

Maine Eastern High School Team Selection Criteria

Due to low snow conditions, the selection team committee made the following changes to the 2025 selection process. Changes are in red.

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~~ **freestyle race only**) final standings will be named. **20 spots will be named from the Sassi freestyle race on 1/25/25.**
- 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 **CLASSIC results from day one ~~combined-pursuit results~~**, who have not met Criteria #1 or #2, shall be named. **Because criteria #1 is only freestyle, these 2 spots will go to the top 2 athletes in the classic results.**
- If an athlete declines a spot, the next athlete on the State Championship **~~combined pursuit~~ classic** results list will be named until 2 spots are named from MPA state meet **~~pursuit~~ classic**.

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 Criterias #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 ~~freestyle +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 ~~classic 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 ~~freestyle +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 ~~classic 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 ~~freestyle + 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 ~~classic 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 ~~classic combined-pursuit~~ results list will be named until 2 U16 spots are named from MPA state meet ~~classic~~ .

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 Criterias #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 **freestyle +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 **classic 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 **freestyle +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 **classic 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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