2026 NC SKIING CHAMPIONSHIPS

PRECHAMPIONSHIPS 2025-26 MANUAL

NCAA General Administrative Guidelines

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Section 1 • Introduction

During the 2025-26 academic year, the Association will sponsor 92 national championships – 43 for men, 47 for women and two for both men and women. Of the men's championships, four are National Collegiate Championships, 13 are Division I championships, 12 are Division II championships and 14 are Division III championships. Of the women's championships, eight are National Collegiate Championships, 12 are Division I championships, 13 are Division II championships and 14 are Division III championships. The combined men's and women's championships are National Collegiate Championships.

The Prechampionship Manual will serve as a resource for institutions to prepare for the championship. This manual is divided into three sections: General Administrative Guidelines, Sport-Specific Information and Appendixes.

Sections one through nine apply to policies applicable to all 92 championships, while the remaining sections are sport specific

Section 1•1 Definitions

Prechampionship Manual. Resource for institutions to prepare for the championship.

Administrative Meeting. Prechampionship meeting for coaches and/or administrators.

Appendixes. Any supplemental documents to be provided and distributed through the various resources.

Championship Manager. The NCAA staff member(s) responsible for the operational oversight of the championship.

Games Committee. The committee assigned to supervise the conduct of each championship session at a specific site. For finals sites, the games committee is typically the NCAA national committee.

NCAA National Committee. The sport committee with direct oversight responsibilities for the championship.

Non-predetermined Sites. Those sites that are selected to host at the time of the participant/team selections announcement.

Playing Rules. The rules under which the competition will be conducted.

Predetermined Sites. Those sites that are selected to host before the participant/team selections announcement.

Preliminary Rounds. The rounds of the championship before the final or championship round.

Regional Alignment. The geographic location of institutions or regional advisory committees.

Schedule of Events. Official event schedule – includes all required activities (e.g., practices, banquets).

Selection Criteria. Policies and procedures in place to guide the team selection process.

Site Selection Criteria. Policies and procedures in place to guide the site selection process.

Squad Size. In any championship in which a squad limit has been established by the governing sport committee or by the bylaws, the number of eligible student-athletes in competitive uniform eligible to participate at the start of competition.

Tournament Physician. The physician designated by the host institution/conference to serve as the chief medical advisor for the championship event(s) to be hosted at the host venue.

Section 2 • Championship Core Statement

The championships and alliances staff strives to administer competition in a fair, safe, equitable and sportsmanlike manner so that the experience of the student-athlete is paramount.

This is attained by:

Ensuring student-athletes' optimal experience.

Executing championship events reflecting appropriate quality and values to/for stakeholders — student-athletes, coaches, administrators, member institutions, sport committees, fans, broadcast partners and corporate champions/partners.

Coordinating all aspects of the championship in an efficient, effective manner through common operating policies and practices, using internal and external resources.

Integrating championships with broadcast and corporate relationships in a manner that maintains the integrity of the championship.

Assuring effective management of the business aspects of the operation.

Enhancing the assets of the NCAA and their value by collaborating with internal and external expertise to achieve heightened exposure (e.g., community programs, fan events, banquets, anniversaries).

Section 3 • Conduct

Section 3•1 Certification of Eligibility/Availability

[Reference: Certification of Eligibility/Availability in Bylaws 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 20.2.4, 31.2.1.7.1, 31.2.1.7.1.2 and 31.2.2 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Bylaws 7.3.1.5 and 18.2.1 in the NCAA Division II Manual and Division II Championships Committee Policy and Bylaws 31.2.1.5, 31.2.1.5.2, and 31.2.2 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]

Only student-athletes eligible under Bylaws 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 may compete in NCAA championships. Member institutions are required to certify the eligibility of their student-athletes before the beginning of each academic year and to withhold ineligible student-athletes from all intercollegiate competition.

Member institutions are reminded to notify the NCAA national office before the selection date for each championship of any student-athlete who may have participated in regular-season competition but subsequently is determined to be ineligible or unavailable for NCAA championship competition.

DISCOVERY OF INELIGIBILITY OF A STUDENT-ATHLETE AFTER SELECTION

If an institution fails to report an ineligible student-athlete and the omission is not discovered until after the institution is selected to participate in the championship, necessitating the institution's withdrawal from the championship, that withdrawal shall be considered as one of the years of ineligibility, provided another institution participates in the championship in place of the disqualified institution. If the discovery of the ineligible student-athlete occurs so near the beginning of the championship that the governing sport committee does not have a reasonable period of time to replace the disqualified institution in the bracket, that fact shall be taken into consideration in determining the number of years the disqualified institution shall be ineligible to participate.

Section 3•2 Drug Testing

As part of preparation and planning to participate in championship events, member institutions are reminded and encouraged to review all applicable policy and legislative requirements pertaining to banned substances, drug testing and related eligibility requirements with their student-athletes. Student-athletes who compete in NCAA championships may be subjected to drug tests in accordance with legislation and may be determined to be ineligible as a result thereof. Only student-athletes who have consented in writing to such testing are initially eligible for these championships; and thereafter, student-athletes who are tested shall remain eligible only if they test negative.

