

OISRA NORDIC POLICIES
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(*Newest amendments in bold italics*)

Waxing Restrictions: The Steering Committee recommends not using fluoro waxes in league races. For state meets and joint races, waxing restrictions do not apply. This is a recommendation and not a rule that will be policed.

Section I: Nordic Division Steering Committee Policies

Refer to **OISRA Policy 7** for a description of Division Steering Committees and policies governing the Division Steering Committees. The Nordic Division follows all the OISRA Policy statements and also makes the following additions to OISRA Policy 7:

OISRA Policies 7 B II: Steering Committee Director

- Nordic Steering Committee Director will preside at all Steering Committee Rules Committee meetings.

OISRA Policies 7 B VI: League Representative

- Will submit the names of the qualifying teams and the individual competitors for the State Meet.

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1. The Nordic Steering Committee shall conduct all business and determine policy for the Nordic Division. The Committee shall
 - a. oversee the Nordic State Meet and Nordic League races
 - b. interpret Nordic Policies and Race Rules
 - c. amend Nordic Policies and Race Rules by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Steering Committee members.
 - d. No changes in the Nordic Policies or Nordic Race Rules can be made during the Participatory Season each year.

Section II: The OISRA Nordic Division follows all OISRA Policies and additionally abides by the following OISRA Nordic Division Policies.

A. Nordic Division Participation Fees and Nordic League Participation Fees

1. Nordic Division individual participation fees shall be determined annually by the Nordic Steering Committee and submitted to the OISRA Board of Directors at their Spring Meeting.
2. League Participation fees shall be determined annually by each Nordic League and submitted to the OISRA Board of Directors at their Spring Meeting.
3. OISRA membership dues are due to the OISRA State Treasurer by December 1st -
4. OISRA Participation fees, Nordic Division individual participation fees, and League participation fees are paid by each participant through online registration.
5. The OISRA state treasurer returns to the OISRA Nordic Treasurer the amount of the Nordic Division participation fees and Nordic League participation fees.
6. The Nordic Division Treasurer returns to each League treasurer the amount of the League participation fees.
7. See OISRA Policy, Appendix III, for temporary membership dues for temporary membership high schools.

B. Nordic Rules Committee

1 The Nordic Rules Committee meets once a year in the Spring. The Nordic Director, with the consent of the majority of League Representatives, may elect to use email or other electronic communication for Rules Committee discussion and voting in lieu of the annual Rules Committee meeting.

2 The members of the Rules Committee

- a. The Nordic Director must be on the Nordic Rules Committee and is a voting member.
- b. Each league may send two delegates to the Rules Committee
- c. Each league and the Director has one vote in the Rules Committee; however, the Rules Committee strives for consensus.
- d. While there are only 2 leagues, the Director will be the chairperson. When there are 3 or more leagues, the Rules Committee will elect the chairperson.

3. Duties of the Rules Committee

- a. To review Nordic Policies, Nordic State Meet Policies, Nordic Race Rules, and USSA and FIS rule books.
- b. To receive and review rule suggestions.
- c. To present a final copy of proposed rule changes to the Nordic Steering Committee.

4. Rule Suggestions

- a. Proposals will be submitted to the Rules Committee not later than three (3) weeks prior to the Spring Nordic Steering Committee Meeting.
- b. Suggestions will be in writing.
- c. Suggestions will be from an OISRA member in good standing.
- d. A personal presentation by the person or persons offering the rule proposal may be requested.
- e. All proposals to change the Nordic Policies and Nordic Race Rules must be written and clearly referenced to the Nordic Policies and Nordic Race Rules. If USSA or FIS rules are used as a reference, the respective references must be clearly stated.

C. OISRA Nordic State Meet Qualifying Events

1. OISRA *sanctioned Nordic Division League races may be
 - scored OISRA state meet qualifying races or
 - OISRA state meet qualifying races that are not ranked.

(* An OISRA "sanctioned" race is attended only by skiers from OISRA member schools.)

2. A scored OISRA state meet qualifying race that is attended by a majority of the member schools of an OISRA league is an official state meet qualifier for that league. Team and individual points can be assigned at scored qualifying races.

