

NCD Regional (NCD/OSZ) Series Rankings – 2016 Season

This document defines how the overall season rankings for NCD athletes will be determined. Note that at the time of publication, it was not possible to get alignment with OSZ on this criteria, although the OSZ criteria from last season was taken into consideration. Therefore, it is possible that OSZ will use and publish a different criteria resulting in different ranking for the same athletes. Anyone wishing to know the NCD ranking should look at the points calculations published on the NCD website.

The following principles were applied in setting the criteria:

1. The principles of LTAD (Long Term Athlete Development) increasingly emphasize racing as you get to higher (U14, U16) age groups. This is reflected in the ranking criteria by emphasizing race results rather than run results for those age groups.
2. In order to maximize the number of events contributing to the ranking, regional series championship results will be used.
3. Whether using run results or race results, there should be equal emphasis on SL and GS. This means that we should try to use the same number of SL runs/races as GS runs/races if possible. When you use 4 SL runs/races plus 3 GS runs/races, an athlete with four 2nd place SL finishes gets more points than an athlete with three 1st place GS finishes. This essentially lowers the performance bar for SL specialists relative to GS specialists.
4. The principle of using the best X out of Y results is helpful when Y is a small number because otherwise the penalty of one bad/missing performance is too high. However, NCD believes that U14 and U16 athletes have enough events in a season to simply add all Y results together. This has the side benefit of not requiring modification in the event of a season that is shortened or modified due to weather/snow conditions.

The application of these principles results in the following NCD season ranking criteria by age group. Series points are calculated by allocating a set number of points based on finish position. For example, a first place finish gets 500 points, a second place finish gets 400 points, etc.. The criteria determines which results contribute to the overall point total for each athlete.

NCD/OSZ Series Ranking Criteria (Regional Series Championship Results Included In All Cases)		
Age	Emphasis	NCD Criteria 2015-16
U10	Gliding Start / Skier Essentials	Best 3 SL/PSL runs + Best 3 GS/Kombi runs
U12	Skier Essentials / Learn to Train	Best 3 SL/PSL runs + Best 3 GS/Kombi runs
U14	Learn to Train / Learn to Race	Add all race results (10): 3 x SL 3 x GS 1 x SG (single run race) 1 x SC (1 run SG + 1 run SL) 1 x KK (single run race) 1 x PSL (single run race)
U16	Learn to Race / Train to Race	Add all race results (10): 3 x SL 3 x GS 2 x SG (single run race) 2 x SC (1 run SG + 1 run SL)