

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

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## Indicate the category of the proposed recommendation

State Tournament Recommendations regarding Format and Non-NFHS Rules or NFHS Experiments

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## Activity/Activities (Check all that apply)

Nordic Ski Racing, Boys, Nordic Ski Racing, Girls

## Current Rule/Policy

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

Four individual skiers qualify for the state meet in the pursuit race

## Proposed Recommendation

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

Six individual skiers qualify for the state meet in the pursuit race

Include any other policies that are impacted by this proposal.

None

## Rationale

What is the history of the proposal?

With the reduction of individual qualifiers this past year top skiers were unable to qualify and participate in the state meet. There were 11 individuals who finished in the top 10 at sections, including someone who finished as high as 7th but did not qualify for the state meet.

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

Single example: On the girls' side in section 1 Kaelyn Ambuehl came in 7th place and did not qualify for the state meet. On the boys' side in section 2 Aj Hemink came in 11th overall at the state meet and was the 4th and final individual qualifier from that section.

If the change was made to go back to 6 individual qualifiers in the pursuit race then no individual in the top 10 at sections would have missed the state meet.

What other policies are significant in this proposal?

a. the tournament administration: An additional 16 boys and 16 girls would need race bibs and be entered in the state start list

- b. the change in competition time needed to accommodate your recommendation: No change
- c. the number of competitors: There would be an increase of 16 boys and 16 girls at the state meet
- d. the facilities needed to accommodate your recommendation: No change
- e. the number of awards: A maximum increase of 16 boys and 16 girls state participation medals.
- f. other items which should be considered regarding the above-stated proposal: This change has no tangible impact on the state meet, either the timing or the cost.

There is an additional proposal to increase the sections medals to the top 10. If that is approved only a few additional medals for the individual qualifiers will be needed.

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

The Minnesota High School Nordic Ski Coaches voted unanimously for this change.

## **Impact**

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

Creates fairness throughout the sport

## **Administration**

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

The only impact on section and state is by definition of this change.

## **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?**

It increases participants by 16 girls and 16 boys at the state meet.

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

No increase to team numbers

## **Facilities**

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

This may increase slightly the lodging, but the lodging has been a perpetual issue and this small

number of participants does not severely impact this issue.

## Awards

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

No impact

## Other

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

If the medals to alternates is passed, this increase in participants may increase the number of medals distributed.

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