3. Two or more OISRA leagues may have a "combined race" that is a scored qualifying race for all of the leagues that have a majority of their teams participating in the event. Team scores and individual scores can be separated out for each league's scoring systems.

4. Other OISRA league races can be OISRA sanctioned races that are not ranked. Will be no opportunity for jury meetings at these events.

5. Nordic Leagues shall have a race season that consists of at least five (5) scored OISRA official state meet qualifying races.

6. A racer can satisfy the 50% participation rule (OISRA Policy #14) by participating in a minimum of three (3) OISRA state meet qualifying races.

At least two (2) of these races must be scored events for his/her OISRA league - a combined OISRA event "counts" as an official qualifying race for each league that has a majority of their teams participating.

One of these races may be either another OISRA league's scored event OR an OISRA league race for any OISRA league that is not ranked.

D. League Race Schedules

1. The number of combined races for the following season will be determined at the Spring Steering Committee Meeting.
2. At the Spring Steering Committee Meeting, each league will present their tentative race schedule for the upcoming season.
3. At the Fall Steering Committee Meeting, each league will present their final race schedule for the season.

E. Leagues may allow Provisional Skiers to participate in OISRA League events.

1. Provisional Skiers' race results will be reported, but their results do not displace any high school racer's results.
2. Results for Provisional Skiers do not count toward any team time.
3. Provisional Skiers can participate in the JV relay race.

F. League Standard Operating Procedures - It is the policy of the OISRA not to inhibit the establishing of "local operating procedures" for the running of the leagues. The "local procedure" provisions shall maintain the fair and equitable participation and scoring and classification of the contestants. Each league will have Standard Operating Procedures that clarify and explain the following:

- When regular League meetings take place [one meeting is mandatory]
- A statement about who is allowed to vote for each member school on league matters (including both full and associate member schools)
- The voting requirements for deciding issues for that league.
- Race procedures - any variance from the "OISRA Nordic Rules and Regulations" or explanatory details specific to league races
- Scoring for league races: for Individual races and for relay races.
- A means of resolving a tie between individuals and a tie between teams.
- The Jury Members: Identification of the individuals or officials that will comprise the race jury, and a statement of which members of the jury have a vote in jury deliberations.
- How League Allotments (for state meet) will be converted to which skiers participate at state.
- A method of recording accidents or incidents at league races and submittal of incident reports in conformity with OISRA Policy 20.

G. Driving to On-snow practices or events

A student becomes ineligible for OISRA Nordic events if he/she drives him/herself or others to or from on-snow practices or events.

H. Start-up Grants

Start-up grants of up to \$500 can be awarded to new OISRA member schools, to be used for participation fees, trail passes, and ski rentals for their first year.

I. Nordic Temporary Membership

Temporary OISRA membership allows Nordic students affiliated with temporary member high schools to participate in specific OISRA sanctioned event(s). Temporary member high school teams (and individuals on those teams) participate at a competitive event as if the high school were an OISRA member for only that event.

1. Temporary membership dues and fees
 - Temporary membership dues are \$1 per season to register a temporary membership school.
 - Each racer's individual participation fee for each event is determined by the Nordic Steering Committee.
 - School temporary membership dues and individual participation fees must be paid before a student can participate in an OISRA sanctioned event.

2. Athletes and teams who compete for an OISRA Temporary Membership School do not receive League titles, nor do they receive State Championship titles.
 - **An athlete from a Temporary Membership School may compete in the GUEST category at the Nordic State Championships and be eligible for a GUEST award.**
3. Temporary Membership Schools do not have voting rights within the OISRA organization.
4. The Designated Head Coach listed on the MT(N) form for Temporary Membership Schools must have a criminal background check.
5. The following procedures must be followed before any student from a temporary membership school has permission to participate in an OISRA event:
 - A school official must sign the OISRA Temporary Membership Application : MT(N),
 - Each racer must register online as a Temporary Member.
 - The coach who is listed as the "designated Head Coach" on the M(N) form must register online. All Temporary Member Schools and affiliated coaches and students who have followed these procedures are covered by the OISRA insurance for an OISRA sanctioned event.
6. Schools from states other than Oregon are eligible for temporary membership in OISRA.
7. Any school whose primary ski team is registered as an OISRA member school cannot also be an OISRA temporary member school.

