

Mid-Atlantic Junior National Qualifier Race Criteria

The Mid-Atlantic Committee, a committee of the New York State Ski Racing Association-Nordic, selects athletes to compete in the Junior Nationals, Eastern High School Championships, and Eastern U-16 Championships. This selection is made through a series of qualifying races. In order to make sure the most qualified athletes are selected for these teams, the committee wants these races to be fair, challenging, and well attended. The following criteria has been established to make sure qualifying races meet that standard. Race promoters should use the criteria when setting up their event. The committee will use the criteria when selecting events to host Junior National Qualifiers.

Race Courses should be selective.

Junior National Qualifier races should be held on a course that is challenging. This will ensure that the best athletes are selected for the Junior Nationals, which are held on challenging courses. The courses should have hills and descents with turns that test a skier's aerobic and technical abilities. In short, the course should require someone to have to ski and execute a variety of ski techniques. Preference will be given to courses that are similar to USSA or FIS courses.

Junior National Qualifiers should be held independently of other events.

The primary purpose of a JNQ is to select the best athletes for the Junior Nationals and other events. When a JNQ runs simultaneously with another event, a high school race for example, it affects the results of the JNQ. There are a few ways race promoters can address this.

A. Run a JNQ as a stand alone event.

B. Run a JNQ as part of another event, but run the JNQ portion of the race to completion before beginning other parts of the event.

C. Run a JNQ as part of another event, but make sure JNQ skiers are well into their final lap before beginning other parts of the event. For example, if a JNQ is a two lap race, and the race promoter knows it takes 15 minutes for an average skier to complete one lap of their course, the promoter should wait 20 minutes after the last JNQ skier starts before starting the next part of the event. In a three-lap race, the promoter should wait 35 minutes ($2 \times 15 + 5$) before beginning the next part of the race. This will ensure most, if not all, JNQ skiers complete their race without interference from skiers in another event. This determination will be made by the Chief of Course, Chief Timer, Race Director and Technical Delegate, or a combination of aforementioned parties present.

Junior National Qualifiers should have a high probability of being held.

Nothing messes up a well thought out selection process like a race that has to be cancelled due to lack of snow. “JN Qualifier” designation priority will be given to races that are most likely to be held. This can be because the promoter has a back-up venue with snow making capabilities. It can also be because the promoter has demonstrated a history of moving their event to alternate locations to ensure that the race happens. However, if a race has to be moved to an alternate venue, that venue should meet the other criteria listed above.

Junior National Qualifiers should be well attended

These are some of the marquee events of the NYSSRA-Nordic racing calendar. We want them to be the big events that they are designed to be. This not only adds excitement to the Junior National selection process, but it helps to showcase the process to junior skiers who might be inspired to work toward making one of the teams. Priority should be given to races that have demonstrated a history of drawing a high number of skiers.

Junior National Qualifiers should be held throughout the region.

The Mid-Atlantic region encompasses both New York and Pennsylvania, a very large area. In order to attract more skiers into the junior national process, races should be held at a variety of locations throughout this region. This assumes race promoters have worked to meet the criteria listed above.

Bidding for a Mid-Atlantic Junior National Qualifier Race

Section 1: Overview of Mid-A Qualifier Series, Events, Deadlines and Fees

Section 2: Bidding for a Mid-Atlantic Junior National Qualifier Race

1) Overview

Mid-Atlantic Junior National Qualifying Races are the premier races for junior skiers in the division and the series represents some of the most competitive junior racing in the region. These races encompass junior skiers attempting to qualify for the Junior Nationals as well as top-level senior and masters racing alongside. We encourage organizers to include a BKL race preceding or following the main event.

Site Expectations:

It is expected that a MID-A JNQ race site is well-versed in the science and art of hosting large races. Sites are expected to work with the Mid-A Junior National Race Criteria outlined in the previous document. Previous exposure to a well established Mid-A JNQ or NENSA Eastern Cup event is highly encouraged.

JNQ Fees:

- 1) The sanctioning fee (calendar dependent amount. See “event sanctioning packet” on the website) must be paid at the time of scheduling the race.
- 2) \$4.00/per competitor NYSSRA Nordic head tax should be paid at the completion of the event. Fee is sent to Lee Mahood, NYSSRA Nordic Treasurer. Note: USSA NRL races do not require NYSSRA Nordic sanctioning. If these races are also NYSSRA Nordic series races, a \$2.00/per competitor head tax is due at the completion of event.
- 3) Mid-A JNQ designated races require an additional \$2/per competitor head tax due at the completion of the event.

NYSSRA Nordic is committed to promoting every MID-A JNQ event as part of the premier ski racing series in the division. NYSSRA Nordic provides significant pre-event consultation, pre-event media support, on-site presence, and post-race media support to promote every JNQ event and host site.

Complete and return bid sheet via email to Tim Huneck, chair of the Mid-Atlantic Junior National Committee, at thuneck@nycap.rr.comnensa.net by the **August 1st** prior to the start of the winter racing season.

Feel free to include additional materials to support your bid

Mid-Atlantic Junior National Qualifier Bid Sheet

2) BIDDING FORM

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Event Name: _____

2. Requested Event Date(s): First Choice: _____

Second Choice: _____

Third Choice: _____

3. Primary Venue: _____

3. Back-up site(s): _____

HOST INFORMATION

Host Venue: Name of Venue: _____

Physical Address: _____

Host NYSSRA club (required): _____

Club contact/Head of volunteers: Name: ____

Email: ____

RACE ORGANIZATION

Chief of Race: ____

Race Secretary: ____

Chief of Course/Stadium: ____

Chief of Timing: ____

Chief of Medical: _____

A single individual may only hold one of these positions

RACE CHECKLIST

Items on this list are **not** required for consideration, but will be used to weight bids.
Organizer will provide (Mark with an "X"):

- ☐ Indoor space for 100 or a heated tent
- ☐ Electronic Timing w/start wand, and Back-up Timing
- ☐ A timing crew with a proven track-record or a contracted timing crew
- ☐ Sufficient Toilets and/or Porta-potties for competitors (1 per 50 people)
- ☐ Stadium area that can handle a mass start race of 50 or more (with recommended norms per FIS ICR or USSA Nordic Competition Guide)
- ☐ RACE RESULTS: Complete results are to be emailed to the to Mid-Atlantic Committee within 24 hours of event completion. Results must be in Excel with the following data:
Place, Bib #, Athlete Name, Age Group, USSA #, Team, Start Time, Finish Time, Elapsed Time.
- ☐ Event website with registration information and results posting
- ☐ Course groomed by (indicate all that apply):
 - ☐ Snowmobile and Drag
 - ☐ Large machine and Drag
 - ☐ Large Machine and Power Tiller
- ☐ Stadium area that can handle a mass start race of 150 or more
- ☐ Parking for 100 vehicles within easy walk of the start/finish area
- ☐ Snowmaking to cover the course
- ☐ High quality sound system and skilled announcer
- ☐ KM markers throughout course
- ☐ Course to be marked and accessible 24 hours prior to race

ENTRY FEE

\$_____ Entry Fee to be charged

Submitting this bid acknowledges that the site and organizing committee agree to the expectations summarized in the event description as outlined above

Signed: _____

Date: ____/____/____