



2026 NCD U16 O-Cup Finals Selection Criteria

The selection date will be scheduled for Thursday February 12th, 2026, after the GS Race at MSM on February 8th, 2026. The 2026 OCUP Finals are being held March 8th to 13th, 2026 in Thunder Bay, hosted by the Lake Superior Division Alpine of Alpine Ontario.

Coaches Committee (CC)

The CC will be chaired by the NCD U16 Chair and each club 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.

Eligibility

Only athletes who are competing in the NCD/OSZ U16 race series are eligible for selection. As such any athletes listed with AOA as U16 and not competing will be pulled from the initial start of the selection process. This is to ensure a true representation of the NCD's gender ratio/split for selection purposes.

Selection Criteria

Selection of 90% of the NCD team shall be based upon combined Provincials Selection Points.

The remaining 10% of athletes on the NCD team can be chosen at the discretion of the Coaches Committee (CC). The CC shall use its discretion to appoint deserving athletes, including those who for extenuating reasons such as injury, have not met the selection criteria based upon race results. These athletes must be presented to CC with valid reasoning for consideration at least 24 hours prior to the meeting, otherwise selection will be done based on 100% Provincial Selection Points.

The following criteria will be used to determine the NCD team. NCD-OSZ series points will be used in determining the following:

SL--Total 1000 points available

Best 2 runs

GS--Total 1000 points available

Best 2 runs

SG--Total 500 Points available

Best 1 race

Race Results -- Total 1000 points available

Best 1 race result SL

Best 1 race result GS

- Quotas will be allocated to NCD by Alpine Ontario.
- 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.
- Any additional quota will be filled based on the series point rankings.
- No seed order will be made for the OCUP finals. This aligns with the new Provincial Competition Rules. Please see section “Start Order” in the PCR for more details. The PCR can be found on the alpineOntario.ca website.
- Athletes must have completed the ACA fitness combine between Sept 1st and Dec 31st.

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.
- It is at the discretion of each club as to how it assigns coaches to best support the athletes.

Costs and transportation

- The U16 Coordinator will be responsible for submitting the registration list while each club will be responsible for the fees of their attending athletes, such as registration costs, lift tickets and practice lane space.
- Food, transportation, coaching fees and accommodation is the parent's responsibility.

3. Selection Criteria for Provincial Competitions [PCR-ON v26]

- The selection committees in each of the four divisions are responsible for selecting their teams based on the provincial finals quota allocations outlined in Table 8 and following their respective selection guidelines specified in Sections 3.1 and 3.2.
- To appeal a divisional team selection for a provincial competition, submit your request to your division by the deadline outlined in your divisional guidelines.
- The division may reserve 13% of the divisional quota for appeals. Appeals will be assessed on a case-by-case basis by the divisional Appeals Committee. Reasonable grounds for an appeal may include injury, illness or extenuating circumstances. After all appeals have been processed, any unused quota may be re-assigned by the division. Unused divisional quota will be returned to Alpine Ontario for reassignment by the Alpine Ontario Athletic Committee. Host divisions may apply for additional quota spots to Alpine Ontario a minimum of 14 days prior to the OCUP Finals. In extenuating circumstances the Alpine Ontario Athletic Committee may request an increase in total field size to accommodate.
- Each division is allocated a base quota of 12 spots. Additional quotas are allocated to divisions based on their share of provincial representation, calculated as a percentage of combined male and female registrations within the respective age category as recorded by December 15 of that year. Division quotas are to be allocated equally by gender. However, if a division faces a significant gender disparity in registrations, they may adjust their allocations to reflect the percentage discrepancy, with a maximum adjustment limit of 20%. If a division has a disparity for more than 1 year, a review will be conducted to ensure sustained equitable outcomes going forward.

Table 11: U16 OCUP Provincial Finals Quotas

Quota	U16 Finals				
	Total registered athletes				
	Total registered	Allocation by reg %	Additional quota by %	Base quota	Total quota spots
LSDA	n	n / r = s	s * FQ* = w	12	w + 12
NCD	o	o / r = t	t * FQ* = x	12	x + 12
NOD	p	p / r = u	u * FQ* = y	12	y + 12
SOD	q	q / r = v	v * FQ* = z	12	z + 12
Total	r			48	160

* FQ (free quota) which is the total quota spots minus the total base quota