



MCSA's Season Ahead

Northern Division and Southern Division plot out exciting race season

The Midwestern Conference of the United States Ski & Snowboard Association has determined 2019-2020 season schedules for their Northern and Southern Nordic divisions. Here's a brief rundown.

Northern Division:

Member teams (6): College of St. Scholastica, Michigan Technological University, North Dakota State University, University of Minnesota Duluth, University of Minnesota Twin Cities, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Schedule:

Jan 25 [Noquemanon's 24K Half Noque](#)
Feb 1 [Mt. Ashwabay Summit 21K Pursuit](#)
Feb 22 [American Birkebeiner Birkie 50K Skate or 55K Classic](#)

Scoring: Following the races, the top five men's and women's scores will be added to each team total. The final score will determine the team division champions. University of Minnesota skiers developed a system for the Northern Division that will score races of varying field sizes and different disciplines on a balanced scale.

Southern Division:

Member teams (4): College of Saint Benedict & Saint John's University, Iowa State University, Saint Mary's University of Minnesota, University of St. Thomas.

Schedule:

Jan 11 [Twin Cities Orthopedics Rennet](#)
Jan 26 [Langlauf Nordic Ski Race](#)
Feb 8 [North End Classic/Pre-Birkie](#)
Feb 15 St. Mary's University 10K Cross Country Ski Race

Scoring: The top three races from each team (both men's and women's) will be scored to determine the overall division champions. A scoring system for individual races is currently under development by leadership in the Southern Division.

MCSA Regional Championships

Feb 29 – Mar 1 Regional Championships hosted by Northwoods Nordic at the Cedric A. Vig Outdoor Classroom near Rhinelander, Wisconsin. The weekend event will determine the qualifying teams for the USCSA National Championships from the Midwestern Conference. Plans for the weekend's race schedule and format have yet to be determined.



Mar 8 – 14 [USCSA 2020 National Championships in Lake Placid, NY](#). The annual national competition brings together teams from across the United States to compete in snowboarding, alpine and Nordic skiing. This year's Nordic championships for both men's and women's teams will consist of classic sprints, a 7.5 km freestyle individual start race, a 15 km mass start classic race and a freestyle team sprint.

This year the MCSA will have five men's and five women's teams competing at nationals. The University of Michigan and Saint Olaf College will be grandfathered in because of their previous participation in USCSA National Championships. The remaining three spots of both men's and women's Nordic teams will be determined at the Regional Championships.

In other News:



Swix Sport USA joins USCSA as Sponsor

by Holger Petersen

Swix Sport USA joined the United States Collegiate Ski & Snowboard Association as one of its sponsors. Swix previously had a long past relationship with the USCSA's predecessor, the National Collegiate Ski Association over 30 years ago.

The renewed relationship with Swix is aimed at supporting furthering growth and aiding the USCSA's 170+ college teams and their 5000+ athletes as an equipment and apparel sponsor.

Swix Sport joins Atomic Nordic and Patagonia as sponsors of the USCSA.

Any college team interested in joining or learning more about the MCSA are encouraged to reach out to MCSA Conference Coordinator Ted Theyerl (theyerlt@uwstout.edu) or MCSA Student Representative Luke Dykowski (dykow003@umn.edu).