

Selection Criteria

2014/2015

U12 Regroupement

Location: Mont Ste-Marie

Dates: March 14-15 2015

OSZ Quota: 18

Team Selection

The selection date will be **March 8, 2014**. The selection meeting will be held as soon as possible following the **GS race at Edelweiss**. Selected athletes will be notified immediately after the selection meeting. Parent cooperation will be required to complete all administrative requirements in order to meet registration deadlines.

The following criteria will be used to determine the OSZ delegation:

The 500 point scale used by SQA shall be used to calculate U12 series points in 2015.

Selection of 85% (15 athletes) of the delegation shall be based upon combined series points using the best 50% of the runs held in each discipline prior to the selection meeting. For this evaluation, Runs from Kombi events will be considered GS runs and PSL events will be considered SL.

Should there be an uneven number of runs to consider at the selection date, the number of runs to be considered will be 50%, rounded up. For example, should there only be 5 GS runs, the best 3 runs shall be considered in the calculations (i.e., $5 \times 50\% = 2.5$, rounded up = 3).

It is anticipated that the following criteria will apply for the 2015 season:

- Best 3 of 6 SL or PSL runs
- Best 3 of 6 GS or Kombi runs

The remaining 15% (3 athletes) of the delegation shall be chosen at the discretion of the selection committee. The selection committee shall use its discretion to appoint deserving athletes, including those who, for extenuating circumstances such as injury, have not met the selection criteria based upon race results.

Eligibility and Gender Split

Gender split of the OSZ delegation for the U12 Regroupement shall be in the same proportion as the OSZ U12 gender split from registration for the 2014-2015 season (10 girls / 8 boys) , 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.

- Athletes must be born between the years of 2003 and 2004.
- Athletes must have completed the SQA mandated fitness testing.
- Athletes must have participated in the skills/drills portion of the race days.

Selection Committee

A committee chaired by the OSZ U12 Coordinator and composed of one coach representative from each of the OSZ clubs will determine 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 selection committee will designate the coaches who will accompany the delegation. The selection committee will ensure that at least one selected coach has a Level II (Development Level) coaching certification. All coaches must be in good standing.

The selection committee will ensure that at least one selected coach is fluent in French and that at least one selected coach is fluent in English. It is desirable to have 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 coach delegates to the U12 Regroupement beyond those selected by the selection committee may do so at their own expense. It is understood that the OSZ U12 Coordinator will not be responsible for securing travel or accommodations for these coaches. Furthermore, it is also understood that these coaches will be present in an observer role only and will in no way be involved in any decisions related to zone delegation training or race day activities – these, at all times, remain the responsibility of the OSZ designated U12 coach representatives.

Costs, Accommodations and Transportation Costs are to be determined.

The participating athletes are responsible for all registration, travel and accommodation costs as well as any and all other costs associated with participating in the events.

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

The OSZ may allocate a sum of money to help cover shared expenses.