J. Nordic Guest Category for State Championships

1. Any high school athlete from any state may compete in the OISRA Guest Category at the Nordic OISRA state championships as an individual, **REPRESENTING THE SCHOOL THEY ATTEND**, if
 - (1) They have participated in a Nordic league race as a member of a Temporary Member School team (see I - above) and they additionally pay a State Meet participation fee OR
 - (2) They are an individual who has not attended any OISRA Nordic League races and the following procedures are followed:
 - A school official signs the MG(N) form stating that the school offers a comprehensive curriculum that meets Oregon graduation requirements and giving the student permission to ski in the name of the school
 - A designated coach signs the MG(N) form, stating that the coach has had a background check, and this coach accompanies the racer to the event.
 - A designated coach signs the CG(N) release of liability form.
 - Guest racer signs the A1G release of liability form
 - A school official signs the OISRA Academic Eligibility Certificate, stating that the racer meets the academic eligibility requirements of OISRA Policy 8.
 - The individual pays a State Meet participation fee, which was determined by the Nordic Steering Committee.
 - The Nordic Division Steering Committee approves the application.
2. Any high school athlete from any state may compete in the OISRA Guest Category at the Nordic OISRA State Championships as an individual **NOT REPRESENTING THE SCHOOL THEY ATTEND**, if they register as a Provisional Skier and pay a State Championships participation fee.
3. Guest Category racers are not eligible to receive OISRA State Championship titles.
4. The results for Guest Category racers are ranked as a separate category and they do not displace non-Guest individual racers' points. The race results of the racers in the Guest Category may not contribute to team scores at the state meet, even though three racers of the same gender might attend the same school.
5. Guest racers can compete on JV relay teams, but cannot compete on Varsity relay teams.
6. Awards uniquely different from the standard State Championship awards will be presented to GUEST racers:
 - If less than 4 racers of one gender compete in the Guest Category, the top racer of that gender is presented an award for combined individual performance.

- If 4 or 5 racers of one gender are in the Guest Category, the top 2 racers of that gender are presented awards for combined individual performance.
- If 6 or more racers of one gender are in the Guest Category, the top 3 racers of that gender are presented awards for combined individual performance.

7. The Nordic Division Steering Committee can limit the number of GUEST racers allowed at the state meet, using whatever criteria the Steering Committee considers important for providing favorable conditions for all participants.

8. Seeding for Guest Racers in a Mass Start Race: If any Guest racers qualify to be seeded in the first wave of a mass start race at the State Championships, then the number of skiers allowed in the first wave will be increased by the number of guest racers who qualify to be in the first wave. [The purpose of this rule is to insure that guest racers do not displace racers who are selected to be in the first wave based on their performances in OISRA league races.]

Section II Nordic State Meet Policies

General: Unless otherwise specified OISRA Nordic Race Rules will apply.

A. Eligibility of Individuals for the state Championships is defined in OISRA Policy #14.

The definition of participating in a race means that the racer must have started in the individual race on a league event day. Participating in the relay race is optional.

B. Team Criteria for the State Meet

1. To qualify as a team for the State Meet, only the race results of individuals eligible for the State Meet may be used.
2. A team that has a racer who is ineligible to participate in the State Meet will have their team scores refigured to exclude that individual's scores.

C. Team and Individual Selection for the State Meet

1. The total number of racers of each gender from each league entered in each race (Classic and Freestyle) at the State Meet may not exceed the *League Allotments* announced by the Nordic commissioner no later than January 1st.
2. The *League Allotments* for each gender in each league is a percentage of the total number of registered varsity racers of that gender in that league.
 - a. Varsity racers on full and associate teams are included in the total number of registered racers.
 - b. The **January 1st** rosters are the references for the numbers of racers.
 - c. Calculations of percentage to use for *League Allotments*.
 - (1) Divide 175 by the total number of registered varsity boys and girls in the state to calculate the percentage to use for the *League Allotments*.
3. The SOP's for each league describe how varsity teams and individuals are chosen to fill their *League Allotments*.
 - a. Alternates are allowed. One team may enter up to 6 members of one gender if the League SOP's allow.
4. No substitutions are allowed at the State Meet.

