

2015-2016 Provincials U16 Qualifications Criteria

DATE: March 8 – 12, 2016
LOCATION: Orford & Owls Head
DISCIPLINES: SL, GS & SG

Outaouais Ski Zone Quota as per SQA allotment for the region: **20** **

***There may be possibility of additional quota being made available by SQA. Coordinator to confirm.*

2016 Qualifying Races - 6 TOTAL

- January 24 GS - MSM
- January 17 SL - Cascades
- January 30 GS - Calabogie
- February 6 Alpine Combined - MSM
- February 7 Alpine Combined - MSM
- February 27 SL - Camp Fortune

Criteria

Athletes must be born between the years of **2001** and **2000**

Selection of 85% of the delegation shall be based upon combined Provincials Selection Points as determined below. The remaining 15% of athletes on the delegation may be chosen at the discretion of the selection committee. The committee shall use its discretion to appoint deserving athletes based on series points, notwithstanding those, who for extenuating circumstances 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

The 500 point scale used by SQA shall be used to calculate Provincials Selection Points for a total of 2500 points. Skiers from the National Capital Division participating in the regional race series are not to be extracted from the race results prior to tabulation. Skiers from other regions participating in the regional race series are to be extracted from the race results prior to tabulation.

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%+ 1; rounded up ...to the next whole number. For example, should there only be 3 Slalom runs, the best 2 runs shall be considered in the calculations ($3 \times 50\% = 1.5$, rounded up = 2). Net result is using 2 SL or 1 SL and 1 GS result.

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.

Example below:

Runs*

- Best 4 of 8 Slalom Runs
- Best 3 of 6 GS Runs
- Best 1 of 2 SG Runs

**(Actual points values may be calculated differently depending on race day conditions and race completion Eg. 2 run race becomes 1-run race).*

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.

In 2016, 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

NOTE: "Race" in these criteria is defined as 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 will not count in the calculation of the best race results.

Timing of Selection

The selection of qualifying athletes will take place at **Camp Fortune on February 27, 2016** as soon as possible after the race and will include results from the **6** previous races. 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.

Selection Committee

The committee chaired by the OSZ U16 Coordinator and composed of one coach representative of each of the OSZ club and the NCO Team U16 Head Coach . The committee 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 **4** coaches to accompany the delegation. The NCO Team U16 coach will be the team captain for the U16 delegation.

The designated Team Captain will be tasked with bringing skiers of different OSZ Clubs and creating one cohesive OSZ team. This may be done through team training, team building event, and/or team get together prior to Provincials. All athletes, regardless of Club, must be provided the same level of attention, coaching and guidance prior and during the Provincial event.

At least one selected coach will have **CSCF Development Level "Certified"** (level II) coaching certification, in good standing. The selection committee will ensure that at least one selected coach has the ability to speak **French** and at least one selected coach has ability to speak **English**. The objective is to have at least one coach from **each gender** accompanying the delegation. If this is not possible, the selection committee may 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 Provincial Championships may do so **at their cost.** **It is understood that the OSZ U16** is not responsible for securing travel or accommodations for these coaches. Furthermore, it is 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 U16 coach representatives.

Seeding

Seeding for the start lists will be the responsibility of the coaching team selected to accompany the provincial team.

Costs, accommodations and transportation

Participating athletes are responsible for all registration, travel and accommodations costs as well as any and all other costs associated with participating in the events. The OSZ Board 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 participating at the Provincials. Athletes will be refunded or invoiced for any difference between estimated and actual expenses. For Provincial events outside the Outaouais region, the athletes and coaches will reside together as a delegation, with the **U116 coordinator** securing a block of rooms sufficient to accommodate the number of athletes and coaches representing the OS delegation.

Each skier and coach will have his or her own bed. Rooming for athletes follows the one bed per person policy in order provide our athletes with proper rest environment and enable them to perform and represent our region and their home clubs to the best of their abilities.

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

Questions or comments can be forwarded to the Zone **U16** Coordinator through individual Club Reps or Club **U16** Coordinators