Section 3•3 Honesty and Sportsmanship

Individuals employed by (or associated with) a member institution to administer, conduct or coach intercollegiate athletics and all participating student-athletes shall act with honesty and sportsmanship at all times so that intercollegiate athletics as a whole, their institutions and they, as individuals, shall represent the honor and dignity of fair play and the generally recognized high standards associated with wholesome competitive sports.

Section 3•4 Misconduct/Failure to Adhere to Policies

MISCONDUCT

Misconduct in an NCAA championship is any act of dishonesty, unsportsmanlike conduct, unprofessional behavior or breach of law, occurring from the time the championship field is announced through the end of the championship, that discredits the event or intercollegiate athletics. Each games committee shall hold an administrative meeting with the representatives of participating institutions to review and explain the policies related to misconduct.

FAILURE TO ADHERE TO POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

A governing sport committee may assess a financial penalty against an institution for failure of any of its representatives to adhere to the policies and procedures governing the administration of the competition. This includes, but is not limited to, failure to comply with the procedures and deadlines for submitting scores, score sheets, schedules, rosters and entry/march-in forms for qualification and other materials necessary for the efficient administration of the competition. **Click here** to see the full misconduct/failure to adhere to policies and procedures online.

Section 3•5 Sports Wagering Policy

Sports wagering includes placing, accepting or soliciting a wager (on a staff member's or student-athlete's own behalf or on the behalf of others) of any type with any individual or organization on any intercollegiate, amateur or professional team or contest. Examples of sports wagering include, but are not limited to, the use of a bookmaker or parlay card; internet sports wagering; mobile betting; auctions in which bids are placed on teams, individuals or contests; and pools or fantasy leagues in which an entry fee is required and there is an opportunity to win a prize.

The current NCAA legislation against sports wagering prohibits NCAA student-athletes, member institutions' athletics staff and non-athletics staff with athletics responsibilities, and conference office staff from participating in sports wagering activities or providing information to individuals involved in or associated with any type of sports wagering activities concerning intercollegiate, amateur or professional athletics practice or competition in a sport in which the NCAA conducts championship competition, in bowl subdivision football and in emerging sports for women.

A wager is any agreement in which an individual or entity agrees to give up an item of value (e.g., cash, shirt, dinner) in exchange for the possibility of gaining another item of value.

STUDENT-ATHLETES

A student-athlete found in violation of the prohibition against knowingly participating in any sports wagering activities or providing information to individuals involved in or associated with any type of sports wagering activity that involves intercollegiate, amateur or professional athletics competition shall be ineligible for further intercollegiate competition, subject to appeal to the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement for restoration of eligibility.

POSTSEASON

In championships in which a bracket format is used, student-athletes, coaches and administrators may not participate in bracket competitions where there is both a required entry fee and an opportunity to win a prize. Student-athletes and administrators may participate under current NCAA rules in bracket contests where there is no entry fee but a possibility of winning a prize. Some NCAA member schools, however, have chosen to ban student-athletes from participating in these types of bracket contests.

HOSTING OPPORTUNITIES

It is permissible for NCAA championships to be conducted at locations in states that permit sports wagering.

Section 3•6 Student-Athlete Experience Survey

During the NCAA championships, the student-athlete experience is paramount. NCAA staff and hosts dedicate themselves to planning the best experiences for all involved. As part of our commitment to getting better, following the championship, participants will receive a survey to provide feedback on their experience and input on how championships can be improved for future NCAA student-athletes. Institutional administrators and coaches will receive

an email containing a link to the survey and will be asked to forward the survey to student-athletes. Additionally, this survey will be accessible via QR code found on the back of NCAA-issued championship credentials.

We also understand that sometimes certain circumstances or conditions occurring during the events may require real-time consideration. When this is the case, student-athletes may reach out to their site representative or NCAA national office staff on-site.

Section 4 • Elite Scholar-Athlete™ Award

The Elite Scholar-Athlete award was created to recognize the true essence of student-athletes by honoring individuals who have reached the pinnacle of competition at the national championship level in their sport, while also achieving the highest academic standard among their peers. The award is presented in every sport, every division, and goes to the student-athlete who has the highest cumulative grade-point average of all student-athletes competing at the finals site. One student-athlete per championship will receive the award, and the announcement of the winner will be made at the finals site.

Institutions that wish to nominate a student-athlete must do so through an online nomination process. For more information or to access the online form and submit a nomination, **click here**.

Section 5 • Fan Travel

Through support from Marriott International as the Official Hotel Partner of the NCAA, NCAA championships are pleased to provide easy and affordable accommodations for family and fans to follow their favorite student-athlete(s) and team(s) as they participate in NCAA championships competition. Travel arrangements completed through Marriott and NCAA Travel help support NCAA student-athletes. Please direct your fans to **ncaa.com/travel** to search and book online hotel reservations.

Section 6 • Health and Safety

As part of preparation and planning to host and/or participate in championship events, member institutions are reminded and encouraged to review all applicable health and safety policy and legislative requirements and guidance including, among others, those relating to concussion management, catastrophic injury prevention, inclement weather and independent medical care. These requirements and related information can be found in applicable division manuals, sports playing rules and the materials located on the **Health, Safety & Performance website**. In addition, a summary of some of the key health and safety considerations related to traveling to championship events can be found in the **NCAA's Guidance for Medical Care and Coverage for Student-Athletes at Away Events**.

