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## Alpine Sport Committee

Park City Marriott – Prospector 4  
1895 Sidewinder Drive, Park City, UT

Saturday, May 12 2012, 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

### Action Items

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Meeting Chair: Bob Dart

#### 4. Reports (action items, initiative and issues)

##### 4.1. Executive Committee

4.1.1. Executive report – Dart

4.1.2. Alpine Judicial Committee – Slattery

##### 4.2. Rules and Technical Subcommittee – Van Slyke

In addition to the various working group reports, the Rules and Technical Subcommittee approved the following:

**Motion:** To add the following language to the Alpine Officials Certification Matrix as an introduction:

“It is the mission and the goal of the USSA Alpine Officials to strive for excellence in race officiating in order to provide quality competitions for all athletes.

The USSA Alpine Officials Certification Guidelines have been developed to illustrate the pathway for Alpine Officials to develop and progress through the system. These guidelines are suggested competency based criteria. An individual's past experiences and opportunities should be taken into account when considering promotion. Ultimately, advancement should recognize proven judgment, ability and service.”

##### 4.2.1. Alpine Officials Education Working Group

**Motion:** To amend USSA Alpine Officials' Certification Guidelines as follows: Add, “Pass RA Exam”, (“Attend RA Clinic”, is already required), to requirements for certification as Level 1 DM and delete the requirement, “Attend RA clinic and pass RA exam”, from requirements to advance from Level 2 to Level 3 DM

**Motion:** To amend USSA Alpine Officials' Certification Guidelines as follows: To advance from Level 2 to Level 3 in any specialty-area, an official should work 10 additional days; events should be scored events.

Adopted change to Timing & Calculations advancement requirement will be further discussed by the Timing Working Group

**Motion** (amended at Rules and Technical): To add wording that *Jury Advisor* should **MUST** be a certified Jury Advisor or Referee to serve as a Jury Advisor for USSA non-scored events.

**Motion:** To approve alpine officials submitted for advancement.

4.2.2. Alpine USSA TD Working Group

**Motion:** To approve certification upgrades.

4.2.3. Alpine FIS TD Working Group

4.2.4. Alpine Timing Working Group

NCAA review of ties

**Motion:** To review and update the requirements (611) for homologated timers, start gates and photo cells used in USSA events to be completed by July 15 for inclusion in the ACR.

**Motion:** To adopt the language for Timing and Calculations certification in the Alpine Officials Certification Matrix, as proposed by the Officials Education Working Group

**Elections:**

Chair Allen Church

Vice Chair John Jett

4.2.5. Alpine Courses Working Group

**Motion:** That the USSA Alpine Courses Working Group, with USSA staff, develop a password protection online access process, similar to that of FIS, for USSA homologation reports and certificates. The working group affirmed that access to electronic files of homologation reports and documents should be available to course inspectors, USSA certified TDs (all levels), and to USSA staff and any regional/divisional counterparts responsible for calendaring of USSA alpine races.

**Motion:** To enable a 'task force' for consideration and report with recommendation(s) in regard to designation of "most appropriate usage" in homologation reports, certificates, lists and other references. The Chair appointed Mike Browne, Town Winters, Kurt Engel and Bob Calderwood to this task force, with Browne to serve as lead, and a timeframe of prior to the 2013 USSA Congress for report.

**Motion:** To recognize the long and excellent service of Don Cushing as a USSA alpine course inspector, to indicate his status as emeritus and "honorary member" of the USSA Alpine Courses Working Group.

**Motion:** To recommend that the Rules and Technical Subcommittee, respectively Alpine Sport Committee and USSA Board, ratify the working group's approval of Brad Ghent, Ellen Galbraith and Dough Hall as USSA Alpine Course Inspectors, having completed the published nomination, development and approval process to the satisfaction of the working group.

**Consensus:** To recognize Parker Gray as an "inspector-in-training", having been nominated and "vetted" according to the procedures in place.

4.2.6. Alpine Rules Working Group

The Rules Working Group will conduct a review of the ACR and submit necessary corrections to Weinman by August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012.

Adjustment will be made to SG rules for children, a clarification regarding helmet camera (not allowed in alpine competition or official training), Kinder Kombi rule will be added specifying requirement for homologated/registered courses.

#### 4.2.7. Alpine Classification Working Group

**Reviewed** Waller/Mahre race data analysis

**Reviewed** Waller/Mahre alternative penalty analysis

**Motion:** To approve, as a one year test and pending input from FIS colleges and staff, the RMD proposal on combined FIS/USSA speed event scoring. A task-force will review and make recommendations for any operational issues that may be encountered.

**Elections:**

Chair Allen Church

Vice Chair Gretchen Ransom

#### 4.3. Program Subcommittee – Landstrom

##### 4.3.1. Quotas Working Group

The proposed changes to chapter 3 of the Alpine Competition Guide were approved with amendments as captured in the attached document.

##### 4.3.2. Collegiate Working Group

**Motion (amended):** To change the quota for RMD FIS-U races from qualified university athletes plus 30 non-university athletes plus 2 juniors to, qualified university athletes plus 30 non-university athletes from the host division plus 30 non-university athletes from out of the host division (unfilled non-university quota to revert to host division), plus 2 juniors.

##### 4.3.3. Masters Working Group

Membership growth initiatives.

