



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.*

WNSL Mission Statement

"Development & Promotion of Nordic Skiing Opportunities for Wisconsin Youth & Junior Skiers"

PLEASE share the *On the Glide newsletter* with your teams and families, it includes topics and schedules that are important to review for summer training and the 2025-26 Nordic season.

United States Ski & Snowboard Membership is now OPEN for coaches and athletes

- **USSS Membership Information Link:** [Sport Education Spring Update – May 22, 2025](#)
- **Coach Membership & L100 Certification**
 - Bruce is a member of the USSS National Faulty and can help with L100 Certification and Assessment requirements.
 - Assessment Sessions Scheduled:
 - Duluth, MN on Wednesday, July 23, 2025
 - Cable, WI on Sunday, August 3, 2025
 - Lake Elmo Park, MN on Sunday, August 17, 2025
 - Hyland Park, MN on Sunday, October 19, 2025

Committees formed during the 2025 WNSL Spring Meeting

1. **WNSL Guest Class Committee** **Chair:** Andrew Johnson
 - Members: Jake Barnes, Dale Fanny, Nick Rickinger, Brett Ostby (Rochester Nordic)
 - Committee Reports should be submitted to the WNSL Executive Board
2. **WNSL Executive Board Nominating Committee** **Chair:** Ben Popp
 - Committee: Andrew Johnson, Tamara Bryant, Dale Fanny
 - Committee Reports should be submitted to the WNSL Membership
 - **Executive Board Election: October 5, 2025**
3. **State Meet Committee** **Chair:** Scott Putman
 - Members: Sam Edwards, Rick Haese, Ernie Luedke, Tamara Bryant, Andrew Johnson.
 - Committee Reports should be submitted to the WNSL Executive Board



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2025-26 DATES & OPPORTUNITIES on the Nordic Calendar

May 12-July 31 GLD CO-OP Training Plan

- Contact Katie Eichten: katieeichten@yahoo.com

June 10-13, 2025 UW-GB Summer Camp

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

June 16-21, 2025 GLD CO-OP Team Ironwood Training Camp

- Contact Katie Eichten, Spooner Nordic: katieeichten@yahoo.com
- Contact Andrew Johnson, CVN: awjohnson2013@gmail.com

June 13-15, 2025 CXC Igor Legacy Camp

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

June 22-24, 2025 MadNorSki Summer Camp (Governor Dodge State Park)

- Contact Tamara Bryant, MadNorSki: bryant.tamaraj@gmail.com

July 11-12, 2025 The Shoreline Rollerski Race (Rice Lake, WI) **CANCELLED**

July 8-13, 2025 Central Regional Elite Camp

- Website: <https://cxcskiing.org/pages/events/camps/cxc-training-camps.html>
- USSS coaches continued education credits available for coaches who shadow camp activities.

July 9-13, 2025 CXC Dream Camp

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

July 14-18, 2025 High Performance Training Camp with US Biathlon Coaching

- Ariens Nordic Center /// Contact: <https://ariensnordic.com/events/>

Saturday, July 19, 2025 Lumberjack 5K Run (Hayward, WI)

- Website: <https://www.birkie.com/run/events/lumberjack-run/>

July 19-20, 2025 US Biathlon Midwest Regional Summer Rollerski Championships

- Ariens Nordic Center /// Contact: <https://ariensnordic.com/events/>

July 23-26, 2025 Northern Michigan University Summer Junior Camp

- Contact Ruth Oppliger, NMU Nordic Coach: roppliger@NMU.edu
- Contact Katie Eichten, Spooner Rails Nordic Coach: katieeichten@yahoo.com



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July 28 - August 3, 2025 **USSS National U16 Camp (Cable, WI)**

- USSS coaches continued education credits available for coaches who shadow camp activities.