Section 7 • Logo Policy

[Reference: Bylaws 12.5.4, 31.1.7 and 31.1.8 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Bylaw 17.1.10 in the NCAA Division II Manual and Bylaw 12.5.3 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]

A student-athlete may use athletics equipment or wear athletics apparel that bears the trademark or logo of an athletics equipment or apparel manufacturer or distributor in athletics competition and pre- and postgame activities (e.g., celebrations on the court, pre- or postgame press conferences), provided the following criteria are met:

1. Athletics equipment (e.g., shoes, helmets, baseball bats and gloves, batting or golf gloves, hockey and lacrosse sticks, goggles and skis) shall bear only the manufacturer's normal label or trademark, as it is used on all such items for sale to the general public; and

2. The student-athlete's institution's official uniform (including numbered racing bibs and warmups) and all other items of apparel (e.g., socks, head bands, T-shirts, wrist bands, visors or hats, swim caps and towels) shall bear only a single manufacturer's or distributor's normal label or trademark (regardless of the visibility of the label or trademark), not to exceed 2-1/4 square inches in area (rectangle, square, parallelogram) including any additional material (e.g., patch) surrounding the normal trademark or logo. The student-athlete's institution's official uniform and all other items of apparel shall not bear a design element similar to the manufacturer's trademark/logo that is in addition to another trademark/logo that is contrary to the size restriction.

Section 8 • Research

In order to avoid inappropriate and unnecessary participant distraction and disruption of championship events, it is expected any data collection or other research efforts conducted at or during championship events will be coordinated through the national office, with notice and a description of any research proposal to be submitted to the NCAA research staff at least six weeks before the championships event begins.

Section 9 • Travel Party

Please refer to the NCAA travel policies for all information regarding transportation and per diem expenses. NCAA Travel policies are updated annually and can be found online **here**. Please reference Appendix A of the travel policies for reimbursable travel party numbers. The travel policies supersede all other documents.

Section 10 • Religious Conflicts

[Reference: Bylaws 31.1.4.1 and 31.1.4.2 in the NCAA Division I Manual.]

Institutional Policy. If a participating institution has a written policy against competition on a particular day for religious reasons, it shall inform the NCAA national office on or before Sept. 1 of each academic year in order for it or one of its student-athletes to be excused from competing on that day. The championship schedule shall be adjusted to accommodate that institution. *(Adopted: 4/22/98, Revised: 8/11/98, 10/28/99, 5/2/13)*

Individual Championships. In individual championships, an athlete must compete according to the institution's policy regarding Sunday competition (if the institution has no policy against Sunday competition, the student-athlete shall compete on Sunday if required by the schedule).

Section 11 • Team Replacement Policy

Division I developed a team replacement policy considering the possibility of unforeseen circumstances impacting championship fields. The policy will be implemented in accordance with the terms set forth in the policy document available **here** when, despite best efforts, a team within the championship field is impeded or hindered from participating in the championship for reasons beyond its control.

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Section 1•3 Important Dates

CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

Tuesday, Feb. 24	Deadline for completion of all regionals.
Wednesday, Feb. 25	Selection show and notification of Central, East and West participants.
Thursday, Feb. 26	Teams must send registration information, travel itinerary and lodging information to the host institution.
Tuesday-Wednesday, March 10-11	Tuesday, March 10 (Alpine) and Wednesday, March 11 (Nordic) – Last day for injury notification (all regions). Injuries must be reported by 4 p.m. local time to the national office to championships manager, Kevin Alcox, or an NCAA skiing committee member.
Wednesday-Saturday, March 11-14	Bridger Bowl and Crosscut Mountain Sports Center; hosted by University of Montana.

DATE FORMULA

[Reference: Bylaw 31.1.3 in the NCAA Manual.]

FUTURE DATES

2027 Championships March 10-13	Stowe Mountain Resort and Craftsbury Outdoor Center; Stowe, Vermont; hosted by University of Vermont.
2028 Championships March 8-11	Park City Mountain Resort & Soldier Hallow; Park City, Utah; hosted by University of Utah.

Section 1•4 Eligibility for National Collegiate Championships

[Reference: Bylaw 20.8 in the NCAA Manual.]

An active member institution in good standing, regardless of division, is eligible for the National Collegiate Championships if a division championship in the respective sport is not offered in its division. Such an institution normally is required to meet only the institutional individual eligibility requirements of its division that govern the sport in question.

Section 1•5 Rules

Per NCAA Bylaw 17.30, member institutions shall conduct all of their intercollegiate competition in accordance with the playing rules of the Association in all sports for which the NCAA develops playing rules. For those sports in which the Association follows rules that are developed by other governing bodies and modified by the governing sports committee, the adopted playing rules shall be used. The governing sports committee will not consider any results for selection purposes that are not played in accordance with the NCAA rules books, or those rules adopted by an outside organization.

The 2025-26 Official NCAA Men's and Women's Skiing Rules Modifications shall be followed.

Discontinuation of Events. See 2025-26 NCAA Men's and Women's Skiing Rules Modifications (Alpine - Rule 4.5; and Nordic - Rule 5.9).

At the championships, all events must be run to completion in order for a team national champion to be crowned.

Section 1•6 Uniforms

Student-athletes competing in the championships shall wear the official uniform of their institution in competition and related ceremonies. This applies to warmups and competitive uniforms.

