



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”

The WNSL Race Committee, on behalf of the committee of Tamara Bryant, Sam Edwards, Andrew Johnson, Ernie Luedke, Scott Putman & Rick Haseis are requesting that the WNSL Officers and WNSL Coaches attend an informational meeting on **August 18, 2025** to review and e-vote on the recommended changes:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1UUud4nRC_aP-A8hVrbO0AI9pU8DzRZkKAhHsIQ1GHR8/edit?usp=sharing

Upcoming USSS Level 100 Assessment Schedule

- Lake Elmo Park, MN on Sunday, August 17, 2025
- Hyland Park, MN on Sunday, October 19, 2025
- Cable, WI on Sunday, October 26, 2025
- Lapham Peak, WI on Tuesday, November 11, 2025

NorthShore Inline Marathon

All coaches, athletes, and friends of the WNSL & CXC receive a 35% discount for participation into any of the NSIM events (eight different options): rollerski, run, or skate.

- Skate & Health Expo: Friday, September 12, 2025 (over 70 vendors; plus presentations)
- **A great opportunity for participants of all ages and abilities**
- **Event: September 12-13, 2025**
 - Registration Link: <https://www.northshoreinline.com>
 - Discount Code: **CXC35**



Zak Ketterson, Team Birkie, the 2024 NSIM Full Marathon Champion



WNSL Growth, Development, & Promotions Agreement

Two Grant Funded Positions: Growing the WNSL via School Based Teams & GLD Coaching

PURPOSE: To develop quality and healthy lifelong Nordic skiers throughout Wisconsin. The primary goal is to establish new school-based Nordic teams in Wisconsin; as well as supporting new and existing club teams. The secondary purpose is to help fund Great Lakes Division coaching positions.

PROCESS: Application process to fill the two positions within WNSL:

- Send a letter of interest to Bruce Manske, WNSL Administrator.
- Bruce Manske and the WNSL Executive Board will evaluate applications.
- Positions will be filled ASAP (not necessarily coaches)
- Accepted applicants will be required to send a monthly report to the WNSL Administrator; who will communicate updates and reports to Dr. Brent Carlson.
- Stipends will be presented by the WNSL secretary to the applicants based on their reporting and documentation.

UPDATES: 1. Establishing new Nordic teams in Wisconsin: school-based + clubs

- Two coaches have expressed an interest in helping to make contacts with the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association, the Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association, and to make a road map of potential schools and community leaders.
 - Jake Barnes & Dale Fanney
 - An outline and timeline are in the works
- Two coaches have submitted an outline of accomplishments and an invoice for their time and commitment of supporting Wisconsin GLD athletes during May, June, and July; a \$2,500.00 stipend has been issued to these two coaches.
 - Andrew Johnson
 - Katie Eichten

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/>



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2025-26 DATES & OPPORTUNITIES on the Nordic Calendar - Continued

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 Peak Nordic Ski Camp

- Contact Mary Eloranta, Peak 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 16, 2025 Mike Ariens Walk/Run (Brillion, WI) NEW

- Contact Sean Becker, Ariens Nordic Director: sbecker@ariensco.com

August 17, 2025 Pioneer Midwest Rollerski Race (Lake Rebecca Park Reserve) **NEW**

- Contact: <https://pioneermidwest.com/pages/summer-cool-down-10km-rollerski-race>

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>

October 5, 2025 WNSL Fall Meeting

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



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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
- USSS L100 Assessment: Sunday, October 26, 2025
- Website: www.cxcskiing.org

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

- Contact Yuriy Gusev: yuriy.gusev@cxcskiing.org
- A great opportunity for all Central athletes and coaches too!

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

September 14-20, 2025 Park City Fall Camp

- Event: Fall Nordic Training and Rollerskiing Camp
- Open to WNSL teams and athletes
- Registration: <https://www.redelephantracing.com/event-details/park-city-fall-camp-2025>
- Contact & Info - Matt Klick: redelphantnordic@gmail.com

November 8-9, 2025 Pioneer Midwest 21st Annual Ski Swap NEW

- Contact: <https://pioneermidwest.com/pages/pioneer-midwest-20th-annual-ski-swap>

November 11, 2025 USSS L100 Assessment (Lapham Peak, WI) **NEW**

- Contact: brucemanske2011@gmail.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



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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/>

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 17-18, 2026 **Midwest Only JQ (Coleraine, MN)**

- Contact CXC: <https://cxcskiing.org/pages/events/cxc-junior-cup.html>

January 17-18, 2026 **Ski De She (Cable, WI)**

- Contact: www.birkie.com

January 24-25, 2026 **Great Lakes Only JQ (Ariens Nordic Center)**

- GLD, High School, Middle School, Youth Cup, & Colleges Races
- Contact CXC: <https://cxcskiing.org/pages/events/cxc-junior-cup.html>

January 31-February, 2026 **WNSL Sprint Championships**

- Venue: Ariens 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**



2025-26 DATES & OPPORTUNITIES on the Nordic Calendar - Continued

February 14-15, 2026 [Regional Nordic Championships, Midwestern Conference of the USCSA](#)

- Venue: CAVOC – Rhinelander, WI

February 14-15, 2026 [Super JQ](#) (Wirth Park, MN)

- Super JQ: Midwest, GLD, Colleges, & Youth Cup
- Contact CXC: <https://cxcskiing.org/pages/events/cxc-junior-cup.html>

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
- Includes, Junior Birkie + Junior Birkie Sprint Relays (Thursday, February 19, 2026)
- Website: <https://www.birkie.com/>

March 7-8, 2026 [CXC Youth Festival](#) (Duluth, MN)

- Detail Coming Soon

March 7-8, 2026 [Great Bear Chase](#) (Calumet, MI)

- Website: <https://runsignup.com/Race/GreatBearChase/Page/RaceGuide>

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

April Date TBD [WNSL 2026 Spring Meeting](#)

- Contact Ben Popp: ben@birkie.com



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Committees formed during the 2025 WNSL Spring Meeting

1. WNSL Guest Class Committee

Chair: Andrew Johnson

- Members: Jake Barnes, Dale Fanney, 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 Fanney
- 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

WNSL Executive Board (2024-25)

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

Is it Time for New Uniforms and Team Wear?

- Check out Borah Teamwear for GREAT products.
 - Wisconsin Made – For Wisconsin Teams!
 - Website: <https://borahteamwear.com/>

