EASTERN REGION QUALIFICATION AND SELECTION METHOD FOR 2027 U16 PROJECT GOLD

The Eastern ***Regional*** Quota for the U16 Project Gold event is 7 men and 7 women. Selections of 6 spots per gender will be made based on head to head results from the Stowe December 19-22 RPS event, with one spot being held for regional staff discretion[1].

For 2027- The top ranked girl and boy from the December Eastern RPS time trial event will qualify to EU project **AlpeCimbra Folgaria ITA.** January 22nd- January 31st, 2027.
2027 AlpeCimbra Europe project announcement - Linked here

- Project Gold Regional quota filled by going down the RPS time trial results.

Selection Method:

For **AlpeCimbra** selection and Regional quota selection to **Project Gold**

- Sum of WC points, considering half of the total number of race runs contested, rounded up
  - At least one of the race runs used in selection must come from each tech event (GS and SL)
    - DNF or DSQ results will count as a zero (0) in selection
  - Ties will be broken by considering the best single-run result, second-best, and third-best single-run result used in selection, each result considered first by World Cup points and then by race points, until the tie is broken.
  - If a tie still remains, the next best result(s) among all finishes will be considered (each result considered first by World Cup points and then by race points), until the tie is broken.
- If an athlete declines the trip, coaches' discretion will be used to fill the quota spot considering the following performances:
  - 2026 U16 Nationals results in GS and SL
  - 2026 Regional qualifying event performances

[1] *To be considered for Regional discretion, athletes would be top performers in their YOB, be able to show head to head results or performance indicators and or; were unable to compete in qualifying races for extenuating circumstances (ie: injury, sickness).*

- The target will be 6 timed runs: 3 giant slalom and 3 slalom. Startlists will be made using the following method:
    - R1: randomize full field
    - R2: full field flip from R1
    - R3: butterfly of R1 (i.e. 26-50, then 1-25)

Timing for this event will be done using a race approved timing system.

In the event that the December RPS cannot be held, or less than 3 total runs can be timed, the following selection method will be used for the Project Gold event:

- Top overall YOB **2012** per gender from 2026 U14 Eastern Region Championships, utilizing the overall ranks with world cup points

- The top 4 YOB **2011** per gender will be selected from the 2026 Ronnie Berlack Grand Prix
- For Alpe Cimbra selection- Top ranked YOB 2011 girl and boy from the 2026 U16 Nationals
- 2 spots per gender saved for regional staff discretion.

  2026 Men's Ronnie Berlack Grand Prix - Link to results
  2026 Women's Ronnie Berlack Grand Prix- Link to results
  2026 U14 Championships scoring - Link to results
  2026 U16 Nationals YOB2011 ranking- Link to results