



Pacific Northwest Ski Association A Division of U.S. Ski & Snowboard

2024 Buddy Werner Coach Meeting
May 9, 2024 via Zoom

The meeting was started at 7pm by PNW YSL Chair Lindsay Davisson.

Attendance: Mary Gunesch, CSAT; Jamie Landwehr, SARS; Danasue Kusakabe, TAS; Mark Stapleton, MBSEF; Max Kusske, MSSRT; Dusty Hanchett, WPSC; Doru Nico, SPARC; Krisha Charbonneau, FAST; Gabe Bertell, TARP; Claudia Yamamoto, PNW Director.

Topics Discussed:

Weekday races are tough. This came up because one of the days of Buddy Werner Championships was on a Friday. Buddy Werner Championships is a 3 day event so there will always be the challenge of having one of the days fall mid-week.

Mary Gunesch presented a proposal regarding Team Scoring at Buddy Werner Championships (see below for proposal).

The premise of the proposal was to only let kids in the 1st 7 seeds score for their team. The idea is that this will help small teams have a chance to finish in the top 3 of men, women, and overall scoring. There was good discussion regarding the pros and cons. Jamie Landwehr mentioned that when an athlete scores team points from the 8th seed, they feel like they are an important part of the team, even though they may have not had a great season up to that point. Attendees seemed to feel that a team's top 3 finishers, regardless of where they started, seems a fair way to score. The missing component was researching how many 8th seed athletes have scored in their teams top 3 throughout the years. The proposal was voted on: 4 in favor, 6 against, 1 abstention. Motion Fails.

Someone brought up the idea of having another team race for the YSL age group during the season. As most YSL races are held close to athletes' homes, it was suggested that individual race organizers could add a team component to an event if they wished to. Adding another division wide race to the YSL schedule was felt to not be in the interest of development for this age group.

There was discussion on using Hero Gates for U10 and younger events. There are no rules that say you can or can't do this. Hero Gates are a great development tool and should be used by each Race Organizing Committee as they see fit.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:00pm

Alpine Competition Committee

Date:

For consideration by:

Reference:

This Team Scoring proposal is designed to address the Sport Tenets of Fairness and Retention.

Some clubs in PNW are much larger than others. For many years, each PNW team could only bring 7 athletes to the BW Championships. So, that was the maximum number who could possibly score for their team.

Currently, teams can bring an unlimited number of athletes to the event. That's great for the goal of participation. However, toward the goal of Fairness, it would be better if only the top 7 seeded athletes could count toward each team's score.

This would give smaller teams a more fair chance to be competitive. When a smaller team has a chance to be on the podium, it contributes to Sport Retention because the late-pack athletes (seeds 6 & 7 on many teams) get a chance to stand on the podium if their team does well. The thrill of that experience increases the likelihood that late-blooming athletes will continue on to U14 racing.

An additional goal of this change is to clarify the verbiage in the current version of the PNW Manual. Under Point 2 of "Seeding," it currently has remnants of the old max team quota of seven. (Below in brown.)

Original Version:

Seeding

1. The BWC will have 8 seeds. Seeds 1-7 will contain one member from each team, seed 8 will be all others entered.
2. The Head Coach for each club competing will submit their top seven U12 athletes plus two alternates per gender to PNW by March 1 of each year by seed. If some clubs do not have seven athletes to fill their quota, the remaining spots will be given to the eighth seed athletes by a random draw. If additional spots remain open, the ninth seed will be randomly drawn until we reach the allowed quota.
3. The second run will be "bibbo" in accordance with U.S. Ski & Snowboard rules (flip 30 unless modified by the Jury).

Scoring

1. First and Second run times will be added together to determine the athlete's time for the race.
2. Each athlete will be awarded place points in all contested events except for Skills Quest. The fastest time shall be awarded 1 point, the second fastest 2 points, the third

fastest 3 points, and so forth. All competitors that DNS, DSQ or DNF will be awarded one more point than the total number of competitors that finished both runs. (If there are 45 athletes that completed both runs then the DNS, DSQ and DNF athletes will receive 46 points.)

3. Team scoring in each event shall be determined by adding the Place Points together for the first 3 finishers of each team.

4. In the case of a tie in any event, the fourth-place team member's Place Points will be used to break the tie. If there is a tie for all events combined, the fourth team member in all events will be added up to break the tie.

5. In the event of a tie of times for any position, the Place Points will be added together for all athletes with the same time and divided equally. For example, if there is a 2-way tie for 7th position, points for 7 & 8 will be added together and divided by 2 ($7+8= 15/2= 7.5$ Place Points each).

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Comments:

In the New Proposal section, Point 4 under Scoring (in blue) is the proposed addition.

Submitted by:

Mary Gunesch, CSAT YSL Coach

Second: