



USSA Alpine Western Region ACC
August Conference Call
Wednesday, August 17, 2016
11:00am MDT

MINUTES

1. Welcome & Introductions- chair
2. Roll Call – secretary
 - Executive:**Todd Kelly, Troy Price, Karen Korfanta, Ryan Shorter
 - AK** – Lex Patten
 - FW**- Mike Ginsberg, Beat Hupfer
 - IMD** – Gordon Perry
 - NO** – Jeremy Ueland, Roger Bay
 - PNSA** – Bill Brooks, Dan Henry
 - Officials** – Roger Root
 - Staff** – Gwynn Watkins, Bill Brooks, Carma Burnett, Shari Hale, Paul Mahre, Jeff Pickering, Natalie Osborne
 - Guest** – Lester Keller
3. Review Agenda, no additions
4. Review and Approval of Congress Minutes – chair
 - Motion to approve minutes** Mike Ginsberg, Bill Brooks 2nd – passed unanimously
5. USSA / FIS Update – staff
 - 5.1 Rule updates
 - Equipment Matrix updated and distributed. A proposal for further change to be discussed at the ASC level at their Fall Call.
 - Setting Matrix updated version has been distributed, from post FIS Congress. Proposal to ASC to return to ‘required’ SG training vs ‘recommended’ based on rules in the comp guide.
 - Congress Update – link available on the WR page for further viewing
 - FIS Update – sent out over the summer. Confirms youth course setting changes, change in men’s GS radius 17-18 season.
 - Southern Hemisphere Precisions – distributed prior to the meeting for review.
6. Alpine Education and Officials –

Education Materials are on track to be released: CO by end of August, rest by beginning of October.

Roger Root discussed the need to drop one Western Region rep going into Congress 2017. WR will now have 4 representative slots and currently have 5.
7. Western Region Program Update
 - 7.1 Directors report
 - Club Leader’s Conference Call – productive, geared towards FIS level. What Discussion re what Region can do to complement the clubs/academies.

Discussion about the change of philosophy on how to spend regional head tax income towards athletes.

Palmer Visits – Bill has been able to check in with quite a few clubs over the summer at Hood. Visited with lots of U14.U16 level coaches and athletes.

Staff Schedule for regional championships

WR FIS projects - Pick/Gunesch

Nor Ams - Pick

U16 projects – Daryl

Europe Trip – Gwynn

Jr Nats – Pick

U16 Regionals – Bill and Daryl

U14 Regionals - Gwynn

WR JR Champs – Bill and Pick

7.2 Manager's report

Parent Handbook – started and coming along

USST Physical Assessment – in the hands of the few western clubs

“Team App” – goal is to work with all the ROC's to use at WR FIS events.

7.3 Divisional Managers' Updates

AK – new director coming on board October 1 – Scott Zahn

NO – a new club, possible 2 new ski areas coming on board.

PNSA - DH camp in May, Small camp in August. Heavily attended by ladies

IMD - focus on getting board structure on track. Looking at liability exposure as a division.

FW – working on a new website, and Tahoe League Race Series moving into being USSA and FW sanctioned events.

MOTION: Beat Hupfer, Troy Price 2nd.

To waive the WR Head Tax for theTahoe League Race Series (non-scored series) in the Far West Division for the 2016-2017 competition season.

Motion passes unanimously

7.4 Regional Coach Report

productive summer conference call with the coaches.

Goals – communications with those that are in the field

Challenge to get the RTG groups together and obtain full support from the programs.

Recap of projects from the spring

Can Am Camp in August – 28 WR kids; 75% return athletes from flight school

September – LaParva

October 4-24– Europe: Regional Team selection, plus 1 discretionary per gender

November Prep Plan – toughest time to plan. Heading back to Mammoth.

Putting together a Nor Am Prep project. Races Copper, CO moved to November

8. WR ACC Committee Reports

8.1 Executive Committee Report – Chair

8.1.1 Status of Western Region ACC Inc. – Troy Price

Fiscal ending May 30th. Must file taxes by September 30th. Once tax return is completed we are into non-profit status.

