

AWSA Team Event

Team Events through Regionals to Nationals

1 CONCEPT

Have each Region come to the nationals with a team that will compete for the AWSA Team Championship title. These teams would have competed in the Regionals against other teams in order to be qualified to compete at the Nationals.

2 APPROACH

Each region will have teams that compete at the Regional Championship. The winning team will go on to Nationals to compete for the National Team Title.

The team championship is NOT a separate event at the regionals; rather points are accumulated while the teams compete in their individual division/event. See the scoring section for more information.

The regions will take into consideration:

- a) How their region is divided up in groups, is it by state or by areas or by districts (use the regional governance structure/by laws as a guide),
- b) The population size of the given group will be used to determine if groups need to be combined so that a team can be created (meaning there could be states that don't have enough 3 event skiers to make up a team).

Example:

- The West Region operates their region by Areas; each area would have a team that competes at the regionals.
- The Mid-West operates with states; each state would have a team that competes in regionals. In the case of Iowa and Nebraska where there are smaller membership counts; the states can be combined to ensure there are ample members that can make up a team. Note it is **highly encouraged**

ALL ABOUT TEAMS

Here is one way we can work together and generate more fun, competition and excitement at our local tournaments. That energy will carry through to the Regional Championships and National Championships!!

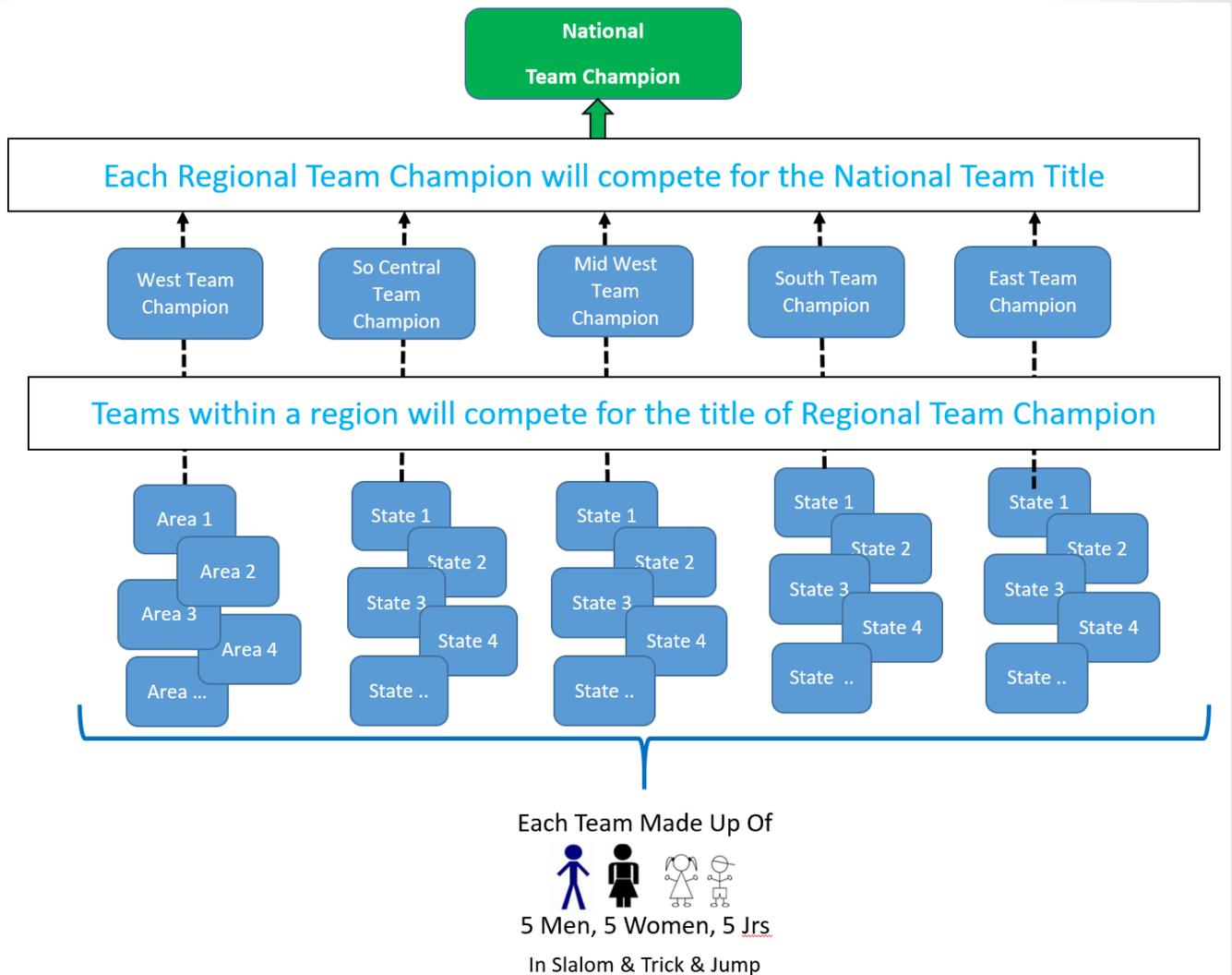
that states with lower membership counts use this as an opportunity to drum up more participants rather than combining states.