D. Eligibility Certification of racers and teams competing in the State Meet:

1. League qualifying races must be completed by the entry deadline for the State Competition.
2. Each League Representative will create League Start Lists (each racer's name, school) for each state meet race and send them to the Race Secretary by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday before the first race.
 - a. The League Representative verifies that each racer and each team on these lists has met the qualification and selection criteria for the State Meet (see Section II A, B, & C.)
 - b. The Race Secretary verifies the academic eligibility of each racer on these lists based on receiving a report from the OISRA Registrar.
 - c. The seeding for the state meet races is decided according to the Nordic Steering Committee's instructions. (See J below.)

E. Nordic State Meet Oversight Committee

1. Composition

- a. OISRA Nordic Assistant Director
- b. OISRANordic Commissioner
- c. Representative from next year's host league.

(1) The representative of the league who will host the State Meet the following season is to be involved in all phases of the planning of the current State Meet. This is a non-voting position which may be filled by someone who has been appointed by the League Representative.

d. Other committee members are at the discretion of the hosting league.

2. Role of the Committee

a. This committee will act in an oversight capacity, checking with the state race coordinator that planning is under control and taking particular attention to the host league having obtained suitable nominations for jury (including the TD), course selection, and grooming arrangements.

F. State Meet Coordinator

1. The host league shall appoint a State Meet Coordinator who shall be responsible for the administration of the State Meet, and with keeping the members of the Steering Committee informed with the progress in its planning.

2. The State Meet Coordinator shall coordinate the Race Committee, Race Officials, and Jury for all the State Meet race events.

3. The State Meet Coordinator shall coordinate the other State Meet committees that work on the banquet, t-shirts, lodging, awards, etc.

4. At the Spring Steering Committee Meeting, the State Meet Coordinator will provide the Nordic Secretary with the notes regarding the administration of the preceding State Meet and such other duties as the State Meet coordinator may have:

- (1) State Meet Information Pack and Official Results to be archived on website
- (2) Banquet Information of number of racers ratio to number of banquet meals
- (3) Information regarding the awards- cost and where purchased
- (4) State Meet budget and expenses
- (5) A critique and evaluation of the State Meet by race officials and race workers

5. Delegation of Duties

a. All schools in the Host League should participate in the organization of the State Meet.

b. It is expected that the larger school teams will contribute the highest number of volunteers versus smaller school teams will contribute the least number of volunteers.

G. Schedule and Competition Program:

1. The State Meet will be 2 days in length and begin on the Friday before the week OSAA Spring Sports training begins.

2. The length of the courses and race format at State will be:

One event will be a Boys and Girls 4.5 K – 6K Mass Start

A second event will be a Boys and Girls 5 K Interval Start

A third event will be a Boys and Girls Mass Start Relay; the disciplines for each leg will be CL, FS, FS

JUNIOR VARSITY RELAY: If the numbers of Junior Varsity racers are such that it would not be safe (e.g. course or weather considerations) to put them all in one relay heat, then the Technical Delegate has the option of changing the 3 x 1K relay to a 4 X 1K relay (CL, CL, FS, FS)

Preference is for Friday's event to be a Freestyle race.

2. The coaches shall select the location of the each state meet.

3. Host league will be responsible for race course locations, course selection, forerunners and course monitors for each race course.

H. Non Host League participation:

1. Each participating league shall submit to the State Meet Coordinator two (2) individuals for jury selection, and one (1) representative for course selection and inspection for the State Meet one month prior to the first day of the State Meet.
 - a. It is recommended that equal representation by all leagues be observed when compiling the State Meet juries.

I. Volunteer Race Workers:

1. One experienced race worker, other than the Race Committee and the Jury Members, shall be provided by each competing team; Girls team and/or Boy's team.

J. Seeding and the Draw

1. **Seeding procedures for the state meet individual races will be established annually by the Nordic Steering Committee.**
2. **Separate start orders** will take place for the Freestyle and Classic events, Girls and the Boys races.
3. The lanes for the relay event will be assigned during the State Meet according to the team standings from the first individual race.

K. Inclement Weather Procedures:

1. Shorten course
2. Postpone the race.
3. It is conceivable that the Meet may need to be decided on the basis of those events already run.

