

## XCSO 2022 US JR Nationals Trip

Event Info: <https://www.loppet.org/juniornationals/jninformation>

### Trip Targets:

1. Experience racing in a competitive environment
2. Test yourself against the best juniors in NA

### Trip Info:

The US Junior Nationals will run from March 5 to March 12, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. XCSO will select 12 Ontario athletes for the trip. The trip will be led by XCSO Technical Director Victor Wiltmann and two additional PCE coaches (TBD). XCSO will cover the costs for XCSO/PCE staff travel and accommodation and selected athlete wax costs. Selected athletes will be expected to cover their travel expenses (flight, portion of rental vehicles and accommodation) and race entries.

The US JR Nationals organizing committee has asked all Canadians interested in participating in the event to organize as one group. Therefore, additional clubs, athletes and coaches not selected for the XCSO trip who are interested in attending must contact XCSO to organize under the “Team Ontario/Canada” banner. All efforts will be made to include additional clubs, athletes and staff in accommodation and transportation planning.

Staff will gather in Thunder Bay on Saturday, March 5th and drive to Minneapolis together in the afternoon. Athletes can either travel from Thunder Bay in vehicles with coaching staff or fly directly to Minneapolis on Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. Athletes should book their own flights to Thunder Bay/Minneapolis, under the guidelines to be provided by the the XCSO staff.

The current COVID protocol for this trip and estimated costs will be shared prior to selection; be aware that these details may change as the trip approaches.

### Current Guidelines:

Entering the USA: <https://travel.gc.ca/destinations/united-states>

Re-entering Canada: <https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid/travel-restrictions/covid-vaccinated-travellers-entering-canada>

### Waxing:

Waxing - US Junior Nationals is an NF event. Specific information on ski preparation to be shared prior to departure.

### Trip Cost Estimate:

Race registration, accommodations and vehicles for the week will total approx \$750-1000.

### Athlete Selection:

If you are interested in being considered for selection, please fill out the [declaration of interest](#) before **Sunday Feb 13, 2022**. Coaches/clubs, please contact [techdirector@xcskiontario.ca](mailto:techdirector@xcskiontario.ca) as soon as possible if interested in attending with your club/team.

### Selection Criteria:

XCSO will select 3 male and female athletes from each of the U20 and U18 (YOBs: 2002-2005) categories for a total of 12 athletes.

Selection will take place as soon as possible after the completion of the Eastern Canadian Championships at Nakkertok (Feb 11-13).

An ad-hoc CPL ranking list will be created after Easterns to include the best 2 sprints and 3 best distance races from the current season, up to and including Easterns. Athletes will be ranked within their categories (U18 and U20). The top 3 male and top 3 female athletes in each category will be selected based on the average of their sprint and distance CPL.



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**However**, if the selection committee does not feel that the CPL list is reflective of the best athletes, the committee will consider including OCup Leader Bib standing after Easterns (OCup 1 + OCup 2) as follows:

The selection committee will pick the top male and top female athlete in both the U18 and U20 categories based on CPL as described above and the top male and female athlete in the U18 and U20 categories from the OCup Leader Bib standings. The 3<sup>rd</sup> athlete for each category will be picked from CPL or Leader Bib standings, at the discretion of the selection committee.

**\*\*Force Majeures** (e.g. illness/injury, equipment breakage) pertaining to potential selection for this trip must be submitted to [techdirector@xcskiontario.ca](mailto:techdirector@xcskiontario.ca) by **noon on Monday, Feb 14**.

Questions: Please contact Victor Wiltmann, [techdirector@xcskiontario.ca](mailto:techdirector@xcskiontario.ca)

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