

NORAM CUP

The NorAm Cup is the most prestigious and important North American race series. The 'original' Continental Cup and parallel to the European Cup, only a notch below the competition of the World Cup circuit, this series has proven to be an excellent training and testing ground for both top national racers and for developing U.S. and Canadian athletes.

The U.S. and Canadian Ski Teams are represented at all NorAm events. Foreign racers, including World Cup contenders, often compete in these events raising the level of competition even more. The remainder of the participants are the best competitors from the regions and colleges of Canada and the U.S.

NorAm Cup winners are named in each of the individual disciplines based on points accumulated over the season according to the World Cup point scale. The overall winners are determined by adding the points scored in all disciplines. Discipline winners become individually qualified for World Cup participation in that discipline in the following season and are entitled to special start positions in other Continental Cup races in discipline.

Current NorAm calendars can be found at www.fisiski.com.

Eligibility

For consideration to NorAms, racers must be registered to appear on the FIS points list and must be current USSA competitor members in good standing with USSA and their home region. For the December NorAm technical events, men must have 80.00 or fewer FIS points in any discipline and women must have 100.00 or fewer FIS points in any discipline; for all other NorAm events, athletes must have 120.00 or fewer FIS points in any discipline in order to apply for selection. Development nominations are exempt from these limitations.

Quotas

The USA has a quota of 50 women and 50 men for all NorAm tech competitions, 30 women and 30 men for speed competitions in CAN, and 70 men and 70 women for speed competitions in the USA. If either the USA or CAN does not fill its national quota, the other nation may use those unfilled spots; quotas are not always filled.

Selection Procedures

1. Intent: Athletes wishing to compete in NorAm competitions must submit online intent at least 28 days prior to the first team captains meeting, and must confirm participation at least 14 days prior to the first team captains meeting, for the competition series in question.
2. Ranking: All athletes submitted will be ranked by NTSM in the discipline(s) to be contested (except SC), using the most current FIS points list at the intent deadline.
3. Selection: according to the specific steps outlined below.
3. Canadian and other foreign entries: Foreign competitors, properly entered by their own national federations, may compete in the NorAm Cup according to the FIS rules for Continental Cups. The national federations must make entries to NorAm Cup races directly.

4. FIS field size limits and international quotas: Should the official entry list for any USA NorAm Cup event exceed the FIS maximum of 140 racers, the competition jury and USSA staff, shall select those U.S. racers who shall not be drawn to start, in order to reduce the field to the limit of 140 as necessary. In this case, the minimum USA entry quota is 30 and the maximum is 50, even if there should be unfilled Canadian quota slots.
5. Development quota: Athletes may be invited by the Regional Development Director to be entered on the development quota. Objective rankings, advancement history, other discretionary evaluation and athlete management factors will all be considered. The development quota is to be used primarily for junior athletes. The development quota is not intended to compensate for inflexible or inadequate regional procedures.

Loveland and Aspen tech series and Panorama (USA quota 50)

	Men	Women
1. USST	20	20
2. Seniors (21 and older) and U21 collegiate athletes from NTSM	10	10
3. NTSM of place points from November junior qualification races	20	20
4. If the quota is not filled above, additional athletes will be selected in order from the NTSM.		

* The Copper speed series will include the U.S. National Championships for DH and will contain the same USA athletes as qualified and entered in the Copper NorAm speed series.

USA speed series (USA quota 70)

	Men	Women
1. USST	20	20
2. Seniors (21 and older) NTSM	10	10
3. Juniors (20 and younger) NTSM	10	10
4. Development	10	10
4. The remainder of the quota will be selected in order from the NTSM.		

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Canadian speed series (USA quota 30)

	Men	Women
1. USST	20	20
2. NTSM	5	5
3. Development	5	5
4. The remainder of the quota will be selected in order from the NTSM.		

Remaining NorAms (USA quota 50)

	Men	Women
1. USST	20	20
2. Seniors from NTSM	10	10
3. Juniors from NTSM	10	10
4. Development	10	10
5. If the quota is not filled above, additional athletes will be selected in order from the NTSM.		