#### 4.4. Development and Education Subcommittee – Hunt

**Motion:** To approve USSA points for U16 and U14 athletes with the recommendation that for U14 any points earned are not used for seeding or for selection.

**Motion:** To approve new course setting standards as attached.

**Motion:** U18/FIS Level USSA athletes will make equipment change as soon as FIS makes equipment change in 2013-14.

**Motion:** To change the children's SG training requirement to a recommendation.

**Motion:** To assign a slalom pole task force to review and recommend any potential changes for next year's congress.

#### 4.5. Regional report – Perricone

#### 4.6. FIS – Winters

#### 4.7. Athletes – Macartney / Knight



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**(12-13 Changes GREEN.)**

SPECIALTY CATEGORY	PREREQUISITES	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4	LEVEL 5
	GETTING STARTED	ACQUIRE BASIC KNOWLEDGE	REFINE KNOWLEDGE / SPECIALIZATION	MASTER COMPETENCIES	RECOGNIZE SERVICE	HONORABLE RETIREMENT
<b>COMPETITION OFFICIAL-CO</b>	<i>Entry Level</i>	Attend basic clinic	Work 10 days as a competition official	Should work additional 10 days in area of specialization	Serve a minimum of 5 outstanding years in area of specialization	Continue USSA membership
		It is required that those individuals desiring to pursue positions of Start and/or Finish Referee attend a RF Clinic and follow the JA Track	Develop skills needed for position (e.g. gate judge, course prep)	Demonstrate ability to train and lead others in area of specialization	Receive favorable recommendation from divisional AO committee	Move from active to inactive status as CO
				Receive favorable recommendation from 2 level 4 officials	Receive approval of National AO committee	
<b>TECHNICAL DELEGATE-TD</b>	Level 1 TC, Level 2 RF OR Level 1 TC, Level 1 CR and Level 2 JA OR Level 1 TC, Level 2 CR and Level 1 JA	Attend level 1 TD clinic (if offered)	Work 10 days as TD at sanctioned competitions	Should work 10 additional days as TD; events should be scored events	Serve a minimum of 5 outstanding years as a TD	Continue USSA membership
		Pass level 1 TD exam	Demonstrate ability to lead	Demonstrate ability to build consensus	Receive favorable nomination by divisional AO committee	Move from active to inactive status as TD
	Proven leadership ability	Shadow USSA Level 3 or Level 4 or FIS TD at 2 USSA-sanctioned events.	Conduct administrative controls e.g. check homologations, TD RF and timing reports, technical course data	Demonstrate ability to make sound judgments in expected and unexpected situations	Receive approval of USSA TD WG and AO committee	
	Proven skiing ability	Serve as TD under supervision of USSA Level 3 or Level 4 or FIS TD	Conduct technical controls e.g. radios, medical services, timing, course setting and protection	Prove ability to handle TD responsibilities in professional, accurate manner		
	Must have 1 nomination and 2 seconds from Level 3 TD's. (Forms available)	Receive favorable written evaluation from each of the 3 supervising TD's.	Submit accurate and timely race documentation	Pass level 3 exam (80%)		
			Receive favorable written recommendation from 2 higher level TD's	Shadow USSA Level 3 or Level 4 or FIS TD at one USSA-sanctioned speed event and receive favorable written evaluation from the supervising TD		
				Receive favorable written recommendation from 2 Level 4 officials or Divisional AO Committee		
				Receive approval of USSA TD WG		
A Technical Delegate must attend a Continuing Education clinic every two years in order to maintain TD certification. A USSA TD should work as an assigned TD a minimum of two days every season and must work as an assigned TD at least once every two years in order to maintain certification levels.						
<b>REFEREE-RF</b>	Attendance at CO Clinic	Attend Level 1 RF clinic	Work 10 days as RF at sanctioned competitions	Should work 10 additional days as RF; events should be scored events	Serve a minimum of 5 outstanding years as a RF	Continue USSA membership
	Recommended Level 1 CR	Pass level 1 RF exam	Handle paperwork timely, accurately	Serve as speed event RF or Asst RF	Receive favorable recommendation from divisional AO committee	Move from active to inactive status as RF
	Proven skiing ability		Receive favorable recommendation from 2 higher level supervising officials	Receive favorable recommendation from 2 Level 4 officials	Receive approval of National AO committee	
A Referee must attend a Continuing Education/clinic every two years to maintain Referee certification						



