

OUTAOUAIS SKI ZONE U-16 PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS SELECTION CRITERIA 2014/2015

Provincial Championships: STONEHAM

March 9th – 13th 2015 (incl)

***OSZ Quota:* as per SQA – 21 total**

***Name team by (March 1st, 2015)**

The selection date will be on (March 1st, 2015) and will include all races held up to and including (March 1st, 2015). Selected athletes will be advised as soon as possible after the selection.

The following criteria will be used in the selection:

Selection of 85% of the delegation shall be based upon combined Provincials Selection Points.

The remaining 15% of athletes on the delegation can be chosen at the discretion of the selection committee. The committee shall use its discretion to appoint deserving athletes, including those who for extenuating reasons such as injury, have not met the selection criteria based upon race results.

Gender Split:

Gender split of the OSZ delegation shall be in the same proportion as OSZ U16 gender registration, subject to a variance of up to two athletes. The variance is intended to ensure that the most qualified and deserving athletes have the opportunity to attend the event, and that there is homogeneity in terms of skill level. The selection committee shall decide whether or not there shall be a variation from strict proportionality based on gender.

Provincials Selection Points

Provincials Selection Points will be calculated as follows:

Points for the best 50% of the **runs** held in each technical discipline and each athlete's best speed run, in regional races as of the selection date.

For example:

If there have been a total of six Giant Slalom runs held as of the selection date, the best three runs shall be taken into account. The Super G run in an Alpine Combined race (formerly known as Super Combined race) will count in the calculation of the best Super G (speed) runs. The Slalom run in an Alpine Combined (AC) race will count in the calculation of the best Slalom runs.

Example of possible selection criteria

- Best 3 of 6 GS runs
- Best 4 of 8 SL runs
- Best 1 of 2 SG runs

Points for the best 50% of the regional **race results** as of the selection date.

In 2015, 6 races shall be considered for the calculation of Provincials Selection Points: **2 SL, 2 GS and 2 AC. The best 3** race results, irrespective of the discipline, shall be counted

- “Race” in these criteria shall mean a race made up of 2 runs. Should one of the above noted races be changed to a one run race, the result of that race shall not count in the calculation of the best race results.

The 500 point scale used by SQA at the Quebec U16 Provincials shall be used to calculate Provincials Selection Points. Should there be an uneven number of runs or races to consider at the selection date, the number of runs or races to be considered will be 50%, rounded up. For example, should there only be 5 SL runs, the best 3 runs shall be considered in the calculations ($5 \times 50\% = 2.5$, rounded up = 3).

Compilation of the Provincials Selection Points will be the responsibility of the zone’s U16 Coaches Committee. Coaches will be provided with an updated official points list shortly after each race. These results will be maintained and published by the zone after each race.

Selection Committee:

A committee chaired by the OSZ U16 coordinator and composed of the NCO Team U16 Head Coach and one coach representative of each of the OSZ clubs will be responsible for the resolution of issues related to selection to the OSZ delegation. Each coach shall have one vote on the committee. **The coordinator will only vote in the event of a tie.**

Coaching:

The NCO Team U16 coach will be team captain for the Outaouais team. The selection committee will designate the coaches who will accompany the delegation and receive zone funding. The selection committee will ensure that at least one selected coach has a level II coaching certification.

The selection committee will ensure that at least one selected coach has ability to speak French and that at least one selected coach has ability to speak English. There shall be at least one selected coach from each gender accompanying the delegation.

The selection committee may, however, designate a parent in lieu of a coach to ensure proper gender representation. The selection committee will designate a sufficient number of coaches to ensure a ratio of one coach to every six athletes, or as close to that ratio as the circumstances will warrant.

Individual clubs wishing to send guest coaches to provincial championships may do so at their own expense. It is understood that the U16 coordinator will not be responsible for securing travel or accommodations for these coaches. Furthermore, it is also understood that decisions related to zone delegation training or race day activities are the sole responsibility of the U16 NCO Team Head Coach/ Zone Delegation team captain and other zone designated coach representatives.

Individual clubs wishing to send coach delegates to provincial championships may do so at their cost.

Seeding

Seeding for the start lists shall be the responsibility of the selection committee.

Costs, accommodations and transportation

Costs are to be determined. The participating athletes are responsible for all registration, travel and all other costs. The OSZ may allocate a sum of money to help cover shared expenses.

Athletes selected for the Outaouais delegation will be required to make an advanced payment of the expected shared expenses as a condition to participation at the Provincials. Athletes will be refunded or invoiced for any difference between anticipated and actual expenses. For accommodations at Provincials outside the Outaouais the athletes and coaches reside together as a delegation. During years when Outaouais is the host this requirements will be waived. The U16 coordinator will secure a block of

rooms sufficient to accommodate the number of athletes and coaches representing the OSZ delegation. Each skier and coach will have his or her own bed.

**Note: Rooming for athletes must follow one bed per person policy. We are asking skiers to perform to the best of their abilities, and to represent our region as well as their home clubs. Factors within our control (such as crowded accommodations) that will reduce their personal comfort, negate proper rest and negatively impact their performance must be avoided.*

Athletes will be responsible to make their own arrangements for transportation to and from the races.