

ALPINE SPORT COMMITTEE

Article I -- Organization and Purpose

The name of the committee will be the USSA Alpine Sport Committee (ASC). The Alpine Sport Committee pursuant to USSA Bylaw Article VI (c) will work with the staff of USSA to develop plans, strategies, and policies for submission to the president and CEO for the development and operations of alpine skiing and to assist USSA in the operation of the alpine skiing programs consistent with FIS regulations, USSA bylaws and The Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sport Act.

The authority and responsibility of the ASC is defined as working with the staff of USSA to develop competition rules, competition calendars, and advancement systems for International and National Level alpine activities. The committee will work to:

- ◆ Contribute sport expertise leading toward the realization of the vision and mission of USSA in the alpine disciplines.
- ◆ Support the USSA staff in the identification and training of young athletes with the potential to become elite international competitors, development and coordination of programs for competitor development keeping in mind the participation elements and athletic excellence components of the sport and aspects of a national athlete development plan.
- ◆ Enhance public awareness and favorable perception of USSA and competitive alpine programs in all forms and at all levels.
- ◆ Nominate a representative to the USSA board of directors.

Article II -- Government

Section I: The Alpine Sport Committee is comprised of and will strive to represent the interests of the alpine ski community within the United States. Only current USSA members will be eligible for election or appointment to the Alpine Sport Committee, subcommittees, technical working groups and task forces.

Section II: The Alpine Sport Committee will be composed of the following members who will be selected without regard to race, color, religion, sex or national origin. The vote for representation to the Alpine Sport Committee will occur at the USSA Congress. Regardless of the number of positions

held, each ASC member has one vote. All referenced representatives shall be subject to election or re-election every two years by members of the various committees or membership groups, except the Alpine Athlete Representative elected to the USSA Board who serves a three-year term.

- ◆ A chair, elected by the Alpine Sport Committee membership every two years. The chair may serve a maximum of four two-year terms.
- ◆ The immediate past-chair of the Alpine Sport Committee.
- ◆ USSA board representative, elected every two years. The board representative may serve a maximum of six two-year terms.
- ◆ One rules and technical representative, who is the chair of the subcommittee.
- ◆ One alpine program representative, who is the chair of the subcommittee.
- ◆ One alpine development and education representative, who is the chair of the subcommittee.
- ◆ Six alpine regional representatives, two elected from each of the three regions they serve.
- ◆ One FIS representative, elected by the Alpine Sport Committee members.
- ◆ Four athlete representatives, one serving as the athlete representative to the USSA board.
- ◆ The USSA Athletic department vice president, appointed by the USSA president and CEO.
- ◆ The USSA alpine director, appointed by the USSA president and CEO.
- ◆ The alpine competition director, appointed by the USSA president and CEO.
- ◆ One at-large representative may be appointed by the ASC annually.

Section III: The Alpine Sport Committee will annually confirm at the USSA Congress an executive committee of up to eleven members, each with vote. The executive committee (ASEC) will consist of the following representation:

- ◆ The Alpine Sport Committee chair
- ◆ The Alpine USSA board representative
- ◆ The immediate past-chair of the Alpine Sport Committee
- ◆ The rules and technical chair
- ◆ The program chair
- ◆ The development and education chair
- ◆ The regional representative

- ◆ Two athlete representatives
- ◆ The USSA alpine director
- ◆ The USSA competition director
- ◆ The FIS representative (non-voting)
- ◆ The Committee secretary (non-voting)

Section IV: Elections and appointments to the ASC and the groups working under its authority are conducted on a rotational basis at the conclusion of the USSA Congress. Any USSA alpine member wishing to participate on a subcommittee or working group should contact that subcommittee's or working group's chair. Candidates will be encouraged to move up the volunteer pipeline via state/divisional and regional governance. The subcommittee and working group chairs will annually update their committee representation, providing to the USSA Alpine Sport Committee the finalized listing of subcommittee and working group representatives.

Section V: In the event of a midterm resignation by an ASC representative, subcommittee representative, or working group member, the alpine executive committee by majority vote may appoint an interim replacement until the next USSA Congress.