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	GETTING STARTED	ACQUIRE BASIC KNOWLEDGE	REFINE KNOWLEDGE / SPECIALIZATION	MASTER COMPETENCIES	RECOGNIZE SERVICE	HONORABLE RETIREMENT
<b>JURY ADVISOR-JA</b> (Start/Finish Referee)	Attendance at CO Clinic	Attend Level 1 RF clinic	Work 10 days as JA at sanctioned competitions	Should work 10 additional days as JA; events should be scored events	Serve a minimum of 5 outstanding years as JA	Continue USSA membership
	Recommended Level 1 CR and Level 1 TC	Pass level 1 RF exam	Handle paperwork timely, accurately	Serve as speed event Jury Advisor	Receive favorable recommendation from divisional AO committee	Move from active to inactive status as JA
			Receive favorable recommendation from 2 higher level supervising officials	Receive favorable recommendation from 2 Level 4 officials	Receive approval of National AO committee	
	A Jury Advisor must attend a Continuing Education/clinic every two years to maintain JA certification.					
<b>CHIEF OF RACE-CR</b>	Attendance at CO clinic	Attend Level 1 CR clinic	Work 10 days as a CR at sanctioned competitions	Should work 10 additional days as CR; events should be scored events	Serve a minimum of 5 outstanding years as CR	Continue USSA membership
	Good organizational & leadership skills	Pass Level 1 CR test	Learn skills to be productive jury member	Demonstrate ability to make sound decisions in variety of situations	Receive favorable recommendation from divisional AO committee	Move from active to inactive status as CR
	Proven skiing ability		Learn skills to be effective leader of race committee	Demonstrate ability to lead others effectively	Receive approval of National AO committee	
	Proven leadership ability		Serve as CR for different levels of competition	Demonstrate ability to delegate responsibilities		
			Attend Level 1 RF clinic and pass Level 1 RF exam	Receive favorable recommendation from 2 Level 4 officials		
			<del>RA and/or TC certification requirement under advisement; review May 2012.</del>			
			Receive favorable recommendation from 2 higher level supervising officials			
A Chief of Race must attend a Continuing Education/clinic every two years to maintain CR certification.						
<b>CHIEF OF COURSE-CC</b>	Attendance at CO clinic	Attend level 1 CC Clinic	Work 10 days as a CC at sanctioned competitions	Should work 10 additional days as CC; events should be scored events	Serve a minimum of 5 outstanding years as a CC	Continue USSA membership
	Proven knowledge of local snow conditions and terrain	Pass level 1 CC exam	Learn different snow prep techniques	Demonstrate ability to work cooperatively with jury	Receive favorable recommendation from divisional AO committee	Move from active to inactive status as CC
	Good organizational & leadership skills		Become knowledgeable of snow prep chemicals	Demonstrate knowledge regarding protection issues	Receive approval of National AO committee	
	Able to meet physical demands of job		Learn to install various protection devices in appropriate locations	Demonstrate effective snow and course prep		
	Proven skiing ability		Receive favorable recommendation from 2 higher level supervising officials	Receive favorable recommendation from 2 Level 4 officials		
	Receive favorable written recommendation from L3 or higher RF, CC or TD.					
A Chief of Course must attend a Continuing Education/clinic every two years to maintain CC certification.						



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	GETTING STARTED	ACQUIRE BASIC KNOWLEDGE	REFINE KNOWLEDGE / SPECIALIZATION	MASTER COMPETENCIES	RECOGNIZE SERVICE	HONORABLE RETIREMENT
<b>TIMING and CALCULATIONS-TC</b>	Attendance at CO clinic	Attend introductory TC clinic	Work 10 days in various TC positions at sanctioned competitions	Should work 10 additional days as TC; events should be scored events	Serve a minimum of 5 outstanding years as a TC official	Continue USSA membership
	Aptitude for math/numbers	Pass Level 1 TC exam	Learn and understand electric timing equipment	Demonstrate good management skills under varying conditions	Receive favorable recommendation from divisional AO committee	Move from active to inactive status as TC
	Computer skills to operate timing/scoring programs		Calculate EET's accurately & prepare Timing Technical Report and Report by the Referee forms	Handle all calculations accurately/confidently	Receive approval of National AO committee	
			Demonstrate ability to instruct/run manual timing crew	Serve as Chief of TC under supervision of senior TC		
			Receive favorable recommendation by 2 higher level supervising TC officials	Receive favorable recommendation from the same senior TC to qualify for Exam		
			RECOMMENDED: Skiing ability to access/ descend race course	REQUIRED: Skiing ability to access/ descend race course		
				Pass Level 3 advanced TC exam (75%)		
A Chief of Timing & Calculations must attend a Continuing Education/clinic every two years to maintain TC certification.						
<b>RACE ADMINISTRATOR-RA</b>	Attendance at CO clinic	Attend Level 1 RA clinic	Work 10 days in race secretariat at sanctioned competitions	Should work 10 additional days as RA; events should be scored events	Serve a minimum of 5 outstanding years as a RA	Continue USSA membership
	Appropriate computer skills	Pass Level 1 RA exam	Demonstrate knowledge of race secretariat requirements: entry list, start list, results	Demonstrate ability to handle all race secretariat functions accurately, competently	Receive favorable recommendation from divisional AO committee	Move from active to inactive status as RA
	Good organizational & leadership skills		Set up for Team Captains Meeting; draw board, minutes, attendance, program, etc.	Demonstrate ability to work well with others in varied circumstances	Receive approval of National AO committee	
			Produce end-of-race packet including accurate calculation of head tax	Demonstrate ability to successfully handle highest Level USSA/FIS races		
			Receive favorable recommendation from 2 higher level supervising RA's	Receive favorable recommendation from 2 Level 4 officials		
A Race Administrator must attend a Continuing Education/clinic every two years to maintain RA certification.						
<b>DATA MANAGEMENT-DM</b>	Attendance at CO clinic	Attend RA Clinic	Work 10 days in DM at sanctioned competitions	Should work 10 additional days as DM; events should be scored events	Serve a minimum of 5 outstanding years as a DM	Continue USSA membership
	Appropriate computer skills	Pass Level 1 RA test	Produce accurate entry list, start list, results	Demonstrate ability to handle all DM functions accurately, competently	Demonstrate ability to serve as DM consultant	Move from active to inactive status as DM
		Attend DM Clinic, if available, or apprentice with upper level DM/RA as divisionally approved		Demonstrate ability to successfully handle highest Level USSA/FIS races	Receive favorable recommendation from divisional AO committee	
				Demonstrate ability to solve DM problems		
				Attend RA clinic and pass RA exam		
		Receive favorable recommendation from 2 higher level supervising RA's, DM's or TD's	Receive favorable recommendation from 2 Level 4 officials	Receive approval of National AO committee		

