

5 - RULES GOVERNING PNSA COMPETITIONS

Entry Fees

Race entries must be made as indicated on the Race Announcement; full entry fees must accompany all entries. You may enter only one race series per day, entry in more than one race series scheduled on the same day will result in forfeiture of all entry fees and may result in disciplinary sanction by the ACC.

The Alpine Competition Committee recommends entry fees for the various levels of racing, usually set at the PNSA Convention each spring.

Head Tax

Each entry fee includes "head tax" for one or more of the following organizations: USSA, Western Region and PNSA. Head taxes for 2016-2017 are:

Type of Race	USSA	WR	PNSA	Total
YSL	\$0.00	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$1.00
Masters	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8.00	\$8.00
USSA Scored	\$10.00	\$4.00	\$11.00	\$25.00
WR FIS	\$10.00	\$12.00	\$0.00	\$22.00

Entry Deadlines

Race Entry Deadlines are listed on the PNSA Race Calendar, usually 10 days prior to the first event. All entries must be postmarked by the Entry Deadline. Late entries, phone entries, or entries submitted without payment may be denied by the race organizer or may be subject to a late fee. Late entries may be first cut from a race when field size exceeds limit. It is the racer's responsibility to check with the race organizer to see if a late entry has been accepted.

Entry Refunds

Weather and snow conditions can at times cause the cancellation of a race or training day. Also, a racer may cancel his/her entry for reasons of illness, etc. If cancellation occurs the following policy will apply:

Cancellation by a racer: If a sponsoring host club is advised 24 hours before the race start, or 24 hours before the training day for DH or Super G, of the inability of a previously entered competitor to attend, the entry fee will be fully refunded. This policy also applies in the case where a race is relocated and the competitor is unable to attend at the new site.

Cancellation of a training day: Upon cancellation by the jury, TD, or race organization, of a DH or Super G training day, up to 50% of the total training fee may be kept by the host club to recover expenses associated with set-up for training.

Cancellation of a race: Upon cancellation by the jury, TD, or race organization of a race on the actual day of the event, the host club may keep up to 50% of the club's portion of the total entry fee collected. The head tax portions and at least 50% of the club's portion must be refunded to the racers. If a race is cancelled prior to the actual day of the event, the total entry fee must be refunded to the competitors.

Seeding Systems

In ski racing, "seeding" is the process by which racers are assigned bib numbers and arranged in a start order for competition. There are four methods used for PNSA Junior racing, and two additional methods used for Western Region FIS and Junior Championship events.

Buddy Werner

See Chapter 4

Ability Class

See Ability Class addendum

TRS System

The first run start list is drawn at random. Second run is the reverse of the first run start list. Third run begins with the second half of the first run start list and then continues with the first half of the first run start list. Fourth run is the reverse of the third run order. After the 4th run a new "first run" is drawn at random and the process starts all over. Not all runs in the 4 run series need to be at the same mountain or event. If one SL is held one weekend and the next SL for the same group is held on a future weekend the first two runs of SL on the second weekend will be treated as runs 3 & 4 in the TRS system.

Example:

1st Run or Race:	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10
2nd Run or Race:	10,9,8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1
3rd Run or Race:	6,7,8,9,10,1,2,3,4,5
4th Run or Race:	5,4,3,2,1,10,9,8,7,6

With the TRS Seeding System all racers receive a 2nd run in SL or GS, whether they finished the 1st run or not.

Insertion of new athletes in an existing TRS draw - When new athletes will be inserted in an existing TRS draw, the following procedures must be followed. This example assumes an existing start order with 100 athletes, and you are inserting 3 new athletes:

1. All athletes from the original draw are left on the start list, even if they are not entered in the race, and all new athletes must be left in the draw, even if they are not entered in the 4th run (for SG/DH situations).
2. New athletes are inserted after racer number 25 of the original draw (run 1).
3. The 'resorted' start list, which includes the new athletes, must expand the first ½ of the selected athletes by the number of new/inserted athletes (50 becomes 53), and the second ½ remains the same (50). The 3rd and 4th start lists would be thus:
3rd : 54, 55, 56, 57, 58....103, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5....53 (with the new athletes at 26, 27, 28)
4th : 53, 52, 51, 50...1, 103, 99, 98, 97....54 (with the new athletes at 26, 27, 28)

USSA Point Seeding

Evergreen Cup and NW Cup races are seeded by USSA points. Competitors are placed on the board in point order (lowest to highest). The USSA points used will always be from the current USSA Points list. The first seed of competitors, usually a group of 15, are randomly drawn. The remainder of the field runs in point order. This establishes the 1st run order.

For SL and GS (two run events), those racers who legally finished the first run are allowed a second run. Racers are ranked in order of first run finish with the top 30 finishers running in reverse order. Therefore the

30th fastest time from the first run starts 1st, and the fastest time starts 30th. All others race in finish order of first run. The Jury may approve that the 1st-run DNF, DSQ, and DNS athletes be allowed to participate in the second run, running after the last racer with a valid 1-st run time.

