

Maine Eastern High School Team Selection Criteria

Athletes shall be named to the Maine team based on the following method:

1. Criteria #1: Sassi + Pursuit Maine Team Qualifier Race (January 25, 2025)

- **20 athletes** of each gender from the Maine Team Qualifier (Sassi + Pursuit) final standings will be named.
- If an athlete declines a spot, the next athlete on the list will be named until 20 athletes of each gender are confirmed.

2. Criteria #2: Aroostook County Selection Races

- The **top 1 athlete** of each gender from Aroostook County will be named.
- There will be one freestyle race and one classic race in Aroostook that will be used to determine this spot. Dates TBA.
- If this athlete has already met criteria #1 or declines the spot, the next athlete on the list, up until 3rd place on the results, will be named.
- If all of the top 3 athletes have already met criteria #1, or all decline, then this one spot will revert to the next skier in criteria #1.

3. Criteria #3: MPA State Championships

- The **top 2 athletes** of each gender in the Maine State Championships combined pursuit results, who have not met Criteria #1 or #2, shall be named.
- If an athlete declines a spot, the next athlete on the State Championship combined pursuit results list will be named until 2 spots are named from MPA state meet pursuit.

4. Criteria #4: NENSA JRL List

- To accommodate for instances of missing qualifying race(s) due to illness or emergencies, and in order to name the best possible Maine Team, criteria #4 has been established.
- The **top 1 athlete** who has not already met Criteria #1,2,3, and who is in the top 30 on the NENSA JRL list (or automatic JN qualifying list), as of February 18, 2025, will be named.
- If more than one athlete of each gender meets this criteria #4, those athletes will be named as alternates and be the first alternate(s) to be called up (see below).
- If there is not an athlete that meets criteria #4, then the next athlete from criteria #1 (alternate list) will be named.

5. Procedure for Naming Alternates

- After the 20 spots of each gender are confirmed from criteria #1, the Maine Team Qualifier (Sassi + Pursuit), **alternates** will be named from the same results list.

- After the 2 spots of each gender are confirmed from criteria #3, the MPA State Championship, **alternates** will be named from the combined pursuit results list.
 - Alternates will be called up as follows:
 - Alternates will first be called up from criteria #1, the Maine Team Qualifier (Sassi + Pursuit) list, until the team has been filled or that results list has been exhausted.
 - Alternates will then be called from criteria #3, the MPA State Championship combined pursuit list, until the team is filled.
 - Alternates may be called up right until race day.
 - If the team cannot be filled by any of these criteria, the committee may recruit additional team members using conference, state, and other recent race results to reach the team quota.
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Maine U16 Team Criteria

Athletes shall be named to the Maine team based on the following method:

1. Criteria #1: Sassi + Pursuit Maine Team Qualifier Race (January 25, 2025)

- **20 athletes** of each gender from the Maine Team Qualifier (Sassi + Pursuit) final U16 standings will be named.
- If an athlete declines a spot, the next athlete on the list will be named until 20 U16 athletes of each gender are confirmed.

2. Criteria #2: Aroostook County Selection Races

- The **top U16 athlete** of each gender from Aroostook County will be named.
- There will be one freestyle race and one classic race in Aroostook that will be used to determine this spot. Dates TBA.
- If this athlete has already met criteria #1 or declines the spot, the next athlete on the U16 results list, up until 3rd place on the results, will be named.
- If all of the top 3 athletes have already met criteria #1, or all decline, then this one spot will revert to the next U16 skier in criteria #1.

3. Criteria #3: MPA State Championships

- The **top 2 U16 athletes** of each gender in the Maine State Championships combined pursuit results, who have not met Criteria #1 or #2, shall be named.
- If an athlete declines a spot, the next athlete on the State Championship combined pursuit results list will be named until 2 U16 spots are named from MPA state meet pursuit.

4. Criteria #4: NENSA JRL List

- To accommodate for instances of missing qualifying race(s) due to illness or emergencies, and in order to name the best possible Maine Team, criteria #4 has been established.
- The **top 1 athlete** who has not already met Criteria #1,2,3, and who is in the top 15 on the NENSA U16 JRL list (or automatic JN qualifying list), as of February 18, 2025, will be named.
- If more than one athlete of each gender meets this criteria #4, those athletes will be named as alternates and be the first alternate(s) to be called up (see below).
- If there is not an athlete that meets criteria #4, then the next athlete from criteria #1 (alternate list) will be named.

5. Procedure for Naming Alternates

- After the 20 spots of each gender are confirmed from criteria #1, the Maine Team Qualifier (Sassi + Pursuit), **alternates** will be named from the same U16 results list.

- After the 2 spots of each gender are confirmed from criteria #3, the MPA State Championship, **alternates** will be named from the combined pursuit results list.
 - Alternates will be called up as follows:
 - Alternates will first be called up from criteria #1, the Maine Team Qualifier (Sassi + Pursuit) list, until the team has been filled or that results list has been exhausted.
 - Alternates will then be called from criteria #3, the MPA State Championship combined pursuit list, until the team is filled.
 - Alternates may be called up right until race day.
 - If the team cannot be filled by any of these criteria, the committee may recruit additional team members using conference, state, and other recent race results to reach the team quota.
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Questions and Appeals

For any questions or appeals, contact the Maine Team Selection Committee:

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- **Dana Hatton** (Maine U16 Team Leader, Yarmouth HS)
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