Section VI: An ASC representative, subcommittee representative, or working group member (with the exception of those positions held by the staff) may be removed, with or without cause, by a two-thirds vote of the entire Alpine Sport Committee. The ASC executive committee by majority vote may appoint an interim replacement until the next USSA Congress.

Section VII: The Alpine Sport Committee will be responsible for the formation of an Alpine Judicial Committee consistent with the provision of Article IX of the USSA Bylaws. The Alpine Judicial Committee will be responsible for the dispensation of judicial matters arising from protected competitions pursuant to USSA Bylaw Article IX if referred by the USSA Judicial Committee.

Article III -- Meetings

Section I: The Alpine Sport Committee will meet at least once a year, with no less than 30 days notice by the chair, at the same time and place as the USSA Congress. This meeting will be used for review of competition regulations, selection criteria, calendar design and to review membership structure and will normally include an annual report from the USSA staff, rules and technical

subcommittee, program subcommittee, development subcommittee, regional subcommittee, and athletes' council.

Section II: Special meetings of the ASC may be called at any time and for any purpose by the chair or by written request of ten members of the ASC to the chair. A minimum of 30 days written notice of a special meeting will be given and specify the purpose for which the meeting is called. Action at any special meeting will be limited to considering the agenda item(s) specified in the written notice of meeting.

Section III: All notices of meetings will include the place, date, time, and agenda of the meeting. Any notice may be given by first class mail or by transmission by electronic means (fax or e-mail).

Section IV: A quorum for the transaction of business at any regularly scheduled meeting of the ASC will consist of a simple majority of voting members.

Section V: Each member of the ASC is entitled to one vote only. At any meeting duly called and held, a majority of the votes cast on a question by members who are present will decide such question.

Section VI: Proxy votes will not be allowed.

Section VII: Members of the ASC may participate in a meeting of the ASC by means of a conference telephone call or similar communication method that allows all members participating to hear each other at the same time. Participation by such means constitutes presence in person at the meeting. Any action of the ASC may be taken without a formal meeting when/if all members of the ASC consent in writing to the adoption of a resolution authorizing an action.

Section VIII: The chair, in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, will decide questions of order, except in the event of a conflict between these operating procedures and Robert's Rules of Order. In all cases, operating procedures governing the actions of the Alpine Sport Committee and the bylaws of USSA will prevail.

Section IX: It is the responsibility of every ASC member and/or subcommittee representative to recognize and publicly acknowledge any issues of which they may have a conflict of interest, real or perceived, and abstain from voting on any such issues.

Section X: All Alpine Sport Committee meetings are open to USSA members in good standing unless closed when matters of a legally sensitive nature are discussed. A closed session of the ASC

may be held if approved by a majority vote of the ASC members present to discuss any matters of a sensitive nature.

Section XI: No member of the ASC, except USSA staff will receive any form of compensation or reimbursement of travel expenses to ASC meetings. However, the chair may request USSA to reimburse reasonable transportation expenses for an athlete representative of the ASC.

Section XII: USSA staff will be responsible for the accuracy of the minutes taken and their timely distribution to all ASC members.

