

## **7 - PNW ALPINE TEAM**

The PNW Alpine Team will be selected at the beginning of each race season. Team size and gender distribution will be announced by the ACC during the spring/summer meeting. The purpose of the team is to recognize the top active junior racers in PNW and to reward their efforts to the extent possible as they strive for the next level. There are numerous benefits to members of the PNW Alpine Team. The benefits are defined annually. Each member of the PNW Alpine Team receives a uniform piece and some compensation for racing in PNW races (1).

The PNW Alpine Team will be posted to the PNW website in the fall.

### **PNW Alpine Team Selection Procedures**

1. Eligibility for the PNW Alpine Team requires that the competitor is a U16 or Older Junior (aged 15-20) for the upcoming season, maintains a permanent residence within division, is a registered member with a recognized PNW club (2), was a member in good standing of PNW and US Ski and Snowboard during the previous season, attended PNW races held in the previous season, and must renew his/her US Ski and Snowboard Competitor membership by the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Early Membership Renewal deadline (Oct 15 midnight MDT). (Athletes must be in good standing, not pending, with US Ski and Snowboard by the early renewal deadline)  
  
Exceptions: Attendance at a higher-level US race that conflicts with a PNW race series, i.e. Nor-Ams, or Nationals; or an injury which prohibited participation in the NW Cup events.
2. Eligibility also requires that the competitor intends to compete as a member of PNW in a PNW race series during the current season. U16 athletes on the PNW Alpine Team must compete in NW Cup/U16 Qualifiers during the current season. Team members must notify the PNW office of their intent to compete in PNW by the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Early Membership Renewal deadline.
3. Automatic Alpine Team status is reserved for athletes who placed 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> in the NW Cup overall ranking the prior season. The balance of the team will be selected from a single selection board to be constructed by the PNW Selection Committee using National points from the appropriate National points list which includes non-activity/injury adders or penalties (see "PNW Selection Procedures" – Chapter 9 - in this manual for more information on selection boards).
4. Team members are encouraged to help the younger PNW racers by entering PNW races as often as possible.
  - a. Current U16 Alpine Team members will receive paid entry fees for 2 race starts at an Evergreen Cup race.
  - b. Current U18 & Older Alpine Team members will receive paid entry fees for 2 race starts at a NW Cup race.
5. All PNW Alpine Team members will first be nominated to the team and required to sign a Contract of Participation before officially being named as a PNW Alpine Team athlete.
6. U.S. Ski Team members will become honorary members of the PNW Alpine Team. These athletes will remain members of the PNW Alpine Team if they are registered US Ski and Snowboard members with a PNW competitor's license.

1 – See #4 above

2 - In the case of independent racers, written authorization must be obtained from the PNW Director of Alpine.