



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

### **Mission/ Philosophy:**

This guidance is 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 purely based upon 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.

### **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: 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**

<b>FIELD SIZE LIMIT - COVID-19 MITIGATION GUIDANCE:</b>	
<b>FIS</b>	
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)	

<b>U.S. Ski &amp; Snowboard National Ranking List Sanctioned Event</b>	
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:**

<b>FIS FIELD LIMIT SIZE IMPLEMENTATION EXAMPLES:</b>	
	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."	

<b>U.S. Ski &amp; Snowboard National Ranking List Sanctioned Event</b>	
	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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