Western Region U14 & U16 Championships Seeding

The Board of Directors of USSA has approved 3 special seeding procedures for this event.

Turton Method: The field is divided into seeds of approximately 15 and each division is given slots in each seed equal to its percentage of the entire field. Each division assigns racers to seeds by its own procedures. Each seed is then randomly drawn to determine start order.

Modified Turton Method: The second method follows the Turton Method through the creation of the seeds, then, before a specific athlete is placed on the board, each seed is randomly drawn. The divisions then place their athletes within the starting numbers assigned to their division.

5-Seed Method: There will be 5 equal seeds, taking the divisional quota divided by 5 to determine each division's quota per seed. If the quota is not evenly divisible by 5, then the first seed is increased by one more until the quota is complete. The Seeding Chart is shown in the [WR Handbook](#).

At the WR U14 and U16 Championships, PNSA will assign racers to each seed in order of their ranking from the PNSA U14 and U16 Qualifying series. Each event will be ranked separately.

Western Region U19/U21 Championships and FIS Races

At all Western Region FIS and U19/U21 Championships races, seeding is done using the current FIS points list, and follows the same procedure as USSA seeding described above.

PNSA Race Field Size

1. There shall be no more than 140 racers on one course - Buddy Werner Championships excepted.
2. The number of competitors in a race must not exceed 140. This means 140 men and 140 women, if the event includes men and women racing on separate courses. Exceptions to this rule are:
 - a. FIS races where guaranteed national quotas may generate field sizes over 140.
 - b. Buddy Werner Championships
3. The number of racers in a race may be determined by the Race Organizing Committee, however, not to exceed 140. This number must be announced on the race calendar or by a mailing to the racers concerned.

When the field size at the deadline exceeds the maximum of the announced limitation, host organization competitors, who are otherwise qualified to enter the event, will be selected first. Then all other competitors will be selected by USSA points - lowest points first. The organizer must notify those competitors not included in the field as soon as possible.

Out-of-Division Racers in PNSA Events

Racers from other divisions are welcome to compete in PNSA races to the extent compatible with field size restrictions. The racer must meet the qualifications of the PNSA race series being entered. Racers should contact their Divisional office at least two weeks prior to the race.

Race Announcements

Each race organizer is required to send a race announcement "fact sheet" to the PNSA office for posting on the PNSA web site. Announcements should be sent out in good time, at least 14 days prior to the entry deadline. Information that is to be included on a race announcement:

1. Name of race, type of race series, dates of race and race location.
2. Entry fee amount, entry deadline and address for mailing of entry fees.
3. Race Chairman's name, email and phone numbers.
4. Location of race headquarters during the event.
5. Housing and wax-room facilities, if appropriate.
6. Time and location of the Team Captains' meetings.
7. Price of lift passes, and time and location to purchase pass.
8. Daily schedule of events, including start times and race hill locations.
9. Time and location of racer registration, bib distribution and amount of bib deposit.
10. Time and location of awards or awards banquet, if appropriate.
11. Other special instructions i.e. complimentary entries, late fee, protest fee, etc.

Race Results

Race results must be received in the PNSA office no later than three days following a race. All results to be included on the USSA Points list must be submitted by email using the latest USSA-approved format, and a hard copy of computer generated results. Race organizers will be provided with instructions for submitting results for Scoring to USSA and FIS. All results must be accompanied by the race code number for that event, and the signed T.D. Report for each race. If not using the USSA on-line race registration process, head tax payment in three separate checks - Western Region, PNSA and USSA in full - must accompany results sent to PNSA.

Team Captains Meeting - Racer Representation

It is the responsibility of all racers to be represented at the Team Captains meeting, and to receive information concerning the competition and the rules of the day.

PNSA "Pace Skier" Policy

The purpose of the Pace Skier Policy is to assist racers, who normally compete at higher levels of competition, when they participate in divisional racing. Those racers are encouraged to compete at divisional events, thereby sharing their experiences with lesser skilled competitors. This approach helps generate appropriate FIS or USSA point levels at each series. To determine who qualifies as a Pace Skier, FIS points will be used at FIS races, and USSA points will be used at PNSA/USSA scored races. The pace skier policy applies only to PNSA/USSA scored races and to PNSA FIS races.

1. The following PNSA racers, or former PNSA Alpine Team members, are considered Pace Skiers:
 - a. Western Region Automatics and those with a WR Automatic Point Profile
 - b. FIS or USSA points of 75 or lower in the event contested
2. Any Pace Skier, who meets the above qualifications and is one of the 5 lowest points holders seeded in a PNSA race, will receive complimentary entry fees. PNSA will waive the PNSA head tax and pay the USSA and Western Region head tax for the race organizer. The race organizer will waive the club's portion of the entry fee. The organizer must submit the list of racers whom they have waived fees and head tax with the Official Results.

3. Race organizers are encouraged to provide other financial assistance to Pace Skiers, e.g. lift tickets, whenever appropriate. It is the competitors' responsibility to check with the race organizer to verify if they hold Pace Skier status.