For additional information on competitive uniforms, refer to the 2025-26 NCAA Skiing Rules Modifications (Rule 1.6).

RACING NUMBERS

Racing numbers shall be issued for each event to correspond with the individual's starting position.

Section 2 • Determination of Championship Participation

Section 2•1 Championships Format

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Following is a list of the dates and locations of the eight events for the 2026 skiing championships. The Alpine events will be held at Mt. Werner and Howelsen Hills in Steamboat Springs, Colorado, and the Nordic events will be held at Howelsen Hills.

Wednesday, March 11	Women's Giant Slalom; Men's Giant Slalom
Thursday, March 12	Women's 7.5 km Individual Freestyle; Men's 7.5 km Individual Freestyle
Friday, March 13	Men's Slalom; Women's Slalom
Saturday, March 14	Men's 20 km Mass Start Classical; Women's 20 km Mass Start Classical

Schedule may be adjusted by the games committee to maintain optimum conditions for all competitors. Mass start will always be on the second Nordic competition day.

TRAVEL PARTY

Please refer to the NCAA travel policies for all information regarding transportation and per diem expenses. Travel policies can be found online at: **ncaa.org/championships/travel/championships-travel-information**.

Section 2•2 Selection Criteria and Information

QUALIFICATION PROCEDURES

Alpine and Nordic student-athletes shall qualify in the region in which their institution is located (**Appendix A**), with the exception of Alpine skiers in the Central region. Central region Alpine skiers may qualify in either the East or West regional qualifiers and must declare their qualification region with the national office each year.

Please refer to **Appendix H** for additional information regarding qualification to the championships.

Please refer to **Appendix I** for additional information regarding Central region Alpine qualification criteria.

REGIONAL QUALIFICATION SITES AND DATES

CENTRAL	
Feb. 27-28	Grand Avenue Nordic Center Hosted by College of Saint Scholastica.
EAST	
Feb. 20-21	Middlebury Snow Bowl and Rikert Outdoor Center Hosted by Middlebury College.
WEST	
Feb. 26-28	Bridger Bowl and Cross Cut Ranch Hosted by Montana State University.

REGIONAL ALLOCATIONS

NOTE: If a region is unable to use its entire allocation, the unused slots may be used by the other region(s) as determined by the committee.

The number of individual positions to be allocated to each region is determined annually by the national committee, using the total field method:

1. Slots shall be allocated as follows:
    a. Calculate the expected score for each region. The expected score is the average finishing place (based on the number of starters in each race) of the total field multiplied by the number of skiers from each region in each race for two consecutive years.
    b. Calculate the actual score for each region. The actual score is the sum of points earned by each starting athlete in each race. Each athlete earns points based on finishing position in each race (i.e., in a race with 39 starters, the winner gets 39 points (39+1)-1; the 10th-place finisher gets 30 points (39+1)-10. Did not finish (DNF) and disqualified (DSQ) finishers are bunched together in the back and points for those places are equally divided among those athletes. For example, four athletes DNF and one athlete DSQ results in three points per athlete (1+2+3+4+5 = 15; 15/5 = three points per athlete).
    c. Create a ratio by dividing the actual score by the expected score. This will indicate if a region is racing above or below the average (or expected) score for each race.
    d. Calculate the weighted ratio based on field size to determine new earned allocations. Take the ratio created in (c) and multiply by the field size (i.e., Alpine field size 34/2 = 17 and Nordic field size 40/3 = 13.3).
    e. Create the total allocations by region for the following year by using the average of the previous two years' allocations and adding or subtracting the weighted ratio created in (d).
    f. Rounding is done following (e) to the nearest whole number. The region that is closer to a whole number will gain or lose that allocation.
    g. The total allocations gained or lost by each region reflect each region's ability to race above or below the average (expected) score regardless of the number of allocations that each region has.
    h. The maximum number of slots a region can have in a given year is three times the number of schools sponsoring the sport, minus one.
    i. If a discipline has more than two regions, the maximum number of allocations for a single region must be not more than 50% of the total number of allocations for the given discipline.
    j. The minimum number of slots a region can have in a given year is six.

The following allocations are for the 2026 championships:

CENTRAL	
Men's Nordic	6
Women's Nordic	6
EAST	
Men's Alpine	17
Women's Alpine	17
Men's Nordic	17
Women's Nordic	17

WEST	
Men's Alpine	17
Women's Alpine	17
Men's Nordic	17
Women's Nordic	17

NOTE: If a region is unable to use its entire allocation, the unused slots may be used by the other region(s) as determined by the committee.

SELECTION PROCEDURES

The skiing committee will select participants from the three designated geographical regions (Central, East, West). A map showing the geographical regions for qualifying is shown in **Appendix A**. Participants in the 2026 championships will be selected Feb. 24 from all regions by the national committee.

ENTRY PROCEDURES

The NCAA will publish championships information for all member institutions that sponsor intercollegiate skiing before the selection of the participants.

ALTERNATES

If a selected individual suffers injury, illness or force majeure between Tuesday, Feb. 24 and either Tuesday, March 3 (Alpine) or Wednesday, March 4 (Nordic), the institution must submit written notification and verification by a physician or host institution athletic trainer to the NCAA national office, regional advisory committee chair and to Kevin Alcox at the headquarters hotel. Notifications must be received by 4 p.m. local time the day before the first scheduled competition in that discipline (Alpine or Nordic).