**All recommendations must note the date and event upon which the evaluation is based in addition to the official capacity of the individual making the recommendation.**

# NORAM CUP

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The NorAm Cup is the most prestigious and important North American race series. The 'original' Continental Cup and parallel to the European Cup, only a notch below the competition of the World Cup circuit, this series has proven to be an excellent training and testing ground for both top national racers and for developing U.S. and Canadian athletes.

The U.S. and Canadian Ski Teams are represented at all NorAm events. Foreign racers, including World Cup contenders, often compete in these events raising the level of competition even more. The remainder of the participants are the best competitors from the regions and colleges of Canada and the U.S.

NorAm Cup winners are named in each of the individual disciplines based on points accumulated over the season according to the World Cup point scale. The overall winners are determined by adding the points scored in all disciplines. Discipline winners become individually qualified for World Cup participation in the discipline in the following season and are entitled to special start positions in other Continental Cup races in discipline.

Current NorAm calendars can be found at [www.fisiski.com](http://www.fisiski.com).

## Eligibility

For consideration to the NorAm quotas, racers must be registered to appear on the FIS points list and must be current USSA competitor members in good standing with USSA and their home region. For the December NorAm technical events, men must have 80.00 or fewer FIS points in any discipline and women must have 100.00 or fewer FIS points in any discipline; for all other NorAm events, athletes must have 120.00 or fewer FIS points in any discipline in order to apply for selection. Development nominations are exempt from these limitations.

## Quotas

The USA has a quota of 50 women and 50 men for all NorAm tech competitions, 30 women and 30 men for speed competitions in CAN, and 70 men and 70 women for speed competitions in the USA . If either the USA or CAN does not fill its national quota, the other nation may use those unfilled spots; quotas are not always filled.

## Selection Procedures

1. Nominations: For each event, Eastern, Rocky/Central, Western, and Collegiate **athletes and coaches must provide intent at least 28 days, and confirm participation at least 14 days,** will submit a list of eligible athletes wishing to compete 32 days prior to the first team captains meeting.
2. Ranking: All athletes submitted will be ranked by NTSM in the discipline(s) to be contested using the most current FIS points list **at the intent deadline.**
3. Canadian and Other Foreign Entries: The Canadian Ski Team and Canadian provinces collectively are entitled to quotas of 50 women and 50 men in the NorAm races staged in the USA.  
Foreign competitors, properly entered by their own national federations, may compete in the NorAm Cup according to the FIS rules for Continental Cups. The national federations must make entries to NorAm Cup races directly.
4. FIS Field Size Limits, International Quotas: Should the official entry list for any USA NorAm Cup event exceed the FIS maximum of 140 racers, the competition jury and USSA staff, shall select those U.S. racers who shall not be drawn to start, in order to reduce the field to the limit of 140 as necessary. In this case, the minimum USA entry quota is 30 and the maximum is 50, even if there should be unfilled Canadian quota slots.
5. ~~Regional Selection Procedures: Each USSA Region fills its entry quota according to its own rules. The various procedures used by each region are elaborated in the respective regional chapter and website.~~
6. ~~College Quota and Selection Procedures: Team roster varsity collegiate athletes fill the college quota according to procedures established by the USSA Collegiate Skiing Working Group. Athletes must apply through their respective regional director for consideration. If selected, the college athlete will be entered and managed by the respective regional director or regional team leader.~~
7. Development Quota: Athletes may be invited by USSA staff to be entered on the development quota. ~~Nominations for use of this quota must be made via the regional competition directors to the alpine director.~~ Objective rankings, advancement history, other discretionary evaluation and athlete management factors will all be considered. The development quota is to be used primarily for junior athletes. The development quota is not intended to compensate for inflexible or inadequate regional procedures.

## November and December NorAms

	Men	Women
1. USST	20	20
2. NTSM of seniors <u>and U21 collegiate athletes</u> intended	10	10

3. ITS of place points from November junior qualification races

~~2010~~    ~~2010~~

4. Athletes selected under 2 will be replaced by the next senior on the NTSM list.

5. **If the quota is not filled from 1, 2, 3 and 4 above, then all additional quota spots will be selected from an NTSM of all athletes intended.**

### January, February, March NorAms

	Men	Women
1. USST	20	20
2. NTSM of all athletes intended		
2.1 Seniors	10	10
2.2 Juniors	10	10
3. Development quota	10	10
4. <del>If the quota is not filled using 1, 2 and 3 above, then all additional quota spots will be selected from the NTSM of all athletes intended. Athletes selected under 2 will be replaced by the next senior or junior (respectively) on the NTSM list. If, however, picking the next senior would result in skipping a junior athlete, that junior athlete will be selected instead.</del>		

### USA Events

	Men	Women
1. USST A, B, C and D Teams	All	All
2. Athletes with 400 or more NorAm points from prior or current season		
3. Collegiate (by collegiate ranking)	4	4
4. Eastern (by regional procedures)	4	4
5. Western (by regional procedures)	4	4
6. Rocky/Central (by regional procedures)	4	4
7. <del>Up to 20% of the USA quota will be reserved for development consideration.</del>		
8. <del>Remaining spots will alternate between a NTSM ranking list and development consideration.</del>		
9. <del>Any remaining spots will revert to the host region within the final eight days prior to the event.</del>		

\*The Aspen speed series will include the U.S. National Championships for DH and will contain the same USA athletes as qualified and entered in the Aspen NorAm speed series.

