

Dear Junior Nationals Hopefuls & Families,

We have some important **new updates** for the [2026 Junior National Cross Country Ski Championships](#), March 9–14, 2026 at the American Birkebeiner Trailhead in Cable, Wisconsin.

Time-Sensitive: PNW Puffy Jackets

To ensure our PNW puffies arrive in time for patching, all jacket orders must be submitted by **midnight this Thursday, February 5th**.

If you're hoping to qualify for the PNW Junior National Team and **don't have a jacket or need a new size**, please place your order by then so we can have them ready for JNs.

PNW will place the final order and submit payment. Skiers are responsible for selecting the correct size when ordering.

If you order a jacket and are ultimately not named to the team, you will **not** be responsible for the cost, rather the jacket will be held in PNW inventory.

Below are the ordering instructions from Jakroo, who will be producing our puffies.

Welcome to our team online store with Jakroo.

Order: February 2 - February 5, 2026

Store link: <https://jakroo.com/store-front?storeId=H1RMVo0U-e>

USE COUPON CODE: PNW2026

****This coupon code will allow you to order your jacket without paying. Once the team is named your puffy jacket will be added to your total trip cost.***

Guaranteed Fit Service. For sizing questions, simply click the link, fill out the form, and you will receive a size recommendation. If you order that size and it doesn't fit, JAKROO will replace it. The item must be unworn with tags on it, swapped within the team first, then returned with authorization for the replacement order.

2026 JN's PNW Coaching Team update will have the **two male age group coaches switched:**

- Henry Gorman, Plain Valley Nordic Team - U16 male age group coach

- Jason Lemieux , Teacup Nordic - U18 male age group coach

JNQ Qualification Schedule

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

**** The NCC determined there will not be a replacement for the cancelled Mt. Bachelor JNQ.**

Confirmed JNQ races:

- Jan 23–24: Soldier Hollow — UT
- Jan 31–Feb 1: Winthrop, WA
- Feb 14–15: Spokane, WA

The standings are [HERE](#) and will be posted after each race on the [PNW website](#).

Team Size

- U16: 9 skiers of each gender + 1 alternate of each gender will be named who will be offered a spot in case another skier of their age/gender declines their spot.
- U18/20: 10 skiers of each gender + 1 alternate of each gender will be named who will be offered a spot in case another skier of their age/gender declines their spot + auto-qualifiers (M/F)

The final team will be announced after the last JNQ on February 15th.

Team Announcement & Critical Deadlines

Team Announcement:

Sunday, Feb 15 — Spokane (after awards)

Skiers must accept or decline immediately.

Key Deadlines & Dates

- Feb 15 (Sunday night) – Order PNW suit & jacket (hard deadline)
- Feb 20 (Friday) – Trip payment due + all PNW release forms
- March 6 (Friday) – Fly to Minneapolis (**arrive by 2 pm**)
- March 15 (Sunday) – Depart Minneapolis (**between 12–3 pm**)

Trip Details & Cost

Final trip details are still being finalized, and we'll share cost information as soon as we're able.

Additional forms will be coming in the weeks ahead.

We're looking forward to another fantastic Junior Nationals trip in 2026! As always, please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.

~ Christie