If a team making a substitution per the guidelines has consecutive alternates, the team may substitute with any of those alternates.

Failure to report injury, illness or force majeure of selected student-athletes in a timely fashion is considered unethical and unsportsmanlike, and could result in misconduct sanctions per NCAA Bylaw 31.1.10 in the NCAA Manual.

Entries will be official Tuesday, Feb. 24 for the Central, East and West regions.

MAXIMUM ENTRY

The maximum team size shall be 12 persons, three per gender per discipline, composed of a maximum of six men and a maximum of six women. The maximum entry in an individual event for any team is three individuals. Only men can compete in the men's events and only women can compete in the women's events.

SEEDING AND DRAW

The competitive field for each event is divided into four seed groups according to regional rankings. The number of competitors from one region within each of the groups must be as nearly equal as possible. The first seed in Alpine events will have an equal number of participants from the East and West regions.

The seed group with the highest-ranked regional student-athletes will be drawn randomly, using a double-blind draw. Subsequent student-athletes will compete in the order of regional ranking, alternating by region.

The lone exception to this procedure will be for the mass start events, wherein bibs 1, 2 and 3 will be awarded based on a three-year rotation. The rest of the positions within this seed will be awarded using the procedure described in the appendixes.

If allocations between regions are not equal after the top-seeded group is selected, the first position on the seed board of subsequent groups will go to the region with the largest allocation within that group. The second position will go to the region with the second-largest allocation within that group.

For Alpine, if allocations between East and West are equal after the first seed is selected, the first position on the seed board of subsequent groups goes to the East in odd-numbered years and to the West in even-numbered years.

For Nordic, if allocations between Central, East or West are equal after the first seed is selected, the first position on the seed board will be filled following a three-year rotation: 2025 - East, West, Central; 2026 - West, Central, East; 2027 - Central, East, West. The same rotation will be used to select the second position in each seed group if allocations are equal.

Substitutions are seeded within the draw according to positions earned by the replacement within the competitor's respective region.

For Alpine events, the entire field will be flipped for the second run.

ADJUSTED PLACE STANDINGS

[Reference: Bylaw 31.2.2.4-(a) in the NCAA Manual.] If a student-athlete is found to be ineligible, that individual's performance shall be stricken from the championships record, the points the student-athlete has contributed to the team's total shall be deleted, the team standings shall be adjusted accordingly and any awards involved shall be returned to the Association. At the championships, the placement of other competitors shall be altered and awards presented accordingly.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Please refer to the NCAA Travel policies for all information regarding transportation and per diem expenses. Travel policies can be found online at **ncaa.org/championships/travel/championships-travel-information**.

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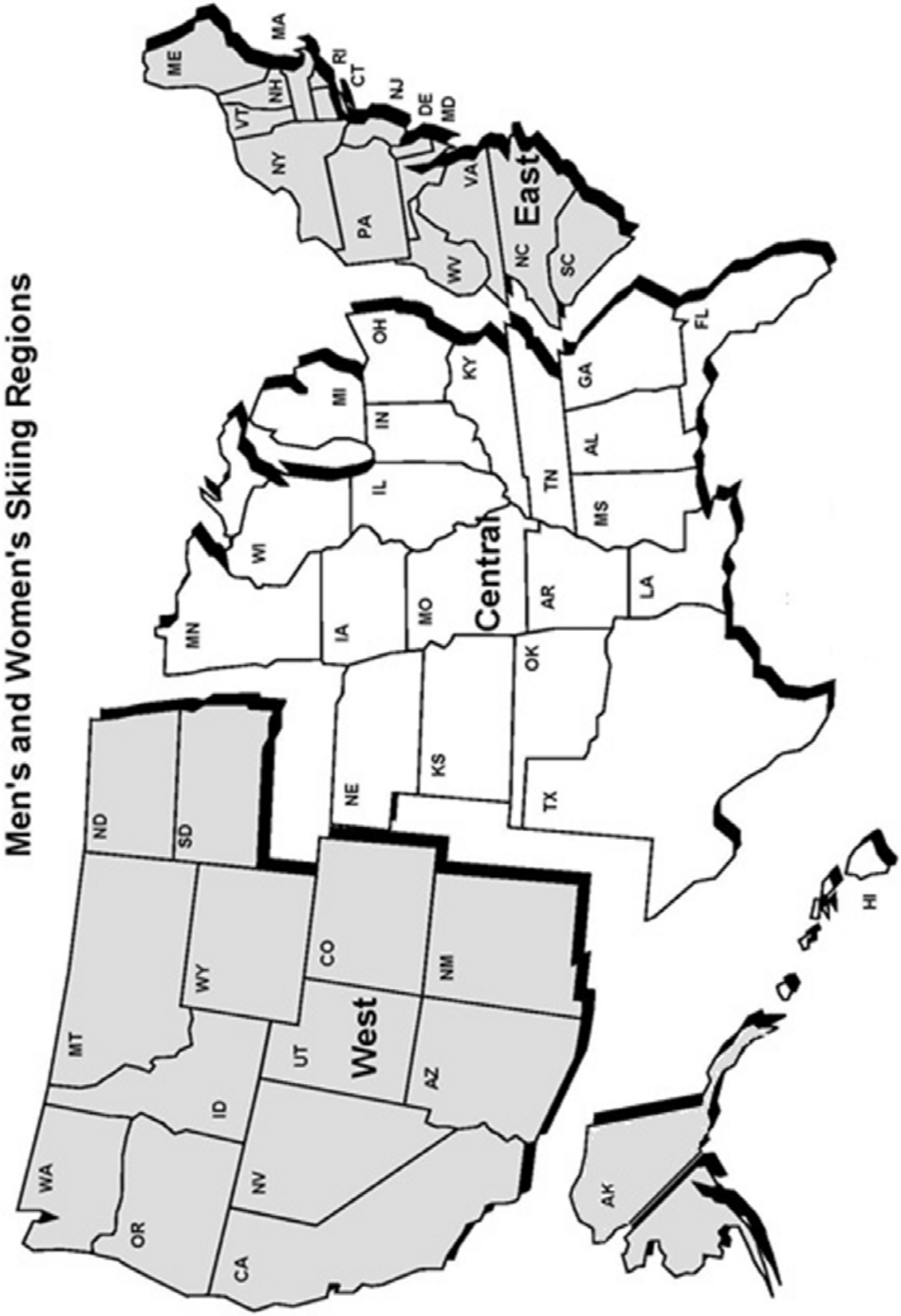
Appendix A • Regional Map



