

2015-2016 Quebec U14 Provincial Qualifications Criteria

DATE: March 1 – 4, 2016
LOCATION: Mont Ste. Marie
DISCIPLINES: Slalom, GS, SG

Outaouais Ski Zone Quota as per SQA allotment for the region: **17****
There may be possibility of more quota made available. U14 Coordinator to confirm.

2016 Qualifying Races - 8 TOTAL

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| • January 16 th – Mont Cascade – SL | 1 two-run SL race |
| • January 17 th – Edelweiss – PSL / Kombi | 1-run PSL race / 1-run Kombi race |
| • January 30 th – Camp Fortune – SL | 1 two-run SL race |
| • January 31 st – Mont Ste. Marie – GS | 1 two-run GS race |
| • February 20 th – Calabogie – Alpine Combined | 1-run SG Race / 1-run Slalom Race |
| • February 21 st – Calabogie – GS | 1 two-run GS race |

Criteria

Athletes must be born between the years of **2002** and **2003**.

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 U14 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 extracted from the race results prior to tabulation. For example, an OSZ athlete finishes third in a race and receives 200 points, where NCD athletes placed first and second. Even though the OSZ athlete is the top OSZ finisher, he/she still only receives 200 points for selection purposes.

Skiers from other regions participating in the regional race series are 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 X 50% = 1.5, rounded up = 2). Net result is using 2 SL or 1 SL and 1 GS result.

Provincials Selection Points will be calculated as a sum of the following:

Runs*

Best 3 of 5 Slalom Runs

Best 2 of 4 GS Runs

Best 1 of 3 SG, PSL or Kombi runs

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

Races

Best 1 of 2 Race Results from Slalom races.

Best 1 of 2 Race Results from GS races

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 following the race at Calabogie on **February 21st**, and will include results from the **8** previous races. Selected athletes will be notified shortly after the selection meeting by their coaches. Parent cooperation will be required to complete all administrative requirements in order to meet registration deadlines.

Selection Committee

The committee chaired by the OSZ U14 Coordinator and composed of one coach representative of 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 coaches to accompany the delegation. As part of the selection, a Team Captain for the delegation will be assigned.

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, 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 U14 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 U14 coach representatives.

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 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 U14 Coordinator securing a block of rooms, where applicable, sufficient to accommodate the number of athletes and coaches representing the OSZ delegation.

For Provincials events taking place within the Outaouais region, athletes will be responsible for their own accommodations.

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

| Questions or comments can be forwarded to the Zone U14 Coordinator through individual Club Reps or Club U14 Coordinators