

Wisconsin State (WIARA)

Ski & Snowboard Team Selection Guidelines

Overview

These guidelines outline how athletes are selected for Wisconsin State Ski and Snowboard Teams following the conclusion of conference races. The goal is to ensure a fair, transparent, and consistent process that balances race performance, attendance, and overall team readiness.

1. Athlete Eligibility for State Consideration

Eligibility for consideration on the State Team is based on::

- **Practice Attendance** – Athletes are expected to participate regularly in scheduled practices.
- **Race Attendance** – Consistent attendance at conference races is required to remain eligible.

Both factors help determine which athletes are prepared and eligible to be included in the selection process for the State Team.

2. State Team Roster Structure

Each co-op will qualify:

- **Top 6 athletes per gender** based on season performance and eligibility criteria
- **1 alternate athlete (7th)** per gender

The alternate (7th) athlete often competes at State, as different athletes may be stronger in specific events (e.g., GS vs. Slalom). Coaching staff may rotate athletes strategically based on their strengths.

3. Criteria for Selection

Selection for the 6 primary roster spots and the 7th alternate typically includes:

A. Race Results & Consistency

- Performance across conference races
- Demonstrated improvement and reliability

B. Attendance Requirements

- Historically defined as participation in the **majority of conference races/80%**
- Flexibility may be applied depending on the season's circumstances (e.g., weather cancellations)

C. Injury or Extenuating Circumstances

- Injuries, illness, or unavoidable conflicts are considered on a case-by-case basis
 - Coaches may review athlete performance before and after absences to determine readiness
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4. Weather & Schedule Considerations

Due to Wisconsin weather, some seasons may experience:

- Race cancellations
- Rescheduled events
- Limited training days

When this occurs, the standard "majority of races" guideline may be adjusted. Coaches will make fair, reasonable decisions based on the opportunities available to all athletes.

5. Final Selection & Communication

State team selections are finalized **after all conference races have been completed.**

Coaches will:

- Review attendance, race data, and special circumstances
 - Determine the top 6 + 1 alternate per gender
 - Communicate decisions to athletes and families promptly
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6. Purpose of These Guidelines

These guidelines are designed to:

- Set expectations for athletes and families
- Provide transparency around decision-making
- Support fairness while allowing flexibility for unpredictable conditions