Appendix B • Men's Alpine Seeding

Below are the 2026 seeding tables according to the seeding rules. For each Region, we divide the number of slots in 4 equal groups (seeds). Higher # of slots goes in better seed. A region with a larger number of slots will get first seed in a seed group. Then you follow the rules alternating between regions and putting left-over slots (region that has many slots) in the worse part of the seed, (for Alpine and Nordic Mass start it is in the end of the seed and for a Nordic individual race, in the front of the seed).
Note that for Nordic individual start races seed 4 is the best and seed 1 worst. For 2026 Alpine, West is first in a seed when numbers are equal. The first seed in Alpine will have an equal # of slots for East and West.
Nordic Rotation for 2026 is West, Central, and then East if numbers from different regions are equal in a seed. This is also the 2026 rotation for the first 3 bibs in the mass start race.

Appendix B

Men's Alpine Seeding

(E-17, W-17)

Seed	Bib #	Region
1st	1-10	E-5, W-5 (drawn randomly)
	11	W
	12	E
	13	W
	14	E
2nd	15	W
	16	E
	17	W
	18	E
	19	W
	20	E
	21	W
	22	E
	23	W
3rd	24	E
	25	W
	26	E
	27	W
	28	E
	29	W
	30	E
4th	31	W
	32	E
	33	W
	34	E

Appendix C • Women's Alpine Seeding

Appendix C

Women's Alpine Seeding

(E-17, W-17)

Seed	Bib #	Region
1st	1-10	E-5, W-5 (drawn randomly)
	11	W
	12	E
	13	W
	14	E
2nd	15	W
	16	E
	17	W
	18	E
	19	W
	20	E
	21	W
	22	E
	23	W
3rd	24	E
	25	W
	26	E
	27	W
	28	E
	29	W
	30	E
4th	31	W
	32	E
	33	W
	34	E

Appendix D • Freestyle Seeding (Interval Start)

Appendix D

Men's and Women's Classical Seeding (Interval start)

MEN'S 7.5K, CLASSICAL
(W - 17, C – 6, E – 17)

SEED	BIB#	REGION
1ST	1	E
	2	W
	3	E
	4	W
	5	E
	6	W
	7	C
	8	E
	9	W
2ND	10	E
	11	W
	12	E
	13	W
	14	E
	15	W
	16	C
	17	E
	18	W
3RD	19	E
	20	W
	21	E
	22	W
	23	C
	24	E
	25	W
	26	C
	27	E
	28	W
4TH	W - 5, C – 2, E - 5	(12)

(TOP SEED DRAWN RANDOMLY)

WOMEN'S 7.5K CLASSICAL
(W - 17, C-6, E – 17)

SEED	BIB#	REGION
1ST	1	E
	2	W
	3	E
	3	W
	5	E
	6	W
	7	C
	8	E
	9	W
2ND	10	E
	11	W
	12	E
	13	W
	14	E
	15	W
	16	C
	17	E
	18	W
3RD	19	E
	20	W
	21	E
	22	W
	23	C
	24	E
	25	W
	26	C
	27	E
	28	W
4TH	W – 5, C – 2, E – 5	(12)

(TOP SEED DRAWN RANDOMLY)

Appendix E • Classical Seeding (Mass Start)

Note: For 2026, West, Central, East is the rotation for position 1, 2 and 3; and when numbers from different regions are equal in a seed.

