



U.S. Ski & Snowboard Cross Country Competition Field Size Limit Guidance

MISSION/PHILOSOPHY:

This guidance is meant to provide a tool for U.S. Ski & Snowboard Cross Country Race Hosts to utilize in the event local and state laws and/or health ordinances mandate a limit on field size group requirements for an outdoor competition.

It is recommended to work directly with local and state authorities to ensure a competition meets health and safety guidelines for hosting, and whether local and state laws mandate a limit on field size group requirements for an outdoor competition.

The philosophy when implementing a field size limit is to provide access and opportunity to athletes in key development-age categories instead of based purely on the lowest FIS points/NRL point standard without regard to age groups. The intention of the competition should be the prime consideration.

The following are prioritized considerations:

1. The intention of the competition (example - senior FIS, collegiate, junior qualifier).
2. Best athletes/ lowest FIS and/or NRL points.
3. Best athletes/ lowest FIS and/or NRL points - in key development-age categories.
4. Preference may be given to athletes residing in the geographic region (membership regional affiliation, payment of divisional dues, current enrollment at a school within the area, etc.).
5. Discretion = best athletes/lowest FIS points - in key development age categories where there is additional need OR best athletes residing outside the geographic region.
6. A FIS sanctioned competition requires that 5% of the quota is reserved to foreign competitors. If the foreign competitor quota does not fill, those spots can then be utilized for other athletes.

SPECTATORS, COACHES, & VOLUNTEERS:

Field size limits apply to all individuals on-site at a competition. Therefore, spectators, volunteers, and coaches need to be considered in overall participation numbers, unless outlined in local and state field size regulations. The primary intention of competition is to allow for as many athletes to compete as possible. ONLY essential staff and volunteers should be on site.

SPECTATORS:

As outlined in the [U.S. Ski & Snowboard COVID-19 Competitions Guidance](#), spectators are not considered participants. Therefore, we respectfully request no spectators take up any spot that could otherwise be allocated to a competitor.

VOLUNTEERS:

Volunteers are essential for a safe and fair competition. Host venues should consider minimizing the volunteer staff size without compromising a safe and fair competition. Volunteers must abide by the U.S. Ski & Snowboard COVID-19 Competitions Guidance including (but not limited to) daily symptom checks. The host venue is responsible for ensuring their volunteer staff is in abidance of the U.S. Ski & Snowboard COVID-19 Competitions Guidance.



COACHES:

Coaches and team leaders are necessary for performance on race day. All coaches and team leaders need to pre-register for the event. When registering for the event, each athlete shall provide an affiliation and identify a team leader as point of contact. This team leader is an on-site support person, typically a coach and must be an active and current U.S. Ski & Snowboard member. The team leader is responsible for providing results of the COVID-19 Daily Symptom check to the Event COVID-19 Coordinator.

Our guidance is a ratio of one (1) coach for every five (5) athletes to keep event size manageable.

Considerations:

- Independent athletes or small teams (five or less athletes), suggested to be represented by a single coach/team leader.
- The working group may implement a maximum number of coaches per group at their discretion.

WORKING GROUP

It is the responsibility of the event organizer to create a working group, including the Chief of Competition, the COVID-19 Coordinator, and one or more representatives from each key stakeholder in the competition (athletes and coaches): NCAA, juniors, seniors, etc.

PLAN SUBMISSION

All Field Size Limit Plans should be sent to the U.S. Ski & Snowboard XC Executive Committee three weeks prior to the competition for review and approval prior to publication.

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PUBLICATION OF FIELD SIZE LIMITATION PLAN

The Field Size Limitation Plan must be published and posted on the race registration website, so competitors and coaches are aware that a competition has limits on field size.

DISCLAIMER

U.S. Ski & Snowboard reserves the right to remove a race from the NRL scoring base if a Field Size Limitation Plan that was previously approved was not followed.



GUIDANCE

FIELD SIZE LIMIT - COVID-19 MITIGATION GUIDANCE:	
FIS	
1. Competitors within geographic location (ex - state, division, region)	
2. an allocation of Foreign FIS	
3. Host Quota Based Upon the Intent of event (FIS, collegiate, junior) -	
4. Discretionary Quota (host petition)	

U.S. Ski & Snowboard National Ranking List Sanctioned Event	
1. Competitors within geographic location (ex - state, division, region)	
2. Host Quota Based Upon the Intent of event (FIS, collegiate, junior) -	
3. Discretionary Quota (host petition)	



FIS & U.S SKI & SNOWBOARD NATIONAL RANKING LIST EXAMPLES OF IMPLEMENTATION:

FIS FIELD LIMIT SIZE IMPLEMENTATION EXAMPLES:	
	Number or Percentage can be exchanged in this model by the host.
FIS (ex)	
Foreign FIS	(10%) or Top 15 based on FIS or FIS ranking list cut off with or w/out a max point performance standard cut-off
USA Senior (w/in division)	(15%) 20 based on NRL or NRL ranking list cut off with or w/out a max point performance standard cut-off
USA U26 (w/in division)	(15%) 20 based on NRL or NRL ranking list cut off with or w/out a max point performance standard cut-off
USA U23 (w/in division)	(15%) 20 based on NRL or NRL ranking list cut off with or w/out a max point performance standard cut-off
USA U20 (w/in division)	(15%) 20 based on NRL or NRL ranking list cut off with or w/out a max point performance standard cut-off
USA U18 (w/in division)	(15%) 20 based on NRL or NRL ranking list cut off with or w/out a max point performance standard cut-off
Host Quota (petition)	15% or 20 (host petition subject to performance standard)
Unfulfilled category allocations go to Host Quota petition to be reallocated	
NOTE: This is an example of implementation for guidance purposes however the host has the right to "implement by competition intent."	

U.S. Ski & Snowboard National Ranking List Sanctioned Event	
	Number or Percentage can be exchanged in this model by the host.
NRL (ex)	
USA Senior (w/in division)	(15%) 20 based on NRL or NRL ranking list cut off with or w/out a max point performance standard cut-off
USA U26 (w/in division)	(15%) 20 based on NRL or NRL ranking list cut off with or w/out a max point performance standard cut-off
USA U23 (w/in division)	(15%) 20 based on NRL or NRL ranking list cut off with or w/out a max point performance standard cut-off
USA U20 (w/in division)	(15%) 20 based on NRL or NRL ranking list cut off with or w/out a max point performance standard cut-off
USA U18 (w/in division)	(15%) 20 based on NRL or NRL ranking list cut off with or w/out a max point performance standard cut-off
USA U16 (w/in division)	(15%) 20 based on NRL or NRL ranking list cut off with or w/out a max point performance standard cut-off
Host Quota (petition)	25% or 30 (host petition subject to performance standard)



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