Article IV -- Amendments

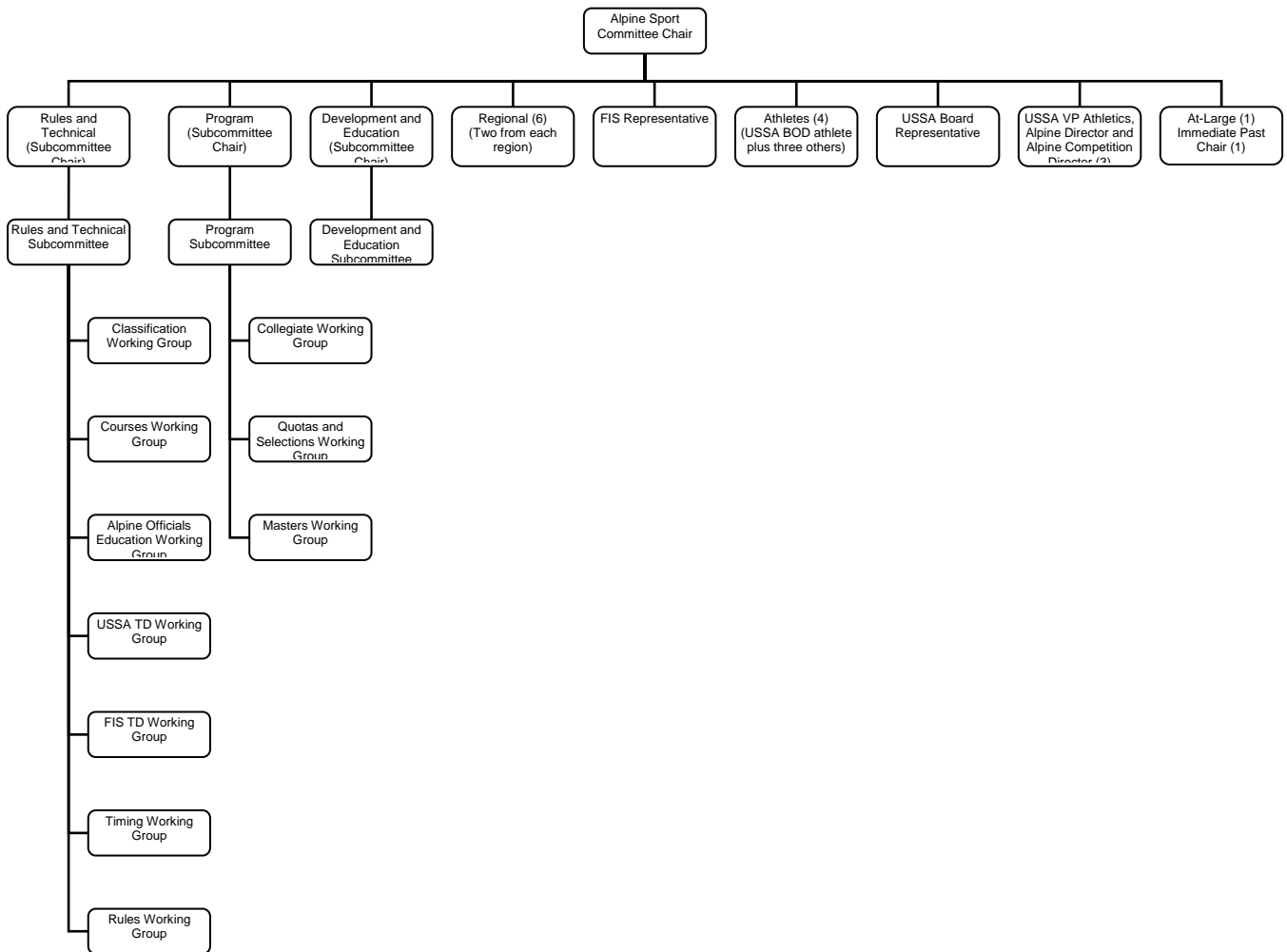
Section I: Amendments to these procedures may be proposed by any member of the Alpine Sport Committee. All such amendments to the procedures are subject to the approval of the ASC by a two-thirds vote at a regular meeting and the approval of the USSA Board of Directors.

Section II: Proposed amendments will be presented to the Alpine Competition Director in writing at least 60 days before a meeting of the ASC and mailed by the USSA staff to all members of the ASC at least 30 days before the next scheduled meeting of the ASC.

Section III: Proposed amendments will be presented as follows:

1. State who is proposing the amendment(s).
2. State in writing that portion of the existing text in its entirety, inclusive of all portions that are to be considered for change.
3. Within the text of the above statement, show any new phrases or addenda with all words to be added underlined.
4. Within the text of the above statement, show any new phrases or addenda with all words to be deleted ~~stricken through~~.
5. A brief explanation of the reasons for the proposed amendment and the effect of the change, if adopted, must accompany the proposed amendment.
6. Unless withdrawn, proposed amendments prepared and circulated to all members of the Alpine Sport Committee less than 30 days in advance of an Alpine Sport Committee meeting, will automatically be placed on the agenda for action at the next meeting of the Alpine Sport Committee, provided that there are at least 30 days before the next scheduled meeting.

