

**NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFICATIONS**  
**(Alpine and Cross-country)**

**1.00 REGIONAL QUALIFICATION PROCESS TOWARDS ATTENDANCE AT NATIONALS**

1.01 Team and individual attendance to the 'United States Collegiate Skiing and Snowboarding Championships'(TM) can only be achieved through participation in a conference and regional qualifying process. All teams must have completed the required USCSA team registration and USCSA eligible forms.

1.02 The USCSA mandates that each designated region hold an end-of-season regional championship with the qualifying teams advancing to the national championships. *The regionals should be completed ten days prior to the national championships.* All participating members of a regional championship team attending the national championship must have proceeded through the qualifying process as members of that team.

1.03 Regionals shall be a showcase event and regional event coordinators should make a special effort to mimic the national championship event.

- a) Required complete events at Regional Championships shall be the same events that occur at the National Championships.
- b) There shall be an elimination process (alpine) at the conference/divisional level to qualify for Regional Championships.
- c) If there are to be peripheral/additional features or activities at regional championships, (i.e. Banquet, t-shirts, tours, etc.) all involved conferences **must** agree to the cost this in advance of final planning.
- d) The host conference is responsible for **presenting the method** for recommending the appointment of officials, how timing and calculations will be done, venue selection, date selection and event cost (broken down to indicate race fees, hill fees, and extras not critical to the production of the athletic event) 60 days prior to the event to the visiting conferences for concurrence. All conferences must agree in advance to those actions taken.
- e) Each region will determine how hosting responsibility is to be assigned. (i.e. not every region will necessarily want to rotate among all of the conferences to be the regional host.)
- f) The hosting conference shall submit a regionals report to the board each year.

If a guest team (as per Team and Eligibility Rule I. B., paragraph 5, 6 & 7.) is approved to participate at the western regionals, that team is required to pay a participation fee equal to 3/5 of the USCSA membership dues, to the regional conference hosting that year.

1.04 To compete at Nationals, Alpine competitors must be members of USSA, with a minimum of a Student Membership. **Snowboard members must be members of USASA.**

- 1.05 In the event that a run of a race is cancelled at a Regional event or that the entire race event that day is cancelled, results from the existing events will be considered in their entirety for qualifying to nationals. The Jury must make this decision.

## 2.00 REGIONAL TEAM ALLOCATION TO THE ANNUAL USCSA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Attendance to the annual USCSA national championships is based on the following:

- a) Number of Alpine Competitors At a National Championship: In order to maintain race and course quality, there exists a goal of having no more than 100 qualified competitors and 50 4-way Invitational competitors in both Men's and Women's disciplines at a national championship race. The regional team allocation shall total 19 qualified teams and 10 4-way Invitational teams of five (5) persons each, with the balance of the field being allocated to five (5) outstanding individual competitors per sex, one (1) from each of the five indicated USCSA regional championship areas whose team failed to qualify. Thus: 29 teams x 5 persons per team = 145 racers plus outstanding individual entries, male and female from each region. The total number of entries cannot exceed 150 per event.

Number of Cross-country Competitors at a National Championship: Section II.C below dictates the number of teams allowed to compete at the national championships. A team competing at the national championships may register any number of athletes that have qualified for the nationals via the regular procedures. An institution may enter up to five (5) athletes per race and they may compete for their schools in individual events and only three (3) may compete for their school in the relay event. They may compete for their school in the individual events and only three (3) may compete as the relay team for the school in the relay event. These limits apply separately for the men's and women's squads of a school's team.

All USCSA teams and individuals meeting qualification requirements for the National Championship will be invited to attend. **Cross-country teams, Cross-country individuals, Snowboard teams and Snowboard Individuals must compete in a regional event to be eligible to qualifying for the National Championships. If they cannot, they must petition the National Championship Committee.**

Additional racers may be invited to race as non-scoring individuals.

O.I.: Non-scoring means the individual does not receive individual honors or awards, nor do they displace scoring racers.

### 2.01 Number of 4-way Invitational Team Competitors at a National Championship:

- a) 4-way invitational teams attending the national championships shall comprise of men's and women's teams who have both alpine and

cross-country teams and who have not previously qualified through normal regional quota selection.

