

# CHSAA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT

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## SKIING

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### I. MAJOR CHANGES FROM LAST YEAR'S REPORT:

- A. For the Nordic Ski Championships, each of the individual races will now score top 4 student-athletes instead of top 3 student-athletes.

### II. RATIONALE:

- A. This aligns with current regular season practices. Each team is guaranteed a minimum number of 4 student-athletes, so it does not cause an unnecessary burden to schools.

### III. FINANCIAL IMPACT:

- A. None.

### IV. DATES:

Rules of Thumb: Thursday & Friday of Week 33 or 34

State Races: February 18-19, 2026 – Alpine Site Hostn: Battle Mountain High School

February 20-21, 2026 - Nordic Site Host: Battle Mountain High School

### V. SCHOOLS ALPINE (A) & NORDIC (N) (15):

Aspen (A/N)	EagleValley (A/N)	Platte Canyon (A)
Battle Mountain (A/N)	Evergreen (A/N)	Poudre SD – (N)
Clear Creek (A/N)	Lake County (A/N)	Steamboat Springs (A/N)
CO Rocky Mountain (N)	Middle Park (A/N)	Summit (A/N)
Durango (A)	Nederland (A/N)	Vail Mountain (A/N)

### VI. STATE QUALIFYING:

#### **QUALIFYING REQUIREMENTS ALPINE**

To qualify for state championships for Alpine in a specific discipline (GS or Slalom), a skier needs to be eligible and qualified in that specific discipline.

**Eligible** means that a skier must compete in at least 2 out of the 3 races in that discipline.

**Qualified** means that the athlete must be eligible AND in at least one race from that discipline the athlete must finish in the top 1/4 of the starting field (cumulative times from both runs if there are two). A skier may qualify in one or both disciplines. If the skier qualified in only one discipline, then the skier can only compete in that discipline at the state ski meet.

**Bye to State skiers:** Each school is guaranteed a minimum of three skiers in each discipline. If the student-athlete does not meet the above qualifying requirement, the school may enter as many eligible skiers as necessary to get to three competitors in a discipline. All skiers given a “bye to state” will be seeded after skiers who have met the qualifying requirements. All “bye to state” skiers must be eligible.

### **QUALIFYING REQUIREMENTS NORDIC**

To qualify for state championships for Nordic in a specific discipline (Classic or Freestyle), a skier needs to be eligible and qualified in that specific discipline.

**Eligible** means that a skier must race in and finish at least 2 races in that discipline. These races may be an individual race or a relay in which the skier competes in that discipline.

**Qualified** means that in at least one state qualifier race from that discipline the racer must finish in the top 45% of the finishing field. Before the season begins, coaches will agree on which races count as state qualifiers and which do not. A skier may qualify in one or both disciplines. If the skier qualified in only one discipline, then the skier can only compete in that discipline at the state ski meet.

**Bye to State skiers:** Each school is guaranteed a minimum of four skiers in each discipline. If a team does not have four student-athletes who meet the above qualifying requirement, the school may enter as many eligible skiers as necessary to get to four competitors in a discipline. All skiers given a “bye to state” will be seeded after skiers who have met the qualifying requirements. All “bye to state” skiers must be eligible.

The Nordic Team Championships will also incorporate a 4-person multi-disciplinary relay as part of the over team scoring. The relay will be scored as follows: 1st place 200 points, 2nd place 190 points, 3rd place 180 points, etc. Any skier who is qualified in any discipline or is a bye-to-state skier in any discipline at the State Meet may ski on any leg of the relay. For example, a skier who qualified in classic but not skate may ski a skate leg on the relay.

## **VII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

A. The CHSAA Ski Committee met March 5, 2025

B. The State Ski Championships will have a Championship Committee made up of the nordic and alpine race directors, the host school's athletic director, and the CHSAA

representative, who will have authority over the championships with regards to scheduling and venue changes.

- C. Alpine coaches that submit late or incorrect race entries during the regular season and postseason will have their student-athletes seeded second to last.
- D. In Alpine, DQ's will be listed after both genders have completed their 1<sup>st</sup> run of the day. Once posted, coaches will have 15 minutes to protest.
- E. All helmets must conform to FIS standards and have the FIS sticker for GS compliance.
- G. If you do not start in the first run (DNS), you do not get a second run (unless you are Golden Rule). If you are a DQ or DNF in the first run, you MAY be allowed a second run if time and weather conditions permit. If you were ejected based on unsportsmanlike behavior during the first run, you will not be allowed a second run, and based on CHSAA Ejection Policies, you will not be allowed to ski at the next race.
- I. The CHSAA Fall League Meeting will be the first Friday in October at Summit High School. This will be used to finalize the regular season schedule and obtain the mandatory rules review.

## **VII. ALPINE EXCEPTIONS TO USSS RULES**

**Alpine will use USSS Rules exclusively except for the exceptions listed below.**

- A. Race bibs shall be issued by the school and shall be the proper color and number sequence. Each racer must have an assigned number and no duplication of numbers will be allowed (i.e. a girl cannot have the same number of a boy). If a racer loses or does not have their assigned bib they must obtain another team big with an unused number from their coach in order to compete.
- B. Ski Length – CHSAA does not have a rule about ski length, radius or style (i.e. twin tips, or telemark skis).
- C. All high school races shall use the flip 15 rule for second run start; the flip can be changed to flip 30 if the jury and or the coaches at the coaches meeting determine it is a better fit due to the number of racers at the event.
- D. For the first run, Golden Rule (special needs racers) shall be seeded right after the first seed. In the second run, Golden Rule racers shall be seeded after the flip.
- E. CHSAA athletes shall be held to a higher standard for disqualification on swearing, tobacco use, inappropriate behavior, drugs, alcohol, etc. The venue where these

standards apply shall include (but not limited to) the race arena, ski runs, lifts, lodges, and parking lots.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

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