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Alpine Sport Committee

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Alpine Sport Committee Composition

Chair (1)

The chair of the ASC is also the chair of the alpine sport executive committee (ASEC). The chair is usually the alpine representative to the USSA Board of Directors, though this is not required.

The members of the ASC elect the chair. The chair may serve a maximum of four two-year terms.

The chair's position is voted on in even numbered years.

Immediate Past-Chair of the Alpine Sport Committee (1)

Board Representative (1)

The USSA board of directors' representative is elected by the ASC. The board representative must be a voting member of the ASC. If the position is split from the chair, the position will have a vote on the executive committee if not already a member. The USSA board representative may serve a maximum of six two-year terms. The USSA Board representative is elected on even numbered years.

Rules and Technical Representative (1)

The rules and technical (R & T) representative to the ASC is the chair of the R & T subcommittee, and is elected by the working group chairs he serves. The R & T representative may serve a maximum of four two-year terms to the ASC and is elected on even numbered years.

Alpine Program Representative (1)

The program representative to the ASC is the chair of the program subcommittee and is elected by the working group chairs he serves. The program representative may serve a maximum of four two-year terms to the ASC and is elected on odd numbered years.

Alpine Development and Education Representative (1)

The development and education representative to the ASC is the chair of the development and education subcommittee and is elected by the subcommittee members. The development and education representative may serve a maximum of four two-year terms to the ASC. The development and education representative is elected on even numbered years.

Alpine Regional Representatives (6)

The regional representatives to the ASC are elected by the regions they serve. These six representatives elect one member to serve on the ASEC. These representatives may serve a maximum of four two-year terms to the ASC and are elected on even numbered years.

FIS Representative (1)

The FIS representative is elected by the alpine committee members and should be an experienced FIS committee member. The FIS representative is elected on odd numbered years.

Athlete Representatives (4)

One of the athlete representatives is the alpine representative to the USSA Board, elected for a three-year term. The USSA Board representative, and one additional athlete, also sits on the Alpine Sport Executive Committee (ASEC). The alpine athletes elect the athlete representatives in conjunction with USSA's Athletes' Council.

USSA Athletics Vice President (1)

The USSA president/CEO appoints the USSA athletics vice president; this position has no term limit.

USSA Alpine Director (1)

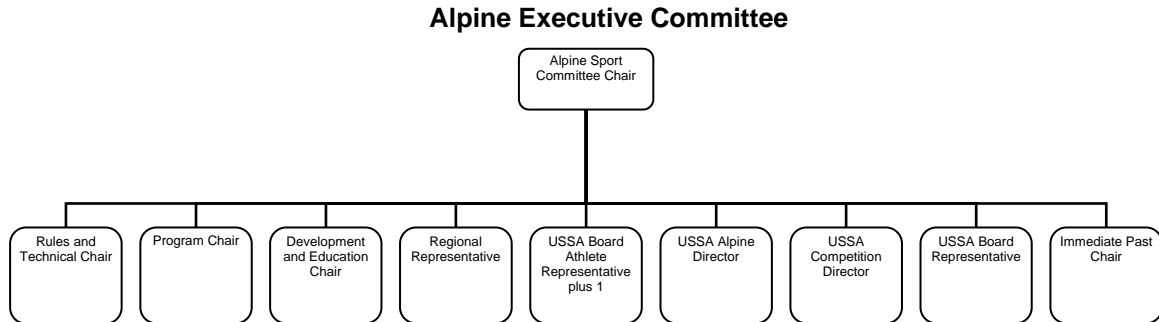
The USSA president/CEO appoints the USSA alpine director; this position has no term limit.

USSA Alpine Competition Director (1)

The USSA president/CEO appoints the USSA competition director; this position has no term limit.

At-large Representative (1)

The at-large representative is nominated and approved by the ASC. This position is appointed on an annual basis and may remain unfilled with the option in the future to increase the aforesaid number.



ALPINE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Alpine Executive Committee (ASEC) will work with the staff of the USSA to develop competition rules, competition calendars, and advancement systems for alpine activities on an ongoing basis between meetings of the Alpine Sport Committee. The ASEC will work with staff to resolve urgent issues in a timely manner.

