

# WESTERN REGION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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The USSA Western Region is one of three USSA regions established under the authority of the USSA Alpine Sport Committee (ASC) and responsible for the regulation of the sport of alpine ski competition within the geographical area of the western United States. It consists of the five western divisions: Alaska, Far West, Intermountain, Northern and Pacific Northwest. The Western Region **Alpine Competition Committee** establishes the regional policies, procedures and operating rules for the Western Region.

The region is charged with the design and conduct of all International Ski Federation (FIS) races and Junior Championship competitions in the West for each season. The region fields teams for NorAm Cup races, the U.S. Alpine Championships and other events, conducts a series of development projects for regional and divisional athletes, and names a Regional Team. The region assists members of the Western Elite Ski Team (W.E.S.T.) in their development within the athletic pipeline of USSA.

## Mission Statement

The **Mission** of the Western Region Alpine Competition Committee (ACC) is to:

1. Promote elite level alpine competition within the boundaries of the Western Region, recognizing the region's role at the elite level and the division's roles at the entry level of the sport;
2. Coordinate the efforts of the five divisions within the Western Region in areas of common interest, concern, and responsibility;
3. Promote the development of elite athletes from the five divisions of the Western Region;
4. Maintain a governance structure that provides for the collective needs of the five western divisions, and represents the five western divisions to the USSA Alpine Sport Committee.

## Western Region Governance and Management

The Western Region Alpine Competition Committee (ACC) was formed in Seattle, WA in April of 1981 in order to bring representatives of the five western divisions together to address issues of concern to all and to develop programs which would help all divisions achieve their goals through joint planning and program development. The Western Region ACC first met in Boise, ID on June 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 1981 under the Chairmanship of Lane Monroe, Intermountain Division, of Sun Valley, ID.

In 2016 the Western Region ACC incorporated in the State of Utah as a not-for-profit corporation. The corporation is formed without members. The officers of the USSA Western Region ACC were appointed the initial officers of the corporation.

The specific goal of the ACC is to regulate and conduct the USSA Championships and FIS competition in the Western United States, and to represent the five western divisions at the national ASC level. The ACC will also develop the best regional competitors by developing and implementing race schedules and series, qualifying procedures, and athlete-training situations, as a region, which will best utilize resources and promote athlete progress.

## Operating Rules

The chair and vice-chair of the Western Region ACC will be confirmed by the regional ACC each year at the USSA Spring Congress. The vice-chair will succeed the chair whenever the chair is vacated or at the end of the chairman's term. The normal term of office for the chair is three years. When the new chairman is named a new vice-chairman will be elected.

There will be two voting members from each of the five divisions, one voting member from the Rocky Mountain Intercollegiate Ski Association (RMISA), three voting athlete members, one voting past Chair, and a voting representative of the alpine officials. The president and ACC chair (or an equivalent position) from each of the five divisions carry one vote. Each divisional president and divisional ACC chair must designate one alternate, on an annual basis at the fall meeting (or fall call), who may carry their vote in the normal member's absence for one year. This designee is the only alternate who may represent the ACC member.

The Western Region ACC chair votes only to break a tie. Officers of the Western Region ACC may only vote if they are designated representatives of their division or hold one of the other vote-carrying positions. All Western members of the USSA ASC are ex-officio members of the committee, but can only vote if designated as one of the two voting members or as an alternate for their division. No proxy votes are allowed; only the voting members or a designed alternate may vote at any meeting.

<b>Voting Entity</b>	<b>Votes</b>
Division (2 per division)	10
Athletes	3
NCAA	1
Past Chair	1
Officials	1
Total	16

A simple quorum of the ACC is required to conduct business. A majority of the voting members present at a scheduled meeting will be required to approve any motion before the committee. All new business at scheduled meetings must be distributed in advance.

The Western Region ACC is responsible for the taking and timely publication of meeting minutes. The chair will annually appoint a secretary to accomplish this task. The secretary will also annually maintain a current roster of ACC members, indicating duration of term and rotation. The chair will also annually appoint a treasurer who will oversee the finances of the region. The treasurer will establish an account(s) to which all-regional head tax fees will be deposited. Disbursements will be made from this account to the Western Region operating account in accordance with grant-budgets approved by the Western Region ACC. The treasurer will provide a detailed financial statement and balance sheet at each Western Region ACC meeting. The annual grant-budget will not exceed the total head-tax income from the previous year.

The chair, from nominations submitted by the divisions, will appoint the athlete representatives on the committee. Nominees must meet the requirements of the U.S. Amateur Sports Act and should be active as competitors or coaches in the Western Region at the time of the appointment. Athlete members will serve for staggered three-year terms. Athlete members will serve a maximum of two terms. Normally, one athlete member will be appointed each year. When a vacancy occurs in midterm, a replacement will be appointed for the remainder of the term. An athlete appointed to complete the term of another will be eligible for reappointment to two full terms.

## **ACC Sub-Committees**

There are three standing subcommittees: an Executive sub-committee, a Development sub-committee and a Site-Selection sub-committee. The sub-committees should meet prior to each ACC meeting and recommend policy, procedures and rules to the ACC for consideration and action. The chair of each sub-committee is responsible for calling meetings of the group and for communications within the group. The ACC chair confirms sub-committee chairs annually at the spring meeting. A complete roster of committee appointments will be published and maintained in the regional office.

### **The Executive Sub-committee**

Chaired by the ACC chair and is responsible for oversight of the regional budget and funding, liaison to the Western Region Fund held in trust with PNSEF, and representation to the national ASC. The executive sub-committee also includes the vice-chair, past chair, treasurer, secretary, and the regional director. The executive sub-committee may act for the whole committee on issues requiring action between regular meetings and will meet in person or by other means when it is deemed necessary by the ACC Chair.

### **The Site Selection Sub-committee**

Will oversee the process of choosing the sites of regional events. The sub-committee will include one member from each of the five western divisions, and will be chaired by the regional director or her/his designee. The sub-committee will recommend procedures and guidelines to be used in the site-selection process at the Congress pre-meeting, and will announce site selections to the full committee each year at the USSA Congress.

The sub-committee, in conjunction the Western Region director will make the final decision on relocating events during the season when this becomes necessary. The regional director is charged by USSA as being a "Calendar Commissioner" for her/his geographical area for FIS and Junior Championship events and has the responsibility and authority to produce the final annual calendar.

### **The Development Subcommittee**

Chaired by the ACC vice chair and is charged with staff interface for team selection and quota management, regional preparation and competition projects, regional coaching policy, children and youth issues, and representation of Western Region's views to the Development Subcommittee of the national ASC. Other members are the regional director, the regional coach and one representative from each division, identified annually at the May meeting.

The ACC vice-chair will receive results from all Western Region selection events and will certify the correctness of the selections for all quota teams. S/he will report on quota team selections annually at the meeting of the Western Region ACC during the USSA spring meetings. The vice-chair is one of the Western representatives on the national Quotas & Selections Working Group.

## **Western Region Appeals Committee**

The Western Region Appeals Committee is the first level of appeal for decisions involving eligibility and selection for Western Region teams to national events (U.S. Alpine Championships, etc.). WR Appeals Committee acts as the 2<sup>nd</sup> level in the appeals process after divisional appeals board for decisions involving eligibility and selection for divisional teams to Western Region and national events (Western Region Elite FIS Series, Western Region FIS Series, Western Region Junior Championships, U16 Championships, etc.).

This committee also hears appeals to regional disciplinary actions concerning code of conduct and other WEST team agreement violations. Appeals may also be directed directly to the national appeals process from time to time.

The board will consist of up to five members appointed by and serving at the discretion of the ACC chair, however the default membership are the presidents of the five western divisions. When a designated member is not able to participate in a decision, the ACC chair may appoint a replacement. A majority of the board must concur in any decision. A person who served on a lower-level appeals board whose decision is being reviewed may not be a member of the regional board that hears the appeal.