August 2, 2025 **Pincushion Trail Run** (Grand Maris, MN)

- Registration: <https://ultrasignup.com/register.aspx?did=127466>

August 8-10, 2025 **Central Conference Rollerski Camp** (Hosted by Bay Nordic)

- Contact Kory Derenne, Bay Nordic: klderenne@uwalumni.com

August 9, 2025 **Madnorski Up Up & Away Classic Rollerski Race CANCELLED**

- Website: <https://www.madnorski.org/upup/>
- Contact Tamara Bryant: bryant.tamaraj@gmail.com

August 10-13, 2025 **Porcupine Mountains Summer Camp**

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

August 10-11, 2025 **Peck Nordic Ski Camp**

- Contact Mary Eloranta, Peck Nordic: elorantahunts@gmail.com
- OPEN to all WNSL athletes

August 15-17, 2025 **Northern Conference Rollerski Camp** (Discovery Center, Manitowish Waters)

- Contact Christel Kern, Lakeland Nordic Coach: christel.kern@gmail.com

August 15-17, 2025 **Snowflake Summer Camp** (Decorah, Iowa)

- Contact Dan Goltz, Snowflake Nordic: dan_goltz@hotmail.com

August 23, 2025 **Grind up Granite Rollerski Race**

- Contact Jon Oestreich: jonoestreich@me.com
- Website: <https://www.wausaunordic.org/>

October 3-5, 2025 **USBA Fall Camp & Schutzenski Rollerski Festival #1**

- Soldier Hollow, Utah
- Website: <https://utaholympiclegacy.org/soho-events/?month=2025-10>



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October 5, 2025 WNSL Fall Meeting

- DC Everest High School, Wausau, WI
- Contact for Agenda Items: ben.popp@birkie.com

October 17-19, 2025 USSS Schutzenski Rollerski Festival #2

- Soldier Hollow, Utah
- Website: <https://utaholympiclegacy.org/soho-events/?month=2025-10>

October 24-26, 2025 CXC Wayne Fish Coaches Conference (Cable, WI)

- All coaches encouraged to attend and earn their USSS L100 / L200 Certification
- Website: www.cxcskiing.org

October 25-26, 2025 Swenor CXC Rollerski Championships (Cable, WI)

- Contact Yuriy Gusev: yuriy.gusev@cxcskiing.org

September 12-13, 2025 NorthShore Inline Marathon (Duluth, MN)

- Events: Inline Skating, Running, **Rollerskiing** on the North Shore of Lake Superior
- **FUN:** Team Awards, Costume Contest, Two Rollerski Distances: marathon & half marathon
- Website: <https://www.northshoreinline.com/>
- Contact Bruce Manske: bruce@northshoreinline.com

November 28-30, 2025 Turkey Birkie

- Cable, WI // ABSF Trailhead & Great Hall

December 6, 2026 ABR Opener - 5k Skate

Contact Dale Fanney: dalefanney@frontier.com

December 13-14, 2025 Super JQ (Duluth, MN)

- Super JQ: Midwest, GLD, Colleges, & Youth Cup

December 20-21, 2025 Super JQ (Cable, WI)

- Super JQ: Midwest, GLD, & Colleges (No Youth Cup scheduled)

January 5-9, 2026 USSS Senior Nationals Cross Country Ski Championships

- Mt. Van Hoevenberg, Lake Placid, NY

January 10, 2026 Seeley Hills Classic (Seeley, WI)

- Website: <https://www.birkie.com/ski/events/seeley-hills-classic/>



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January 10, 2026 [Snekkevik Classic Ski Race](#) (Wausau, WI)

- Contact John Burke: john@performancetiming.com

January 11, 2026 [Iola Freestyle Ski Race](#) (Iola, WI)

- Contact Jake Barnes: trim@wi-net.com

January 17-18, 2026 [Hodag Challenge](#) (Rhineland, WI)

- Contact Brian Hegge: brian.hegge10@gmail.com

January 31-February, 2026 [WNSL Sprint Championships](#)

- Venue: Arians Nordic Center
- **Race Formats: to be outlined by the State Meet Committee and voted on by WNSL**

February 7-8, 2026 [WNSL Distance Championship](#)

- Venue: ABSF Trailhead & Great Hall
- **Race Formats: to be outlined by the State Meet Committee and voted on by WNSL**

February 6-22 2026 [XXV Winter Olympic Games](#)