- b) Invitational team selection shall be awarded to the two (2) highest placing 4-way teams at the end of each regional tournament based on the National 4-way scoring rules.
- c) Unfilled invitational team quota slots from each region shall remain unfilled at the national championships.
- d) Invitational team scoring shall only apply to the 4-way combined event championship. They may not be included in the individual-event-team standing.
- e) Alpine teams that qualify in this manner (4-Way Event only) are seeded in the first run after the fifth seed (behind all of the teams that have qualified as alpine teams) thus starting 101 at the latest. (2<sup>nd</sup> run will be BIBBO)

*The 4-Way Invitational Event will continue through the 2005-2006 season. This will be reviewed at the 2006 Board of Directors meeting. (Reviewed every two years.)*

2.02 Regional Team Allocations to the USCSA National Championships:  
Designated Championship Regions and regional team allocations will be as follows:

		<u>Alpine</u>	<u>Cross Country*</u>	<u>4-Way</u>
		M/W	M/W	M/W
1	Western Region Northwest, Rocky and Grand Teton	4/4	4/4	2/2
2	Far West Region Northern California and Southern California	2/2	1/1	2/2
3	Midwest Region Midwest	3/3	2/2	2/2
4	Eastern Region Eastern	5/5	6/6	2/2
5	Mid-Atlantic Region Allegheny, New Jersey, Southeastern	2/2	1/1	2/2
6	New York Region Mideast	3/3	NA	2/2

\* For unused berths up to 2/2 teams can be reserved for discretionary assignment from any region. Requests should be submitted to the USCSA Cross Country Vice President and the USCSA President.

2.03 National Championship Events:

a) Events

- Alpine: Men's and Women's Giant Slalom  
Men's and Women's Slalom
- Cross-country: Men's and Women's 1.5k Individual Sprint  
Men's and Women's Freestyle  
Men's and Women's Classic  
Men's and Women's Relay
- Snowboard Inuit: Men and Women's Parallel GS  
Men's and Women's BoarderCross  
Men's and Women's Slope Style \*  
Men's and Women's Half Pipe \*  
\* Freestyle event alternates yearly.
- 4-way Invitational: Men's and Women's Giant Slalom  
Men's and Women's Slalom  
Men's and Women's XC Individual Race  
Men's and Women's XC Relay

b) National Titles

- Alpine: Men's Combined Team  
Women's Combined Team
- Cross-country: Men's Combined Team  
Women's Combined Team
- Snowboard: Men's Combined Team  
Women's Combined Team

2.04 **USCSA** Alpine Individuals: A USCSA region may appoint **USCSA** individuals to attend the national championships, such individual not having been given the opportunity to qualify as part of a team. No more than one (1) individual per event may qualify per region.

If an individual is selected and is also a member of a 4-Way Invitational Event team, no other individual will be selected. Therefore, he/she will be eligible to compete at the national championships as both an individual (seeded with the individual seed), eligible to qualify for individual results, and as a member of his/her team, eligible to score 4-way points for the 4-Way Invitational Event title.

The individual representative from each region to the National Championships shall be determined by the aggregate sum of World Cup points (scoring the top 30) earned in the slalom and giant slalom. World Cup points are awarded as follows:

First Place	100 points
Second Place	80 points
Third Place	60 points
Fourth Place	50 points
Fifth Place	45 points
Sixth Place	40 points
Seventh Place	36 points
Eighth Place	32 points
Ninth Place	29 points
Tenth Place	26 points
Eleventh Place	24 points
Twelfth Place	22 points
Thirteenth Place	20 points
Fourteenth Place	18 points
Fifteenth Place	16 points
Then decreasing by 1 point per place to...	
Thirtieth Place	1 point

Should a tie exist in the sum of world cup points, the sum of finish places shall be taken to break the tie. Should a tie still exist, the sum of the times of the competitors shall be taken as a final tie breaker.

2.05 **USCSA** Cross-country Individuals: Additional individuals may qualify by placing in the Top 20 places of all individual races in either technique of Classical or Freestyle in the respective regional events. The maximum number of individuals to qualify from each region shall be as follows: Western 4M/4W, Far West 1M/1W, Mid-West 2M/2W, East 6M/6W, and Mid-Atlantic 1M/1W. \* For unused berths up to 2/2 individual can be reserved for discretionary assignment from any region. Requests should be submitted to the USCSA Cross Country Vice President and the USCSA President.

