

Nordic Skiing State Meet Qualifying Proposal

3 x 5

Overview

The goal of this proposal is to increase the number of teams participating in the state meet. Across the state most sports have gone to a multilevel system to increase the number of teams participating in the most prestigious tournament their sport offers. Participation as a team brings more notoriety and excitement to a school, and as a result, helps in the growth of the sport. Over the past few years the number of highly competitive teams in our sport has continued to increase. Evidence of this improvement can be found in the frequency of three and four individuals, from one team, qualifying for the state meet, as well as where they place in the that meet. With the goal of increasing team presence at the State Nordic Ski Meet this proposal identifies two teams of five and five unattached individual as qualifiers for state competition, hence the name three by five. The organization of each section meet does not change under this proposal, only the number of skiers racing for a team at the state meet.

Positives of Proposal

- Increase the number of teams represented at the state meet.
- Increase the number of ranked teams participating in state meet.
- Improvement in the overall quality of the skiers competing in the state meet.
- Need for splitting into classes would be decreased.
- Growth of sport.

Advancing to State Nordic Ski Meet

- **Teams:** To advance, a team would have to finish in first or second place in their section meet. Each team would be defined as their top five skiers in the section meet.
- **Individuals:** Remove the five skiers from the two advancing teams and the remaining five fastest pursuit skiers advance as individuals. If a 6th or 7th skier on an advancing team qualifies as a top five individual they also may advance to the State Meet, only as an individual and cannot score for their team nor serve as an alternate for their team.

Nordic Skiing History

Many years ago high school ski teams consisted of Alpine, Nordic, and ski jumping. The three divisions were scored separately and then combined to determine overall scores. When skiing was expanded to include girls the Nordic event was patterned after the cross country running model. Today the cross country model advances two teams to the State meet from each section. The intent of this proposal is to pattern the advancement of teams and individuals in Nordic skiing to that of cross country running. This proposal brings in a second team without increasing the number of participants in the state meet. Keeping the number of participants the same is accomplished by reducing the advancing teams numbers from seven skiers to five and the number of individual qualifiers to five from the current eight. The coaches, who have for years desired to increase the number of teams advancing to two teams, are willing to embrace the reduction in

team size and number of individuals. Coaches have been parring down varsity teams for many years when they complete their conference meets. In skiing, as in cross country, many conferences allow more than seven runners to compete as varsity athletes and then coaches name the seven competitors for the section championships.

Proposal at a Glance

	Current	Proposed
Item	Advancement to State	Advancement to State
1	15 skiers from each section	15 skiers from each section
2	1 Team of 7 skiers	2 Teams of 5 skiers
3	Top 8 individuals not on advancing team	Top 5 individuals after the five members of advancing teams are removed.
	State Meet	State Meet
4	8 Teams	16 Teams
5	4 skiers determine team score	4 skiers determine team score
6	40 out of 120 skiers (33%) determine team place	80 out of 120 skiers (67%) determine team place