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Section 1 • Introduction

During the 2016-17 academic year, the Association will sponsor 90 national championships – 42 for men, 45 for women, and three for both men and women. Among the men's championships, three are National Collegiate Championships, 13 are Division I championships, 12 are Division II championships and 14 are Division III championships. Among the women's championships, six are National Collegiate Championships, 12 are Division I championships, 13 are Division II championships and 14 are Division III championships. The combined men's and women's championships are National Collegiate Championships.

The Pre-Championship Manual will serve as a resource for institutions to prepare for the championship. This manual is divided into three sections: General Administrative Guidelines, Sport-Specific Information, and Appendixes.

The first section applies to policies applicable to all 90 championships, while the other two sections are sport-specific

Section 1•1 Definitions

Pre-Championship Manual. Resource for institutions to prepare for the championship.

Administrative Meeting. Pre-championship meeting for coaches and administrators.

Appendixes. Any supplemental documents to be provided and distributed through the various resources.

Championship Administrator. The NCAA staff member responsible for the operational oversight of the championship.

Games Committee. The committee assigned to supervise the conduct of each championship session at a specific site. For finals sites, the games committee is typically the NCAA National Committee.

NCAA National Committee. The sport committee with direct oversight responsibilities for the championship.

Playing Rules. The rules under which the competition will be conducted.

Predetermined Sites. Those sites that are selected to host before the participant/team selections announcement.

Preliminary Rounds. The rounds of the championship before the final or championship round.

Regional Alignment. The geographic location of institutions or regional advisory committees.

Schedule of Events. Official event schedule – includes all required activities (e.g., practices, banquets, etc.).

Selection Criteria. Policies and procedures in place to guide the selection process.

Site Selection. Policies and procedures in place to guide the site selection process.

Squad Size. Number of student-athletes per team allowed to dress in uniform and participate at the championship.

Tournament Physician. The physician designated by the host institution/conference to serve as the chief medical advisor for the championship.

Section 2 • Championship Core Statement

The championships and alliances staff strives to administer competition in a fair, safe, equitable and sportsmanlike manner so that the experience of the student-athlete is paramount.

This is attained by:

Ensuring student-athletes' optimal experience.

Executing championship events reflecting appropriate quality and values to/for stakeholders – student-athletes, coaches, administrators, member institutions, sport committees, fans, broadcast partners and corporate champions/partners.

Coordinating all aspects of the championship in an efficient, effective manner through common operating policies and practices, using internal and external resources.

Integrating championships with broadcast and corporate relationships in a manner that maintains the integrity of the championship.

Assuring effective management of the business aspects of the operation.

Enhancing the assets of the NCAA and their value by collaborating with internal and external expertise to achieve heightened exposure (e.g., community programs, fan events, banquets, anniversaries, etc.).

Section 3 • Concussion Management

[Reference: Concussion Management in Constitution 3.2.4.18 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Constitution 3.3.4.16 in the NCAA Division II Manual, and Constitution 3.2.4.16 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]

The NCAA has adopted legislation that requires all active member institutions to have a concussion management plan for their student-athletes. Traveling institutions shall follow their concussion management plan while participating in NCAA championships. If a participating team lacks appropriate medical staff to activate its concussion management plan, the host championship concussion management plan will be activated.

The legislation notes, in part, that a student-athlete who exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion shall be removed from athletics activities (e.g., competition, practice, conditioning sessions) and evaluated by a medical staff member (e.g., sports medicine staff, team physician) with experience in the evaluation and management of concussions; a student-athlete diagnosed with a concussion is precluded from returning to athletics activity for at least the remainder of that calendar day; and medical clearance for return to athletics activity shall be determined by the team physician or the physician's designee from the student-athlete's institution. In the absence of a team physician or their designee, the NCAA tournament physician will examine the student-athlete and will determine medical clearance. Within the rules of the sport and policies established for the championship, medical staff should have access to the injured student-athlete without interference (e.g., coach).

A concussion is a brain injury that may be caused by a blow to the head, face, neck or elsewhere on the body with an "impulsive" force transmitted to the head. Concussions can occur without loss of consciousness or other obvious signs. A repeat concussion that occurs before the brain recovers from the previous one (hours, days or weeks) can slow recovery or increase the likelihood of having more severe and/or long-term problems. In rare cases, repeat concussions can result in brain swelling, permanent brain damage and even death.

For further details, please refer to the NCAA Sports Medicine Handbook for additional guidance on concussions online at: <http://www.ncaapublications.com/p-4374-2014-15-ncaa-sports-medicine-handbook.aspx>.

Section 4 • Conduct

Section 4•1 Certification of Eligibility/Availability

[Reference: Certification of Eligibility/Availability in Constitution 3.2.4 and Bylaws 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 31.2.1.7.1, 31.2.1.7.1.2 and 31.2.2 in the NCAA Division I, Manuals Constitution 3.3.4 in the NCAA Division II Manual and Bylaws 31.2.2 and 31.2.1.5 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]

Only student-athletes eligible under Bylaws 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 may compete in NCAA championships. Member institutions are required to certify the eligibility of their student-athletes before the beginning of each academic year and to withhold ineligible student-athletes from all intercollegiate competition.