ALPINE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE COMPOSITION

Alpine Sport Committee chair (1)

Alpine USSA board representative - if different from the Alpine Sport Committee chair (1)

Immediate past-chair of the Alpine Sport Committee (1)

Rules and technical chair (1)

Program chair (1)

Development and education chair (1)

Regional representative (1)

USSA board athlete representative plus one additional athlete representative (2)

USSA alpine director (1)

USSA competition director (1)

FIS representative (1) non-voting

Committee secretary (1) non-voting

ALPINE JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

The Alpine Judicial Committee will be made up of five members, one of whom will be an athlete. The ASC chair, in consultation with the executive committee, will nominate a slate of candidates to the USSA board. These candidates, when approved, will make up the Alpine Judicial Committee. The Alpine Judicial Committee will be responsible for exercising “due process” for alpine members in matters of complaints/ grievances/ appeals and procedural matters arising from cases adjudicated to

the group from the USSA Judicial Committee, or surfacing as an appeal to a regional action. Any action regarding “protected competition” will involve the USSA Judicial Committee.

Rules and Technical Subcommittee

The purpose of the alpine rules and technical subcommittee is to complement the athletic and participant programs of USSA alpine through support of a sport environment and competitions, which are fair, orderly and attractive.

CLASSIFICATION WORKING GROUP

In consultation with USSA staff, works on the computerized Alpine Points System (USSA Alpine Seeding List) as a method of ranking all classified competitors. The chair is the commissioner of the system with authority (subject to Legal and/or CEO approval) to review and decide complaints or discrepancies and to redress grievances of the points system.

ALPINE COURSES WORKING GROUP

Approves courses for use in nationally and internationally sanctioned competitions, assists ski areas with course design, safety considerations, and preparation and application for course approval. Works with the FIS representatives to homologate courses for FIS events

ALPINE OFFICIALS' EDUCATION WORKING GROUP

Develops and distributes current educational materials for alpine officials to assist event organizers in hosting competitions that are fair for all levels of competition.

USA FIS TECHNICAL DELEGATE WORKING GROUP

Responsible for the management of FIS TD functions in the US, including recommendations for USA FIS TD assignments, race quality control, FIS TD education; candidate TD selection and training, TD matters involving Canada i.e. assignments and education via the "North American FIS TD Working Group." Works cooperatively with, and provides liaison to, the FIS TD commission and USSA TD working group.

USSA TECHNICAL DELEGATES WORKING GROUP

Assigns TDs and other 'senior' certified alpine officials to all USSA races, establishes standards for certification of USSA TDs and coordinates planning and conduct of TD clinics with the Alpine Officials' Education Working Group.

RULES WORKING GROUP

The Rules Working Group is an experts group; the membership is not by region or division, but by individuals who have an extensive knowledge of the sport and the rules governing the sport and who are willing to put the time into the process of reviewing rules. As the name implies, this working group is a review group. This group assists the regional directors with the rules review process when requested. The group will take on rule review tasks as assigned by the Sports Committee and/or staff. The chair will determine if a meeting at the USSA Congress is needed. Most business of the working group is done by email and/or conference calls, but there is also the possibility that a group meeting may be necessary. Recommendations from the working group follow the reporting protocol of the Rules and Technical Subcommittee.

TIMING WORKING GROUP

The Timing Working Group serves as an expert group to understand race timing equipment and systems and develop rules for their use to assure accurate alpine race results; and to conduct timing quality measuring programs to help improve the level of proficiency of Alpine race officials. It is a working group of the Rules and Technical Subcommittee. Membership is by invitation to technical timing experts from USSA Divisions and staff and to members of related FIS committees. The Timing Working Group meets once a year, in the spring; additional meetings may be called as necessary. Guests are welcome. The chair and vice chair are selected for two-year terms by the members and are seated in the fall; the vice chair is an active member and substitutes for the chair in the chair's absence. The chair votes only to cast a deciding vote.

Alpine Program Subcommittee

The alpine program subcommittee is focused on the domestic alpine competition program from the grassroots to elite competition, which encompasses domestic schedules, quotas and selection.