### CAN Events

1. USST all
2. Athletes with 400 or more NorAm points in the current or immediate past season as defined by FIS CoC Rules.
3. First six athletes from the NTSM list.
4. ~~Up to 20% of the USA quota will be reserved for development consideration.~~
5. ~~Remaining spots will alternate between a NTSM ranking list and development consideration.~~

### Finals

1. USST A, B and C Teams
2. Athletes with 400 or more NorAm points in the current season
3. Ten athletes will be selected based on an NTSM of current NorAm standings in the discipline(s) to be contested (except SC) utilizing all NorAm events contested 32 days prior to the finals.
4. All remaining spots, except 20%, will be selected based on the NTSM of FIS points in the discipline(s) to be contested.
5. ~~Up to 20% of the USA quota will be reserved for development consideration.~~
6. ~~Remaining spots will alternate between a NTSM ranking list and development consideration.~~

## U.S. ALPINE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The U.S. Alpine Championships have long been a premier event on the calendar of alpine ski racing events. The entire U.S. Ski Team participates, and the events can attract top-level racers from Canada and Europe as well as the best regional and collegiate skiers.

The 2011 championships were conducted at Winter Park, CO. The 2012 championships will return to Winter Park, CO from Mr. 28 - Apr. 1 for SG, GS and SL. A special DH championship will be held in conjunction with the Aspen NorAm speed series.

The Aspen speed series will include the U.S. National Championships for DH and will contain the same USA athletes as qualified and entered in the Aspen



NorAm speed series.

An exciting feature begun at the 1990 championships is the 'Regions' Cup', awarded to the regional team earning the greatest total number of 'World Cup' points in all of the national championship races and combined. In 2005 the Regions Cup was renamed the Tom Garner Cup in memory of Tom Garner, former Rocky/Central Director and long time supporter of alpine ski racing. Only USA skiers participate on regional teams. USST members score points for their home region. USA collegiate athletes score points for the region in which the school exists.

In addition to individual titles in all disciplines, a combined champion is identified using the sum of times from SG and SL. National Junior Champions (15-19 years-old) are recognized for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in all disciplines and combined.

Coaching staffs from each region are limited to ten individuals (not including regional directors).

### USA Quotas (in order)

	Men		Women	
	SL/GS/SG	SL/GS/SG	SL/GS/SG	SL/GS/SG
<b>USST</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>All</b>
<b>Collegiate 1 &amp; 3</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Western 1</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Rocky/Central 1</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Eastern 1</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Top 3 performers at U18 Championships</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Development 2</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>

Proposed that as long as there is a 3 event championship to have a 3 event selection rather than a SG and a SL/GS. This has the effect of increasing the college quota for SG – but they generally don't fill anyway and this will keep us from selecting an athlete for just one start.

I can't remember if NCAA wanted to eliminate the NCAA combined champion from taking one of the spots and just use the NTSM for all but the USCSA winner.

	Men		Women	
	SG	SL/GS	SG	SL/GS
<del>USST</del>	<del>All</del>	<del>All</del>	<del>All</del>	<del>All</del>
<del>Collegiate 1 &amp; 3</del>	<del>6</del>	<del>13</del>	<del>5</del>	<del>10</del>
<del>Western 1</del>	<del>13</del>	<del>13</del>	<del>10</del>	<del>10</del>
<del>Rocky/Central 1</del>	<del>13</del>	<del>13</del>	<del>10</del>	<del>10</del>
<del>Eastern 1</del>	<del>13</del>	<del>13</del>	<del>10</del>	<del>10</del>
<del>Development 2</del>	<del>X</del>	<del>X</del>	<del>X</del>	<del>X</del>

1 Maximum total team size, all disciplines: 18 men, 15 women

2 Up to 12 to accommodate development nominations. Development quota should not be used to add events for specialists.

3 The top combined U.S. male and female athletes from the NCAA and USCSA National Championships will be selected to the technical events at the U.S. National Alpine Championships. NCAA athletes are selected by accumulated race points in SL plus GS. Ties will be broken by taking the best individual finish place in either SL or GS. The USCSA athletes are selected by purging foreign athletes from results then assigning new World Cup Points (100 to 1) for each event. The athlete with the greatest number of accumulated points will be selected. In the case of a tie, the skier with the lowest USSA points result in either the SL or GS, foreign athletes removed prior to penalty calculations, will be selected. If an athlete declines their position, the selection will revert to the NTSM of collegiate intents. These athletes will take the first positions on the college quota; the college quota is not expanded from previous rules. These athletes are not subject to the top 100 national ranking nor the 32-day intent provision as outlined in the college section of this guide.

