

**An ACCORD ESTABLISHING the NORTHERN DIVISION of the MIDWESTERN
COLLEGIATE SKI ASSOCIATION,**

**Between the Nordic Ski Clubs of the Midwest and the Representatives of the Midwestern Collegiate
Ski Association**

I. ON THE AIMS AND SCOPE OF THIS ACCORD

The aims of this Accord are:

1. To declare those Collegiate Nordic Ski Clubs of the Midwest, hereinafter referred to as the 'Nordic Clubs', which ratify this Accord to be members of the Northern Division of the Midwestern Collegiate Ski Association
2. To establish the terms of operation and structure of the Northern Division under which the Nordic Clubs will act as members Midwestern Collegiate Ski Association, hereinafter referred to as 'MCSA', and as members of the Northern Division
3. To define the obligations and responsibilities to which the Nordic Clubs of the Northern Division will be mutually subject
4. To recognize the obligations and responsibilities to which the officers and officials of the MCSA will be subject in their support and supervision of the Nordic Clubs of the Northern Division.

II. ON THE PREAMBULATORY DECLARATIONS OF THE NORDIC CLUBS

In endorsing this Accord, the Nordic Clubs of the Northern Division:

1. Remind the undersigned that:
 - a. It is emphatically and exclusively the province of the Nordic Clubs to determine with which parties they make agreements and to which parties they owe obligations
 - b. This Accord joins the Nordic Clubs in agreement and obligation only to one another, to the officers and officials of the MCSA, and to the United States Collegiate Ski and Snowboard Association, hereinafter referred to as the 'USCSA', and no construction of this Accord shall assert the existence of any agreements or obligations not expressly defined herein
2. Recognize that the extension of financial or commercial concessions and privileges authorized or secured by the officers and officials of MCSA or the USCSA to the Nordic Clubs remains the prerogative of the MCSA and USCSA, and understand that their receipt and exercise of these privileges depends on their abiding by the terms of this Accord, and by the terms of future Accords of the Nordic Clubs duly approved by the officers and officials of the MCSA
3. Agree to communicate and cooperate, with due diligence and in good faith, with one another and with the officers and officials of the MCSA and USCSA in order to sustain and strengthen the Division and Circuit established and expanded in this Accord.

**III. ON THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF A NORTHERN DIVISION
RACING CIRCUIT**

1. The Nordic Clubs of the Northern Division shall participate in an annual series of races against one another, hereinafter referred to as the 'Northern Division Circuit'

2. The officers and officials of the MCSA shall be responsible for aggregating the individual and collective standings and scores in each of the races in the Northern Division Circuit, and for:
 - a. Disseminating accurate individual and aggregate standings and scores to the Nordic Clubs of the Northern Division
 - b. Determining the winners of the Northern Division Circuit according to the scoring system defined by Article IV of this Accord, declaring them the MCSA Northern Division Champions, and providing them with appropriate material and symbolic awards
3. The Nordic Clubs of the Northern Division, in annual conference with one another and with the officers and officials of the MCSA, will determine which races are to be included in the Northern Division Circuit during a given competition season
 - a. Only those races endorsed by an Accord of the Nordic Clubs of the Northern Division will have their results scored as part of the Northern Division Circuit
 - b. Only those races endorsed by an Accord of the Nordic Clubs of the Northern Division will have their results used to determine qualifications for USCSA Nationals
 - i. This Accord may identify races whose results cannot be scored as part of the Northern Division Circuit, but whose results may be used to determine qualifications for USCSA Nationals
 - ii. This Accord may decline to identify any single races whose results would be used to determine qualifications for USCSA Nationals, and instead use the aggregated standings of the Northern Division Circuit for this purpose.

