

Far West Pace Team

The Far West Pace Team (FWPT) is designed to encourage low points racers to attend Far West/U.S. Ski & Snowboard races. An athlete may be a member of both the FWST and the FWPT. The FWPT has a maximum size of 12, for the 17-18 season this will be 7 men and 5 women. This gender split will be adjusted annually based on SR, U21 and U19 gender population from the last membership list from the prior season received by the Far West office from U.S. Ski & Snowboard.

To be eligible for the FWPT, a competitor must:

1. Fulfill all U.S. Ski & Snowboard, FWS and FIS membership requirements by September 30.
2. Have an F or X number
3. Must be participating with a full-time program registered with Far West.
4. Srs and all X competitors must submit "Intent to Compete" to the Far West Office by September 15th to be eligible for the FWPT.
5. Have less than 50 points in one discipline, if a male competitor
6. Have less than 70 points in one discipline, if a female competitor

Athletes must complete a contract commitment by the response deadline, as prescribed by the Far West office. This contract will include a commitment to race in at least 6 U.S. Ski & Snowboard /Far West races. Failure to fulfill this commitment will result in a charge to the athlete's credit card of \$250.00 to compensate FW Skiing for expenses related to the FWPT pass.

The ACC, using a modified International Team Selection Board method, selects the FWPT from the October 2017 U.S. Ski & Snowboard points list, the fifth list published for the 2017/2018 season. Foreign competitors with an X license will be added to this selection only if they have submitted intent to Compete to the divisional office by September 15th and have completed their U.S. Ski & Snowboard /FW and FIS membership requirements. Eligible competitors are listed by points in each discipline. Going from left to right, and top to bottom on the list, a competitor is selected for the FWPT when he/she shows up on the boards the first time. Current US Ski Team members (A, B, C and Development) are not eligible for the FWPT.

All FWPT members must submit a signed "Far West Pace Team Contract," signed "Credit Card Authorization," supply a coach's contact that is registered with a Far West program, and a jpeg photo by the designated deadline in order to receive the following FWPT benefits:

1. Free lifts at all U.S. Ski & Snowboard /Far West races
2. Free entries at all U.S. Ski & Snowboard /Far West races
3. FWPT Pass for free skiing at all participating Far West Ski areas
4. FWPT members will receive a day for day credit for races attended from designated U.S. Ski & Snowboard or Far West Divisional FIS races, towards entries to the Western Region FIS Elite Spring Series (up to six races)

Note: The above rules are for the selection of the 2017/2018 FWPT only. Due to factors outside the control of the Far West, such as publication dates for future year's U.S. Ski & Snowboard membership and point's lists, the selection procedure is reviewed, revised if necessary, and approved by the FW ACC in the summer for inclusion in each year's manual.