Member institutions are reminded to notify the NCAA national office before the selection date for each championship of any student-athlete who may have participated in regular-season competition but subsequently is determined to be ineligible or unavailable for NCAA championship competition.

DISCOVERY OF INELIGIBILITY OF A STUDENT-ATHLETE AFTER SELECTION

If an institution fails to report an ineligible student-athlete and the omission is not discovered until after the institution is selected to participate in the championship, necessitating the institution's withdrawal from the championship, that withdrawal

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shall be considered as one of the years of ineligibility, provided another institution participates in the championship in place of the disqualified institution. If the discovery of the ineligible student-athlete occurs so near the beginning of the championship that the governing sports committee does not have a reasonable period of time to replace the disqualified institution in the bracket, that fact shall be taken into consideration in determining the number of years the disqualified institution shall be ineligible to participate.

Section 4•2 Drug Testing

[Reference: Bylaws 18.4.1.4 and 31.2.3 in the NCAA Division I Manual and Bylaws 18.4.1.5 and 31.2.3 in the NCAA Division II, and III Manuals.]

Student-athletes who compete in NCAA championships may be subjected to drug tests in accordance with Bylaws 18.4.1.4 (Division I); 18.4.1.5 (Divisions II and III) and 31.2.3, and may be determined to be ineligible as a result thereof. Only student-athletes who have consented in writing to such testing are initially eligible for these championships; and thereafter, student-athletes who are tested shall remain eligible only if they test negative.

Section 4•3 Honesty and Sportsmanship

Individuals employed by (or associated with) a member institution to administer, conduct or coach intercollegiate athletics and all participating student-athletes shall act with honesty and sportsmanship at all times so that intercollegiate athletics as a whole, their institutions and they, as individuals, shall represent the honor and dignity of fair play and the generally recognized high standards associated with wholesome competitive sports.

Section 4•4 Misconduct/Failure to Adhere to Policies

MISCONDUCT

Misconduct in an NCAA championship is any act of dishonesty, unsportsmanlike conduct, unprofessional behavior or breach of law, occurring from the time the championship field is announced through the end of the championship, that discredits the event or intercollegiate athletics. Each games committee shall hold an administrative meeting with the representatives of participating institutions to review and explain the policies related to misconduct.

FAILURE TO ADHERE TO POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

A governing sport committee may assess a financial penalty against an institution for failure of any of its representatives to adhere to the policies and procedures governing the administration of the competition. This includes, but is not limited to, failure to comply with the procedures and deadlines for submitting scores, score sheets, schedules, rosters and entry/march-in forms for qualification and other materials necessary for the efficient administration of the competition. [Click here](#) to see the full misconduct/failure to adhere policy and procedure and fines.

Section 4•5 Sports Wagering Policy

Sports wagering includes placing, accepting or soliciting a wager (on a staff member's or student-athlete's own behalf or on the behalf of others) of any type with any individual or organization on any intercollegiate, amateur or professional team or contest. Examples of sports wagering include, but are not limited to, the use of a bookmaker or parlay card; internet sports wagering; auctions in which bids are placed on teams, individuals or contests; and pools or fantasy leagues in which an entry fee is required and there is an opportunity to win a prize.

The prohibition against sports wagering applies to any institutional practice or any competition (intercollegiate, amateur or professional) in a sport in which the Association conducts championship competition, in bowl subdivision football and in emerging sports for women.

A wager is any agreement in which an individual or entity agrees to give up an item of value (e.g., cash, shirt, dinner, etc.) in exchange for the possibility of gaining another item of value.

STUDENT-ATHLETES

A student-athlete involved in sports wagering on the student-athlete's institution permanently loses all remaining regular-season and postseason eligibility in all sports. A student-athlete who is involved in any sports wagering activity that involves college sports or professional athletics, through internet gambling, a bookmaker, a parlay card or any other method employed by organized gambling, will be ineligible for all regular-season and postseason competition for at least one year.

POSTSEASON

In championships in which a bracket format is used, student-athletes, coaches and administrators may not participate in bracket competitions where there is both a required entry fee and an opportunity to win a prize. Student-athletes and administrators may participate under current NCAA rules in bracket contests where there is no entry fee but a possibility of winning a prize. Some NCAA member schools, however, have chosen to ban student-athletes from participating in these types of bracket contests.

HOSTING OPPORTUNITIES

No predetermined or non-predetermined session of an NCAA championship may be conducted in a state with legal wagering that is based on single-game betting on the outcome of any event (i.e., high school, college or professional) in a sport in which the NCAA conducts a championship.

Section 4•6 Student-Athlete Experience Survey

After each championship, student-athletes will be asked to participate in a post-event survey intended to capture feedback on their recent championship experience. Institutional administrators will be copied on the email and asked to ensure participation from all student-athletes and coaches.

Section 5 • Elite 90 Award

The Elite 90 award was created to recognize the true essence of the student-athlete by honoring the individual who has reached the pinnacle of competition at the national championship level in his or her sport, while also achieving the highest academic standard among his or her peers. The award is presented in every sport, every division, and goes to the student-athlete who has the highest cumulative GPA of all student-athletes on all teams competing at the finals site. Each institution that has at least one student-athlete qualify for the final round/site is eligible to nominate a student-athlete for the award. One student-athlete per championship will receive the award, and the announcement of the winner will be made at the finals site.