IV. ON THE SCORING SYSTEM OF THE NORTHERN DIVISION CIRCUIT

The officers and officials MCSA will calculate and assign collective and individual scores and standings, for both male and female racers, for single races in the Northern Division Circuit and the Northern Division Circuit itself, in accordance with these provisions:

1. Collective scores and standings in single races in the Northern Division Circuit will be calculated in the following manner:
 - a. The contingent of racers fielded by each Nordic Club of the Northern Division at a given event will be divided, for scoring purposes, into male and female Teams, referred to hereinafter as 'Nordic Teams'
 - b. Each race finisher will receive a race score, as defined by Appendix I, corresponding to their finishing position relative to the other Northern Division racers in their gender category
 - c. For each Nordic Team, the top 5 race finishers by score will have their race scores aggregated into a team score. Team standings will be determined by ranking the Nordic Team scores from highest to lowest, with the Nordic Team with the highest team score being the race winner in its gender category
2. Collective scores and standings in the Northern Division Circuit will be calculated in the following manner:
 - a. Each Nordic Team will have its team scores, calculated in accordance with Article IV, Section 1, aggregated into a Division score

- b. Northern Division standings will be determined by ranking Division scores from highest to lowest, with the Nordic Team with the highest Division score being the MCSA Northern Division Champion in its gender category
- 3. Individual scores and standings in single races in the Northern Division Circuit will be calculated in the manner described in Article IV, Section 1(b)
- 4. Individual scores and standings in the Northern Division Circuit will be calculated in the following manner:
 - a. Each individual will have their single race scores, calculated in accordance with Article IV, Section 3, aggregated into a Division score
 - b. Northern Division standings will be determined by ranking Division scores from highest to lowest, with the individual with the highest Division score being the MCSA Northern Division Champion in their gender category.

V. ON REGISTRATION AND FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS IN THE USCSA AND MCSA

- 1. To function as members of the USCSA and MCSA, the Nordic Clubs of the Northern Division and their selected individuals will fulfill the financial and registration obligations determined by the USCSA Competition and Rules Manual for that season
- 2. To impose financial or registration obligations of membership beyond those determined by the USCSA Competition and Rules Manual for a given competition season, the MCSA must first:
 - a. Obtain the approval of a majority of those Nordic Clubs of the Northern Division that are, or that were during the preceding competition season, members of the USCSA and MCSA
 - b. Establish these obligations by October 30th of the competition season to which they will apply.

VI. ON THE MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS AND PRIVILEGES OF THE NORTHERN DIVISION

- 1. A Nordic Club which has properly registered as a member of the USCSA and MCSA may be granted membership in the Northern Division only through a majority vote of the current Nordic Clubs of the Northern Division
- 2. All Nordic Clubs of the Northern Division are subject to the requirements, responsibilities, and obligations established by this Accord, and by any subsequent or auxiliary Accords of the Nordic Clubs of the Northern Division
- 3. The Nordic Clubs of the Northern Division may, at their discretion, convene Assemblies, Councils, or Conferences of the Northern Division, to:
 - a. Consider the state of the Northern Division, the state of the MCSA and USCSA, or the states of their respective Nordic Clubs
 - b. Introduce, discuss, and vote on Accords, Acts, and Compacts on scheduling, finances, governance, and any other pertinent matters
- 4. Any Nordic Club of the Northern Division is entitled to:
 - a. Send a delegation to any Assembly, Council, or Conference of the Northern Division
 - b. Propose Accords to the Nordic Clubs of the Northern Division

- c. Vote on Accords, and on all other decisions and declarations of the Nordic Clubs of the Northern Division
- d. Field Nordic Teams to compete in the Northern Division Circuit, and to compete for Northern Division Championship titles
- 5. Any Nordic Club of the Northern Division is prohibited from:
 - a. Holding membership in any other Division of the MCSA
 - b. Fielding Nordic Teams to compete to qualify to represent the MCSA at the USCSA National Championships for a given competition season if those Nordic Teams have competed in fewer than half of the events comprising the Northern Division Circuit for that season

VII. ON THE REPRESENTATION AND CONSULTATION OF THE NORDIC CLUBS OF THE NORTHERN CIRCUIT WITHIN THE MCSA

To ensure the continued wellbeing of the MCSA and its Northern Division and to maintain the attentiveness of the MCSA to the interests and needs of the Nordic Clubs of the Northern Division:

1. The officers and officials of the MCSA will meet annually at a date no later than November 15th, and when the current member Nordic Clubs of the Northern Division may otherwise request, with the current member Nordic Clubs of the Northern Division, and with the member Nordic Clubs of the Northern Division from the previous competition season, and with prospective member Nordic Clubs of the Northern Division, to:
 - a. Inform the Nordic Clubs of the Northern Division of the state of the USCSA and the MCSA, and consider the states of the Nordic Clubs of the Northern Division as represented by their respective delegations
 - b. Introduce, discuss, and vote on Accords on scheduling, finances, governance, and any other pertinent matters in the manner prescribed by the Stout Charter, and similarly consider Accords introduced by the Nordic Clubs of the Northern Division
2. The officers and officials of the MCSA may appoint officers and officials to supervise or represent the Northern Division, and will have discretion and prerogative in making these appointments
 - a. The member Nordic Clubs of the Northern Division may, by majority vote, recommend that these appointments be mandated, modified, or nullified
 - b. The member Nordic Clubs of the Northern Division may, by majority vote, recommend the appointment or removal of a designated Student Representative of the MCSA
 - c. The designated Student Representative of the MCSA may, within thirty days of this Accord's ratification, act irrespective of Article VII, Section 2 of this Accord to make those adjustments which may be deemed absolutely necessary to ensure this Accord's viability.

VIII. ON THE RATIFICATION AND ENDURANCE OF THIS ACCORD

1. The provisions of this Accord will mutually govern and obligate all Nordic Clubs of the Northern Division when:
 - a. This Accord has been ratified by a majority vote of the Nordic Clubs to which it has been presented before November 3rd, 2019

- b. This Accord has been approved and accepted by the officers and officials of the MCSA and USCSA, at which time it will become a binding Accord of the Northern Division of the MCSA**
- 2. This Accord of the Stout Conference may be terminated or modified only by auxiliary Accords, Acts or Compacts, ratified by the Nordic Clubs of the Northern Division.**

ENDORSED by these NORDIC CLUBS:

The University of Minnesota, Twin Cities Nordic Ski Club

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Grant Halvorson


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Blake Slette

The University of Wisconsin, Madison Nordic Ski Club

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Jes Pedersen

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Ketzel Levens

The University of Minnesota, Duluth Nordic Ski Club

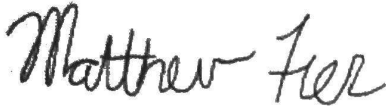
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Soren Dybing

North Dakota State University Nordic Ski Club

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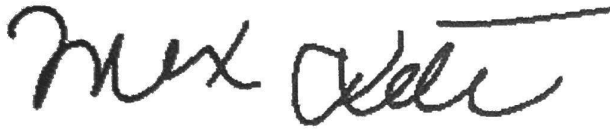


Matthew Fier

Michigan Technological University Nordic Ski Club



Erik Rude



Max Thiele

The College of Saint Scholastica Nordic Ski Club



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**WITNESSED as RATIFIED by a MAJORITY of the NORTHERN DIVISION NORDIC CLUBS
by the MCSA NORDIC STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE:**

On This Date: November 3rd, 2019



Luke Dykowski

APPROVED and ACCEPTED by the OFFICERS and OFFICIALS of the MCSA and USCSA:

On This Date: December 3 2019



Alec Tandara-Kohns Executive Director

APPENDIX I:

The Mathie-Halvorson Scoring System:

1. In which the winner of any race shall receive 50 points
2. In which finishers behind the winner shall receive descending values of points, with the gap between each value of points to be calculated using the percent difference between the size of the racing field and the size of the maximum designated field
3. In which the lowest possible number of points for any race finisher will be 1
4. In which, at an event with two simultaneous disciplines of racing, each discipline shall be considered a separate race, and its finishers shall receive separate point values, and the finishing points of racers from either, or both disciplines, will be aggregated to determine the standings of the Nordic Teams in the overall event