

TO: High School/CUSSA Region II & III Racers, 2011-2012 Season

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SUBJECT: Sanctioning, Eligibility and Rules

**Please note: MHSAA is requiring all athletes to submit this Racer Profile to their school's Athletic Director. The school AD and coach are responsible for keeping track of all athletes' race dates.**

If you are a high school racer and intend to race in Region II and III races, you must fill out the enclosed **Racer Profile/Schedule** form. Do not send me just your high school or just your CUSSA schedule! Your entire personal racing schedule must be submitted to your school's Athletic Director (through your coach) and sent to me before you compete in your first high school race. Race 1 is your first high school race or scrimmage. Any CUSSA race before your high school team's first contest/scrimmage does not count on your total. Schedules do change throughout the season because of weather and other reasons. You may amend your **Racer Profile** by just making the changes and faxing a copy to me. Do not forget to copy your AD.

All High School/CUSSA racers must adhere to the MHSAA fifteen-(15) meet/race rule, which is the maximum number of allowable meet/races during the high school season. This is the combination of your high school and sanctioned CUSSA races. In addition to the 15 Meet Rule, a skier is allowed to have two (2) "non-sanctioned/non-school" competitions.

The USSA-Central Division and the Michigan High School Athletic Association have worked in a cooperative effort to ensure the athletes have the maximum opportunity to compete. In order to better understand the rules, please read the following MHSAA Rule Interpretations:

- 1) The "**sanctioning season**" begins on the date of your first high school ski race or scrimmage against another high school. The "sanctioning season" ends on the date of your last high school ski race. Please do not list the MHSAA Regionals or State Finals in your racer profile as they do not count in the 15 meet/race rule.
- 2) If only one high school team member is in a MHSAA sanctioned CUSSA race, that race counts against the team. The entire team gets 15 total sanctioned meets/races. However, girls who ski in CUSSA races are charged only against the girls' team, and the boys only against the boys' team.
- 3) A "**non-sanctioned/non-school**" meet/race is an event that is not specifically listed as sanctioned by the MHSAA. This race or series does not count against the team, only the individual racing. As a result, if ten team members were in ten different non-sanctioned races on the same weekend, each racer would have used one of his/her non-sanctioned meets. In brief, during the season a member of the school team may participate in a

maximum of two (2) non-school meets or contests in skiing while not representing his or her school. An event held on not more than three consecutive calendar days is considered a single meet. The following are suggested non-sanctioned races for the 2011-2012 season (No. 16 and 17 on your racer profile schedule):

<b>February 23-25</b>	<b>Age Class Championships</b>	<b>Marquette</b>
<b>February 25-26</b>	<b>FIS Nagy Memorial</b>	<b>LaCrosse</b>

Please remember you can only compete in two (2) non-sanctioned races during the entire time you are competing as a MHSAA High School racer. **Competing in more than two (2) non-sanctioned races might jeopardize the eligibility of the individual and could have consequences for the whole team.**

- 4) CUSSA races that are held the same weekend are considered as only one race. Team members may ski in any CUSSA races “sanctioned” by the MHSAA at different locations and it still counts as only one meet/race. Example: A high school team has a participant in the January 21/22 race at Cannonsburg and participants in a high school race at Nubs Nob on January 21. The “team” still counts only “one” for those events, as they are on the same date.

**MHSAA Sanctioned Races/Meets:** The list below is ALL the CUSSA races that are sanctioned by MHSAA for both Region II and III. You only have to list the races that you will be competing in starting with your first high school ski race or scrimmage.

<b>January 7-8</b>	<b>Age/Ability</b>	<b>Boyne Highland</b>
<b>January 7-8</b>	<b>FIS - MidAm</b>	<b>Loch Lomon</b>
<b>January 9-10</b>	<b>FIS - MidAm</b>	<b>Lutsen</b>
<b>January 13-15</b>	<b>Age/Ability</b>	<b>Marquette</b>
<b>January 20-22</b>	<b>FIS – MidAm</b>	<b>Indianhead</b>
<b>January 21-22</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Cannonsburg</b>
<b>January 28-29</b>	<b>Age/Ability</b>	<b>Boyne Mt</b>
<b>January 28-29</b>	<b>Age/Ability</b>	<b>LaCrosse</b>
<b>February 3-5</b>	<b>FIS – MidAm</b>	<b>Spirit</b>
<b>February 3-5</b>	<b>Age/Ability</b>	<b>Indianhead</b>
<b>February 4-5</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Mt Holly</b>
<b>February 11-12</b>	<b>Age/Ability</b>	<b>Schuss Mt</b>
<b>February 11-12</b>	<b>Age/Ability</b>	<b>Brule</b>

The racer profile sheet must be filled out before you compete in your first high school race or scrimmage. The form needs to be signed by yourself, your coach and parents (if under 18). Make sure your coach gives a copy to your school’s Athletic Director. Send the completed form to Mark Fisher, 6200 Maple City Rd, Maple City, MI 49664. If you need help or have questions, you can reach me at 231-633-5041.