Institutions that wish to nominate a student-athlete must do so through an online nomination process. To receive more information or access the online form and submit a nomination, go to NCAA.org.

Section 6 • Fan Travel

NCAA Travel provides an easy and affordable way for family and fans to follow their favorite student-athletes and team(s) as they participate in NCAA championships competition. Travel arrangements completed through NCAA Travel help support NCAA student-athletes. Please direct your fans to NCAA.com/travel to search and book online hotel, car and air travel, all in one easy transaction.

Section 7 • Logo Policy

[Reference: Bylaws 12.5.4, 31.1.7 and 31.1.8 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Bylaw 12.5.4 in the NCAA Division II Manual and Bylaw 12.5.3 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]

A student-athlete may use athletics equipment or wear athletics apparel that bears the trademark or logo of an athletics

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equipment or apparel manufacturer or distributor in athletics competition and pre- and postgame activities (e.g., celebrations on the court, pre- or postgame press conferences), provided the following criteria are met:

1. Athletics equipment (e.g., shoes, helmets, baseball bats and gloves, batting or golf gloves, hockey and lacrosse sticks, goggles and skis) shall bear only the manufacturer's normal label or trademark, as it is used on all such items for sale to the general public; and
2. The student-athlete's institution's official uniform (including numbered racing bibs and warm-ups) and all other items of apparel (e.g., socks, headbands, T-shirts, wristbands, visors or hats, swim caps and towels) shall bear only a single manufacturer's or distributor's normal label or trademark (regardless of the visibility of the label or trademark), not to exceed 2¼ square inches in area (rectangle, square, parallelogram) including any additional material (e.g., patch) surrounding the normal trademark or logo. The student-athlete's institution's official uniform and all other items of apparel shall not bear a design element similar to the manufacturer's trademark/logo that is in addition to another trademark/logo that is contrary to the size restriction.

Section 8 • Research

It is essential that all research efforts be coordinated by a single entity within the national office structure in order to ensure maximum efficiency and quality, avoid unnecessary duplication of effort on the part of staff and membership, allow the NCAA to prioritize research efforts given the limited time and resources of our members and adhere to federal guidelines on the responsibilities of researchers to properly protect research participants from harm.

For the purpose of this policy, "research" is defined as any systematic collection of data for the purpose of drawing generalized conclusions.

Any proposal to conduct research must be submitted to the NCAA research staff for review at least six weeks before the project begins. Research to be conducted during NCAA championships or related events, and which involves competing student-athletes or attendees, is also subject to review. This includes all research, including that conducted by or under the direction of any employee, contractor or paid consultant of the NCAA. It also includes any research conducted by other persons, but funded totally or in part by the NCAA. Any research that detracts from the student-athlete experience or requires physical activity may not be permitted at the championships (preliminary and finals sites). The NCAA retains sole discretion as to whether to allow such research.

Examples of activities considered research include: Conducting surveys of athletics administrators, college presidents, faculty, coaches and student-athletes; leading an organized focus group; funding an outside study under the auspices of the NCAA; conducting market research at championship events; secondary analysis of data originally collected by the NCAA from people for other purposes; any systematic collection of data from the membership or other entities; etc.

Section 9 • Religious Conflicts

[Reference: Bylaws 31.1.4.1 and 31.1.4.2 in the NCAA Division I Manual.]

Institutional Policy. If a participating institution has a written policy against competition on a particular day for religious reasons, it shall inform the NCAA national office on or before September 1 of each academic year in order for it or one of its student-athletes to be excused from competing on that day. The championship schedule shall be adjusted to accommodate that institution. (Adopted: 4/22/98, Revised: 8/11/98, 10/28/99, 5/2/13)

Individual Championships. In individual championships, an athlete must compete according to the institution's policy regarding Sunday competition (if the institution has no policy against Sunday competition, the athlete shall compete on Sunday if required by the schedule).

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Section 1 • General Administration

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Ethan Townsend, chair

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Division III

Section 1•3 Important Dates

CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

Sunday, Feb. 26	Deadline for completion of all regionals.
Tuesday, Feb. 28	Selection and notification of Central, East and West participants (noon Eastern time).
Wednesday, March 1	Teams must send registration information, travel itinerary and lodging information to the host institution.
Monday & Tuesday, March 6 & 7	Tuesday, March 7 (Alpine) and Wednesday, March 8 (Nordic) — Last day for injury notification (all regions). Injuries must be reported to the national office championships manager, John Baldwin or an NCAA skiing committee member.
Wednesday-Saturday, March 8-11	Championships at Cannon Mountain; Franconia, New Hampshire and Jackson Ski Touring Center; Jackson, New Hampshire; hosted by the University of New Hampshire

DATE FORMULA

[Reference: Bylaw 31.1.3 in the NCAA Manual.]

FUTURE DATES

2018 Championships	March 7-10	TBD
2019 Championships	March 6-9	TBD

Schools interested in hosting future championships should contact John Baldwin at the NCAA national office.