Appeals must be received with 30 days of the sanction being imposed. Appeals, along with a \$150 non-refundable fee, should be addressed to the Western Region ACC Chair: Todd Kelly

## The Western Region Alpine Competition Committee

<b>Chair:</b>	Todd Kelly	Truckee, CA
<b>Vice Chair:</b>	Ryan Shorter	Wenatchee, WA
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Troy Price	Ogden, UT
<b>Secretary:</b>	Lucy Schram	Truckee, CA
<b>Past Chair:</b>	Karen Korfanta	Park City, UT
	Lex Patten (Alaska)	Anchorage, AK
	<b>Need 2<sup>nd</sup> from Alaska</b>	
	Beat Hupfer (Far West)	Mammoth, CA
	Kyle Creeze (Far West)	Truckee, CA
	Bridger Call (IMD)	Jackson, WY
	Gordon Perry (IMD)	Ogden, UT
	Rick Duncan (NOR)	Deer Lodge, MT
	Jeremy Ueland (NOR)	Bozeman, MT
	Bill Brooks (PNSA)	Spokane, WA
	Dan Henry (PNSA)	Spokane, WA
	Sparky Anderson (RMISA)	Anchorage, AK
	Roger Root (Officials)	Spokane, WA
	Jamie Dupratt (Athlete Rep)	Salt Lake City, UT
	Will Brandenburg (Athlete Rep)	Sun Valley, ID
	T.B.A. (Athlete Rep)	

## Western Region Staff

Western Region staff are employed by USSA and advocate for western athletes. They are the primary implementers of national and regional policies. They also are charged with formulating and implementing regional programs, management of regional projects, management of regional policies and procedures, and assisting the USSA education department in the development and advancement of western USSA clubs and coaches. The staff represents the interests of USSA members, clubs, divisions, and regional staff formulation and implementation of USSA's efforts.

<b>Regional Development Director:</b>	Bill Gunesch	Government Camp, OR
<b>Regional Development Coach:</b>	Jeff Pickering	Spokane, WA
<b>Regional Program Manager:</b>	Gwynn Watkins	Park City, UT
<b>Regional Youth Coordinator:</b>	Darryl Whitaker	Park City, UT

# Western Region Athlete Development System

## Western Region Development Philosophy

*“An athlete’s genuine commitment to sport will always remain the most important development ingredient.”*

### **Mission & Goal of Western Region Development**

Western Region’s development mission, in support of USSA’s Vision, is to promote development of western athletes to the national team level, meeting and exceeding national team criteria. The Western Region’s development goal is to be the “leader in regional athlete development within USSA.” This goal will be measured by podium results at national championship events and by successful advancement of western region athletes to the national team. The region will provide elite athlete support and enhanced training opportunities that complement the local opportunities offered by the clubs and academies.

### **Importance of Ski Clubs**

Western Region recognizes that the foundation of athlete development resides with the many ski clubs and ski academies within the region. These programs, working with their local communities and resorts, attract young skiers and new families to the sport. As young skiers grow, these programs provide the training, education, management, consistency and resources to support athletes as they reach higher competitive levels within the sport. These programs remain the “home base” for athletes, providing communication and coordination with families, schools, funding sources and other resources within the community.

### **Project-Based Model**

Western Region believes in the project-based model of training and competition opportunities, leading the country in collaborative project-based development. This model allows the region to bring together high-achieving athletes of different ages and levels with the region’s most experienced and successful club coaches. The projects provide pace, content and programming that would not be available to these athletes at home. The project-based model allows athletes to be “grounded” at home, surrounded by family and coaches who know them best and believe in them.

## Development Responsibilities

The five divisions of the region, along with the clubs, are responsible for development at the entry levels and participation levels of the sport. The region and the clubs are responsible for development at the elite levels of the sport. Where divisional and regional responsibilities meet is fluid and not always clear. Cooperation and compromise are essential for a smooth development pathway. As always, clubs remain the constant backbone regardless of changes within the development system.

### **U12 and Younger (Introduction / Sampling Years)**

Young skiers, from mostly skiing families, are introduced to the sport. Parents generally encourage their children to seasonally engage in multiple sports and activities. The basis for sport participation: *“fun, belonging, and improvement.”*

#### Club and divisional responsibility

- Local clubs and divisions share the development responsibility.
- Sound fundamentals and skill development should be the primary focus.



- Competition should be local and/or in-house, secondary to training and learning.
- Development efforts should be broad reaching.
- Any local championship or season finale should include as many athletes as possible.

#### Regional responsibility

- The region strives to provide coaches education through club visits and clinics.
- The region promotes and supports Skills Quest, hosting Skills Quest training and tournaments throughout the region.
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### **U14 Athletes (Transition Years)**

During the middle school years, young athletes and their families become more seriously involved in one or more sports of their choice. The basis for sport participation transitions from “*fun, belonging, and improvement*” to “*performing and achievement*.”

#### Club and divisional responsibility

- Local clubs and divisions continue to share development responsibility.
- Skill development remains the primary focus, introducing tactics and strategy.
- Training to competing ratios remain high.
- The divisions introduce athletes to USSA scored racing with an appropriate schedule of competitions, including speed events.
- Divisional championships and finales continue to include a broad base of participants.

#### Regional responsibility

- The region continues to provide coaches education through club visits and clinics.
- The region continues to promote Skills Quest training and tournaments.
- Top performing 2<sup>nd</sup>-year athletes are introduced to the Western Region Development System attending a fundamentals summer camp.
- The region hosts a 3-event regional championship that includes a SQ tournament.
- Top-performing athletes are selected to the U16 National Championships, where the region organizes coaching and provides team management.

### **U16 Athletes (Specializing Years)**

During their first two high school years, athletes and their parents generally choose the one or two sports in which to specialize. Performance and achievement become more important to both the athlete and the family.

#### Club and divisional responsibility

- Club responsibilities include more full-time training and management, more attention to equipment, and conditioning, and more financial and academic support.
- The club programs are preparing athletes for a life-investment into the sport.
- Divisions are providing a full calendar of USSA scored events that include access to competitions with older athletes, qualification races for divisional teams, and divisional championship and season finale events.
- Divisions are also hosting training opportunities for high-achieving athletes.



### Regional responsibility

- The region provides practical coaches education opportunities for U16 coaches to intern at FIS RTG projects, as well as supporting Skills Quest training and tournaments.
- The region offers several training opportunities for high-achieving athletes including a fundamentals camp and Flight School in the spring, a SL camp in the summer, a race prep camp in the fall, and a Europe competition trip in the winter.
- A regional championship brings together the top-performing athletes from the divisions and qualifies athletes to compete in the U16 National Championship.
- The region selects and manages U16 athletes participating in national training and competition projects

### **FIS JR Athletes (Competition / Investment Years)**

Athletes and families have chosen ski racing as a significant part of their lives. Many athletes are fully invested in year-round training and a full schedule of FIS competitions. Other athletes participate seasonally and may still compete in other sports. Some of these “part-time” athletes chose to compete more locally within a USSA schedule of races.

### Club and divisional responsibility

- Clubs remain the “home base” for FIS-age junior athletes (U19/21 athletes) whether competing on a FIS track or a USSA track.
- Divisions host an elite level of divisional USSA racing for athletes on either track, and qualify FIS athletes to regional FIS competition.

### Regional responsibility

- Western Region hosts two levels of regional FIS competitions; an Open Series to introduce athletes to FIS racing, and an Elite Series for athletes advancing to NPS, NorAms, national FIS competitions, and national championships.
- The region also hosts a regional junior FIS championship.
- Working directly with the clubs, the region provides additional training opportunities for top-performing FIS athletes during the prep period.
- During the winter the region coordinates coaching and provides team management to top-performing athletes at national FIS competitions and championships.

## **Regional Programming**

The region’s most important development responsibility is to provide opportunities and content to the region’s top-performing U16 and FIS junior athletes. This additional programming will complement and enhance athletic opportunities already offered by the clubs, and often not possible for individual clubs to offer their elite athletes.

### **Principles**

- Western Region will design and operate programs in cooperation with USST, National Training Group, and major clubs that enhance and complement the overall training program of the athletes.
- Western Region, in collaboration with western clubs and academies, will support athletes at NPS competitions, NorAms and National Championships
- Training camps will be designed in progression, using annual and multi-year cycles.

- Western developmental level athletes should be developing skills in each of the four alpine disciplines; Downhill, Slalom, GS and Super G
- The program will stress sound fundamentals and skill development at all levels.
- Western Region will support empowerment and engagement through education, training, and development of athletes, coaches, parents, and clubs.
- Western Region will strive to make the program as cost effective and affordable as possible.

### **Regional Training Group**

The Western Region RTG comprises of pool of athletes that annually identify themselves as the region's top performers. These athletes are selected by objective head to head criteria. They are invited to projects ranked by current USSA points considering GS and the events of the project on an NTSM selection board. [Click](#) for more

#### **FIS RTG**

- U19 athletes comprise the FIS RTG and are selected each spring using results from the U.S. NJC, results from the Western Region Junior Championships, and results from the U16 National Championships.
- Development requests are considered to the RTG and to individual RTG projects.

#### **U16 RTG**

- Athletes are selected each spring into the U16 RTG for the coming season using results from the Western Region U16 Championships for 1<sup>st</sup>-year U16 athletes, and results from the Western Region U14 Championships for 2<sup>nd</sup>-year U14 athletes.
- Development requests are considered to the RTG and to individual RTG projects.

