



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

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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