Appendix E

Men's and Women's Freestyle Seeding

MEN'S 20K FREESTYLE (Mass Start)

(E - 17, W – 17, C - 6)

BIB #	REGION						
1ST SEED		2ND SEED		3RD SEED		4TH SEED	
1	W	13	W	23	W	32	W
2	C	14	E	24	E	33	E
3	E	15	C	25	C	34	C
4	W	16	W	26	W	35	W
5	E	17	E	27	E	36	E
6	C	18	C	28	W	37	W
7	W	19	W	29	E	38	E
8	E	20	E	30	W	39	W
9	W	21	W	31	E	40	E
10	E	22	E				
11	W						
12	E						

WOMEN'S 20K FREESTYLE (Mass Start)

(E - 17, W - 17, C - 6)

BIB #	REGION						
1ST SEED		2ND SEED		3RD SEED		4TH SEED	
1	W	13	W	23	W	32	W
2	C	14	E	24	E	33	E
3	E	15	C	25	C	34	C
4	W	16	W	26	W	35	W
5	E	17	E	27	E	36	E
6	C	18	C	28	W	37	W
7	W	19	W	29	E	38	E
8	E	20	E	30	W	39	W
9	W	21	W	31	E	40	E
10	E	22	E				
11	W						
12	E						

Appendix F • Mass Start Configurations

Mass Start Configuration Chevron Start 10 Tracks (same line up used for straight line start)

1 Meter Distance between each line. 1.5-1.7 meter distance between each set of tracks.

Mass Start Configuration Chevron Start 11 Tracks (same line up used for straight line start)

1 Meter Distance between each line. 1.5-1.7 meter distance between each set of tracks.

Appendix G • Course Setters

Event	First Run (even year)	Second Run (even year)	First Run (odd year)	Second Run (odd year)
Women's Giant Slalom	East	West	West	East
Men's Giant Slalom	West	East	East	West
Women's Slalom	West	East	East	West
Men's Slalom	East	West	West	East

Appendix H • Regional Qualifying Criteria

REGIONAL QUALIFYING CRITERIA

Central Regional Qualifying Criteria:

The central region uses five (5) classic events and five (5) free-technique events to determine which student-athletes will qualify for the NCAA championships. Central FIS style scoring is used to award points. The points from a skier's best two classic events are added with his/her points from his/her best two free-technique events. In the event of a tie between skiers, the tie will be broken by best overall time combining the NCAA Central Regional Championships free-technique and classic events. The athlete with the fastest combined time in accordance with NCAA rules regarding automatic and earned slots represent the central region at the NCAA championships.

If a skier has a final points list total (best two races) of 10% better than the average of the second (2nd), Third (3rd), and fourth (4th) ranked skiers in one technique, he/she shall be selected as a specialist over the final qualifier.

East Regional Qualifying Criteria:

NCAA Qualification Event Rank Lists

In NCAA qualification races all EISA and NCAA qualification eligible competitors will be scored using the World Cup points table. In the case of a tie, each racer will be awarded the full points for his/her place of finish.

The NCAA Qualification Event Rank Lists will be created by scoring the best two results in NCAA qualification races in each discipline. The current NCAA Qualification Event Rank Lists will be posted on: www.eisaskiing.org

NCAA Qualifying Criteria (Alpine)

a. Competitors will be ranked in each event using the NCAA Qualification Event Rank.
b. Using the NTSM selection procedure the two NCAA Qualification Event Rank Lists for each discipline (slalom and giant slalom are combined to create one list.
c. Non-EISA athletes will double their single event score from the Regional Qualifying Meet.
d. Ties between non-EISA and EISA skiers in the Event Lists go to the non-EISA skier.
e. Ties between EISA skiers in the individual event lists are broken by: (1) Single best result, (2) Next best results in that event, (3) Highest rank in the other event, (4) Best results in the other event.
f. Ties in the NTSM discipline lists are broken by: (1) Single best result for either event followed by second best result for either event, etc.

NCAA Qualifying Criteria (Nordic)

NCAA Nordic selections will be made by scoring the total of the best two results from classical races and the best two results from freestyle races using the NCAA Qualification Ranking lists. If there is a tie in points after combining the possible four results then the best race will be used to break the tie; this will continue until the tie is broken. Non-EISA athletes will double their single event score from the Regional Qualifying Meet. Ties between non-Eastern Intercollegiate Ski Association (EISA) and EISA skiers in the events lists will go to the non-EISA skier.

1) An automatic slot will be awarded to any skier named to the US World Junior or US U23 Cross-Country Ski Team that achieves a top 15 finish at the official World Junior or U23 events. The top 15 finish must come in an individual distance race event with minimum distances being 5 kilometers for women and 10 kilometers for men.

2) Automatic qualifiers who do not have EISA finishes to rank them in a respective discipline will be ranked last in that discipline of those selected to the NCAA championships.

West Regional Qualifying Criteria:

A. Regular qualifying for RMISA members
1. Athletes listed on RMISA members' official NCAA certified rosters shall obtain NCAA qualifying points.
2. Points for qualifying and seeding.
    a. In case of ties for place, both skiers earn the points for that place.
    b. The official NCAA Qualification List will be determined by using the NCAA Championship Scoring (see Rule 5.2 for scoring).
    c. In case of ties for place, both skiers earn the points for that place.
3. Alpine
    a. Four race starts, two per discipline (slalom and giant slalom) are required for NCAA selection. Individual points for a skier's two best RMISA results in each discipline (slalom and GS) will be used for NCAA Championship qualifying. In case of a tie, the third, fourth, fifth, and sixth best point result (in that specific technique) if necessary, will be used for selection and seeding. A "DNS (Did Not Start), DNF (Did Not Finish), or DQ (Disqualification) shall be scored as a zero "0" point result. If still a tie, single best point result (in that specific technique) will count. If still a tie after using the best point result tie breaking method, a coin flip will be used to break the tie.

b. Force Majeure / non-fulfillment of requirements:
    i. Athletes which have not met the minimum required starts due to a "force majeure" or non- fulfillment of requirements shall be allowed to present a petition from their institution. All petitions shall be submitted to the RMISA President immediately following the conclusion of the NCAA West Regional/RMISA Championship event. All petitions will be voted on by membership. The institution submitting the petition shall not be allowed to vote.
c. The NCAA quota will be filled using ITS selection, starting with the SL list and alternating with the GS list.