Section 1•4 Eligibility for National Collegiate Championships

[Reference: Bylaw 20.8 in the NCAA Manual.]

In those sports in which two-thirds or more of the institutions sponsoring the sport are members of the same division, an institution participating in the championships is required to meet that division's and its own division's institutional and individual eligibility requirements (or the more stringent rule if both divisions' rules address the same issue.)

Section 1•5 Rules

Per NCAA Bylaw 17.30, member institutions shall conduct all of their intercollegiate competition in accordance with the playing rules of the Association in all sports for which the NCAA develops playing rules. For those sports in which the Association follows rules that are developed by other governing bodies and modified by the governing sports committee, the adopted playing rules shall be used. The governing sports committee will not consider any results for selection purposes that are not played in accordance with the NCAA rules books, or those rules adopted by an outside organization.

The 2016 and 2017 Official NCAA Men's and Women's Skiing Rules shall be followed.

Discontinuation of Events. See 2016 and 2017 NCAA Men's and Women's Skiing Rules (Alpine - Rule 2-4; and Nordic - Rule 2-5).

Section 1•6 Uniforms

Student-athletes competing in the championships shall wear the official uniform of their institution in competition and related ceremonies. This applies to warm-ups and competitive uniforms.

For additional information on competitive uniforms, refer to the 2016 and 2017 NCAA Skiing Rules Book (Rule 5.1.8, Alpine; Rule 10.7 Nordic).

RACING NUMBERS

Racing numbers shall be issued for each event to correspond with the individual's starting position.

Section 2 • Determination of Championship Participation

Section 2•1 Championship Format

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Following is a list of the dates and locations of the eight events for the 2017 skiing championships. The Alpine events will be held at Cannon Mountain and the Nordic events will be held at Jackson Ski Touring Center in Jackson, New Hampshire. The Giant Slalom races will be run to completion by gender.

Wednesday, March 8	Women's Slalom; Men's Slalom
Thursday, March 9	Men's 10 km Individual Classical; Women's 5 km Individual Classical
Friday, March 10	Women's Giant Slalom; Men's Giant Slalom
Saturday, March 11	Women's 15 km Mass Start Freestyle; Men's 20 km Mass Start Freestyle

Schedule may be adjusted by the games committee to maintain optimum conditions for all competitors. Mass start will always be on second competition day.

START TIMES

Please refer to participant manual.

TRAVEL PARTY

Please refer to the NCAA travel policies for all information regarding transportation and per diem expenses. Travel policies can be found online at: <http://www.ncaa.org/championships/travel/championships-travel-information>.

Section 2•2 Results

The host sports information director, media coordinator or designee is responsible for reporting official championship results to the Association's website, NCAA.com:

For preliminary competition, please specify the division, sport, region, date of competition, round and official result(s) (including any overtimes, etc.). For championship finals competition sites, please specify division, sport, round, date, official results, photos and provide a brief game summary. Host institutions and sponsoring agencies should use the following method to report:

Email. Send all information in the following manner:

- Email the information to: ncaa-content@turner.com, immediately following competition;
- Specify the division, sport and region in the SUBJECT area;
- Paste the text (official results, including date of competition, round, etc.) directly into an email, or
- Send email as an attachment in a MS Word document or Windows Notepad text document;
- Please convert photos to JPEG format and attach to an email.

Section 2•3 Selection Criteria and Information

QUALIFICATION PROCEDURES

Alpine and Nordic student-athletes shall qualify in the region in which their institution is located ([Appendix A](#)), with the exception of Alpine skiers in the Central region. Central region Alpine skiers may qualify in either the East or West regional qualifiers and must declare their qualification region with the national office each year.

Please refer to [Appendix I](#) for additional information regarding qualification to the championships.

REGIONAL QUALIFICATION SITES AND DATES

Central

Feb. 18-19

Al Quaal Nordic Center

Northern Michigan University, host; Ishpeming, Michigan

East

Feb. 24-25

Black Mountain and Sunday River

Bates College, host; Rumford and Newry, Maine

West

Feb. 24-25

Beaver Creek and Minturn

University of Denver, host; Avon and Minturn, Colorado

REGIONAL ALLOCATIONS

[Note: If a region is unable to use its entire allocation, the unused slots may be used by the other region(s) as determined by the committee.]

The number of individual positions to be allocated to each region is determined annually by the national committee, using the total field method:

1. Slots shall be allocated as follows:
 - a. Calculate the expected score for each region. The expected score is the average finishing place (based on the number of starters in each race) of the total field multiplied by the number of skiers from each region in each race for two consecutive years.
 - b. Calculate the actual score for each region. The actual score is the sum of points earned by each starting athlete in each race. Each athlete earns points based on finishing position in each race (i.e., in a race with 39 starters, the winner gets 39 points $(39+1)-1$; the tenth-place finisher gets 30 points $(39+1)-10$. Did not finish (DNF) and disqualified (DSQ) finishers are bunched together in the back and points for those places are equally divided among those athletes. For example, four athletes DNF and one athlete DSQ results in three points per athlete $(1+2+3+4+5) = 15$; $15/5 =$ three points per athlete).
 - c. Create a ratio by dividing the actual score by the expected score. This will indicate if a region is racing above or below the average (or expected) score for each race.
 - d. Calculate the weighted ratio based on field size to determine new earned allocations. Take the ratio created in (c) and multiply by the field size (i.e., Alpine field size $34/2 = 17$ and Nordic field size $40/3 = 13.3$).
 - e. Create the total allocations by region for the following year by using the average of the previous two years' allocations and adding or subtracting the weighted ratio created in (d).
 - f. Rounding is done following (e) to the nearest whole number. The region that is closer to a whole number will gain or lose that allocation.
 - g. The total allocations gained or lost by each region reflect each region's ability to race above or below the average (expected) score regardless of the number of allocations that each region has.
 - h. The maximum number of slots a region can have in a given year is three times the number of schools sponsoring the sport.