L. Protest Fee:

1. There will be a protest fee not to exceed \$20. If the protest is upheld, the protest fee will be refunded to the protesting team. If the disqualification is upheld, the protest fee will go to the host league

M. Scoring:

1. See Nordic Race Rules Section B 17 for how teams are scored for individual races and for relay races.
2. The overall team points for any team at the State Meet will be the sum of the team points from the two individual races and the relay race. Ties are broken according to the Nordic Race Rules, Section II H 4 and 5.
3. To determine the ranking for the individual combined awards, the elapsed times for each competitor for the two individual races will be added.

N. Information Packet:

1. An information packet should be emailed to each team and posted on the website three (3) weeks prior to the State Meet.
2. Included in the information packet should be:
 - a. Any SOPs not clearly defined or outlined by OISRA.
 - b. Map of the area showing the individual races and the relay race location, race headquarters, meeting location, parking areas, etc.
 - c. Entry deadline.
 - d. Planned dates of the freestyle and classic and relay races
 - e. Entry forms and requirements if necessary.
 - f. Location of motels and restaurants.
 - g. Information on medical and hospital facilities
 - h. Telephone number of State Meet Coordinator
 - i. Trail Pass cost
 - j. Information on Awards Banquet.

O. Funding:

The Nordic division of the OISRA will provide funding to the OISRA Nordic State Meet committee annually. The desired goal is to have the operational expenses (awards, grooming fees, trail passes, refreshments, Technical Delegate expenses, etc.) covered by donations and sponsorship. The expenses for lodging and travel expenses for each coach and racer will be paid by the individuals or schools.

P. Awards for performance at State Meet:

1. The Nordic Division of the OISRA shall be responsible for acquiring trophies and medallions, which shall be consistent in size and style with those awarded by OSAA at State Championship events.

2. Trophies shall be provided for presentation at the State Meet for a Girls and Boys Combined Meet and places 1-3 in the following categories.

Girl's & Boy's Combined	(1)
Girls team, Girls Team Relay	(6)
Boys team, Boys Team Relay	(6)

3. Medallions shall be provided for:

Members of the Girls 1 st – 3 rd place Relay team	(9)
Members of the Boys 1 st - 3 rd place Relay team	(9)
Individual Places 1-3 in Girls FS, Girls CL, Girls Combined	(9)
Individual Places 1-3 in Boys FS, Boys CL, Boys Combined	(9)

4. Ribbons shall be provided for:

Individual Places 4-10 in Girls FS, Girls CL, Girls Combined	(21)
Individual Places 4-10 in Boys FS, Boys CL, Boys Combined	(21)

Q. Awards for “Most Improved”

1. The Nordic Division shall be responsible for providing awards at the State Meet for the top three boys and top three girls for each league who were most improved during that ski season.
2. The recipients of the awards are determined by each league.

R. Rotation Schedule for Nordic State Meet:

The league to host the following season's Nordic State Meet will be determined by the Nordic Steering Committee at their Fall meeting, considering the following recommended schedule:

Year	Host Leagues
2015	Southern
2016	Southern
2017	Northern
2018	Southern

S. The Race Course for the State Meet

1. The Total Climb of each individual State Meet Course shall be 50-200 meters.
2. Each State Meet Relay Course should preferably have one lane per team, but there must be at least five (5) lanes. (See Nordic State Meet Policies, Section II, J 3 for configurations and lane assignments.)

T. Course Selection and Inspection

1. At least 6 weeks prior to the first day of the State Meet, the Chief of Course will present maps of the selected courses to each Course Selection/Inspection representative and the Technical Delegate for their approval. The course map will include the following information:
 - a. The selected courses will be defined, including course distances, height differences (HD), differences in height of a single climb (MC), and total climb (TC).
 - b. A description of the start area (number of lanes) to include the method of start (interval or mass), the finish area (number of lanes), and the relay exchange area.
2. The approval time period will end at least three (3) weeks prior to the first day of the State Meet. At such time, the approved course maps will be announced (preference is email) to the coaches by the Chief of Course or the State Meet Coordinator and the course maps will be posted on the website.
3. The approved courses are binding and can only be changed by the Technical Delegate's authority as outlined in the Nordic Race Rules.