



WISCONSIN NORDIC SKI LEAGUE

On the Glide Newsletter

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*The **On the Glide Newsletter** is the official newsletter of the WNSL. The newsletter will provide teams, clubs, families, and sponsors with information that promotes Nordic skiing across the Midwest.*

Happy Springtime! Some skiers are already setting big goals for next season, yet it is important for skiers at every level to make recovery a goal after the winter race season is over. Being inactive for a few days or even weeks will not have a big impact on your overall fitness.

- April training goals should include:
 - Recover enough so our bodies can absorb a summer's worth of training
 - Accomplish this without losing unnecessary amounts of fitness or strength
 - Make a smooth and injury free transition to summer training modalities

For most of us, spring is about getting the best of both worlds, incorporating some 'inactivity' in order to reset the body, while also staying active, so we can enjoy the outdoors while not losing fitness.

DATES we know:

May 8-10, 2025 United States Collegiate Ski Association Annual Conference

- Webpage: <https://www.uscsa.org/annualconference.html>

May 12-16, 2025 USSS Spring Congress

- Website: <https://www.usskiandsnowboard.org/governance/meetings>

June 10-13, 2025 UW-GB Summer Camp

- Contact: Samuel Myers, UW-GB Head Coach, myerss@uwgb.edu

June 13-15, 2025 CXC Igor Legacy Camp

- Website: <https://cxcskiing.org/pages/events/camps/cxc-training-camps.html#IgorLegacyCamps>

July 8-13, 2025 Central Regional Elite Camp

- Website: <https://cxcskiing.org/pages/events/camps/cxc-training-camps.html>

July 9-13, 2025 CXC Dream Camp

- Website: <https://cxcskiing.org/pages/events/camps/cxc-training-camps.html>

August 8-10, 2025 Northern Conference Rollerski Camp (Discovery Center in Manitowish Waters)

- Contact: Erich Kern, High School Head Coach: kern_erich@yahoo.com

August 10-13, 2025 Porcupine Mountains Summer Camp

- Contact: David Stette, Superiorland Nordic, dslette@frontiernet.net
- Contact: Scott Putman, ANST, anstcoaches2013@gmail.com



IMPORTANT Follow-up Committees from the April 2025 WNSL Spring Meeting

THANKS to the many WNSL coaches and Nordic fans who attend the 2025 WNSL Spring Meeting and for adding their input that will lead to a better and more sustainable WNSL and Wisconsin State Championship; and, a **special thanks** to Wausau for hosting the meeting.

From the notes and feedback I received, listed below is a summary of committees and tasks that need to be finalized within the next few weeks.

1. WNSL Guest Class Committee

- Chair: Andrew Johnson
- Members: Jake Barnes, Dale Fanney, Brett Ostby (Rochester Nordic)

The Value and Purpose of the WNSL Guest Class:

- Why would the WNSL want to invite Guest Teams?
- Why put limits on the Guest Class teams?
- What would make a Guest Class Team worthy of being equal to voting Wisconsin teams?
- Should the Guest Class be eliminated from the WNSL State Championship competitions?
- Is there a timeline to officially accept Guest Class Teams into the WNSL?
- Would the WNSL have an interest in collaborating with the Michigan Nordic Ski League?

2. WNSL Executive Board Nominating Committee

- Chair: Ben Popp
- Committee: Andrew Johnson, Tamara Bryant, Dale Fanney

Vote for Officers: October 2025 WNSL Fall Meeting (Date/Location TBD)

- President, Ben Popp - term expires 10/2025
- Treasurer, Tamara Bryant – term expires 10/2025
- Vice President, Andrew Johnson – unknown term expiration
- Secretary, Dale Fanney – unknown term expiration
- Administrator, Bruce Manske – NOT an officer, term expires based on WNSL vote

Compensation /Stipend to Executive Board Members

- Evaluate roles of the Executive Board
- Consider compensation, as the time required has increased, mostly for the treasure

Finalize 2025-26 Budget Due

- Fiscal Year begins July 1, 2025

3. State Meet Committee

- Chair: Scott Putman
- Members: Sam Edwards, Rick Hase, Ernie Luedke, and Andrew Johnson.