- The Southern Region operates with states; they could use the same concept as the Mid-West; however, could look to build two teams out of Florida due to the high volume of members in that state.

The regional EVPs will work with their councils to determine the best way to divide up their regions and build their teams. These teams will then come to regionals and compete for the Regional Team Championship title; the team that wins will compete in the National Team Championships.

There will not be a limit on the number of teams that can compete at regionals. The regional councils will police the size and numbers of teams looking participate.

A regional team commissioner is recommended to aid in communication to the teams.



3 TEAM CONSTRUCT

Each team will need to be comprised of **up to 5** men, 5 women, 5 juniors across Slalom, Trick and Jump. All three events are included in the scoring.

Teams can be made up of single eventers, 2 eventers, or overall skiers. There is not a restriction around the size of a team up to the limit of 5 men, 5 women and 5 Junior scores in each event.

The members of the teams do not need to be qualified for regionals, and they **do not need to be qualified for nationals**. This means that all those members of a winning Regional team can go to nationals, even if a team member is not qualified through their individual event scores or overall score. Skiers that are on a team but are not qualified for regionals or nationals will be allowed to place in their event.

4 SCORING

The chief scorers will need to generate the team results.

The top **4 scores** for **each event** (Slalom, Trick, Jump) for **each group** (Men, Women, Juniors) will be used for determining the winning Team.

The scores will be generated through a point system based on NOPS.

Meaning if you have 44 slalom skiers that are participating in a team event, then points will be based on a 10-point increment. Example: the skier that had the highest NOPS point for slalom would receive 440 points, whereas the skier that had the lowest NOPS score would have 10. The top 4 scores for each team in each event would be accumulated to become the team score. The team with highest score wins.

5 GOING TO NATIONALS

5.1 SUBSTITUTIONS

Substitutions are allowed at the discretion of the EVP. Note that the substitute must be from the same team area/state and must have skied in the regionals.

5.2 INDIVIDUAL QUALIFICATIONS

Reminder that individual team members do not need to be qualified for regionals to participate in the regional team championship, and the members of the winning team at regionals do not need to be individual qualified for nationals.

6 AWARDS

The regions can determine the type of award that can be given to the regional team title winner.

The AWSA President and executive committee will determine the type of award that will be given to the national team title winner.

7 MEMBERSHIP BY STATE

Membership rosters are pending and will be sent out separately so that each region knows how many members are found in their various 'areas'.

8 REGISTRATION & SCORERS

Some key notes for registrars and scorers:

- Skiers that are part of a team will register individually for regionals and nationals.
- Team captains will provide team rosters to registrar and chief scorers.
- Registrars will note which team members are not qualified for regionals or nationals to ensure that the registration goes through.
- During the Regional event, it is recommended that regions have a designated person that will monitor the team results and communicate the results to the participants / spectators throughout the event.

9 KEY DATES

Key dates for the EVPs and regional councils:

- EVPs should review this document with their councils and determine approach for building teams in their region.
- EVPs submit their team approach to AWSA President before the January 29th BOD meeting.
- Be sure to include communication in the Regional Tournament Guides that can be used for reference regarding how the team approach will work. Regional Guides are due to HQ by January 30th.
- Be sure to build out a communication plan for the region membership before the tournament season gets underway.
- Determine date to have teams submit rosters for regionals.
- Plan on submitting the regional team rosters to US Water Ski headquarters the week after your regional championships.