



2017 U16 Nationals Selection Criteria

The 2017 U16 Nationals are being held Feb 21-26, 2016 in Thunder Bay, Ontario.

Coaches Committee (CC):

The CC will be chaired by the NCD U16 Chair and each NCD club including the NCO will have one representative. The U16 Chair does not have any voting privileges, unless a tie breaker is necessary. The U16 Chair is primarily there to ensure that the process has been equitable and transparent. The team selection will be finalized February 12, immediately after the final qualifying race.

Quota

NCD quota is 4 male and 2 female athletes. NCD quota is based on two factors:

1. Guaranteed quota of 1 male and 1 female
2. Additional quota based on athlete overall rankings from last season provincial championships; 1 spot for each athlete in the top 15. NCD had 3 male athletes and 1 female athlete in the top 15.

Eligibility

Only athletes that are competing in the NCD/OSZ U16 race series are eligible for selection. All athletes must have submitted a fitness test result to AOA by Dec 31, 2016.

Selection Points

- The following criteria will be used to determine the NCD team for the U16 Nationals. NCD-OSZ series points (500 point system) will be used in determining the following:
 - Best SL run/race (1 result selected from 1 race result and 2 AC SL run results)
 - Best GS race (1 result selected from 2 race results)
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- The sum of these run/race points shall result in a ranking of athletes and the top ranked athletes shall be chosen for the team until the NCD quota is filled.
- 'Race Result' in these criteria shall mean a race made up of 2 runs for SL, GS and 1 run in the case of SG. If a 2 run race is turned into a one run race (e.g. due to weather or snow conditions), the result will still be used for calculating a race result.

- Athletes will be seeded by the CC for SL, GS and SG taking into consideration the points rankings by discipline, but not necessarily following the rankings exactly.
- OSZ athletes are not eligible for selection however the NCD-OSZ series points used in the selection criteria will be based on the race results which will include the OSZ athletes.
- In this case of a tie for the last spot, the following procedure will be used to break the tie
 - The racer with the highest best finish (from all selected results, race or run) is selected; or the second best finish if both racers have the same best finish, and so on.
 - If both racers have all the same finish results, then race points will be analyzed
 - Race points will be assessed from Race Results only
 - The lowest race points from the races used for each racer will be compared and the racer with the lowest race point value selected. If both racers have the same lowest race points, then the next lowest race points are compared, and so on.

Coaching:

- The CC will appoint the Team Captain for the National Capital Division team and will name the person following the selection of the athletes.
- The CC will designate the coaches who will represent the team.
- The CC will ensure that at least one selected coach has a Development Level coaching certification.
- It is desirable to have at least one selected coach from each gender representing the team. But this may not be possible should one not be available.

Registration:

- The NCD U16 Chair, or their designate, will submit the team entry to the ROC on behalf of the entire team. No other entries will be tolerated.
- Any breach of this policy will immediately disqualify the athlete(s) and his/her coach will be subject to sanction by the NCD Board of Directors, which may include, but is not limited to, the loss of course setting assignments for the balance of the season in any NCD sanctioned race.

Costs and transportation

- Food, transportation, accommodation, registration and coaching costs are the athlete's responsibility.