The following allocations are for the 2017 championships:

CENTRAL		WEST	
Men's Nordic	7	Men's Alpine	18
Women's Nordic	6	Women's Alpine	18
EAST		Men's Nordic	20
Men's Alpine	16	Women's Nordic	21
Women's Alpine	16		
Men's Nordic	13		
Women's Nordic	13		

NOTE: If a region is unable to use its entire allocation, the unused slots may be used by the other region(s) as determined by the committee.

SELECTION PROCEDURES

The Skiing Committee will select participants from the three designated geographical regions (Central, East, West). A map showing the geographical regions for qualifying is shown in [Appendix A](#). Participants in the 2017 championships will be selected Feb. 28 from all regions by the national committee.

ENTRY PROCEDURES

The NCAA will send championships information to all member institutions that sponsor intercollegiate skiing before the selection of the participants.

ALTERNATES

If a selected individual suffers injury, illness or force majeure between Tuesday, Feb. 28, and either Tuesday, March 7 (Alpine), or Wednesday, March 8 (Nordic), the institution must submit written notification and verification by a physician or host institution athletic trainer to the NCAA national office, regional advisory committee chair and to John Baldwin at the headquarters hotel. Notifications must be received by 4 p.m. local time the day before the first scheduled competition in that discipline (Alpine or Nordic).

If a team making a substitution per the guidelines has consecutive alternates, the team may substitute with any of those alternates.

Failure to report injury, illness or force majeure of selected student-athletes in a timely fashion is considered unethical and unsportsmanlike, and could result in misconduct sanctions per NCAA Bylaw 31.1.10 in the NCAA Manual.

Entries will be official Tuesday, Feb. 28, for the Central, East and West regions.

MAXIMUM ENTRY

The maximum team size shall be 12 persons, three per gender per discipline, composed of a maximum of six men and a maximum of six women. The maximum entry in an individual event for any team is three individuals. Only men can compete in the men's events and only women can compete in the women's events.

SEEDING AND DRAW

The competitive field for each event is divided into four seed groups according to regional rankings. The number of competitors from one region within each of the groups must be as nearly equal as possible. The first seed in Alpine events will have an equal number of participants from the East and West regions. Before the draw, coaches may seed their own qualifiers within the institution's earned spots. This procedure is referenced in the NCAA Men's and Women's Skiing Rules (Alpine: 5.2; and Nordic: 10.10.1).

The individuals in the top seed group will be drawn randomly, using a double blind draw. (Exception: In the mass start events, bibs 1, 2 and 3 will be awarded based on a three-year rotation). The rest of the positions within this seed will be awarded using the procedure described in the [appendixes](#).

If allocations between regions are not equal after the top-seeded group is selected, the first position on the seed board of subsequent groups will go to the region with the largest allocation within that group. The second position will go to the region with the second-largest allocation within that group.

If allocations between East and West are equal after the first seed in Alpine is selected, the first position on the seed board

of subsequent groups goes to the East in even-numbered years and to the West in odd-numbered years.

For Nordic, if allocations between Central, East or West are equal after the first seed is selected, the first position on the seed board will be filled following a three-year rotation: 2017 - West, Central, East; 2018 - Central, East, West; 2019 - East, West, Central. The same rotation will be used to select the second position in each seed group if allocations are equal. The starting grids for the Alpine and Nordic events are shown in [Appendixes B, C, D and E](#).

Substitutions are seeded within the draw according to positions earned by the replacement within the competitor's respective region. Before the final draw, there will be a designated period of time when the board is "open" and coaches may change their student-athletes' start order among his/her respective school's seeds. After the draw, a change in seeding may occur as follows: injury or illness replacement notification must be made in writing to the technical delegate up to one hour before the start of the race.

ADJUSTED PLACE STANDINGS

[Reference: Bylaw 31.2.2.4-(a) in the NCAA Manual.]

