance at a higher level US race that conflicts with a Northwest Cup, i.e. Super Series (Nor-Ams), or Nationals; or an injury which prohibited participation in the NW Cup events.
2. Eligibility also requires that the competitor intends to compete as a member of PNSA in Northwest Cup races during the current season. Team members must notify the PNSA office of their intent to compete in PNSA by an annual deadline of August 15<sup>th</sup>.
3. Automatic Alpine Team status is reserved for athletes who placed 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> in the NW Cup overall ranking. The balance of the team will be selected from a single selection board to be constructed by the PNSA Selection Committee using USSA points from the appropriate USSA points list which includes non-activity/injury adders or penalties.. (See "PNSA Selection Procedures" section in this manual for more information on selection boards.) Current and former members of the U.S. Ski Team and athletes who have automatic status will not be included on the board.
4. All PNSA Alpine Team members must be licensed with FIS.
5. Team members are encouraged to help the younger PNSA racers by entering non-Northwest Cup races as often as possible.
6. All PNSA Alpine Team members will first be nominated to the team and required to sign a Contract of Participation before officially being named as a PNSA Alpine Team athlete.
7. U.S. Ski Team members will become honorary members of the PNSA Alpine Team. These athletes will remain members of the PNSA Alpine Team as long as they are registered USSA members with a PNSA competitor's license.
8. Alpine Team members will receive funding disbursements at the end of the season only after all participation requirements have been met, and the athletes remain in good standing with PNSA. FIS and ENL FIS races in PNSA, where the Alpine Team member is a Pace Skier, are not eligible for funding disbursement.

\* In the case of independent racers, written authorization must be obtained from the PNSA Director of Alpine.