### **W.E.S.T. Team**

The *Western Elite Ski Team* includes regional FIS junior athletes who are on pace to achieving USST national team criteria. These male and female athletes represent the highest achieving junior competitors in the region. Athletes are nominated each spring based on criteria set the prior fall, and officially named to the WEST Team in October after satisfying certain team objectives. [Click](#) for more.

#### **Purpose**

- Bring together the region's top-performing junior FIS athletes for pace and training opportunities that augment training offered by home clubs.
- Promote a regional team environment that supports elite athletes at NPS, NorAm and championship competition.
- Coordinate individual athlete goals and needs with home club coaches.

#### **Criteria**

- Team nominations will be based on head-to-head results and age rankings.
- Criteria will be unique by gender, recognizing the developmental differences between ladies and men.
- Development selections may be available.

#### **Programming and Content**

- The prep period includes projects in May, August, September, October and November, providing a progression of training and preparation leading to early season competition.

- The summer months are reserved for conditioning and club projects with the expectation that club training will continue the prep period progression.
- Two conditioning & testing projects are included during the prep period, and are required of WEST Team nominees. Testing results will be available to athletes and coaches for consideration in the club's conditioning program.

#### Support

- The USSA Western Region Staff is committed to support WEST Team athletes with the highest quality assistance possible.
- The USSA Western Region Alpine Competition Committee is committed to provide significant financial support to WEST Team athletes at important projects.
- Eligibility for support requires a commitment from the nominees to the Western Region and the WEST Team program.

## **Western Region Program Policies**

### **Western Region Coaching Program**

For all major USSA and FIS national series and events, where the Western Region has the responsibility and authority to organize a team, a coaching staff will be named for each team.

There will be a head coach and assistants for each of the men and women's squads. Additional coaches will be added for events involving downhill. The Western Region Development Director will determine the number of coaches necessary for a particular project or race series. The Western Region Development Coach will select coaches for each project staff.

A Western Region coach's responsibility is to the entire team. While divisional/club affiliations mean familiarity with athletes from a home program, the coach has assumed responsibility for working with all of the athletes representing the Western Region. Use of regional projects to recruit athletes away from western clubs and academies is absolutely prohibited. Nomination for inclusion as Western Region staff for events is outlined below.

### **Coaches' Responsibilities**

All members of project staff(s) must be current members of USSA and carry a coach membership. All coaches must be eligible under USSA rules to serve as a referee and course setter, and should be Level 200 Certified or higher.

All coaches must adhere to and support the conditions of the USSA Code of Conduct and the Western Region Team agreement. Coaches are required to be prepared and ready to carry out their responsibilities at all times.

#### Head coaches shall:

1. Implement guidelines for a trip as established by the Western Region ACC and the Western Region Development Director.
2. Manage the project in accordance with USSA & regional policies, procedures, and methods.
3. Assist the Western Alpine Program Manager in making travel, housing and financial arrangements as necessary.
4. Carry the medical releases and insurance information for all competitors on the trip.

5. Submit a report to the Western Region Development Director including race results, disciplinary and organizational problems, assessment of assistant coaches, race sites and race organization, and a financial summary.
6. Fill out the on-line daily training report and submit an on-line Project Review upon the completion of each project.
7. Provide for appropriate athlete support and supervision during the project from the initial point of contact to the point of departure as identified in the project description.

Assistant coaches shall:

1. Cooperate with, and be responsible to the head coach.
2. Submit a report to the Western Region Director when asked to do so. Submit an on-line Project Review upon the completion of the project.
3. Carry out coaching assignments to the best of their ability and in a timely manner.
4. Supervise the athletes in a manner that promotes top performance and complies with USSA & Western Region Team travel policies.
5. Submit expense reports according to Western Region procedures.
6. Sign a Western Region Competition Project Staff Agreement.

**Coaches Guidelines**

Head Coaches shall be USSA Level 300 Level Certification, former U.S. Ski Team coach, Canadian certified, or other international level certification. Assistant Coaches shall be USSA Level 200 Certification or qualified by ability and experience.

Each division may submit a list of nominations for head and assistant coaches for each project; nominations should be made to the Western Region Development Coach through the Western Region office 30 days prior to the project. The nominations will be reviewed by the Western Region Development Director, Development Coach, and, in case of controversial nominations/issues, the regional ACC vice-chair.

Announcements of the coaching staff for each project will be made in a timely manner so that the coaches and their “home” programs can plan accordingly. In the event that a coach must withdraw from participation in a particular project, the Western Region Development Coach shall fill the position from the list of nominees. All coaches for regional projects and competition trips will be required to sign a contract indicating that they have read and agree to abide by the Western Region Team Policies.

**Western Region Team Policies**

The USSA Code of Conduct, which appears in the USSA Competition Guide, applies to all Western Region projects, competitions, activities, and teams. Additionally, all athletes, coaches and team members will:

1. Abide by the laws of the United States of America and the individual states therein or foreign countries where the project takes place;
2. Support the coaching staff and other team members in upholding the ideals of fair play, good sportsmanship, and good citizenship;
3. Take no action nor commit any act that infringes on the quality of the experience of another member of the team;
4. Pay project costs prior to departure;
5. Fully participate in the organized accommodations unless excused at the time that the team is named;

6. Attend all team meetings and training activities on time and fully prepared;
7. Observe any curfew established by the coaching staff;
8. Not use or possess illegal drugs;
9. Not illegally use or possess alcohol or marijuana; Not use or possess alcohol or marijuana in the team accommodations, the team vehicles, or in the presence of team members who are not of legal age;
10. Reside in the room to which they are assigned and will share responsibility with their roommates for damages, cleaning charges, and rule violations that occur in the room when it is not possible to establish individual responsibility;
11. Observe additional rules established by the head coach of the project for the good of the project.

### **Western Region Policy Concerning Conduct**

All coaches, officials and athletes representing the Western Region are bound by the USSA Code of Conduct and by other guidelines properly established by the Western Region ACC or the Western Region coaching staff. Violations of the code of conduct, and/or rules and guidelines, brought to the attention of the Western Region coaching staffs at projects and/or race series, will be discussed with the coaching staff to decide an appropriate course of action.

The following are guidelines that will be followed by the Western Region to decide upon a proper course of action:

1. Prior to any action being taken, the Western Region Development Director and/or the USSA VP of Athletics will be notified.
2. A panel named by the Western Region Development Director and/or the Western Region Development Coach will be formed from the coaching staff and any Western Region ACC members present.
3. The chair of the panel will be the Western Region Development Director, the Western Region Development Coach, or the designated team leader/head coach.
4. If disciplinary action is deemed necessary, the following people shall be notified: a) in the case of an athlete, the athlete's coach and parents or guardian; b) in the case of a coach or official, their supervisor; c) the Western Region ACC chair; and d) the appropriate divisional ACC Chair.
5. Any action taken will require the filing of a written report to the Western Region ACC chairman, the Western Region Development Director and the USSA national office outlining the charges, facts and findings.
6. If an appropriate course of action cannot be agreed upon, the chair of the panel shall refer the facts and possible courses of action to the USSA Alpine Development Director and/or the USSA Vice President of Athletics for advice and guidance.
7. Prior to any competition suspension, the USSA Alpine Development Director must be notified.

### **Possible Disciplinary Action**

Any action taken shall comply with the USA Ted Stevens Amateur Sports Act and the USSA Code of Conduct, and any other applicable USSA rule in place. All actions involving "protected competitions", as defined by USSA, are subject to the due process provisions contained in the bylaws of United States Ski and Snowboard Association. One or more of the following actions may be imposed:

1. Suspension from training and/or competition
2. Removal from the team, competition trip, or training camp
3. Elimination of coaching, travel, and other benefits
4. Turning the offending party or parties over to the local or state authorities if the offense is a

violation of existing laws

5. Any action taken shall be applied fairly and equitably to all parties involved.

Violations of laws resulting in arrest are not the responsibility of a regional project staff to resolve.

Should a team member be arrested, a good faith effort to understand the situation and to contact the parent or legal guardian will be undertaken. Resolution of the situation, including arranging for legal representation, bail or other conditions of release, are the responsibility of the athlete's legal guardians, or, in the case of an adult athlete or staff member, the accused person.

## **Western Region Payment & Refund Policy for Athlete Projects**

All fees associated with participation in regionally conducted training and/or competition projects are due in the regional office prior to the start of the project. No services will be rendered to athletes who have not made payment prior to the beginning of any project. Applicable fees are published at the time the invitation list or quota is announced.

