

# AWSA Team Events

## 1 CONCEPT

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Each Region will come to the nationals with two teams that will compete for the AWSA Team Championship title. These teams would have competed in the Regionals against other teams in order to be qualified to compete at the Nationals.

## 2 APPROACH

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Each region will have teams that compete at the Regional Championship. The top two teams will go on to Nationals to compete for the National Team Title.

The team championship is NOT a separate event; rather points are accumulated while the teams compete in their individual divisions and events. See the scoring section for more information.

The regions will take into consideration:

- a) How their region is divided up in groups. Is it by state or by areas or by districts? (Use the regional governance structure or bylaws as a guide).
- b) The population size of the given group will be used to determine if groups need to be combined so that a team can be created (meaning there could be states that don't have enough event skiers to make up a team).

Example:

- The West Region operates their region by Areas. Each area would have a team that competes at the regionals.
- The Midwest operates with states. Each state would have a team that competes in regionals. In the case of Iowa and Nebraska where there are smaller membership counts, the states can be combined to ensure there are ample members that can make up a team. It is **highly encouraged** that states with lower membership counts use this as an opportunity to add more participants rather than combining states.
- The Southern Region operates with states. They could use the same concept as the Midwest, however, they could look to build two teams out of Florida due to the high volume of members in that state.

The regional EVPs will work with their councils to determine the best way to divide up their regions and build their teams. These teams will then come to

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Here is one way we can work together and generate more fun, competition and excitement at our local tournaments. That energy will carry through to the Regional Championships and National Championships!!

their regionals and compete for the Regional Team Championship title; the team that wins and the second-place team will compete for the National Team Championships.

There will not be a limit on the number of teams that can compete at regionals. The regional councils will determine the size and numbers of teams looking participate.

A regional team commissioner is recommended to aid in communication to the teams.

### 3 TEAM CONSTRUCT

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Each team will be comprised of **up to** 5 men, 5 women, 5 juniors across Slalom, Trick and Jump. All three events are included in the scoring.

Teams can be made up of single eventers, 2 eventers, or overall skiers. A full team could be as little as 15 skiers (5 overall skiers in each group) or as big as 45 skiers (45 individual one eventers)

The members of the teams do not need to be qualified for regionals, and they do not need to be qualified for nationals. This means that all those members of a team can go to nationals, even if a team member is not qualified through their individual event scores or overall score. Skiers that are on a team but are not qualified for regionals or nationals will be allowed to place in their event. However, they may only ski their unqualified events at nationals for which they are on the team for.

All skiers on national team rosters must have skied Regionals unless excused by EVP. Open skiers who are exempt from skiing Regionals can only ski on National teams if they skied Regionals.

### 4 SCORING

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The chief scorer and team scorer will need to generate the team results.

The top **4 scores** for **each event** (Slalom, Trick, Jump) for **each group** (Men, Women, Juniors) will be used for determining the winning Team.

The scores will be generated through a placement point system based on NOPS.

Meaning if you have 44 slalom skiers that are participating in a team event, then points will be based on a 10-point increment. Example: the skier that had the highest NOPS point for slalom would receive 440 points, whereas the skier that had the lowest NOPS score would have 10. The top 4 scores for each team in each event would be accumulated to become the team score. The team with the highest score wins.

## 5 GOING TO NATIONALS

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### 5.1 SUBSTITUTIONS

Substitutions are allowed at the discretion of the EVP and commissioner. Note that the substitute must be from the same team area or state and must have skied in their regionals. Skiing in other regionals does not count.

### 5.2 INDIVIDUAL QUALIFICATIONS

Individual team members do not need to be qualified for regionals to participate in the regional team championship, and the members of the qualifying teams at nationals do not need to be individually qualified for nationals. However, they may only ski their unqualified events at nationals for which they are on the team for.

## 6 AWARDS

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The regions can determine the type of award that can be given to the regional team title winner.

Team trophies for all 10 teams will be given at the officials banquet at the end of nationals.

## 7 REGISTRATION & SCORERS

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Some key notes for registrars and scorers:

- Skiers that are part of a team will register individually for regionals and nationals.
- Team captains will provide team rosters to registrar and chief scorers using excel team template
- Registrars will note which team members are not qualified for regionals or nationals to ensure that the registration process is completed.
- During the Regional and Nationals event, it is recommended to have a designated person that will monitor the team results and communicate the results to the participants and spectators throughout the event.

## 8 KEY DATES

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Key dates for the AWSA President, EVP's and regional councils:

- EVPs should review this document with their councils and determine the approach for building teams in their region by their regional winter meetings. and submit their team approach to AWSA.
- Include communication in the Regional Tournament Guides that can be used for reference regarding how the team approach will work.

- Be sure to build out a communication plan for the region membership before the tournament season gets underway.
- Determine the date to have teams submit rosters for regionals.
- Plan on submitting the national team rosters shortly after your regional championships.