



Pacific Northwest Ski Association

A Division of USSA

B: Athlete Selection 2016-17

1. Prior to the competition season the Nordic Competition Committee (NCC) will designate eight races, normally on four different weekends and normally including one two-day meet outside PNSA, to be Junior Nationals Qualifier (JNQ) Races. In addition the NCC will decide the size of the Junior Nationals Team for the coming season. For 2017 the team size will be 32 plus any out-of-division skiers.
2. PNSA skiers will be ranked according to the following procedures:
 - a. Continental Cup Points: After each JNQ race Continental Cup points (also referred to as SuperTour points: 1st place 30, 2nd 25, 3rd 21, 4th 18, 5th 16, 6th 15, 7th 14, 8th 13, 9th 12, 10th 11, 11th 10, 12th 9, 13th 8, 14th 7, 15th 6, 16th 5, 17th 4, 18th 3, 19th 2, 20th 1) will be assigned to PNSA skiers according to finish order among only PNSA skiers in each of the following four age and gender groups: U16 girls, U16 boys, U18 plus U20 girls, and U18 plus U20 boys. In sprint races points will be assigned to the final results rather than just to the qualification round. Except for U14 skiers who have filed a Junior Nationals letter of intent, skiers who are not skiing in their proper age group will be not be given JNQ points in that race.
 - b. JNQ Scores: At the end of the JNQ series, a JNQ Score will be calculated for each PNSA skier equal to the total of the Continental Cup points earned by that skier in his/her best four JNQ finishes of the season.
 - c. JNQ Ranking List: The JNQ Ranking List will consist of all PNSA skiers ranked by JNQ Score in one list without regard to age or gender.
3. Each racer who hopes to be named to the PNSA Junior Nationals Team will submit a letter of intent to the NCC Chair, using a format provided by the NCC Chair, by December 31 of the season. No racer will be denied a spot on the team as a result of not meeting this deadline, but may be subject to late fee of \$25.
4. The Junior Nationals Selection Committee will consist of all members of the NCC who attend the final JNQ Race. The Selection Committee will meet immediately after the conclusion of the final JNQ Race. The NCC Chair or his/her designee will chair the committee meeting. The Selection Committee will name the JN Team according to the following procedures:
 - a. Any PNSA skier who has qualified for the JN Team by USSA standards (USSA Rule 70) will be named to the team.
 - b. The highest ranked U16 girls, U16 boys, U18 girls, and U18 boys will be added to the team until six skiers from each of those four groups have been named to the team.
 - c. The highest ranked skiers on the JNQ Ranking List who have not already been named to the team will be named until the total number of skiers named to the team equals the team size previously determined by the NCC.
 - d. If two or more skiers are tied for the final position(s) on the team, total points from the best three races will break the tie; and if necessary from the best two races and then the best single race.

- e. Any PNSA member who is at school outside the division, and who has declared a desire to be named to the team, and who finished in the top half of the field in at least one race at a prior JN Championships, and who has finished within 5% of the fastest junior of the same gender in at least one PNSA JNQ, SuperTour, or NorAm in the current season will be named to the team. The skier must provide evidence of meeting these standards by the time of the Selection Committee meeting at the conclusion of the last PNSA JNQ.
 - f. The Selection Committee may at its discretion name additional skiers to the team regardless of their position on the JNQ Ranking List, provided in each case that at least three quarters of the Selection Committee vote in favor.
 - g. If a skier who has been named to the team declines or fails to accept by the announced deadline for accepting a position on the team, the NCC Chair will promptly name the next eligible skier to the team.
5. Each skier who accepts a position on the JN Team must meet USSA's eligibility requirements, be a member of PNSA with a USSA competition license, and must be prepared to make the necessary arrangements by the deadlines announced by the Selection Committee, including paying the skier's trip costs to PNSA, having a PNSA uniform, signing required forms, and arranging transportation to and from the Junior Nationals.
6. Appeals Process
- a. If an athlete or coach believes that the Selection Committee erred in its selection process, the athlete or coach may appeal the decision by submitting a written appeal to the PNSA Executive Director within three business days of the selection meeting.
 - b. The appeal will be reviewed by an Appeals Committee consisting of the PNSA Executive Director, the PNSA President or his designee, and the Nordic Athlete Representative.
 - c. The NCC will abide by the decision of the Appeals Committee.