**No athlete will be invited to the next Western Region project who maintains an outstanding balance to USSA or to the region.**

Full or partial refunds may be granted for withdrawal from projects or competition trips, or for partial attendance due to injury, illness, or family emergency. The Western Region staff will determine the amount of any refund. Direct costs will be refunded if available. Project costs will be refunded on the following schedule:

100%	21 days prior to the first day of the project
75%	14 days prior to the first day of the project
50%	7 days prior to the first day of the project
0%	Less than seven days prior to the first day of project

## **Western Region Selection and Intent Procedures for National and International Races**

Western Region has quotas for the various national events; U.S. Alpine Championships, U.S. Junior Championships, FISU and out of region FIS races. The Western Region ACC has established procedures for filling these quotas. To be considered for any of these events, racers must declare their interest in the events according to the region's Intent to Compete procedure.

Only current USSA members, who have the proper membership and are Western Region athletes as defined in the USSA bylaws, will be eligible for these events. See **section** for U.S. Alpine and U.S. Junior Championships for additional criteria and exceptions.

Eligibility for quotas has prerequisites. Racers who wish to be included in some or all of these quota selections must meet these prerequisites. Racers are responsible for knowing and meeting these requirements. They include but are not limited to being current in financial standing for regional and tri-Regional projects.

Requests to participate in other regions' FIS races must be intended on the USSA intent site 21 days out from the first team captain's meeting. Entry fees are the responsibility of the individual



competitor, or team captain of a divisional development trip, and must be paid according to the policies of the division or region hosting the event.

## Regional Intent to Compete Declaration Method

Intents will be used to construct regional selection boards for:

- US Continental Cup NorAm competitions (national quota)
- Canadian FIS competitions (national quota)
- Canadian National Championships (national quota)
- Rocky-Central FIS competitions (regional quota)
- Eastern Region FIS competitions (regional quota)
- FISU competition (national quota)
- Foreign competition outside North America (national quota)

Intents will be submitted on <http://ussa.org/alpine-programs/regions/intents>. Please refer to the website for the instructions. Intents will be due 21 days prior to the first team captain's meeting. There is a calendar on the website with Intent Deadlines clearly marked on the day.

Intents may be submitted for multiple race series for any given dates within a period. All quotas in Canada are national and determined by national rank using FIS points by the national office. Selected athletes must be confirmed on the intent site 16 days prior to the first team captain's meeting.

For regional quotas, ranking lists will be constructed for selection purposes based on the USSA points list valid on the date the intents close. Selected athletes: coaches who intended the athlete will be notified electronically, as soon as the boards are done. The deadline to confirm will be published on the intent site, and is generally 16 days from the first TC meeting. Unconfirmed athletes will be pulled.

## Western Region Team

### Western Region Training Group (RTG)

A FIS Regional Training Group of U19 male and female athletes will be named in the spring of each year based on past season performance and the future plans of the athlete. The selection process uses objective of head-to-head results utilizing the regional development clear-path methods as well as the standings from the Kyle Warren awards of the previous year. All WEST Team nominees are members of the FIS RTG. The regional coach will establish a performance contract with training group members that outlines training goals for the preparation period.

The U16 Regional Training Group is named each spring based on past season performance and future plans of the athlete. The selection process uses objective head-to-head results from the Western Region U16 and U14 Junior Championships. Development requests are welcome, and will be considered by the regional coach, regional director and the Western Region ACC Vice-chair.

See [RTG Criteria](#) in the appendix.

The Regional Training Groups represent a pool of athletes from which athletes will be invited to spring, summer and fall Western Region training projects. For each project, athletes will be NTSM



ranked by GS and any other discipline that is part of the project. (GS is always considered.) Project invitations will be based from the ranked list of athletes.

The regional coach will participate in the management of the athletes via communication with the home program coaches and the monitoring of the athletes' individual programs. The training group will include U16's nominated to the National U16 Championship as well as other Western Region Junior Championship standouts.

## **Western Elite Ski Team**

The ***Western Elite Ski Team*** (W.E.S.T.) was established in 1994. The team is designed to provide appropriate training and preparation for athletes who are on track to qualify for National Training Group and U.S. Ski Team selections. The goal of the team is to enhance future performance through the application of proper planning and training. Additionally, the team gives recognition to the best club racers from the region.

### **Team Size**

The number of team athletes is generally 8 per gender, but can include more or less depending on eligible athletes. Team members may also be named subjectively based on an agreement between the Western Region staff and the ACC Vice-chair.

### **Criteria 2018**

WEST Team 2018 [eligibility and criteria](#) can be found in the appendix.

### **Selection**

WEST Team members will be nominated in April, prior to the start of the region's 2017-18 preparation period. Members will be named in October at the conclusion of the preparation period. Team membership is in effect until April 30<sup>th</sup> of the current season. Naming will be based on the objective criteria. A selection group made up of the regional coach, the regional director, and the ACC vice-chair may name additional team members subjectively. Subjective selections may not make up more than 30% of the total team size.

### **Benefits**

- All team nominees will receive benefits until the team is officially named in October.
- WEST Team members will have priority for participation in regional preparation period projects.
- Team members will have priority for discretionary selection to regional quotas for races that are part of their competition plan.
- Team members will be excused from any regional and/or divisional participation requirements that conflict with sound athletic preparation. The regional coach and home program coach will collaborate on the plan, which is to be reviewed by the regional director and appropriate divisional representative. Deviations from the plan that would impact participation must be discussed with, and approved by, the Regional Director.
- Team members will receive a uniform signifying their membership on the team.
- Team members will receive financial support from the Western Region ACC at important preparation and competition projects.
- Team members will also receive paid entry fees and lift tickets for the Western Region Elite FIS series.

## Western Region Selection Board

The Western Region uses a standard double selection board for the U.S. Alpine Championships and the U.S. Junior Alpine Championships.

### Setting up the Board

The board has two parts. The first part is composed of rankings by old World Cup points ranking system (1<sup>st</sup> = 25 points, 15<sup>th</sup> = 1 point) earned in the Elite Tech Series, the Wild West and the Schweitzer Speed Series SG races. The second part of the board is based on USSA seed points from the list valid on the selection date.

A column is established for each event on each part of the board. The columns will be listed in the order of SL, GS, and SG; which will be the order of selection. The WC-points portion of the board will be first, followed by the seed-points portion of the board.

### World Cup Points (Place Points)

In calculating WC points, results will be purged of all foreign and non-Western Region U.S. competitors. Results will also be purged of athletes who are not of the birth years targeted for the selection. All remaining Western Region competitors, including USST members when age appropriate, will be included when calculating place points. The top 15 competitors will receive place points (25, 20, 15, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2 and 1). In the case of a tie for one of the top 15 places, each tied racer receives the points corresponding to that position. The following racers receive the points for their finish position. (E.g. a tie for 2nd: racer 1 - 25 points, racers 2 and 3 - 20 points each, racer 4 - 12 points, etc.)

Only half of the races contested per event may be used in calculating each racers place points in that event. If an odd number of races are held in an event, the number of races that may be counted will be rounded up to the next whole number (e.g. - three slaloms contested, each racer counts his best 2). In speed events (DH and SG) only, if only two races are held, both will be counted. Should "special opportunity" races be run in conjunction with regular Western Region FIS competitions, these will not be considered in scoring place points.

If a tie in World Cup points exists between two or more racers in an event, a racer's single best WC point result will be considered to break the tie. If a tie still exists, a racers 2<sup>nd</sup> best WC point result will be used to break the tie. This process will continue through all results of the event. If a tie remains after all results have been considered, a racer who started the series with higher seed points (worse points) in the event will be ranked in front of racers who started the series with lower seed points in the event.

### Selection Procedure

Selection proceeds left to right on each row starting with place points and ending with seed points. When a racer who has already been picked is encountered in a column, the column is skipped and selection continues with the next column in the same row. When the last column in a row is reached, selection continues with the first column in the next row. For example, consider the following selection board:

### **World Cup Point Board**

<b>DH</b>	<b>SL</b>	<b>GS</b>	<b>SG</b>
A	B	E	D
G	D	Q	E
R	Z	D	Q
T	Q	B	M

### **USSA Seed Point Board**

<b>DH</b>	<b>SL</b>	<b>GS</b>	<b>SG</b>
A	X	D	C
F	E	X	Z
Z	M	Q	D
T	D	C	Q

**Selection for a 12 person, four-event team would be:**

A, B, E, D, X, C, G, Q, F, Z, R, M

**Selection for a seven person, slalom and G.S. team would be:**

B, E, X, D, Q, Z, M

### **Alternate Selections**

Alternates are selected by continuing the procedure described above. An exception to this procedure is used for the U.S. Alpine Championships after three alternate women and four alternate men are selected. See the section on the U.S. Alpine Championships below for details.