8.1.2 Governance business

Executive Committee meeting, minutes were distributed
USSA Committee Representation – flow chart from Daryl and
Chip will be distributed before Fall Call so that we can start
working towards filling spots.

ACTION ITEM:

Beat – needs rep from WR to Quotas working group within the
next 2 weeks. Can be confirmed by the Executive Board. Submit
names to Beat by Labor Day.

ACTION ITEM:

Athlete reps: Kelleher and Spencer– would like to step down
TK appointed Will Brandenburg and Jamie Du Pratt as athlete
reps; please submit a 3rd athlete rep to TK.

8.2 Treasurer Report – treasurer

8.2.1 Western Region ACC Finances – report was submitted with the agenda.
-We are cleared up with USSA and set up with auto transfers between
WR and USSA. Have signed up with QB to assist with record keeping and
regional budgeting.

Proposal: Head Tax increase for scored races

Motion by Troy Price, 2nd by Bill Brooks: Increase WR USSA Scored
Head Tax by \$2 per start.

Motion passes unanimously

2016-17 West Reg ACC Grant Budget

Motion by Dan Henry, 2nd Mike Ginsber to approve the budget for the
16-17 season. **Motion passes unanimously**

Western Region Fund - status

Western Region Fund grant process is delayed until
incorporation is finalized

8.3 Site Selection Committee Report - WR staff

8.3.1 Site updates for FIS and championship events

Review WR Calendar – date changes

U16 time trials has been removed.

Elite Series - Tech Series at Squaw and Spring Series at
Mammoth provide WEST Team Lift and Entry comps
Qualifiers for US Nationals and Nat. Jr Nationals are the Tech
Series, Schweitzer Speed and Wild West Series

Discussion: WR Open Series Quotas – Dec and Mar

Motion by Mike Ginsbert, 2nd Troy Price to adjust quotas for 16-
17 to the listing in the below grid

Motion passes unanimously

| | Quotas 2016-17 | | |
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| | Current Quotas | Schweitzer Snow King | Multi-Event Blocks |
| AK | 10 ¹ | 10 ¹ | 10 ² |
| ND | 10 ¹ | 10 ¹ | 10 ² |
| PNSA | 25 ¹ | 25 ¹ | 25 ² |
| IMD | 25 | 35 | 25 ² |
| FW | 25 | 35 | 25 ² |
| Host Div | | | 50 ³ |
| EAST | 10 ¹ | 10 ¹ | 10 ¹ |
| R/C | 10 ¹ | 10 ¹ | 10 ¹ |
| CAN | 15 ¹ | 15 ¹ | 15 ¹ |
| Foreign | ? | ? | ? |
| Total | 130 ⁴ | 150 ⁴ | 130 ⁴ |

¹ Rarely fill the quota

² Quota is available to all events in the Open block if not the host division

³ Athletes from host division must race in division

If race is over-subscribed, Western Region athletes over 120 FIS Pts in the contested events will be pulled from the board until the field size is reduced to 140. No athlete will be pulled

⁴ twice from a series until all Western Region athletes over 120 FIS Pts have been pulled once.

8.4 Development Committee Report – vice chair

8.4.1 Current selections and selection issues

Current WEST Team / RTG Selection as published in the 15-16 WR PnP. Team has been selected for the upcoming season.

Selection method for the 17-18 season is being reviewed and will be released this Fall.

Identify U16 RTG / selection and ranking – Gunesch reviewed the process.

