

**NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFICATIONS**  
**(Alpine and Nordic)**

**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 regional's 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 regional's, 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.

- 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 Nordic 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. Nordic teams, Nordic 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 Nordic 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 2009-2010 season. This will be reviewed at the 2010 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>Cross Country*</u>	<u>4-Way</u>
		M/W	M/W
1	Western Region Northwest, Rocky and Grand Teton	4/4	2/2
2	Far West Region Northern California and Southern California	1/1	2/2
3	Midwest Region Midwest	2/2	2/2
4	Eastern Region Eastern	6/6	2/2
5	Mid-Atlantic Region Allegheny, New Jersey, Southeastern	1/1	2/2
6	New York Region Mideast	NA	2/2

**US Collegiate National Championships™  
Alpine Quota Determination**

The Alpine Quotas are comprised of two components. The first being membership based and the second performance based. The number of female and male quota spots assigned to a region is the same for each sex.

The membership component is determined as follows. Each USCSA Region is awarded one quota spot for each 22 member teams (a men's and women's teams each count as one) or part thereof, as determined by membership applications recorded as complete by the USCSA National office on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the given competition season. There is no cap on the total number of membership quota spots that can be awarded. The target is 16 quota spots based on memberships. The USCSA Board of Directors may revise the number of teams per quota spot, currently 22, at their annual meeting in June to control the event field size.

The number of membership berths to the national championships shall not drop below 16. If the calculated number of teams drops below 16, the divisor used to determine membership berths shall be lowered by one and the number of berths assigned shall be recalculated until the result equals 16.

Three quota spots are awarded based on past performance at the US Collegiate National Championships™. The performance based quota spots are calculated in the following iterative manner. The immediate past three years are used to calculate performance quota spots. A region's performance is determined by summing the place points in the combined results for the best performing men's and women's team, from each region over the three year period. The regions are then ranked based on the total place points. The region with the lowest total place points receives the first performance quota spot. The process is then repeated using best performing men's and women's team from each region except for the region having received the first performance berth. That region shall use the second best performing men's and women's team over the three year period. The second performance quota spot will be awarded to the region with the lowest total place points. The third quota spot shall be calculated in a similar manner eliminating the region receiving the second place performance berth. Ties are only broken for the third performance quota spot. The first tie breaker is the tied region closest to receiving an additional membership berth. The second tie breaker is the region with the best finish used in the performance berth calculation. A region can earn more than one of these quota spots.

Quotas will be posted to the USCSA web site and conference coordinators will be notified.

No region can lose more than one quota spot per year.

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##### **Membership Berths**

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**No region can gain or lose more than one quota spot per year.**

Example: Region A has 22 men's teams and 21 women's teams totaling 43. Teams 1 through 22 earn the first membership quota spot. Teams 23 through 43 earn the second membership quota spot.

Region A is awarded 2 membership quota spots.

If the total number of spot awarded nationwide is only 15, the process is repeated awarding one quota spot for every 21 teams or part thereof.

Region A has 43 teams. Teams 1 through 21 earn the first membership quota spot. Teams 22 through 42 earn the second membership quota spot. Team 43 earns the third quota spot. Region A is awarded 3 quota spots.

### Performance Berths

Three quota spots are awarded based on past performance at the US Collegiate National Championships™. The performance based quota spots are calculated in the following iterative manner. The immediate past three years are used to calculate performance quota spots. A region's performance is determined by summing the place points in the combined results for the best performing men's and women's team, from each region over the three year period. The regions are then ranked based on the total place points. The region with the lowest total place points receives the first performance quota spot. The process is then repeated using best performing men's and women's team from each region except for the region having received the first performance berth. That region shall use the second best performing men's and women's team over the three year period. The second performance quota spot will be awarded to the region with the lowest total place points. The third quota spot shall be calculated in a similar manner eliminating the region receiving the second place performance berth. Ties are only broken for the third performance quota spot. The first tie breaker is the tied region closest to receiving an additional membership berth. The second tie breaker is the region with the best finish used in the performance berth calculation. A region can earn more than one of these quota spots. The performance berths for 2010 will be awarded as follows:

2010 Performance Berths (Men & Ladies)					
#	Region	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Total Berths
1	Western	21.00	21.00	21.00	0
2	Far West	12.00	12.00	98.00	1
3	Midwest	49.00	49.00	49.00	0
4	Eastern	11.00	20.00	20.00	2
5	Mid-Atlantic	86.00	86.00	86.00	0
6	Mideast	47.00	47.00	47.00	0

Performance Berth calculation backup is provided below. Place point totals represent best male and best female team performance for the given year added together. Example: If Region A's best Women's team placed second and best men's team placed third in 2008, they would receive 2 + 3 for a total of 5 place points for 2007. If in 2008 they received a total of 6 place points and in 2009 10 place points their First Place total would be 21. If 21 points is low enough to earn a performance berth, the process of summing place points is repeated for the Region A's second place teams for the next round.

First Place Team by Region		Second Place Team		Third Place Team	
2007		Total	Total	Total	
1	Western	5	17	19	
2	Far West	4	37	#N/A	
3	Midwest	20	26	31	
4	Eastern	4	7	12	
5	Mid-Atlantic	30	#N/A	#N/A	

6	Mideast	15	23	30
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First Place Team by Region		Second Place Team	Third Place Team
2008	Total	Total	Total
1	Western	12	22
2	Far West	4	#N/A
3	Midwest	13	38
4	Eastern	3	8
5	Mid-Atlantic	28	#N/A
6	Mideast	13	36

First Place Team by Region		Second Place Team	Third Place Team
2009	Total	Total	Total
1	Western	4	17
2	Far West	4	#N/A
3	Midwest	16	38
4	Eastern	4	11
5	Mid-Atlantic	28	#N/A
6	Mideast	19	33

\* 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

Nordic: 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 : Men and Women's Parallel GS  
Men's and Women's Boarder-X  
Men's and Women's Slope Style  
Men's and Women's Half Pipe

\* Freestyle Men's and Women's Boarder-X  
Men's and Women's Slope Style  
Men's and Women's Half Pipe

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

Nordic:	Men's Combined Team Women's Combined Team
Snowboard:	Men's Combined Team Women's Combined Team
Freestyle:	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 Nordic 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 Nordic 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 has 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 affect 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  
Nordic 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 Nordic courses.
  - 2) Proximity of the Nordic, 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 Nordic 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 nordic 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 giant slalom  
Men and Women's 8.5k Freestyle individual start 30 second interval start

Day two: Nordic, rest day  
Men's giant slalom

Day three: Men and Women's 15k Classic Mass Start  
Women's slalom

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

##### **4.02 ODD YEAR FORMAT**

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

Day one: Men and Women's 8.5k Classic, 30 second interval start  
Women's giant slalom

Day two: Nordic, rest day  
Men's giant slalom

Day three: Men and Women's 15k Skate  
Women's slalom

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

##### **4.03 NATIONAL SNOWBOARD EVENTS**

Men & Women's Giant Slalom

Men & Women's Boarder-X Training  
Men & Women's Boarder-X  
Men & Women's Slopestyle  
Men & Women's Halfpipe

Men & Women's Freestyle event \*

Men & Women's Boarder-X Training  
Men & Women's Boarder-X  
Men & Women's Slopestyle  
Men & Women's Halfpipe

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4.04 NATIONAL EVENT DATES

2010	1-6	Sunday River, Maine
2011	1-5	(previously posted incorrectly 7-12)
2012	5-10	