COLLEGIATE WORKING GROUP

An advisory body for collegiate skiing in the US coordinating the activities and concerns common among the NCAA and USCSA regarding crossover opportunities, rules, quotas and selection procedures for the World University Games and works closely with the USSA staff to insure complementary event scheduling; coordinates entries to major USSA events on behalf of colleges.

QUOTAS AND SELECTION WORKING GROUP

Recommends policy regarding quotas to regional and national events; recommends policy on competitor access to competitions and reviews regional entry rules and procedures for these events.

MASTERS WORKING GROUP

Governs and promotes alpine ski racing sport among those 21 and older. Establishes rules and procedures and selects sites for masters' championships and FIS masters' events in the US. Coordinates divisional activities and recommends policy to USSA.

Alpine Development and Education Subcommittee

The purpose of the alpine development and education subcommittee is to work on development and education for coaches, athletes, clubs and parents. The focus of this group is to work with USSA staff to develop and promote progressive strategies to move alpine sport to the highest levels of athletic excellence by developing and producing "athlete centered" educational training systems.

The athlete development focus is on the national development system and performance plan, working on athlete advancement, athlete preparation and competition programs, and working cooperatively with the USSA regions and staff to manage national and inter-regional projects, track elite regional athletes, develop long-range athletic plans for individuals and for targeted groups, and to improve the transition to national team programs. The alpine education focus is to provide guidance to coaches, parents, athletes and clubs in the alpine ski sport to maximize athlete development; working with USSA staff, the subcommittee designs programs and projects that provide competencies in all areas of sport science as well as discipline-specific educational systems.

ALPINE SUBCOMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

For all alpine subcommittees and working groups, the immediate past chair will be part of the structure with voice and vote. Subcommittees and Working Groups are limited to a maximum of two at-large members.

Regional Representative

USSA Alpine governance structure consists of three geographic regions (Rocky/Central Region, Western Region and Eastern Region). These entities working in conjunction with USSA staff are authorized to develop, manage and control competition schedules and advancement systems that are consistent with the USSA bylaws, The Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act and approved by Alpine Sport Committee policy and guidelines.

The three regional committees appoint two members each to the Alpine Sports Committee.

The Rocky/Central, Western, and Eastern regions coordinate and implement the policy of the national Alpine Sport Committee at the regional level with responsibility for all aspects of the alpine program within the regions, including the design and supervision of regional programs for competitor development; i.e. establish quotas and selection procedures (below the national level), race

scheduling, coordinate coaching and travel, and develop and coordinate athlete development activities within the regions.

- ◆ Eastern Region – has jurisdiction over New England, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia, West Virginia, Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Puerto Rico, and Tennessee.
- ◆ Rocky/Central Region – has jurisdiction over the states of Colorado, New Mexico, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Arizona, Wyoming, Missouri, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota east of the Missouri River and Kentucky.
- ◆ Western Region – has jurisdiction over the states of Alaska, California, Hawaii, Nevada, Utah, Wyoming, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Montana, and South Dakota west of the Missouri River.

All regional, divisional and state alpine calendars, competition regulations and alpine selection criteria are subject to review and approval by the ASC and USSA staff. Regional, state and divisional handbooks must be presented to the ASC 60 days prior to the fall executive committee meetings and must be sent in electronic data form to USSA for distribution via the USSA website.

- ◆ Calendaring: USSA alpine competition calendars are subject to review for compliance to the principles of calendaring by the ASC. Only USSA member clubs are authorized to host USSA alpine events; clubs are subject to calendar fees payable to USSA as well as head tax fees for processing scored races. USSA calendar fees are not transferable or refundable. Calendar fees, however, will be carried forward in cases of rescheduling by the same organizer at the same site in the same season and may be transferred to another site or organizing committee in cases of force majeure.
- ◆ Selection and Advancement: Selection and advancement criteria developed by regional, state and divisional committees are subject to ASC review and approval for compliance with USSA bylaws and ASC guidelines.
- ◆ Competition rules and regulations: Revisions and exceptions to the Alpine Competition Regulations must be submitted for approval to the ASC 30 days prior to the USSA Congress. As example: exemptions might include seeding procedures, course setting or course standards. The ASC may grant exemptions for multi-year authority.

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