All USA athletes must be registered to appear on the FIS Points Lists in order to be entered in the U.S. Alpine Championships.

Note: When circumstances warrant, the USSA Alpine Sport Committee, on recommendation of USSA staff, may apply objective qualification standards, or may otherwise further limit entry quotas, for the DH and SG events of the U.S. Alpine Championships, due to organizational and safety considerations. Such additional restrictions will consider athlete opportunities, performance in other disciplines, combined scoring, and other factors, and will be announced through the regions as much in advance as possible.

### Foreign Entries

Up to 25 foreign competitors per race may enter. All foreign entries, including those for athletes attending USA colleges, universities, schools and academies, must be properly made by the athlete's national federation directly to USSA.

### Regional Selection Procedures

Each USSA Region fills its entry quota according to its own rules, which are available on the respective websites.

Regional racers entered on development quota shall represent their regions and function as part of their regional group; they shall not be counted against their region's quota.

### College Quota

Team-roster varsity collegiate athletes according to procedures established by the USSA Collegiate Skiing Working Group fill the college quota. Athletes must apply through their respective regional director for access to the college quota. If selected, the college athlete will be entered by the respective regional director or regional team leader.

# FIS-UNIVERSITY RACES

Additional opportunities for international collegiate competition are available through FIS-UNI events. Although these events are university competitions, the rules provide for limited non-university participation. The qualification as an university student (FISU art 128.02.-03), as well as the age determine the eligibility. The competitor must be older than 17 and less than 28 years.

## **Quotas and Entries**

The USSA Collegiate Working Group and the Alpine Sport Committee have established entry priorities in order to hold the field size for FIS-UNI races to that allowed by the FIS rules and organizational considerations.

1. Varsity teams as defined by the hosting college conference, (EISA, RMISA)
2. Foreign nations have a maximum quota 12 women and 12 men, which includes a maximum of 4 women and 4 men who do not have the status of a student.
3. If the maximum number of participants (140 men or women) is not reached the organizing country (USA) can fill up the starting list with its own students or non-students up to the maximum of allowed 140 participants or to the field size established for organizational considerations.
  - a. FIS-UNI events calendared in the USA must include a quota of at least 10 men and 10 women who are selected through quota priority 3 above.
  - b. Any USA athlete interested in competing must **provide intent** ~~express interest~~ at least **28** ~~21~~ days in advance of the competition **and confirm their participation at least 14 days in advance of the competition** to their home region director.
  - c. Athletes who have expressed interest will be ranked using an NTSM of FIS points in the disciplines to be contested
  - d. Up to 20% of the USA quota may be used for development to be managed by the host regional director.
  - e. Athletes to be entered will be announced two weeks in advance of the first date of competition.

## **FIS-University Series Rules**

The FIS-UNI series use a modified Continental Cup starting order **as described in the FIS Uni rules.** ~~Rules for the Alpine Continental Cups, Section 3. "Starting Order", shall apply, with the following exceptions:~~

~~3.1.2, 3.2.1 and 3.2.2 are not applied.~~

~~3.3.4 Validity of the Basic List. After the second race in that discipline in the current season the basic list will be deleted.~~

~~3.2 After the first group. After the first group the competitors with the 5 lowest FIS points in that event may start. The following 15 competitors start according to the FIS-UNI Start List event standing.~~

~~3.3 2nd Runs. The Jury may determine that only the first 60 competitors who complete the first run are qualified.~~

# REGIONAL FIS SERIES

In addition to the major national events like the NorAms, U.S. Alpine Championships, and the USSA Junior Championships, USSA conducts local races.

Each region structures its series within the framework of FIS and USSA policy. Most events are open to racers from other regions and divisions per quotas and also are open to foreign skiers, depending on the particular entry rules. In order to control the size of the fields in these events, the regional competition committees establish quotas and selection procedures per USSA ASC policies. Most regions incorporate the results of these circuits into their selection procedures for higher-level competitions.

Consult each regional website and rules for details of the various regional FIS race series' including the Banknorth Eastern Championships and Banknorth Eastern Cups, Central Mid-America Series, Surefoot Colorado Ski Cup, and Western Region FIS Series.

## **Regional FIS Quotas, Selections, Entries**

### **Quotas**

U.S. Ski Team	All
Foreign entries	Per FIS ICR
Visiting regions	10 men/10 women per region
Host region	70
Development	5 men/5 women

The concerned regions may agree on additional quotas for specific events.

Racers wishing to enter FIS events out of their own region must have fewer than 120.00 USSA points in any discipline to be considered (except Alaska men and women and Northern women). Host regions may relax the above quotas or points level requirements.

Athletes must be entered by their home regional office.

In order to insure that out-of-division racers are competitive in the field that they are entering, regional directors may use discretion to further restrict the entry of racers from their region into out-of-division events, especially when there is no defined qualification procedure.

**Athletes wishing to compete in out-of-division or out-of-region competitions must provide intent at least 28 days in advance of the competition and confirm their participation at least 14 days in advance of the competition to their home region director.**

In regional FIS races, the appropriate regional/divisional offices must confirm all out-of-region quotas ~~14~~ 21 days prior to the first seed meeting for the event. Official entries, with fees, will be due 48 hours prior to the first seed meeting.