### **Partial Slots**

When quota slots become available for multi-event competitions (e.g. the U.S. Alpine Championships), as a result of a team member declining to participate in all events, the partial slot will be filled by the next person on the selection board from the event(s) that the slot is available in. For example, if a member of the U.S. National Alpine Championships team participates in the DH only, the available slot in SL, GS and SG would be filled by the next person on the selection board in SL, GS or SG. An exception to this procedure for the U.S. National Alpine Championships is described below.

### **Selections in Exceptional Circumstances**

When selections for a competition are made before December and January races are completed, or if some or all of the races in these events have been canceled, the place-points portion of the board will be based on any races that have been held. If a team is selected before any races have been held, then the selection will be based entirely on the seed point portion of the board.

### **Policy for All Western Quota Entries**

For all competitions that Western Region is responsible for, or has the authority to, under USSA policy, make entries or field a team, any athletes placed on the FIS entry form and entered in the race will share in the cost of supporting the staff that manages the participation of the West in that series.

## **National Championships**

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

#### **Eligibility**

Only those competitors who have participated in the January speed series (SG), January Western Elite FIS Series and the February Wild West Series 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, or WR project will not be ineligible as a consequence. Members of W.E.S.T. have an exception; see the section describing the regional team.

### **Quota**

The Western Region quota is 14 men and 12 women. The quota is filled using the Western Region Selection [procedure described](#) above with the following modifications:

- 4 men and 3 women will be selected based on
  - a) Sum of Europa Cup points and
  - b) Sum of NorAm Cup points.
- 1 man and 1 woman will be selected from the Western Junior Championships if not already qualified by NorAm cup points or the board selection system described.
- Up to 10 men plus 4 alternates and up to 9 women plus 3 alternates will be named from the full three-event selection board.
- 20% of the quota (at least one slot) will be reserved for discretionary selection. This (these) slot(s) may be filled by the Western Region director for development purposes. If they are used, the discretionary slots will be filled at the time the team is named.

Athletes named to discretionary slots will not be considered in naming alternates to the team. In the case that a discretionary selection does not attend the competition, s/he will be replaced by the next alternate. Additional discretionary selections will not be made.

Racers must notify the Western Region office by confirming on the selection board 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, but athletes who have not indicated an interest in the competition will be skipped when the team is named.

[See appendix](#) for national quotas to the U.S. Alpine Championship

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

The 2017 U.S. Alpine Junior Championships (U21 and U19 athletes) will be hosted in conjunction with the U.S. Alpine Championship at Sugarloaf Resort in Maine. The junior championship will consist of the Super G event hosted during the Alpine Championship and a Slalom and GS event for only juniors hosted immediately following the Alpine Championship.

### **Eligibility**

Only those competitors who have participated in the January ***Speed Series SGs***, January ***Western Elite FIS Series*** and the February ***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, or WR project will not be ineligible as a consequence. Members of W.E.S.T. have an exception; see the section describing the [regional team](#).

### **Quota**

All Western Region U19 and U21 athletes who compete in the U.S. Alpine Championship are automatics to the Alpine Junior Championship SL and GS events. (See U.S. Alpine Championship [criteria](#), above.) Additionally, Western Region has a regional quota of 5 women and 5 men to the Junior Championship SL and GS. 4 women and 4 men will be selected by continuing down the double selection board used for the Alpine Championship, skipping over senior athletes. 1 woman and 1 man will be selected from development requests.

## **U16 National Championship (YOB 2001, 2002)**

Athletes will be selected to the U16 National Championship through performance at the Western Region U16 Junior Championship.

### **Selection**

1. A ranking list will be made by adding the World Cup points of the best two results from SG, GS and SL at the WR U16 Junior Championship.
2. Using the ranking list from the WR U16 Junior Championship, the top three athletes from each of the two YOB competing will be selected. Ties will be broken by using the single best result. If a tie still exists, the next best result would be used, and this process will continue until the tie is broken. Ski Up athletes will not be included in this selection; they will be considered with the process described below.
3. Using the ranking list, after purging the top three athletes from each YOB, the next five athletes from both YOBs combined will be selected. Ties will be broken by using the single best result. If a tie still exists, the next best result would be used, and this process will continue until the tie is broken.
4. There are development spots available if needed, these would be a quota expansion. Request must come from the regional staff and coaches to the regional director.

### **Quota**

1. YOB 2001 - 3 men and 3 women per region from the YOB ranking
2. YOB 2002 - 3 men and 3 women per region from the YOB ranking
3. YOB 2001 and 2001 - 5 men and 5 women from the overall ranking

## **U16 National Championship (YOB 2003 & 2004)**

Athletes will be selected to the U16 National Championships through performance at the WR U14 Junior Championship. To qualify for the U16 National Championship an athlete must have a win and another top 3 result in any discipline at the Western Region U14 Junior Championships.

## **Western Region Championships**

### **Regional Championship Quotas**

The quotas are established through calculations via the “**Corrock and Price Method**”. This method is based on a philosophy of using the average of population and performance for each division to determine Regional Championship quotas.

- The population data will be derived from the divisional memberships on the USSA points list valid May 1<sup>st</sup>, using the birth years of the upcoming Championship event. Foreign athletes will not be included in population.
- The performance allocation will be based on the prior year’s performance by each division for the respected event. All races contested are included in the equation. Those competitors finishing within 10 percent of the winning time will be included in each division’s performance percentage. Foreign athletes will be included if they utilized their divisional quota selection to enter the championship event.
- Formula:  $((\% \text{ of Population}) + (\text{Average } \% \text{ of Performance}))/2 = \% \text{ of Quota}$ 
  - Take the percentage of population plus the average percentage of performance from all starts at last year’s championships, divided by 2 to determine the percentage of quota.

- Then multiply that percentage by the field size for the gender to determine the raw quota.
- All rounding should review to the thousandth.
- No division will have a quota of less than 4 women and 4 men. Adjustments will be based objectively from the raw quota to ensure the minimum quota is provided to each division

## Western Region Junior Championship (U19 and U21)

The championship format for the Western Junior Championship includes three events contesting SL, GS, and SG for U19 and U21 athletes. In 2017 the event will be held at Schweitzer Mountain, ID.

Foreign USSA members who are full time members of a western club will not be counted against divisional quotas.

### **Quotas** ([see appendix](#))

The divisions fill the field. The divisions establish their own procedures for making their selections. The quotas are established through calculations via the “Corrock and Price Method” [described above](#).

There is no set quota by gender. The field size is held constant at 170 but the number of women and men, as a percentage of that total field will fluctuate as a function of both population and performance on a divisional basis.

### **Seeding**

Per FIS rules

### **Awards**

There will be awards for at least the top three places of each race and the three-way overall result at this event supplied by the organizer. The overall winners will be the sum of Race Points from the best result in each discipline contested at Championships. Racers must complete at least one race in each discipline to be considered for the overall award.

### **Advancement Opportunity**

1 man and 1 woman will be selected to U.S. National Championship from the Western Junior Championships based from overall ranking (see [Awards](#)), if not already qualified by national quotas or the regional selection system described above.

The U.S. gold and silver medalists of each race and the combined winners at this championship will be named regional automatics for the entire Western Elite FIS schedule of the following season.

## Western Region U16 Junior Championship

The Western Region U16's rotate between the Western Region divisions.

2017	Northern
2018	Alaska
2019	IMD
2020	PNSA
2021	Far West

A divisional rotation and bid evaluation process has been reinstated for this event. They have been held at Snow King, Incline Village, Park City, Alyeska, Mt. Reba, Bridger Bowl, Schweitzer Basin, Eagle Crest, Mt. Bachelor, Mammoth Mountain, Sun Valley, Timberline/Mt. Hood Ski Bowl, Jackson Hole, Mount Hood Meadows, Big Sky, Snowbird, Bogus Basin, Brundage Mtn, Big Sky and Bridger Bowl. In 2017 they will be held in Northern Division at Big Sky.

### **Quotas (see appendix)**

The base field size for this event is 170 slots for both genders. The quotas are established through calculations via the "Corrock and Price Method" [described above](#).

There is no set quota by gender. The field size is held constant at 170 but the number of women and men, as a percentage of that total field will fluctuate as a function of both population and performance on a divisional basis. Foreign athletes count against a division's quota.

### **Seeding**

The WR ACC has approved a special seeding procedure for this event known as the "5-Seed Method". There will be 5 equal seeds, taking the divisional quota divided by 5 to determine each division's quota per seed. If the quota is not divisible by 5 then the first seeds are increased by one more until the quota is complete. The [Seeding Chart](#) shown in the appendix.