2.06 Changes In Regional Allocation: The Alpine and Cross-country Competition & Rules Committees shall annually review regional team allocations to the 'United States Collegiate Skiing Championships' for the purpose of guaranteeing the strongest regional team representation.

2.07 Outstanding Alpine Individuals: Each of the six USCSA Regions have the opportunity to allow up to five skiers per gender entry into their Regional Championships as guest skiers. The selection is based on the best USSA points of those requesting entry. Guest skier's results do not count towards USCSA team or individual scoring, and do not effect the team scores of represented colleges. The USCSA, as well, may invite the top guest male and female skier from the Regional Championships to attend the National Championships, where the same scoring rules will apply. To be eligible you:

- must be within the top 500 on the most recent USSA points list in SL or GS,
- have graduated from high school, and
- are not currently listed on a USCSA or NCAA team poster.

Requests should be submitted to the USCSA National Office.

### 3.00 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP HOSTING AND SITE SELECTION PROCESS

3.01 The site of the 'United States Collegiate Skiing Championships' will be rotated between two geographical locations (East & West). The USCSA will approve its' National Championship sites, at the annual Board meeting, two years prior to the date of that competition. The National Championships shall begin on the first Tuesday in March.

3.01 National Championship Committee

a) The coordination of a national championship is a complex and substantial task. For that reason, the USCSA places a great value on being able to assemble its top race people from throughout the country in order to achieve the highest quality event. The following positions comprise the National Championship Committee:

Chairperson  
Alpine Coordinator  
Cross-Country Coordinator  
Snowboard Coordinator  
Host School or Conference Representative  
Executive Director

b) Championship site selection is based upon the following key criteria:

- 1) Availability of national quality alpine, snowboard and cross-country courses.
- 2) Proximity of the cross-country, alpine, snowboard, and lodging facilities to each other.
- 3) Availability of adequate lodging and banquet facilities able to seat a minimum of 500 people.
- 4) A local experienced cross-country race organization.
- 5) A local experienced alpine and snowboard race organization.
- 6) Adequate snow conditions for all events, available through the second week in March.
- 7) Proximity to airports and population centers; news media availability.
- 8) National events are scheduled over a 4-day period (not to include Sunday) with men and women's alpine and the individual cross-country races to be on separate days.
- 9) An effort shall be made, so as not to conflict with the NCAA Nationals, to maximize our opportunity for publicity and not to comprise the quality of the USCSA Nationals.

**4.00. THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE**

4.01 EVEN YEAR FORMAT

Day prior other events: Men & Women's 1.5k classic Sprint

Day one: Women's 15k classic, mass start  
Women's giant slalom  
Men's 15k classic, mass start

Day two: Cross-country, rest day  
Men's giant slalom

Day three: Women's 8.5k freestyle,  
:30 second interval start.  
Women's slalom  
Men's 8.5k freestyle,  
: 30-second interval start.

Day four: Women's 3 x 5k relay; CL,FR,FR  
Men's slalom  
Men's 3 x 5k relay; CL, FR, FR

#### 4.02 ODD YEAR FORMAT

Day prior to other events: Men' & Women's 1.5k freestyle Sprint

Day one: Women's 15k freestyle, mass start  
Women's giant slalom  
Men's 15k freestyle, mass start  
Men's & Women's Snowboard GS

Day two: Cross-country, rest day  
Men's giant slalom

Day three: Women's 8.5k classic,  
:30 sec. interval start.  
Women's slalom  
Men's 8.5k classic,  
:30 sec. interval start.

Day four: Women's 3 x 5k relay; CL,CL,FR  
Men's slalom  
Men's 3 x 5k relay; CL,CL,FR

#### 4.03 NATIONAL SNOWBOARD EVENTS

Day one: Men & Women's P-Giant Slalom  
Day two: Men & Women's BoarderCross Training  
Day three: Men & Women's BoarderCross  
Day four: Men & Women's Freestyle event \*

\* The Freestyle event shall alternate yearly between Half-pipe and Slopestyle, depending on the site selection.

#### 4.04 NATIONAL EVENT DATES

2006	6-11	Sugarloaf /USA, Maine
2007	5-10	Winter Park, CO
2008	3-8	Sunday River, Maine
2009	2-7	Winter Park
2010	1-6	Sunday River, Maine
2011	7-12	
2012	5-10	

