

State Meet Qualifying / Advancing Revision:

I hope you have been having some healthy discussions among your coaching peers regarding the new proposal for the direction of the State Meet. I have heard from several, and I trust the section reps have as well. If this proposal gets endorsed by the coaches, we want it to be well received by the MSHSL. We are concerned that the scoring, or qualifying from sections to state, may be viewed by the MSHSL as an individual sport, like track and field, in the way the proposal was initially presented. So we have made a tweak to the qualifying, and I think it will be very well received by coaches and league officials alike.

Team Qualifying for State:

The top two teams will qualify to the State Meet. All 7 members of the section team will qualify, regardless of individual placement in the section meet. So if your team finished 2nd in pursuit points, (62%) and 4th in Team Spring Relay (38%), you could still garner 2nd place team points, and all 7 members would compete in their respective events at the State Meet, and vie for the State Team Championship. (You will not be able to switch events)

Individual Qualifying for State:

* Pursuit: If you are one of the top 4 pursuit skiers that are not on a top 2 **Section team**, then you qualify for the state meet as an individual. You will not score team points, just as has always been done. (This will reduce the size of the pursuit race, allowing for a shorter release time during the first leg, and less congestion during pursuit.)

* Team Sprint Relay: **The fastest Sprint Relay Team that is not on a top 2 Section team**, then your Sprint Relay team will compete at the State Meet for individual honors. You will not score team points.

Sprint Teams Advancing from Semi's to Finals: The Top 2 relay teams from each of 2 semi finals, will automatically advance to the finals. The next 4 fastest times from either semi-final, will also advance to give you a final heat size of 8. Scenario: So there will be 24 relay teams that advance to state, there will be 12 in each heat.

Semi-final #1: **Fastest Relay Teams from Section 1,3,5,7**
Second Fastest Relay Teams from Section 2,4,6,8
Third Fastest Relay Teams from 4 sections, randomly drawn

Semi-final #2: **Fastest Relay Teams from Section 2,4,6,8**
Second Fastest Relay Teams from Section 1,3,5,7
Third Fastest Relay Teams from 4 sections, randomly drawn

* Exact same number of skiers from each section qualify for the State Meet.