

## 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 level of competition/race. 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 a single event. All selection boards and final selections 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.

- 1) U14 SUB-COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP
  - a) Western Region U14 Championships
- 2) U16 SUB-COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP
  - a) Western Region U16 Championships
- 3) U19-U21 SUB-COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP
  - a) All FIS events including:
    - i) Western Region Open FIS series
    - ii) Western Region Elite FIS series
    - iii) Western Region U19/U21 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:
- 6) 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.
- 7) 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.
- 8) 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.
- 9) 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.
- 10) 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, that 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 Modified Double Board for U16 Championships**

The PNSA Modified Double Selection Board generally follows the same procedure as the PNSA Double Selection Board Method. However, the PNSA Modified Double Selection Board changes how the combined total of World Cup points is calculated, and changes the order of selection.

The World Cup points board will consist of the best single-result from each of the disciplines, combined. Selection goes 1<sup>st</sup> WC points, then 1<sup>st</sup> USSA GS, 2<sup>nd</sup> WC Points, 1<sup>st</sup> USSA SG, 3<sup>rd</sup> WC points, 1<sup>st</sup> USSA SL, 4<sup>th</sup> WC points, 2<sup>nd</sup> USSA GS, etc. If a racer has previously been chosen from the board, that 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.

### Example

Selection for a 3-event, 11-person team:

WC Points		USSA Points	USSA Points	USSA Points	Ranking Order - 1	Ranking Order continued - 2	Ranking Order continued - 3	Selection Order
	Row	GS	SG	SL				
A	1	C	A	A	1 - A - WC1	<del>12 - I - SL2</del>	<del>23 - E - SL5</del>	1 - A - WC1
B	2	D	I	I	2 - C - GS 1	13 - G - WC7	24 - K - GS6	2 - C - GS 1
C	3	E	B	C	3 - B - WC2	<del>14 - E - GS3</del>	<del>25 - F - SG6</del>	3 - B - WC2
D	4	A	C	D	<del>4 - A - SG1</del>	15 - H - WC8	<del>26 - G - SL6</del>	4 - D - WC4
E	5	J	D	E	<del>5 - C - WC3</del>	<del>16 - B - SG3</del>	<del>27 - F - GS7</del>	5 - E - WC5
F	6	K	F	G	<del>6 - A - SL1</del>	<del>17 - C - SL3</del>	<del>28 - H - SG7</del>	6 - I - SG2
G	7	F	H	F	7 - D - WC4	<del>18 - A - GS4</del>	<del>28 - F - SL7</del>	7 - F - WC6
H	8	H	J	K	<del>8 - D - GS2</del>	<del>19 - C - SG4</del>	<del>29 - H - GS8</del>	8 - G - WC7
					9 - E - WC5	<del>20 - D - SL4</del>	<del>30 - J - SG8</del>	9 - H - WC8
					10 - I - SG2	21 - J - GS5	<del>31 - K - SL8</del>	10 - J - GS5
					11 - F - WC6	<del>22 - D - SG5</del>		11 - K - GS6

## 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 FIS Elite Series Selection

A single selection board will be used to select PNSA teams to WR FIS Elite Series events, using the identified USSA Points List. (See *Intent* and *Selection Deadlines* in the Appendix.) There are no PNSA selection races for these races. 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) Only PNSA racers who meet the Elite Pass point cut-off in one of the contested events will be included on the selection board.
- 6) 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.
- 7) 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 Open/NJR Series Selection

A single selection board will be used to select PNSA teams to WR FIS Open/NJR Series events. There are no PNSA selection races for these competitions. Only the events contested will be placed on the board.

Note: When a Western Region FIS Elite or Open/NJR Series race is used as a qualifying competition for any Championship event (2017 = Schweitzer Jan. speed and Snow King Feb. tech for U19-21 Nationals), Western Region will regulate and modify how quotas may be filled by divisions in the following manner:

- Fifty percent (50%) of any divisional quota must be allocated and offered to the age group that is qualifying to the championship event.
- Subsequent divisional quota expansions may or may not be restricted to an age category by the Regional Director.

### 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 "Senior" 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) 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 Open/NJR 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.

## **Western Region U19-U21 Championships**

The double selection board method will be used to fill the PNSA quota to the Western Region U19/U21 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. A racer's best two results in each event will be counted.

Place points will be assigned to the top 30 PNSA finishers, who are eligible at the time of the selection, using World Cup points (See appendix). The best two results in each event will be used on the double selection board. The appropriate number of events, that is, only those events contested at the U19-U21 Championships will be placed on the 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.

### Alternate List

The alternate lists for the Western Region U19/U21 Championships will have no limitations. All efforts will be made to fill the PNSA quota with eligible PNSA racers.

## **Western Region U16 Championships Selection**

A modified double selection board method will be used to fill the PNSA quota to the Western Region U16 Championships, using the identified selection races and the most current USSA points list valid at the time of the selection. The World Cup points board will consist of a racer's best 3 single-best results, combined. The selection process goes 1<sup>st</sup> World Cup points,

1<sup>st</sup> USSA GS points, 2<sup>nd</sup> World Cup points, 1<sup>st</sup> USSA SG points, 3<sup>rd</sup> World Cup points, 1<sup>st</sup> USSA SL points, etc.