Regional/divisional offices may establish procedures to collect appropriate funds from the individual competitors entered by that region. In the event of mitigating circumstances, 'force majeure', the USSA regional director concerned will determine if and how any exceptions to these policies should be allowed, on a case-by-case basis.

If all divisions and regions are within quota(s) and a Regional FIS race is oversubscribed, all USA athletes in the race are subject to being pulled from the seeding board. The USA athletes who will be pulled are those with the highest seeding points in the race until the subscription limit is reached. Eastern region has its own procedure when a race is over-subscribed. No USA athlete will be pulled from a second race in an event/series until all USA athletes have been pulled from one race in the event/series.

For events where the field size must be restricted to a total of fewer than 140, for example, events with men's and women's DHs on the same venue, the host region determines the acceptable field size, reducing the host region entries accordingly. (Any necessary reduction below this announced 'target' field would be made as in the preceding paragraph.)

Racers who enter out-of-division events and fail to either attend or to formally withdraw their entries, via the USSA alpine office serving the location of race, should expect disciplinary sanction from their own region and may be barred from future entry to out-of-division events including NorAms, U.S. Alpine Championships, national FIS Races, and USSA Junior Championships. Entries should be withdrawn as soon as racers are aware of their change of plans.

## **MARRIOTT JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS**

USSA, in cooperation with the regions and sites, has organized the Marriott Junior Championships into a highly competitive event in all of our USSA snow sports.

The alpine Marriott Junior Championships will include 6 events providing a championship incentive for junior athletes from ~~12-17~~ ~~14-16~~ years of age. These events are organized on a regional basis for the younger racers and on a national basis for the older juniors.

### **Eligibility**

<b>Event</b>	<b>USSA</b>	<b>FIS</b>
<del>U18 Jr. 2 Championships</del>	Competitor	Registered
<del>U16 Jr. 3 Championships</del>	Competitor	NA
<del>U14 Jr. 4 Festivals</del>	Youth	NA

### **Quotas**

Each USSA region fills its entry quota according to its own rules, subject to national guidelines. Please consult the regional chapter and handbooks for more information.

### **Procedures**

Athletes are eligible to compete only in the Marriott Junior Championships event in their Region. Athletes are not entitled to compete in more than one Junior Championships event.

The ~~U16 and U14~~ ~~13 and 14~~ Marriott Junior Championships are limited to athletes who qualify through regional procedures.

### **Contacts**

The USSA regional directors manage and oversee the Marriott Junior Championship program. Contact your respective regional staff for more information.

### **U18 Junior 2 Championships (16-17 15-16)**

Athletes will be selected to the ~~U18~~ ~~12~~ National Championships by membership on the USST or by their home Regions. This event will help focus development efforts on the top ~~16 and 17~~ ~~15 and 16~~ years-olds in an effort to ensure sustained performance at the World Junior Championships.

The ~~U18~~ ~~12~~ Championships includes a regions cup. This regions cup will be calculated like the FIS World Junior Championship nations cup where the top 10 finishers in each event are awarded place points. The region with the highest total place points at the end of the Championship will be awarded the regions cup.

The accredited coaching and staff delegation from each region will not exceed 15 individuals.

### **Quotas**

1. USST Automatic
2. World Junior Championship Team Automatic
3. 20 Men and 15 Women per Region
4. 20 Men and 15 Women reserved for Development. Development considerations should include first year U18 ~~U2~~ athletes as appropriate.

### **U16 Junior 3 Championships (ages 14-15 13-14)**

The Marriott Junior Championships for USSA member athletes age 14 and 15 ~~13 and 14~~ is produced as three separate regional championships.

Each USSA region fills its entry quota according to its own rules. The various procedures used by each region are elaborated in the respective regional chapter and handbooks. Please consult these for further details.

### **U14 Junior 4 Festivals (ages 12-13 11-12)**

At this level the focus is on skill development and the opportunity to ski with their peer group rivals from other states and divisions. The respective regions manage quotas for the U14 ~~U4~~ Festivals. More information is available on the regional websites.

## **CANADIAN EVENTS**

Alpine Canada Alpin (ACA) and its provincial components organize a program of competitions annually including national championships and regional FIS competitions. USSA does not encourage travel to Canadian events as a matter of common practice.

Details of major Canadian events may be found in the FIS International Race Calendar at [www.fis-ski.com](http://www.fis-ski.com).

Access for U.S. athletes to Canadian events is through the regional offices for provincial events and the national office for national events. Special international licenses are not required for U.S. racers competing in Canada, but current FIS registration is mandatory. All entries are made by USSA.

Access to Canadian FIS race projects will be managed for USSA athlete development; selection of interested athletes will be both objective and subjective.

Additional guidelines and requirements apply to entry into these events. Complete details and instructions are available from your regional/divisional offices. As a general rule, the U.S. may claim a quota of up to 15 men and 15 women in Canadian competitions, FIS and national, subject to the approval of the Canadian officials involved. By agreement with ACA, certain FIS events in each country may be subject to specific, more rigorous, objective qualifications even if this results in quota slots not being fully utilized. Development selections by USSA national and regional directors may be possible per the agreement with ACA. In general, athletes who have not qualified for a series in their own country will not be eligible to participate in the equivalent series across the border if these events have been identified for higher objective qualification standards. (Examples: USA and Canadian Spring Series).

