

Nordic Rules Committee Meeting
Sam Barlow High School
Gresham, Oregon
May 2, 2009
12:15 pm – 3:30 p.m.

Present:

Charlie Wilshire: Nordic Steering Committee Director
Candace Bonner: NL representative (non-voting)
Mike Bogar: NL representative (voting)
Eric Martin: SL representative (voting)
Bill Martin: SL representative (non-voting)
Dave Munson: Nordic Commissioner (non-voting)
Terry Smith: South Eugene coach (non-voting)
Jinny Martin: Mt. View volunteer (non-voting)

Bill presented the following agenda:

Proposal	Section	Action
1. State Meet Venue	Nordic Policies	Finalize
2. Relay Points State Meet	Nordic Policies	Finalize
3. Delete JV team points	Nordic Race Rules	Finalize
4. One ski propulsion	Nordic Race Rules	Finalize
5. Non OISRA in State Qualifier	OISRA Policy	Review
6. Rule 8 Update to OSAA	OISRA Policy	Information
7. Change Value of League Relay	SL SOP	Review for SL

Bold Italics are additions to current rules that were agreed upon by the Rules Committee to be recommended to the Nordic Division Steering Committee for their approval.

Proposal # 1. The Rules Committee unanimously approved recommending to the Nordic Steering Committee the following changes in wording in the Nordic Policies:

Section II Nordic State Meet Policies

G. The State Meet will ***be 2 days in length*** and begin on the eighth Friday of the year.

Day 1: Friday, single event, Boys and Girls ***4.5K – 6K*** Interval Start

Day 2: Saturday, Two events:

Event 1: Boys & Girls 5 K Interval Start

Event 2: Boys & Girls Relay 3 x 1K, Mass Start

EVEN YEARS: 3 x 1 K CL, FS, FS

ODD YEARS: 3 X 1 K CL, CL, FS

Preference is for Friday's event to be a Freestyle race.

DISCUSSION: The added course length was to allow for more flexibility for the layout of the course on Friday

Proposal # 2. The Rules Committee unanimously approved recommending to the Nordic Steering Committee the addition in Nordic Policies of the description for Varsity Relay team scoring as follows:

Section II Nordic State Meet Policies

M. Scoring

1. See *Nordic Race Rules*, Section II **H** for how teams are scored *for* individual races.
 2. *Varsity Relay team scoring is as follows:*
 - First Place Team 6 points*
 - Second Place Team 12 points*
 - Third Place Team 18 points*
 - a. *The points are to be increased by six (6) for each team on through the remaining relay results.*
 - b. *Varsity team relay finish orders ignore any JV1, JV2, etc. relay team finish orders. For example: if the overall relay finish order were Varsity team school A, Varsity team school B, JV team school A, Varsity team school C—then the placement for the Varsity teams is:*

<i>1st place</i>	<i>School A</i>
<i>2nd place</i>	<i>School B</i>
<i>3rd place</i>	<i>School C</i>
 - c. *If a school has only 2 competitors for a Varsity relay team, then those two racers will compete in the first two legs of the relay and a dummy time (a time equivalent to the slowest time of the third relay leg) will be added to their composite time. That total time will be compared to the total times of the other Varsity relay teams to arrive at a finish position.*
 - d. *If a school has only one (1) competitor, that competitor can ski in the relay event.*
 - i. *That competitor can ski the third leg on a relay team that has two other competitors who form a team from another school, or he/she can ski one leg on a relay team where each leg is skied by a competitor from a different school.*
 - ii. *The finish times of these composite teams are not posted, but the individual lap times are calculated and posted.*
2. The overall team points for any team at the State Meet will be the sum of the team points from the two individual races and the relay race. Ties are broken according to the Nordic Race Rules, Section II **H 2**.
 3. The Boys and Girls Combined Team scores are calculated by adding the Boys Team total points to the Girls Team total points. Ties are broken according to the Nordic Race Rules, Section II **H 2**.
 4. To determine the ranking for the individual combined awards, the elapsed times for each competitor for the two individual races will be added.

Proposal # 3. The Rules Committee unanimously approved recommending that the Nordic Steering Committee delete the Nordic Race Rules, Section II The Nordic Race Rules H, 2. This rule dealt with calculating Junior Varsity scores for JV Teams in an

individual race. This deletion changes the other numbers under “H” to be one less number. Also, H 1 would be slightly changed to match the wording Section II M1.

H. Calculation and Announcement of Results

1. Calculations for Varsity *Team* scores, *for Individual races*.

Proposal #4: The Rules Committee unanimously approved recommending that the Nordic Steering Committee add an Exception to Nordic Race Rules Section II G 2.

Section II G. 2. Competitors may use no supplemental means of propulsion other than skis and poles.

EXCEPTION: *If the racer breaks a binding or ski so that it is not functional they may continue on the course by propelling themselves with their ski-less foot. As soon as they can get a substitute ski they may finish the race on the replacement ski.*

Section II G 4. The entire course must be accomplished on *at least one ski*.

Proposal # 5: Proposal 5 is a proposal by Mike Bogar to make changes in OISRA Policies #9 so that non-OISRA skiers are allowed to race in OISRA, state qualifying, Northern League races. The proposal was discussed with the intent of giving Mike Bogar some information to consider before he makes his proposal to the OISRA Board. The discussion will be summarized in an information document that will be approved by those present as a separate document from these minutes. The Nordic Rules committee did not have the authority to make any decisions on this issue.

Proposal # 6: Rule 8 Update to OSAA (See Appendix 1) was discussed as information only. Suggestion that somewhere it be stated that the “Rules govern” in any situation where there is a “Rationale” listed.

Proposal # 7: The Rules Committee discussed reducing the point difference for the League Relay Scoring for SL races. They agreed that decreasing the point difference from 6 points to 3 points would result in having the relay count less. Then the results of the relay race would determine the outcome of fewer races (only 10%). Based on data from the past 5 years of league races, when using the 6-point difference, the relay determines the outcome of 16% of the races.

Respectfully submitted by
Bill Martin, note taker