

Dear Junior Nationals Hopefuls & Families,

We are approaching an exciting weekend when the final points will be earned through racing at Mt. Bachelor and the **2026 PNW Junior National Team will be announced!**

We will be traveling to the [2026 Junior National Cross Country Ski Championships](#) that will take place March 9–14, 2026 at the American Birkebeiner Trailhead in Cable, Wisconsin.

Skiers will compete as part of the [Pacific Northwest \(PNW\) Division](#), one of ten [US Ski & Snowboard](#) regions across the country.

A Few Reminders:

To be selected, skiers must:

- Meet the age requirement
 - Hold a US Ski & Snowboard Competitor Membership with PNW affiliation
 - Qualify through JNQ races and be selected by the PNW
 - Complete all post-selection requirements by the deadlines
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JNQ Qualification Schedule

Selection is based on a skier's best results in qualifying races.

[HERE](#) are the current point standings. They are also posted on the PNW website.

Team Size

U16:

- 9 skiers of each gender
 - 1 alternate of each gender

U18/20:

- 10 skiers of each gender
 - 1 alternate of each gender
 - auto-qualifiers (M/F)

Alternates will be offered a spot in the event that another skier of their age/gender declines.

Team Announcement & Critical Deadlines

Team Announcement:

Sunday, Feb 15 — Mt. Bachelor (after awards)

Skiers must accept or decline immediately.

This is critical due to alternates.

Trip Details

A special thanks to the PNWSEF! The foundation supports each of our skiers by covering race entries and a portion of the wax and ski grinding — amounting to a savings of \$300 per skier that reduces the cost of the trip.

2026 PNW JN Trip Cost = \$2,400

PNW Trip Fee Covers:

- Lodging
- All meals
- Coaching & waxing
- Race entries
- Local transportation

Not Included:

- Travel to/from Minneapolis
 - Team uniform & puffy jacket
 - Snacks & personal spending
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Lodging

Holiday Inn Express, Hayward, WI
15586 County Road B
Hayward, WI 54843

- 2 skiers per room, separate queen beds
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Key Deadlines & Dates

Tuesday, February 17 - PNW Race Suit Store (open Feb 15–17)

- All skiers must have a PNW suit & jacket (red, white and blue — 2025 okay). Optional hats, buffs, and headbands will also be available.
 - If you have a suit you've outgrown and want to sell, please complete this form: [📄 2025 PNW Race Suit Swap \(the red, white and blue ones only\)](#)
 - If you are interested in one of the suits on the sheet, please contact the skier directly.
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Friday, February 27 – Trip Payment Due

- Mail a check to:
PNW Division
1329 Section Ave.
Quincy, WA 98848
 - Or pay online:
<https://pnwdivision.org/nordic/jnq/>
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Friday, February 27 – [PNW Release Forms](#) Due

- Email to: PNW@PNWDivision.org

- OR Mail to:
PNW Division
1329 Section Ave.
Quincy, WA 98848

Forms are attached to this email and available online at PNW@PNWDivision.org

Please be sure you have completed the [2026 JN Google Form](#).

A big thanks to our PNW Division Executive Director, Claudia Yamamoto, who has built a page especially for the trip!

<https://pnwdivision.org/event/2026-pnw-x-country-jr-nationals/>

We are looking forward to another fantastic Junior Nationals trip in 2026. No matter the outcome this weekend, we are incredibly proud of the work each of you has put into this season.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

~ Christie & the JN Leadership Team