8.4.2 Current quotas and quota issues

National events quota summary: NC, U21 NC, U19 NPS, U16 NPS

Proposal: NC / NJC Selections

MOTION to approve the attached National Championship Selection with one modification. First line should read “Only those competitors who have participated in the Western Speed Series, the Western Elite Tech Series or the Wild West Classic races.....” (see Attached) by Ryan Shorter, 2nd Mike Ginsberg

Motion passes unanimously

9. Western Region Projects and Events – WR staff
 - 9.1 Project reports – no discussion
 - 9.2 Project planning - no discussion
 - U16 Europe Project
 - Status of FIS Europe competition projects
10. New Business – chair

Paul Mahre reminder to complete Course Inspection Applications done ASAP.
Pick welcomed Lester back in the Region, looking forward to seeing a lot more of you.
11. Meeting Schedule - chair
 - Fall Call – October, post ASC Call
 - March Call (date)
 - Vegas Meeting, Wednesday, April 19th
 - Flamingo Las Vegas, rooms blocked 4/18 & 4/19
 - \$40 - \$45 per night, double occupancy
 - Registration will be available at end of August.
12. Adjournment - 13:20

National Championship Selections

U.S. Alpine Championship (U19, U21, and Seniors)

Eligibility

Only those competitors who have participated in the Western Speed Series, the Western Elite Tech Series and the Wild West Classic races in a particular event are eligible to be included on the selection board in that event. Competitors who are unable to attend the qualifying races because of participation in a conflicting USST, NTG, NPS, or WR project will not be ineligible as a consequence. Members of W.E.S.T. have an exception. (See the W.E.S.T. Team section in the WR PnP for details.)

Quota

The Western Region quota is 14 men and 12 women who are not already qualified through national selections.

Selection

Athletes must notify the Western Region office and confirm on the Intent Site by the specified deadline if they are interested in participating in this competition. The selection boards for this competition will include all eligible Western Region athletes, however, athletes who have not confirmed by the deadline will be ignored when the selection is performed. The region's quota is filled using the Western Region Selection procedure described above with the following modifications:

Automatically Qualified

- Women - Top 3 ranked athletes by sum of 2016-17 NorAm points at time of selection deadline
- Men - Top 4 ranked athletes by sum of 2016-17 NorAm points at time of selection deadline

Western Region Junior Championships

The overall male and female winners will be selected, if not already eligible by other national or regional selection methods. There is no selection of alternate athletes. (See the Western Region Junior Championships section in the WR PnP for the "overall" calculation.)

Regional Selection Board

Up to 10 men plus 4 alternates and up to 9 women plus 3 alternates will be named from the 3-event double selection board using SL, GS and SG. If single event slots become available they will be filled by considering the specific discipline columns on the board.

Development Selection

20% of the quota (at least one slot) will be reserved for development selection and may be filled by the Western Region Director. If used, the discretionary slots will be filled at the time the team is named. Athletes named via development will not be considered in naming alternates to the team. In the case that a development selection does not attend the competition, s/he will be replaced by the next alternate. Additional discretionary selections will not be made.

U.S. Alpine Junior Championship (U19 and U21)

Eligibility

All Western Region U21 and U19 athletes who qualify and compete in the U.S. Alpine Championships are eligible to compete in the Alpine Junior Championships. Additional athletes will be selected and must be qualified according to U.S. Alpine Championship **Eligibility** described above.

Quota

The Western Region additional quota is 5 men and 5 women who are not already qualified through the U.S. Alpine Championships selection.

Selection

Athletes must notify the Western Region office and confirm on the Intent Site by the specified deadline if they are interested in participating in this competition. The selection boards for this competition will include all eligible Western Region athletes, however, athletes who have not confirmed by the deadline will be ignored when the selection is performed. The region's quota is filled using the Western Region Selection procedure described above with the following modifications:

Automatically Qualified

All U21 and U19 athletes who qualified and competed in the U.S. Alpine Championships.

Regional Selection Board

Up to 5 men plus 2 alternates and up to 5 women plus 2 alternates will be named by continuing down the same selection board used for the U.S. Alpine Championships. The selection process will only include the SL and GS columns, and the SG columns if the event is included.

Development Selection

20% of the quota (at least one slot) will be reserved for development selection and may be filled by the Western Region Director. If used, the discretionary slots will be filled at the time the team is named. Athletes named via development will not be considered in naming alternates to the team. In the case that a development selection does not attend the competition, s/he will be replaced by the next alternate. Additional discretionary selections will not be made.