



## 2026-2027 NORTH COUNTRY REGION QUALIFIER DATES and INFORMATION

### **NIKE ACE of CLUBS and REGION QUALIFIER**

Dates: **February 6-7, 2027**

Location: Minneapolis Convention Center

Competition Divisions:

- Non Qualifying Divisions
  - Girls 11s-18s
- Qualifying Divisions
  - Girls 18s – NCRQ Girls 18 Bids
  - Boys Bid Age Groups
  - Girls 14-17s – NCRQ Girls Freedom Bid

### **NIKE FINALE and REGION QUALIFIER**

Dates: **April 3-4, 2027**

Location: Minneapolis Convention Center

Competition Divisions:

- Non Qualifying Divisions
  - Girls 11-18s
- Qualifying Divisions
  - Girls 11-13: NCRQ National and American Bids
  - Girls 14-17: NCRQ National and American Bids

### **HOW DOES THIS WORK?**

#### **EXAMPLE**

NCRQ Freedom Bid earned by **TEAM ABC**

2<sup>nd</sup> place: **TEAM DEF**

3<sup>rd</sup> place: **TEAM GHI**

4<sup>th</sup> place: **TEAM JKL** – team cannot receive trickle down NCRQ February Freedom Bid

5<sup>th</sup> place: **TEAM XYZ** - team cannot receive trickle down NCRQ February Freedom Bid

6<sup>th</sup> place to ∞ : team cannot receive trickle down NCRQ February Freedom Bid

From the February NCRQ, a the Freedom Bid can trickle down to the 3<sup>rd</sup> place finisher. Should the Freedom bid be vacated by first, second, and third, place finishers at the February NCRQ, then the bid is returned to the Region to be competed for at the April NCRQ.

Once a team earns the NCRQ Freedom bid it can only be vacated by that team after the team has earned a higher bid than the Freedom bid.

Example:

**TEAM ABC** finishes first at February NCRQ, they earn their age division's Freedom Bid  
**TEAM ABC** then earns an Open USAV bid at National Qualifier, NCRQ Freedom Bid is vacated and can trickle down to second place finisher at February NCRQ = **TEAM DEF**  
**TEAM DEF** then earns a higher bid than NCRQ Freedom at a National Qualifier. NCRQ Freedom Bid is vacated and can trickle down to third place finisher at February NCRQ = **TEAM GHI**.  
**TEAM GHI** accepts the trickledown NCRQ Freedom Bid. **TEAM GHI** earns a higher bid than the NCRQ Freedom Bid at National Qualifier. The NCRQ Freedom Bid is returned to the Region to be included in the bids that can be earned at the April NCRQ.

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**TEAM DEF** then earns a higher bid than NCRQ Freedom at a National Qualifier. NCRQ Freedom Bid is vacated and can trickle down to third place finisher at February NCRQ = **TEAM GHI**.  
**TEAM GHI** accepts the trickledown NCRQ Freedom Bid. **TEAM GHI** would like to earn an NCRQ National or American bid and registers to compete at the April NCRQ.

1. If **TEAM GHI** earns a National or American bid, then the Freedom will be earned by the team that finishes fourth (NCRQ usually has a National, American, American, Freedom bids).
2. If **TEAM GHI** does not finish in the top four (assuming that NCR has a National, American, American, Freedom bid), then **TEAM GHI** still keeps the Freedom bid and the April NCRQ awards the remaining bids to the top three finishers.