#### 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.

#### Alternate List

The alternate list for the Western Region U16 Championships will have no limitations. All efforts will be made to fill the PNSA quota with eligible PNSA racers.

#### Team Announcement

The U16 Championship Team and the team alternates will be selected after the completion of the last PNSA U16 qualifying competition. The team members will be announced after the U16 Working Group members validate the selection.

#### U16 Championship Seeding

A ranking list for each event will come from the PNSA office.

World Cup points (two event total) and USSA points will be used in a double board seeding process. In the event of a tie, the racer with the lowest single race points in the event from the qualifier series will be ranked first.

## **Western Region U14 Championships Selection**

Each PNSA zone (Zone 1 - Western Washington, Zone 2 - Eastern Washington and North Idaho, Zone 3 - Oregon) will select their zonal quota to fill the PNSA quota for the Western Region U14 Championships. Each zonal qualifying race will be a USSA Sanctioned race.

1. Zonal quotas will be determined by their proportion of 1<sup>st</sup>-year U14 athletes holding a current USSA Membership on List 14 of the season prior to the Championship season.
2. Each Zone will use 2 SL, 2 GS, and, optionally, 1 or 2 SG races, scored by run, where every racer has an opportunity for a second run to determine which racers will fill the quota.
3. Race dates will be approved by the ACC.
4. Of the possible 10 contested runs, the best 50% of each discipline will be considered; 2 runs of SL, 2 of GS and 1 of SG.
5. Each zone's selection process will purge all non-zonal athletes from their results prior to assigning place points.
6. Each Zone will assign "Modified World Cup points" (30 for first, 29 for 2nd, etc.) to each finisher for the race runs identified as qualifiers. For DNS, DNF, DSQ the racer will receive no points – 0 (zero). Modified World Cup points decrease by 1 point for each place, starting at 30 for 1<sup>st</sup> place.
7. In case of a tie, the tie will be broken by including to the 3<sup>rd</sup> best GS result for each racer. If the athletes are still tied, the 3<sup>rd</sup> best SL result, the second best Super G result, 4<sup>th</sup> best GS result and 4<sup>th</sup> best SL result will be used until the tie is broken. If the athletes remain

tied after all 10 results are used, combined race points for the original best 5 will be considered.

8. Each zone will determine their seeding order for each discipline. The zonal selections and seedings will be submitted to the PNSA Office for final approval at least 2 weeks prior to WR U14 Champs.
9. The PNSA Office will seed the qualified athletes for the WR U14 Championships by:
  - a. Each PNSA zone will submit their selected athletes seeded by discipline.
  - b. Athletes from each zone will be grouped in their respective seeds by discipline with athletes from the other zones to create PNSA seeding groups by discipline.
  - c. The PNSA seeding groups will consist of one to three athletes per seed depending on the zonal quota allocation defined above.
  - d. PNSA will randomly draw athletes within a seeding group to create the individual seeding for U14 WR Champs by discipline.
  - e. Earlier seeded zonal athletes and seeding groups will always take priority over later seeded zonal athletes and seeding groups when being drawn into the WR U14 Championship seeding matrix.

## **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.

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

- a) Physician verification of injury or illness and proof that such injury or illness prevented a racer from maintaining competitive ranking.
- b) Results from a higher level competition, e.g. Regional FIS race, Nor-Am, etc., that prevented a racer from competing in a qualifying event.
- c) 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 (USSA members with an "X" Competitors License and having paid their PNSA dues), 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. 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **PNSA Intent to Compete Policy**

1. The PNSA Office will post a list of qualified, ranked athletes 30 days prior to the event.
2. Coaches will confirm/pull athletes by the posted deadline.
3. After the deadline, confirmed athletes will be sorted by their ranking.
4. Confirmed athletes must pay the trip fee for the event by the posted deadline to be included on the entry sheet.
5. All Intent deadlines and payment dates will be noted in advance on the PNSA website.

## **Policy Regarding Racers Qualifying for PNSA Traveling Teams**

1. PNSA will post a list of racers who qualify for PNSA Projects on the PNSA website ([www.pnsa.org](http://www.pnsa.org)). Racers who are independent are required to provide the office with contact information.
2. Racers who will not be available for contact at their usual address must contact PNSA after the preliminary selection to verify their selection.
3. All racers notified that they have qualified for a team must be prepared to accept their selection by informing PNSA as directed. The next racer on the selection list will replace a racer who fails to confirm with PNSA by the deadline.
4. A racer who expresses the intention of competing, and fails to race without informing PNSA in time to effect a replacement, may be declared ineligible for the next PNSA Project. Any racer who pulls from an event after the preliminary selection deadline will be held responsible and invoiced for ALL non-recoverable costs.
5. All racers must have complete payment and paperwork into the PNSA office by the established deadline to be entered into the project.
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 U14/U16/U19-U21 Championship Teams: Racers named to PNSA U14/U16/U19-U21 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 racer.