A random draw for the divisional order will be held for each seed in each event by the ROC, with the participation of the technical delegate(s), and communicated to the regional and divisional offices. The divisions place their quota into each seed for each event in the order they choose, by their own selection methods. The five divisional offices then enter their own quota to the ROC by the entry deadline. Modifications to the entered seeding may only be made for injury, illness, or other extenuating circumstances with the approval of the appropriate divisional office.

### **Automatics to the U16 Junior Championship**

Western Region athletes who are named to the U16 NTG as well as athletes who attend the Seven Nations Cup in Europe are automatics to the Western Region U16 Junior Championship and will be randomly seeded after the first seed. For example, if the first seed contains 15 athletes, the automatics will be 15a, 15b, 15c, etc. These automatics will not count against divisional quotas.

Western Region athletes who are selected top 5 on the selection ranking to the region's U16 Europe project, and who attend the project, will be automatics to the U16 Junior Championship. These athletes will be included in their division's quota and seeded by their division's seeding method for the event.

### **Selection Procedures**

This is the regional championship event for U16s from the five divisions of the Western Region. Participation is restricted to U16 (by year of birth) competitors. There is no foreign quota for this event. Foreign U16 competitors living in the U.S. may attend as part of the quota of the division in which they are competing. Foreign competitors must hold the proper membership with USSA and their division, along with qualifying under their division's rules. U14s are not allowed to participate in this event under any circumstances. Each division is responsible for establishing qualification procedures for filling its quota.

### **Course Setters and Jury Members**

Course Setters, and Jury members must be members of USSA. The Western Region Director appoints the technical delegate(s) (TD) for these events. The TDs must be of national or FIS level.



Course setting and jury assignments are to be apportioned among the coaches of the five participating divisions in an equitable manner. The USSA commissioner for the event will assign the jury and course setters.

### **Head Tax**

The U16 Regional Junior Championship event is subject to USSA head tax and a \$4.00 WR head tax. This scored event is not subject to divisional head taxes.

### **Awards**

The awards for U16 Junior Championships will be for at least the top three finishers in each event and the overall winner of the series. The overall award is determined by summing an athletes Race Points from all three events. The racer with the lowest sum of Race Points is the winner. If only two events are contested the overall award will be determined using both. If only one event is contested no overall is awarded.

### **Advancement Opportunity**

[Refer to the U16 National Championship section](#)

## **Western Region U14 Junior Championship**

The first Western Region U14 Junior Championship was held in 2016 at Jackson Hole Resort, Wyoming. The 2017 championship will be held at Alpine Meadows, California.

### **Quotas** [\(see appendix\)](#)

There is no set quota by gender. The field size is held constant at 120 but the number of women and men, as a percentage of that total field will fluctuate as a function of both population and performance on a divisional basis. The quotas are established through calculations via the "Corrock and Price Method" [described above](#). No division will have less than four women and four men. Foreign athletes count toward a division's quota.

### **Seeding**

The WR ACC has approved a special seeding procedure for this event known as the "5- Seed Method". There will be 5 equal seeds, taking the divisional quota divided by 5 to determine each division's quota per seed. If the quota is not divisible by 5 then the first seeds are increased by one more until the quota is complete. The [Seeding Chart](#) shown in the appendix.

A random draw for the divisional order will be held for each seed in each event by the ROC, with the participation of the technical delegate(s), and communicated to the regional and divisional offices. The divisions place their quota into each seed for each event in the order they choose, by their own selection methods, and the five divisional offices then enter their own quota to the ROC by the entry deadline. Modifications to the entered seeding may only be made for injury, illness, or other extenuating circumstances with the approval of the appropriate divisional office.

### **Selection Procedures**

This is the regional championship event for U14s from the five divisions of the Western Region. Participation is restricted to U14 (by year of birth) competitors. There is no foreign quota for this event. Foreign U14 competitors living in the U.S. may attend as part of the quota of the division in which they are competing. Foreign competitors must hold the proper membership with USSA and their division, along with qualifying under their division's rules. U12s are not allowed to participate in this

event under any circumstances. Each division is responsible for establishing qualification procedures for filling its quota.

### **Course Setters and Jury Members**

Course Setters, and Jury members must be members of USSA. The Western Region Director appoints the technical delegate(s) (TD) for these events. The TDs must be of national or FIS level.

Course setting and jury assignments are to be apportioned among the coaches of the five participating divisions in an equitable manner. The USSA commissioner for the event will assign the jury and course setters.

### **Head Tax**

The U14 Regional Junior Championship event is subject to USSA head tax and a \$4.00 WR head tax. This scored event is not subject to divisional head taxes.

### **Awards**

The awards for U14 Junior Championships will be for at least the top three finishers in each event and the overall winner of the series. The overall award is determined by summing the race points of all three events. The racer with the lowest sum of race points is the winner. If only two events are contested the overall will be determined using both. If only one event is contested no overall is awarded.

### **Advancement Opportunity**

[Refer to the U16 National Championship section](#)

## **Western Region Race Series**

### **Western Elite FIS Series**

In 1982, the series started with a nationally scored December DH series and a January technical series. In 1983 the Spring Series was added and the races were FIS sanctioned for the first time. 1985 saw the addition of SG to the series and in the early 1990s a second technical series was added.

The series consisted of two or three competitions annually. For 2016-2017 there will be two Western Elite series races scored toward series standings. The Squaw Valley Elite Tech Series consists of two SL and two GS and is scheduled in January. Second is the Spring Series, which consists of two SL, two GS, and two SG to be held in April at Mammoth Mountain, CA.

### **Quotas**

The Western Region will select 40 men and 40 women as automatics for the entire series. The Western Region distributes an additional 40 men and 40 women slots based on a regional rank method, described below, to the five western divisions. The Western Region Development Director controls a development quota of up to 15 men and 15 women for the series. In addition, the USST, the other regions, and foreign countries have quotas for the races.

### **Automatics**

40 men and 40 women will be selected as automatics for the Western Region Elite FIS Series. Using the results from the previous season

- U.S. gold and silver medal winners of Western Region Junior Championship events plus overall winners.
- U.S. gold medal winners of the Western Region U16 events (if a 2<sup>nd</sup> year U16 in the past season) and the overall (when awarded).
- U.S. Alpine Junior Championship event medalists (gold, silver, and bronze medals) minus the combined.

Additionally, the balance of the total of 40 automatics will be named via a USSA point selection system.

- Will purge all senior athletes not registered with FIS as of October 1.
- Will purge U.S. Ski Team members and any Western Region athlete who did not start a regional Elite FIS race the previous year.
- Will purge athletes known to have left the Western Region prior to Oct. 1.
- The list will be created from the last USSA points list from the prior season (List 14).
- The selection board will be arranged in the order DH, SL, GS and SG. Selections will be made left to right on each row and from top to bottom on the list until the quota is filled.
- The points on the last row reached in each column will be the automatic point cut-off in that event.

In addition to the selected athletes, any regional transfers whose USSA points fall below the cut-off in any discipline will be automatics. During the season, any competitor whose points on the current USSA list are below the cut-off in any discipline will become an automatic. Automatics are eligible to attend all races in the FIS Elite series.

See [Appendix](#) for current year Western Region Elite FIS Series automatic cut-off points.

### **Regional Rank Quota Method for Elite FIS Series**

For 2016-2017, 40 men's and 40 women's slots will be allocated among the 5 western divisions based on their percentage of the total number of Western Region athletes listed on the USSA age ranking lists on the 14<sup>th</sup> USSA list from the prior year.

- Competitors who are not members of western divisions will be deleted from the age ranking lists, and the lists extended to include 50 racers in each age group and discipline.
- The number of ranked competitors from each division in the top 50 of the USSA list for each year of birth for the current year FIS-age juniors will be determined by summing the number of each division's junior athletes appearing on the ranking list in DH, the number appearing in SL, the number appearing in GS and the number appearing in SG.
- An athlete who is age ranked in all four disciplines will be counted four times.
- The Western Region total will be the sum of the division totals and the percentage of 40 of that total will determine each division's base number of competitors.

See [Appendix](#) for the 2016-17 divisional quotas to the Western Region Elite FIS Series.

### **Western Open and NJR FIS Series**

The Western Region Open and NJR FIS Series is the second tier of FIS racing within the region. This is the introductory series where athletes from the five western divisions begin FIS racing and develop FIS level experience. For 2016-17 there are no NJR (national junior race) competitions scheduled in the region.

### Alaska FIS

AK has the ability to calendar 4 FIS Open Tech starts and 2 FIS Open speed starts within Western Region.

See the [WR Calendar](#) for dates and locations.

