



Cross Country Canada Para-Nordic Canadian Points List 2017-2018.

In an effort to provide the Para-Nordic (PN) community with a national points ranking system similar to that used for able bodied competitors CCC piloted a PN-CPL point scoring system beginning in the 2010-11 racing season. The PN-CPL has been used for eight seasons and is proving to be a useful tool.

For those familiar with the concept and principles supporting the CPL system you will appreciate how challenging it is to come up with a reliable and representative Canadian athlete ranking system for PN skiers given the low number of PN participants and PN races compared with the able-bodied world. With the recent concentration on PN, developmental organization within CCC and momentum building towards increased participation the PN-CPL will be more reliable and representative in the future.

It is also hoped that the PN-CPL itself will encourage more PN skiers to sign up for a CCC racing license and to start taking part in CCC sanctioned PN events.

For 2017-18, there were 24 reference skiers at the beginning of the season who had obtained at least three qualifying results in the previous 2016-17 season. Reference points were based on their best 3 results in any domestic or international event attended by at least two competitors and at least one reference skier. In addition, 12 skiers participated in CCC sanctioned events but did not meet all the criteria to be included in the CPL.

Table of 2017-18 Initial Reference Skiers: The table of initial reference skiers is included in the published 2017-18 PN CPL. Please remember that this table is not the 2017-18 CPL but rather a listing of reference skiers from the 2016-17 season used to generate the 2017-18 PN-CPL.

The following guidelines were applied to generate PN-CPL points for the 2017-2018 season.

- 1- PN races are scored as per the same principles as for able bodied races, i.e. off PN reference skiers with PN-CPL reference points;
- 2- Points are awarded based upon calculated times, i.e. after applying sport class competition factor %.
- 3- Where male and female or sitting and standing category skiers race the same distance on the same course categories may be combined to produce CPL points when there would otherwise not be enough skiers in the category. A competition factor of 18% discount will be calculated for females when compared

to males and a competition factor of 12% discount will be calculated for sit skiers when compared to standing skiers. These factors are according to IPCNS regulations.

- 4- For PN CPL purposes Visually Impaired (VI) athletes' results will be integrated to the Standing category results (normally 2 distinct categories internationally) in order to only manage an overall Standing category. The % system for VI and other standing athletes is based on the same benchmark (B3- 100%), as per IPCNS regulations;
- 5- At least two competitors in a category must have completed the race and have an official race time in order for PN-CPL points to be awarded.
- 6- There must be at least one reference skier in the race in order for PN-CPL points to be awarded. With low participation numbers and new athletes, competing in many events there may be some domestic sanctioned PN races that may not have a reference skier in them. CCC will score those races retroactively if one or more participants earn PN-CPL points off current reference skiers in subsequent races.
- 7- Only sanctioned WPNS, CCC or other international federation sanctioned races will be considered as qualifying races for the awarding of PN-CPL points.
- 8- Only CCC season race license holders can earn PN-CPL points. If a competitor initially races in a qualifying event with a day license but obtains a CCC race, license later, before the end of the season, the points for the earlier race(s) will be awarded retroactively.
- 9- Distance and sprint results will be used to produce a single list. Sprint points will be based upon the qualification round.
- 10- A skier must have competed and earned points in at least three qualifying events to qualify for a final points ranking. The final points ranking is based upon the average of their best three results in qualifying events.
- 11- Both cross-country and biathlon event results will be used for the PN CPL.
- 12- PN CPL points are calculated by allocating 100 PN CPL race points for the top race time and using only the top race time as the race reference time. The athlete with the highest reference points that finishes the race is used to determine the 'race' reference points or race factor.

The calculation formula will be the following:

$$\frac{\text{Winning time}}{\text{Calculated race time}} \times \text{Race Factor}^* \text{ (Best reference points)}$$

** Race factor will be 100 for all WPNS (WC, WCH, PWG) races.*

Note: Although the CCC PN CPL has been used for eight years, there are still not sufficient numbers of competitors to make it an accurate measure of overall athlete performance. CCC strongly recommends that the PN CPL is not used for any regional, divisional or national athlete selection process. Over time as we add more reference skiers and as participation rates increase the PN CPL will become more accurate, reliable and representative.