

# Nordic Ski Racing, Boys, Nordic Ski Racing, Girls

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Indicate the category of the proposed recommendation

Awards

## Authors of the Proposal

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## Current Rule/Policy

State the rule/policy as it appears in the current MSHSL Handbook or Activity/Sport Specific Rules and Policies.

Currently State Meet medals are given to the top 7 individuals in the Pursuit race, top 3 Sprint Relay teams (6 medals total) and the top 3 teams (7 skiers and head coach per team, 24 medals).

## Proposed Recommendation

Submit your proposed change to the above-stated rule/policy.

The two Nordic Ski Team alternates on the team roster are at the event and ready to participate if needed. These skiers are full members of the team and should be recognized and receive State Meet medals with their teammates as they are in other MSHSL sports if their team is first, second or third at the State Meet. In other MSHSL sports all players whether they play or not get State Meet medals. This is very obvious in the televised sports where all team members, multiple coaches and team managers also get medals.

Cite an example of how the proposed change would affect this activity: 6 additional medals would be given out

Include any other policies that are impacted by this proposal.

- a. the tournament administration: The administration would have to order 6 additional medals per gender.
- b. the change in competition time needed to accommodate your recommendation: no change
- c. the number of competitors: no change
- d. the facilities needed to accommodate your recommendation: no change
- e. the number of awards: 6 additional medals per gender would be given out
- f. other items which should be considered regarding the above-stated proposal: none

## Rationale

What is the history of the proposal?

This has been a nagging issue for a number of years.

How does your proposal benefit education-based opportunities and MSHSL Mission and Beliefs for all Minnesota students?

This creates an environment where athletes are rewarded for their long term contribution to the success of the team even though they were not able to ski in the state championships.

What other policies are significant in this proposal?

None, other than compliance with other sports offered in Minnesota High schools where alternates receive medals.

## **Provide evidence of support for the proposal from other groups**

Cross country, track and field, volleyball, hockey, etc.

## **Impact**

**How does your proposal affect this activity, including its impact on all classes, areas of the state, and variety of schools**

It impacts all alternates who make it to state championships.

## **Administration**

**How does your proposal impact section and state tournaments?**

Consistency in sport

## **Length of Tournament**

**How does your proposal impact the needed competition time for section and state tournaments?**

No impact

## **Participants**

**How does your proposal impact the number of participants/teams?**

No increase in participants

**How does your proposal impact the percentage of participants/teams that would qualify for the state tournament?**

No impact on numbers

## **Facilities**

**How does your proposal impact the facilities needed to accommodate your recommendation at both the section and state level?**

No impact

## **Awards**

**How does your proposal impact the number of awards at both section and state?**

Alternates finally receive awards instead of watching their fellow athletes receive awards, when they contributed throughout the year toward their success.

## **Other**

**Provide any other pertinent information not included in this proposal**

No other information necessary.

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