4. Cross country
a. Four race starts, two per technique (classical and freestyle) are required for NCAA selection. Individual points for a skier's two best RMISA results in each technique (classical and freestyle) will be used for NCAA qualifying. These points will be added together to create one combined ranking list. In case of a tie, the third, fourth, and fifth best point result (in that specific technique) if necessary, will be used for selection and seeding. A “DNS (Did Not Start), DNF (Did Not Finish), or DQ (Disqualification) shall be scored as a zero “0” point result. If still a tie, single best point result (in that specific technique) will count. If still a tie after using the best point result tie breaking method, a coin flip will be used to break the tie.
b. Force Majeure / non-fulfillment of requirements:
    i. Athletes which have not met the minimum required starts due to a "force majeure" or non- fulfillment of requirements shall be allowed to present a petition from their institution. All petitions shall be submitted to the RMISA President immediately following the conclusion of the NCAA West Regional/RMISA Championship event. All petitions will be voted on by membership. The institution submitting the petition shall not be allowed to vote.
c. The NCAA quota will be filled by selection from the combined ranking list.

B. NCAA Qualification for NCAA Eligible Non-RMISA athletes.
    a. Non-RMISA NCAA teams may declare their intention to participate in the RMISA Regional Championships. Notice shall be given in writing to the RMISA President 30 days in advance, including a certified NCAA eligibility form for the athlete's participation in NCAA Championships.
    b. Up to one third of the Western NCAA quota may be filled by associate members and Non RMISA NCAA teams participating at Regionals.
    c. Skiers will receive qualifying points and will be ranked on the RMISA qualifying list according to the following formula:
    d. Alpine: individual points will be doubled for each race, SL and GS.
    e. Nordic: individual points will be doubled for each race, classical and skating techniques.

NCAA Qualification Procedure for the 2020-21 Ski Season:

A RMISA NCAA eligible skier that **can only compete in one NCAA Qualification competition in each discipline** (one Freestyle and one classic/one slalom and one GS) in the 2020-21 RMISA season will double his/her point results from these two competitions. The doubled results will make him/her eligible for the NCAA Championship having met the 4-start minimum. An athlete that competes in more than one competition in each discipline cannot double any result.

All teams except Alaska are obligated to participate in all RMISA schedule meets. Exemption for teams and individuals are medically documented individuals with a letter from an athletic trainer or other institutional medical personnel, financial restrictions that prohibits a team to travel to a competition out of state, COVID-19 related quarantine rules or restrictions that prohibits a team to travel, and individual participation in U23/JWC or Senior World Championship competitions.

Appendix I • Central Region Alpine Qualification Criteria

Central Region Alpine Policies.

a. Beginning in 1999-2000, the Central region shall be permitted to qualify Alpine student-athletes in either the East or West regional qualifiers. By Nov. 15, the institution must declare with the national office the region to which they will send student-athletes attempting to qualify. **(April 1999)**

b. At any time the Central region meets the requirements below, it will receive a minimum of two Alpine slots for the following championships, allotted to the gender, which satisfies the requirements. The region must supply the appropriate scheduling information and race results to the committee for review at its next annual meeting so that the adjustments in allocations to all regions will be effective for the next national championships. **(April 1999)**

The requirements that must be satisfied for the Central region to petition for Alpine slots must be met by each gender individually. (Note: Four NCAA-declared women's Alpine teams would be required to meet these requirements to receive two women's Alpine slots. If there are two men's and two women's NCAA-declared Alpine teams, the region would not meet the requirements set by the committee to receive any Alpine slots). The region must meet the following requirements:

1. Establish a regional association in the sport of skiing (e.g.: RMISA or EISA).

2. Have a minimum of four NCAA-declared (certified by the athletics director) Alpine teams in the respective gender. (Note: Four NCAA-declared women's Alpine teams would be required to meet these requirements in order to receive two women's Alpine slots. If there are two men's and two women's NCAA-declared Alpine teams, the region would not meet the requirements set by the committee to receive any Alpine slots).

3. Each of the four teams of the gender, in which the Alpine slots are being petitioned, must have participated in a minimum of five competitions that included both slalom and giant slalom events.

4. Produce results that substantiate that in each of the five competitions, a minimum of three Alpine competitors from the institution raced in the respective genders.

c. The president of the regional association shall first review the results submitted by the institutions in its region to determine whether the region has met the criteria to receive guaranteed Alpine slots. If the president determines that the institutions have met all the criteria established by the NCAA committee, he/she shall submit all the required information to the national office by March 20 of each year for final review. Once the information is certified by an Alpine member of the national committee as having met the criteria, the national committee will review the information and make their recommendation at their next annual meeting. **(June 2000)**