If a student-athlete is found to be ineligible, that individual's performance shall be stricken from the championships record, the points the student-athlete has contributed to the team's total shall be deleted, the team standings shall be adjusted accordingly and any awards involved shall be returned to the Association. At the championships, the placement of other competitors shall be altered and awards presented accordingly.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

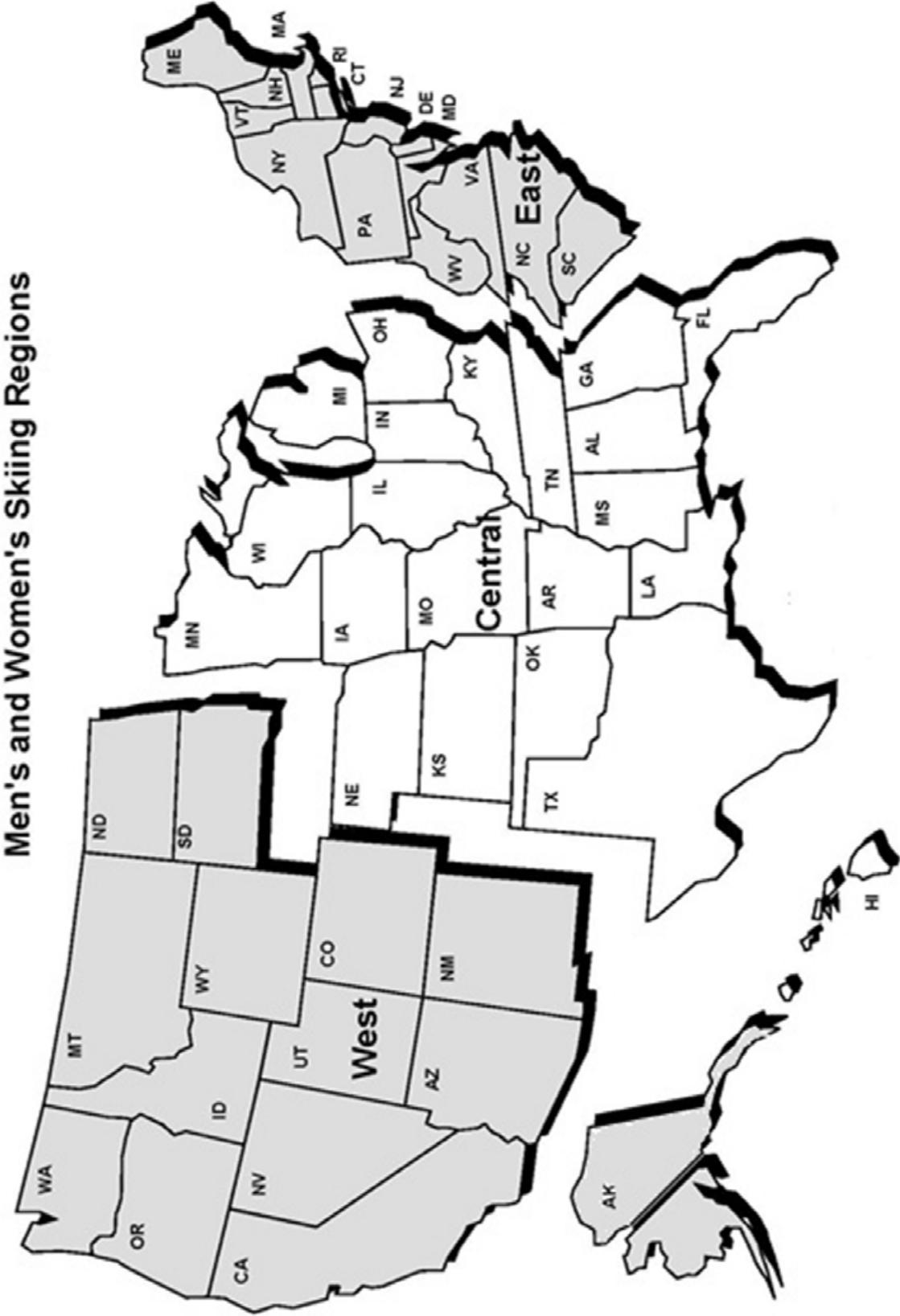
Please refer to the NCAA Travel policies for all information regarding transportation and per diem expenses. Travel policies can be found online at <http://www.ncaa.org/championships/travel/championships-travel-information>.

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Appendix A • Regional Map



Appendix B • Men's Alpine Seeding

Men's Alpine Seeding (E-16, W-18)			
Seed	Bib #	Region	
1st	1-10	E-5, W-5 (drawn randomly)	
	11	W	
	12	E	
	13	W	
	14	E	
	2nd	15	W
		16	E
		17	W
		18	E
		19	W
3rd	20	E	
	21	W	
	22	E	
	23	W	
	24	E	
	25	W	
	26	E	
	27	W	
4th	28	W	
	29	E	
	30	W	
	31	E	
	32	W	
	33	E	
	34	W	

Appendix C • Women's Alpine Seeding

Women's Alpine Seeding (E-16, W-18)		
Seed	Bib #	Region
1st	1-10	E-5, W-5 (drawn randomly)
	11	W
	12	E
	13	W
	14	E
2nd	15	W
	16	E
	17	W
	18	E
	19	W
	20	E
	21	W
	22	E
	23	W
3rd	24	E
	25	W
	26	E
	27	W
	28	W
	29	E
	30	W
4th	31	E
	32	W
	33	E
	34	W

Appendix D • Classical Seeding (Interval Start)

Men's and Women's Classical Seeding (Interval start)

MEN'S 10K, CLASSICAL (W - 20, C - 7, E - 13)