Tactical Committee Work:

- Work with the WNSL Administrator (Bruce Manske) to learn how WNSL can best support this role, both in the months leading up to the events and on race days.
- Establishing a State Meet Schedule of Events (**This needs to be finalized by MAY 31, 2025**).
 - Dates & Venues
 - Planning & preparations leading up to the event(s),
 - Race Day Format and Time Schedule
 - Awards: individual awards and team awards
 - Timing Contractor
 - Update the Rules of Competition
- The State Meet Committee needs to establish an **Organizing Committee** and define each specific role:
 - Chief of Competition:
 - Assistant Chief of Competition:
 - USSS Technical Delegate + USSS Assistant Technical Delegate:
 - Chief of Medical:
 - Chief of Grooming:
 - Chief of Course:
 - Chief of Stadium:
 - Chief of Start:
 - Chief of Finish:
 - Race Secretary:
 - Chief of Timing & Data + Timing Contractor
 - Chief of Technique Controllers:
 - Chief of Media:
 - Chief of Volunteers
 - **Competition Jury**
 - Technical Delegate
 - Assistant Technical Delegate
 - Chief of Competition

Strategic Committee Work

- State Competition and Conference Competition Goals
- Athletic Seeding Protocols
- Sponsorships and Funding
- Data Collection: the highlights and lowlights of WNSL Competitions
 - What is valued by WNSL athletes?
 - What is valued by WNSL coaches and clubs?



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4. OTHER Talking Points from Bruce

Coaches Development

- All WNSL Coaches should consider obtaining their USSS L100 Certification
 - USSS Membership renewal begins May 1, 2025
 - Required to participate in trips: Junior Nationals, Canadian Nationals, NENSA
 - Bruce is on the USSS National Faculty and can assist with the certification process

WNSL Fundraising

- All clubs should be required to enlist at least TWO 50/50 Sponsors.
- All clubs should be required to enlist at least TWO Friends of the WNSL supporters.
- All clubs should be required to enlist at least TWO Silent Auction sponsors.

WNSL Sponsorships & Specialty Donations

- Bruce will begin seeking 2025-26 sponsorships, as soon as dates, venues, and race formats are finalized.
- Bruce is finalizing a specialty donation to partially fund GLD Coach(s) & Athletic Development (schools & communities) positions within the WNSL
 - Both positions report to the WNSL Administrator
 - Stipends issued based on reporting and documentation
 - Interested individuals need to send email "letter of interest to Bruce"
 - Bruce and Executive Board will evaluate applicants
 - Both positions will begin ASAP, based on securing the funds and the "letters of interest"

WNSL Communications

- Is the ***On the Glide*** newsletter of value to coaches, athletes, and clubs?
 - Do you share the newsletter with your coaches, athletes, families, & clubs?
- Does the WNSL Website meet the needs of your club and families?
 - How can the WNSL Webpage be improved for clubs and families?
- Does the WNSL Website meet the needs for outside interests: sponsors & public interests?
- How can the WNSL Webpage be improved for outside interests?
- Does the current WNSL Email lists work for your coaches and clubs?

WNSL Race Bibs

- Salomon / Swix Race Bibs – for use during the WNSL State Competitions
- Wisconsin Nordic Development Bibs – current stored with John Burke / Jake Barnes
- **MISSING:** WNSL Salomon / Swix Race Bibs: #1, #253, #299
 - Please check with your athletes and families regarding these missing race bibs.



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Thanks for supporting Nordic skiing in Wisconsin via your clubs and teams, the WNSL, and the Great Lakes Division.

It is important to formulate the goals and dreams for your individual clubs and teams, along with the goals and dreams for the betterment of the Wisconsin Nordic Ski League and the Great Lakes Division.

Looking ahead, please keep in mind the best steps moving forward that will create a culture of skiing in your community, help develop athletes along a pathway toward success, and provide families an avenue to become lifelong skiers.

Communication and discussions are the key to success - please contact your WNSL Executive Officers with your questions, comments, and concerns.

Sincerely,
Bruce

WNSL Executive Board

- Dale Fanny - Secretary: secretary@wisconsinxcski.org
- Tamara Bryant - Treasurer: treasurer@wisconsinxcski.org
- Ben Popp - President: president@wisconsinxcski.org
- Andrew Johnson - Vice President: vp@wisconsinxcski.org

- Bruce Manske - League Administrator: administrator@wisconsinxcski.org