In 2016-17 the Western Region is hosting two different sets of Open FIS Races; qualifiers and FIS blocks. The Schweitzer Speed Series and the Jackson Wild West Classic, along with the Elite Tech Series at Squaw Valley will be qualification races for the U.S. Alpine National Championship and the U.S. Alpine Junior Championship. Also, there are two blocks of 4-day Open FIS racing, one in December and one in March, where races are held in two different divisions at the same time. The blocks allow the host divisions to double their quota, providing more athletes the opportunity to compete in a FIS event at home.

See [Appendix](#) for the 2016-17 quotas to the Western Region Open FIS Series.

The entry deadline for western divisions is the normal 7 days; however the divisional managers will be communicating on entries 28 days in advance to facilitate quota management. In 2016-17 it is not anticipated that the director's quota will be used in the technical races. All normal FIS quotas apply as it pertains to foreign nations and other USSA Regions. In the case of over subscription the field size management system described below will be used to reduce the field to the FIS maximum allowable number of competitors.

## **Quotas and Other Policies Governing Western Region FIS Races**

The following section describes policies and procedures that are common to all FIS competition within the Western Region.

### **Regional Directors' Quota**

The Western Region Development Director will have a quota of up to 15 men and up to 15 women for all races in the Western Region Open FIS Series and Elite FIS Series. This quota will be used for development purposes and/or field enhancement. Only divisions that use discretionary selection to fill 20% of their divisional quota to an event for development purposes may nominate additional athletes for inclusion in this quota.

The respective divisional office in conjunction with the divisional ACC chair or other individuals designated by the division to perform this function may make nominations.

The quota will not be filled if:

1. The regional director, in consultation with the event organizer determines that the resulting field size would be too large.
2. The "development" purpose of this quota is being abused. The purpose of the quota is to deal with exceptional circumstances, not as a field or quota expansion device. However, in extraordinary circumstances, the director with the agreement of the Western Region ACC chair and the event organizer may expand this quota.

The Western Region director, in consultation with the Western Region coach and/or manager, will have final authority for naming athletes, including athletes that have not been nominated by their divisions, to the development quota.

## **Additional Quotas**

The USST quota for these events will be all members of the A, B, C, and D teams. Out-of-region and foreign quotas for these events are as follows:

	Eastern	Rocky/Central	Canada	Other Countries
Men	10	10	15(30)	Per FIS ICR
Women	10	10	15(30)	Per FIS ICR

For details on the exact allocation of the Canadian quota for a particular series, contact the Western Region office. All Canadian and other foreign entries must be made through USSA. Only the Canadian national office enters Canadian athletes into FIS races. The Western Region director or USSA staff will forward these entries to race organizers. By agreement between Canada and the USA, the normal quota of 30 is restricted to 15 per gender unless the regional or provincial (Canada) offices in consultation with the ROC, expands the quota to the other country. This is done on a per-race series basis.

Out-of-region U.S. entries must come from the regional offices and be confirmed by the Western Region office. Regions are required to confirm their participation in each other's FIS races 14 days prior to the first team captain's meeting for each race series.

## **Host Quota**

The host club(s) for a series will each have a quota of 1 man and 1 woman in every race of the series. The quota is limited to age eligible racers who have the proper membership and are members of the host club. A host club quota slot may be split between multiple athletes. Unused quota slots of visiting divisions revert to the host division.

## **Field Size Limitations**

If a race is oversubscribed, the Western Region athletes will be pulled from the race beginning with those with the highest points in order of a) athletes on quota expansions beyond normal quotas, b) subjective selections, i.e. regional director's quota when used as a development tool, c) divisional selections, and finally d) regional automatics. No western Region athlete will be pulled from a second race in a series until all western athletes have been pulled from one race in the event.

## **Minimum Divisional Quotas**

The minimum divisional quota, in all Western Region FIS races, is 4 men and 4 women.

## **Divisional Quota Modification**

When a Western FIS Open Series race is used as a qualifying competition for any championship event (2017: Schweitzer, speed and Snow King, tech), the region may regulate and modify how divisions fill quotas in the following manner:

- 50% of any divisional quota must be allocated and offered to the age group that is qualifying to the championship event.
- Quota expansions may or may not be restricted to an age category by the regional director.
- The remaining regional director's quota is not restricted by age category.

## **Entry Fees, Entry Deadlines and Head Tax**

The entry deadline for events in all Western FIS series is **7 days** prior to the first event for USA athletes. All other FIS eligible foreign athletes may enter according to FIS rules. The organizer must receive the official FIS entry forms and full entry fees by this deadline. Copies of the official entry forms are to be sent to the Western Region office at the same time as they are sent to the organizer.

Entries will be accepted from the five divisions of the Western Region, Eastern Region, Rocky/Central Region, and foreign ski associations for FIS events. Western Junior Championship events have age and region specific restrictions. (See [Western Region Championships](#)).

### **Entry Fees for Western Elite FIS, Western FIS Races, Western Region Junior Championships**

- FIS Entry Fees for all Western FIS races will be limited to a maximum of \$42.00 per start.
- Training fees for speed events will be limited to a single charge of \$30.
- Organizers may require a series entry fee. This may be split when speed events are scheduled with technical events in the same block.
- Organizers will be obligated to refund entries only in the case of injury and illness, as long as the athlete is pulled from the seed board.
- An organizer may, but is not obligated to, accept entries at the first Team Captain's Meeting. The date that entries are due must be on the race announcement. A penalty may be applied that is up to 50% of the entry fee to be paid if they are not PAID IN FULL 7 days prior to the first Team Captain's Meeting of the series.

### **Entry Fee for U16 and U14 Junior Championships**

- The maximum entry fee for the Western Region U16 and U14 Junior Championships is the Western FIS events entry fee minus a net \$8 Western Region head tax;  $\$42-8 = \$34$ .
- The series entry fee will no longer include the 'Alaska subsidy' \$30.00 surcharge. Alaska has entered the U16 Championship rotation.

### **Entry refunds for canceled events**

1. For events canceled prior to the first scheduled team captains meeting there will be a complete refund of all paid entry and speed training fees.
2. For technical events canceled by the jury on the day of competition there will be an entry refund of  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the organizers portion (\$10.00),  $\frac{1}{2}$  the regional portion (\$6.00) and the USSA Head tax of \$10.00. The region's portion,  $\frac{1}{2}$ , is remitted to the region.
3. For speed event(s) canceled anytime during the official program dates by the jury, there will be an entry refund of  $\frac{1}{2}$  the regional head tax (\$6.00), the \$10.00 USSA head tax and the training fee if no training was conducted. The organizer retains the organizer's portion provided the organizer and ski area make all possible efforts to hold the event, as assessed and reported in the event evaluation report by the jury members (3) consisting of the TD, the referee and the assistant referee. The region's portion,  $\frac{1}{2}$ , is remitted to the region.

### **Western Region's Portion of Event Entry Fees - AKA 'Head tax'**

The Western Region receives a portion of the entry fee for all nationally scored USSA, non-scored USSA, FIS, and FISU races run in the divisions of the Western Region. The region does not receive head tax for a first run DNS. No entry fee portion is due Western Region for named USST members. (See [Appendix](#) for head tax table.)

The region will collect head tax of \$12 for any FIS race, excluding FISU, in the Western Region and reimburse the organizer for up to \$800 (tech) \$1200 (speed) per event per TD. The organizer is still responsible for all other TD expenses including meals, accommodations and travel.

### **Coaches Passes**

The organizer will provide complementary lift passes for coaches listed on the back of the FIS entry forms received at least 7 days before the first team captains' meeting of the event according to FIS rules.



Coaches for the regional/divisional quota teams and college teams must be members of USSA and must hold USSA coaches' memberships. Each team will be entitled to 1 coach per gender plus 1 coach for each 10 competitors or portion thereof. Racers will not be eligible for coaches' passes.

Coaches who are not included on the entry forms, who are in excess of a team's quota, or who do not meet the membership requirements, will be able to purchase tickets at the racers' price.

### **Course Setters**

The Western Region director and/or the Western Region coach may designate the course setters, in conjunction with the jury (603.2.3) for all races in the Western Region FIS series and championship events. A list of approved course setters will be generated by the region from a list supplied by the divisions of those setters each division identifies as appropriate course setters at the FIS and championship level of racing.

Divisions are responsible for ensuring that course setters they have identified are present at the event in order to set. Mentor-setters from the home divisions must accompany any setter not on the regional list if such a setter is nominated and accepted as a setter at a regional event.

Course setters must be members of USSA and must hold a USSA coaches' membership, hold a current referee license, or be a member coach and licensed official of another national ski federation.