- Milan and A Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy
- Website: <https://www.olympics.com/en/olympic-games/milano-cortina-2026>

February 18-22, 2026 [American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation Week](#) (Cable & Hayward, WI)

- Includes, USSS SuperTour 50K Freestyle

March 9-14, 2026 [USSS Junior Nationals Cross Country Ski Championships](#)

- ABSF Trailhead, Cable, WI

March 10-13, 2026 [NCAA Division I Nordic Skiing Championships](#)

- Montana State University (MSU) in Bozeman, Montana

March 20-22, 2026 [FIS World Cup Final Race Weekend](#)

- Mt. Van Hoevenberg, Lake Placid, NY

March 26-29, 2026 [USSS SuperTour Finals](#)

- Mt. Van Hoevenberg, Lake Placid, NY



2026 WINN Kortelopet Scholarship Coaches Information and Opportunity

- Application Form are available on the WNSL Website: <https://www.wisconsinxcski.org/>
- Application Forms are available on the WINN website: <http://xcskiwin.org/>

Skiing beyond High School

There are many colleges offering Nordic opportunities in the United States:

- Central Collegiate Ski Association: <https://www.ccsaski.com/>
- United States Collegiate Ski Association: <https://www.uscsa.org/>
- Midwest Collegiate Ski Conference: <https://www.skimcsa.com/nordic.html>
- Rocky Mountain Collegiate Ski Association: <https://www.rmisking.com/>

There are now seven professional Nordic ski clubs in the United States:

- APU Nordic Ski Center <https://apunordic.com/>
- BSF Pro Team <https://www.bridgerskifoundation.org/nordic/pro>
- Craftsbury Green Racing Project <https://www.greenracingproject.com/>
- Mansfield Pro Nordic <https://www.mansfieldnordic.org/>
- SMS T2 <https://www.gosms.org/athletics/nordic-program>
- Sun Valley Gold Team <https://svsef.org/programs/cross-country/xc-gold/>
- Team Birkie <https://www.teambirkie.com/>

WNSL Executive Board

- Dale Fanney - 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



GET READY FOR THE 2025/26 USSS MEMBERSHIP SEASON

CXC and U.S. Ski & Snowboard membership **season** runs from July 1 through June 30 each year. Early registration for the 2025/26 season is now open, making it easy for summer camp participants to register and complete their membership requirements ahead of time.

If you need assistance, please contact U.S. Ski & Snowboard Member Services at membership@usskiandsnowboard.org or call (435) 647-2666

** Adult members and those turning 18 anytime during the season are required to complete annual SafeSport training and periodic background screening to activate membership.*

The linked document provides a comprehensive FAQ about U.S. Ski & Snowboard membership, clarifying who needs a membership and the necessary steps to maintain or activate it to ensure compliance with safety and regulatory requirements.

- [Membership FAQs >](#)
- [2025-26 Cross Country Membership Descriptions \(PDF\) >](#)

COACH CERTIFICATION RULE IN FULL EFFECT

All U.S. Ski & Snowboard Coach Members will be required to hold an ACTIVE Coach Certification status in order to register for U.S. Ski & Snowboard sanctioned competitions. This requirement will go into effect at the start of the 2025-26 season, 07/01/2025.

Any not-yet-certified Coach Member has the duration of two full seasons to earn their Level 100 Coach Certification. This two-season timeline begins during the 2024-25 season, meaning: any not-yet-certified Coach Member with a 2024-25 season membership has until the end of the 2025-26 season (06/30/2026) to obtain their Level 100 certification.

Note that coaches who are working towards their Level 100 certification may earn the IN PROGRESS certification status, which is regarded as an “active” status for competition registration for the duration of two seasons.

Online event registration platforms will automatically bar INACTIVE coaches from registering for events (ex: AdminSkiRacing & SkiReg) in the same manner that they have barred coaches whose U.S. Ski & Snowboard memberships are not current.

In circumstances where membership status is checked manually/individually via U.S. Ski & Snowboard member lookup tool, event organizers will also take note of certification status.

[U.S. Ski & Snowboard Sport Education Academy >](#)