SEED BIB# REGION

1ST

1	W
2	W
3	E
4	W
5	E
6	W
7	C
8	E
9	W

2ND

10	W
11	W
12	E
13	W
14	C
15	E
16	W
17	C
18	E
19	W

3RD

20	W
21	W
22	E
23	W
24	C
25	E
26	W
27	C
28	E
29	W

4TH W - 5, C - 2, E - 4 (11)
(TOP SEED DRAWN RANDOMLY)

WOMEN'S 5K CLASSICAL (W - 21, C-6, E - 13)

SEED BIB# REGION

1ST

1	W
2	W
3	E
3	W
5	E
6	W
7	C
8	E
9	W

2ND

10	W
11	W
12	E
13	W
14	E
15	W
16	C
17	E
18	W

3RD

19	W
20	W
21	E
22	W
23	C
24	E
25	W
26	C
27	E
28	W

4TH W - 6, C - 2, E - 4 (12)
(TOP SEED DRAWN RANDOMLY)

Appendix E • Freestyle Seeding (Mass Start)

Men's and Women's Freestyle Seeding

MEN'S 20K FREESTYLE (Mass Start)

(E - 13, W - 20, C - 7)

BIB #	REGION	1 ST SEED	2 ND SEED	3 RD SEED	4 TH SEED
1	W	12	W	22	W
2	C	13	E	23	E
3	E	14	C	24	C
4	W	15	W	25	W
5	E	16	E	26	E
6	C	17	C	27	C
7	W	18	W	28	W
8	E	19	E	29	E
9	W	20	W	30	W
10	E	21	W	31	W
11	W				

WOMEN'S 15K FREESTYLE (Mass Start)

(E - 13, W - 21, C - 6)

BIB #	REGION	1 ST SEED	2 ND SEED	3 RD SEED	4 TH SEED
1	W	13	W	23	W
2	C	14	E	24	E
3	E	15	C	25	C
4	W	16	W	26	W
5	E	17	E	27	E
6	C	18	C	28	W
7	W	19	W	29	E
8	E	20	E	30	W
9	W	21	W	31	W
10	E	22	W		
11	W				
12	W				

Appendix G • Jury Selection

Event	Coaches Representative	Alternate
Men's Giant Slalom	East	West
Women's Giant Slalom	West	East
Women's Slalom	East	West
Men's Slalom	West	East
Men's Freestyle	Central	East
Women's Freestyle	West	Central
Women's Classical	East	West
Men's Classical	Central	East

Appendix H • Course Setters

Event	First Run (even year)	Second Run (even year)	First Run (odd year)	Second Run (odd year)
Women's Giant Slalom	East	West	West	East
Men's Giant Slalom	West	East	East	West
Women's Slalom	West	East	East	West
Men's Slalom	East	West	West	East

Appendix I • Regional Qualifying Criteria

Central Regional Qualifying Criteria:

The central region uses five (5) classic events and five (5) free-technique events to determine which student-athletes will qualify for the NCAA championships. Central FIS style scoring is used to award points. The points from a skier's best two classic events are added with his/her points from his/her best two free-technique events. In the event of a tie between skiers, the tie will be broken by best overall time combining the NCAA Central Regional Championships free-technique and classic events. The athlete with the fastest combined time in accordance with NCAA rules regarding automatic and earned slots represent the central region at the NCAA championships.

A skier who qualifies to the US World U23 or World Junior Championship Team shall automatically qualify for the NCAA Championships if said skier places in an NCAA Central Region "qualifying spot" in the US National Championship/U23/WJC trials races which are also NCAA Central Region Qualifying races. A Junior who qualified for the US WJC team also would have to place in a "qualifying spot" at the classic race at the NCAA Central Regional Championships to auto qualify. In order for an auto-qualified student-athlete to have the auto qualification take effect, the student-athlete must also attend the World Championship event as part of the USST delegation.

If a skier has a final points list total (best two races) of 10% better than the average of the second (2nd), Third (3rd), and fourth (4th) ranked skiers in one technique, he/she shall be selected as a specialist over the final qualifier.

East Regional Qualifying Criteria:

NCAA Qualification Event Rank Lists

In NCAA qualification races all EISA and NCAA qualification eligible competitors will be scored using the World Cup points table. In the case of a tie, each racer will be awarded the full points for his/her place of finish.

The NCAA Qualification Event Rank Lists will be created by scoring the best two results in NCAA qualification races in each discipline. The current NCAA Qualification Event Rank Lists will be posted on: www.eisaskiing.org

NCAA Qualifying Criteria (Alpine)

- a. Competitors will be ranked in each event using the NCAA Qualification Event Rank.
- b. Using the NTSM selection procedure the two NCAA Qualification Event Rank Lists for each discipline (slalom and giant slalom are combined to create one list.
- c. Non-EISA athletes will double their single event score from the Regional Qualifying Meet.
- d. Ties between non-EISA and EISA skiers in the Event Lists go to the non-EISA skier.
- e. Ties between EISA skiers in the individual event lists are broken by: (1) Single best result, (2) Next best results in that event, (3) Highest rank in the other event, (4) Best results in the other event.
- f. Ties in the NTSM discipline lists are broken by: (1) Single best result for either event followed by second best result for either event, etc.