Should more USA racers wish to enter a Canadian FIS competition than can be accommodated, racers will be ranked as follows:

1. U.S. Ski Teams,
2. By NTSM of FIS point rankings in the contested disciplines
3. 20% of the available slots may be reserved for development selections.

In order to enter FIS events in Canada, USSA competitors must be registered to appear on the FIS points lists and have 120.00 FIS points or better in any discipline; or they must be participating in a nationally or regionally-approved development activity. **Athletes wishing to compete in Canadian competitions must provide intent at least 28 days in advance of the competition and confirm their participation at least 14 days in advance of the competition to their home region director.** Requests for development consideration must be submitted a minimum of 28 ~~32~~ in advance. Regional director approval is mandatory. Guidelines and forms will be provided on request to the regional offices.

The USSA Eastern office will coordinate and confirm entries for races in Eastern Canada. The USSA Western office will coordinate and confirm entries for races in Western Canada. The USSA Central office will coordinate and confirm entries for races in Ontario. Entries are only to be made by these offices or the USSA national office.

Racers entered in Canadian FIS competitions must be properly represented at all Team Captains' meetings, or otherwise accounted for according to the FIS ICR, or they will be pulled from the board. Racers entered in Canadian FIS competitions who fail to withdraw in a timely manner, and/or who fail to start in races to which they have been entered, are subject to sanction/discipline including prohibition from entry into future Canadian FIS events.

Course Setting Specifications for U16 and Younger (Scored and Non-Scored) Events - DevoWG approved

	U10	U12	U14	U16
<b>Train to Race Ratio (strongly recommended)</b>	6:1 (days)	6:1 (days)	5:1 (days)	5:1 (days)
<b>GS/SL Race Days<sup>3</sup> (recommended)</b>	Max. 10 Division/State organized, all events	Max. 12 Division/State organized, all events	Max. 14 Division/State organized, all events	Max. 18 Division/State organized, all events
<b>Downhill (DH) U1253</b>	X Distance between gates <sup>1</sup> Vertical drop Direction changes	X Combination 4-6 m, Open 6-10 m, Delay max. 15 m Max. 120 m 2-3 hairpins, 1 vertical combination Max 1 delay gate	50 m max. 350 m max 8% of vertical drop	As required 450 m max As required
<b>Slalom (SL) U1254</b>	Distance between gates <sup>1</sup> Vertical drop Additional requirements	Combination 4-5 m, Open 5-9 m, Delay max. 15 m, distance to delay gate min 4m Max. 100 m Max 3 hairpins, max 1 vertical combination, max 1 delay gate	Combination 4-6 m, Open 6-10 m, Delay max. 15 m Max. 140 m 3-5 hairpins, 1-2 vertical combinations and at least 1 delay gate	Combination 4-6m, Open 6-12m, Delay max 18m Max 160m 3-5 hairpins, 1-2 vertical combinations and at least 1 delay gate
<b>Giant Slalom (GS) U1255</b>	Distance between gates <sup>1</sup> Vertical drop Additional requirements	Open 15-22 m, Delay max. 30 m Max. 200 m Min. of 1 delay Variety of terrain suggested	Open 15-25 m, Delay max. 35 m Max. 300 m Min. of 1 delay Variety of terrain suggested	Open 15-27m, Delay max 35m Max 350m Min. of 1 delay Variety in terrain is suggested
<b>Super G (SG) U1256</b>	Distance between gates <sup>1</sup> Vertical drop Direction changes Additional requirements	X Open 15-22 m, Delay max. 30 m Max. 200 m Min. of 1 delay Variety of terrain suggested	22-35m Max. 300 m Min. 12% of vertical drop Training run required (U1256.4) Variety of terrain suggested	25-45m Max 450m 8-12% of vertical drop Min. of 1 jump Training run recommended (U1003.2.1) Variety of terrain suggested
<b>Parallel</b>	Distance between gates <sup>1</sup> Maximum vertical drop	10-15 m 60 m	15-20 m 100 m	15-20m 100m
<b>Kombi - SL/GS U1259</b>	Distance between gates <sup>1</sup> Maximum vertical drop	SL 6-10 m, GS 12-20 m 150 m	SL 6-10 m, GS 12-20 m 180 m (SL skis)	SL 6-10m, GS 12-20m 200m (SL skis)
<b>Kombi - GS/SG U1259</b>	Distance between gates <sup>1</sup> Maximum vertical drop	X All of above plus SkillsQuest events 1 pair - Multi-event Length - skill/size appropriate	GS 12-20 m, SG 18-28 m 250 m (GS skis) All of above plus SkillsQuest events 2 pair - SL, GS Length - skill/size appropriate	GS 12-20m, SG 18-28m 250m (GS skis) All of the above plus combined and SkillsQuest events SL, GS, SG, DH
<b>Other Events</b>				
<b>Ski Recommendation - Maximum (strongly recommended)</b>				

<sup>1</sup> Gate distances correspond to distance between turning gates, with the exception of SL combination distance, which refers to gate width.

<sup>2</sup> Per USSA ACR U1256.2, based upon hill topography and field ability, the Jury may increase the gates to a maximum of 14% of vertical drop (counting only those requiring change of direction).

<sup>3</sup> Does not include Regional or National Championships.

\*\* Crossover between age categories for SL, GS, Kombi and SkillsQuest events is encouraged. In races where multiple age classes are competing, course setting