NCAA Qualifying Criteria (Nordic)

NCAA Nordic selections will be made by scoring the total of the best two results from classical races and the best two results from freestyle races using the NCAA Qualification Ranking lists. If there is a tie in points after combining the possible four results then the best race will be used to break the tie; this will continue until the tie is broken. Non-EISA athletes will double their single event score from the Regional Qualifying Meet. Ties between non-Eastern Intercollegiate Ski Association (EISA) and EISA skiers in the events lists will go to the non-EISA skier.

1) An automatic slot will be awarded to any skier named to the US World Junior or US U23 Cross-Country Ski Team that achieves a top 15 finish at the official World Junior or U23 events. The top 15 finish must come in an individual distance race event with minimum distances being 5 kilometers for women and 10 kilometers for men.

2) Automatic qualifiers who do not have EISA finishes to rank them in a respective discipline will be ranked last in that discipline of those selected to the NCAA championships.

West Regional Qualifying Criteria:

A. Regular qualifying for RMISA members

1. Athletes listed on RMISA members' official NCAA certified rosters shall obtain NCAA qualifying points.² Points for qualifying and seeding.
 - a. In case of ties for place, both skiers earn the points for that place.
 - b. The official NCAA Qualification List will be determined by using the NCAA Championship Scoring (see Rule 5.2 for scoring).
 - c. In case of ties for place, both skiers earn the points for that place.

3 Alpine

- a. Four race starts, two per discipline (slalom and giant slalom) are required for NCAA selection. Individual points for a skier's two best RMISA results in each discipline (slalom and GS) will be used for NCAA Championship qualifying. In case of a tie, the third, fourth, fifth, and sixth best point result (in that specific technique) if necessary, will be used for selection and seeding. A "DNS (Did Not Start), DNF (Did Not Finish), or DQ (Disqualification) shall be scored as a zero "0" point result. If still a tie, single best point result (in that specific technique) will count. If still a tie after using the best point result tie breaking method, a coin flip will be used to break the tie.
- b. Force Majeure / non-fulfillment of requirements:
 - i. Athletes which have not met the minimum required starts due to a "force majeure" or non- fulfillment of requirements shall be allowed to present a petition from their institution. All petitions shall be submitted to the RMISA President immediately following the conclusion of the NCAA West Regional/RMISA Championship event. All petitions will be voted on by membership. The institution submitting the petition shall not be allowed to vote.
- c. The University of Alaska Anchorage will designate, prior to the first race, the two races to be used for qualifying. The points for the best result in SL and GS will be doubled. To utilize this provision, UAA must notify the board of directors by October 1st.
- d. The NCAA quota will be filled using ITS selection, starting with the SL list and alternating with the GS list.

4. Cross country

- a. Four race starts, two per technique (classical and freestyle) are required for NCAA selection. Individual points for a skier's two best RMISA results in each technique (classical and freestyle) will be used for NCAA qualifying. These points will be added together to create one combined ranking list. In case of a tie, the third, fourth, and fifth best point result (in that specific technique) if necessary, will be used for selection and seeding. A "DNS (Did Not Start), DNF (Did Not Finish), or DQ (Disqualification) shall be scored as a zero "0" point result. If still a tie, single best point result (in that specific technique) will count. If still a tie after using the best point result tie breaking method, a coin flip will be used to break the tie.
- b. Force Majeure / non-fulfillment of requirements:
 - i. Athletes which have not met the minimum required starts due to a "force majeure" or non- fulfillment of requirements shall be allowed to present a petition from their institution. All petitions shall be submitted to the RMISA President immediately following the conclusion of the NCAA West Regional/RMISA Championship event. All petitions will be voted on by membership. The institution submitting the petition shall not be allowed to vote.
- c. The NCAA quota will be filled by selection from the combined ranking list.

B. NCAA Qualification for NCAA Eligible Non-RMISA athletes.

- a. Non-RMISA NCAA teams may declare their intention to participate in the RMISA Regional Championships. Notice shall be given in writing to the RMISA President 30 days in advance, including a certified NCAA eligibility form for the athlete's participation in NCAA Championships.
- b. Up to one third of the Western NCAA quota may be filled by associate members and Non RMISA NCAA teams participating at Regionals.
- c. Skiers will receive qualifying points and will be ranked on the RMISA qualifying list according to the following formula:
- d. Alpine: individual points will be doubled for each race, SL and GS.
- e. Nordic: individual points will be doubled for each race, classical and skating techniques.

C. Seeding Non-RMISA NCAA teams at RMISA Regional Championships.

1. Alpine: All Non RMISA NCAA team skiers, regardless of the team affiliation, will be ranked by national points from the most recent list available. They will be seeded in order from that ranking and evenly distributed among all 7 seeds, observing the following limitations:
 - a. A maximum of 5 skiers per school per event,
 - b. A maximum of 1 skier per school per seed,
 - c. A maximum of 3 skiers per seed, except the last seed.
2. Cross Country: Non RMISA NCAA skiers will be seeded, at the discretion of the team captains, under the same rules governing RMISA members:

- D. A maximum of 6 skiers per school per event,
- E. A maximum of 1 skier per school per seed.