### **Divisional Selection Procedures**

Each division is responsible for establishing procedures for filling its quota to the Western FIS races. Each division may fill 20% of its quota (minimum 1 man/1 woman) for an event on a discretionary basis. Divisions may restrict all or a portion of their quota for an event to juniors.

### **WR Snow Control Protocol**

Western Region uses an impartial system to evaluate competition sites ensuring adequate snow for competition, and producing a clear approval or disapproval of the site a minimum of 7 days prior to the first team captains' meeting.

## **Western Region Event and Site Selections**

### **Calendar Construction Considerations**

The calendar of regional competitions is produced following these guidelines:

1. A periodized calendar that allows for distinct training, competition, and recovery blocks.
2. A calendar that is coordinated with the next level of competition opportunity, allowing for focused athletic purpose. The calendar should allow competitors to focus on the appropriate level of competition and provide for fluid upward mobility as well as participation in events of secondary importance for various reasons.
3. A calendar that supports the highest quality of competition appropriate to the level of regional FIS competition and Junior Championship events.
4. A calendar that utilizes the highest quality venues and race organizers available while encouraging the development of new venues for a variety of competition experiences.
5. A calendar that considers the monetary cost of ski racing and attempts to mediate the effects of those costs to participants.



## **Procedures for hosting a FIS or Junior Championship Event**

Under USSA policy, Regional Development Directors act as calendar commissioners and are charged with the final responsibility for the production of FIS and Junior Championship races within their areas of operation. This is one of the most important responsibilities of USSA regions. In Western Region, the ACC plays a crucial role in this process. Issues of calendar construction are examined, considered and agreed upon by the full committee and the regional director. All issues in regard to the calendar construction, implementation, and evaluation are meant to be transparent and subject to review for adherence to the above guidelines.

In the West, sites for these events are discussed and determined each spring by the Site Selection Committee, and presented to the Western Region ACC at the USSA Congress for approval. Organizers wishing to host an event should submit a bid to the regional office following the Western Region ACC at the pre-Congress meeting each spring. Bids will be due two weeks before the start of USSA Congress.

### **Chronological Steps of the Bid Process**

Interested sites should follow these steps in preparing a bid for a regional FIS race or Junior Championships. This assumes that the race organization has been a successful divisional race host and has demonstrated a superior track record at the USSA level. Of course, race organizers who have been traditional FIS sites may have any number of these steps accounted for based on continued race activity at the FIS level.

### **Race Site Requirements**

The Western Regional Elite Series, Open Series, and WR Junior Championships are FIS races. The race hills must be FIS homologated. Additionally, the venue should be reasonably challenging, but not so difficult as to produce low finish ratios. The Elite FIS Series races are qualifying events for U.S. Alpine Championships and the U.S. Junior Championships. The WR Junior Championships, the U16 Junior Championships and the U14 Junior Championships are championship events. The venues should reflect this.

The Elite Tech Series and the Spring Series typically involve very large fields - 130+ men and 90+ women. Separate race hills must be available for the men and women for the technical events with fields of this size. For the Junior Championship the field sizes are smaller, but separate race hills are still desirable. Separate sites or separate hills at the same site may be used.

FIS rules limit the number of races at a site [*per homologation#*] in any five-day period to a maximum of two starts per gender in each event. Where multiple sites are used for an event, they should be reasonably close. Additionally, the Elite Tech Series is our specific interface with the RMISA conference of NCAA competition.

The U16 and U14 Junior Championships are nationally scored events for the top 14 and 15-year-old athletes and the top 12 and 13-year-old athletes, respectively, in the Western Region. Most of these athletes will have participated in some of the races of their division's top race series. Courses should be comparable. The events contested are USSA children's SG, GS, and SL for each age category.

### **Housing**

A housing package is no longer required at any regional event. However, it is still the organizer's responsibility to make housing arrangement possibilities known. This can consist of a complete housing and meal package for the event, or distributing a list of hotels and motels to the divisions in

a timely manner. If a housing list is distributed, the organizer should have contacted the hotels to get the best possible prices, ensure that adequate ski tuning facilities are available, and make certain that the management is willing to cooperate with the age group, and is aware of the age group with which it will be dealing.

When a deposit is required to reserve housing, adequate advance notice must be supplied to the divisions and the Western Region office. This should be part of the bid package and race announcement.

## Site Selection Considerations

The Western Region has abolished rotations for all events as of the 2007 season, with exception of the U16 Championship packages. DH sites may submit bids in successive years. The regional director acts as the calendar commissioner and may solicit bids from traditional sites. Otherwise it is a responsibility of the divisions to assemble bids from the prospective sites and submit them to the Western Region director, prioritized in order of divisional recommendation.

Other items considered by the Site Selecting Committee in making recommendations will include:

- Snow coverage and snowmaking capabilities at the time of the proposed event must be included.
- Experienced Leadership: Who is the organizer of the event? What is the recent history in hosting events? Prior event evaluations for new FIS sites are required. A list of certified officials and planned manpower is required.
- Timing: Does the race organization have a good record? A list of FIS homologated timing equipment available is required.
- Ski Area Support: A written endorsement from the area showing management/grooming support.
- Race Administration: Proven ability/experience from divisional races or prior FIS races.
- Race Supply: Does the race organizer have enough equipment to host the event? (Poles, fence, etc.) In the case of speed events, the safety system/protection is to be correlated with the homologation report. In the case of children's competitions the number of correct/legal diameter flex gates and panels should be noted.

## Western Region Event Evaluation Material

All sites, after completion of an event, will submit an evaluation to the Western Region director in order to provide a qualitative and quantitative evaluation. This process is intended to provide feedback to event organizers.

Please distribute the Western Region event review form to the following individuals present at your event: [Event Evaluation](#)

1. Onsite USSA/Western Region/Divisional Staff
2. Jury members
3. Visiting divisional coach
4. Anyone else who's input you may value

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# Western Region Awards

## Kyle Warren Memorial Trophy

The Kyle Warren Memorial Trophy is awarded each year to the top junior Western Region male and female based on old World Cup points earned in the Western Region Elite FIS. The scoring system will be similar to that used for quota team selection. The score in a single event is the sum of the racer's four highest result points scored. Racers' standings will be determined by adding together their point totals in each discipline.

Kyle Warren of Big Bear Lake, California, was a nationally ranked downhill racer and top in his age group when he lost his life in a tragic automobile accident. During his career, Kyle raced for the Big Bear Ski Club and the Sun Valley Ski Team. The Kyle Warren Memorial Trophy was conceived to honor Kyle's memory, and to give recognition to the top junior competitors in the Western Region each season.



	<b>Women</b>	<b>Men</b>
2015-2016	Haley Cutler	Alex Birkner
2014-15	Teagen Palmer	Ty Sprock
2013-14	Madeline Johnson/Samantha Busby	Erik Arvidsson
2012-13	Jacqueline Wiles	Sam Dupratt
2011-12	Jacqueline Wiles	Sam Dupratt
2010-11	Sydney Staples	Mark Engel
2009-10	Brooke Wales	Mark Engel
2008-09	Rose Caston	Keith Moffat
2007-08	Geordie Lonza	Miles Fink-Debray
2006-07	Lauren Eder	Andy Phillips
2005-06	Amy Harris	Shane Collins
2004-05	Katie Lyons	Arman Serabrakian
2003-04	Megan McJames	Tim Jitloff
2002-03	Jilyne McDonald	Jacob Dudek
2001-02	Anna Kelly	Todd Ligare
2000-01	Gretchen Glaser	Todd Ligare
1999-00	Crystal Wright	Jason Foster
1998-99	April Mancuso	Robert Saunders
1997-98	April Mancuso	Mike Prado
1996-97	Sabrina Lawrence	Brian Friedman
1995-96	Jonna Mendes	Scott McCartney
1994-95	Jonna Mendes	Justin Johnson
1993-94	Liz Watkins	Christian Questad
1992-93	Kjersti Bjorn-Roli	Michael Reed
1991-92	Shana Sweitzer	Jeremiah Thompson
1990-91	Lisl Hager	Tyler Ferris
1989-90	Christl Hager	David Kong
1988-89	Stephanie Palmer	Skip Merrick
1987-88	Picabo Street	Tommy Moe
1986-87	Heidi Scheiblehner	Reggie Crist
1985-86	Kristin Krone	Toni Standteiner
1984-85	Heidi Dahlgren	Greg Norton

### 2015-2016 Kyle Warren Event Champions

	<b>Women</b>	<b>Men</b>
Slalom	Jessica Reinhart	Gray Larson
GS	Jessica Reinhart	Andrew Miller
SG	Haley Cutler	Luke Mathers

### **Western Region Champions**

The Western Region FIS Series' Champions titles are awarded annually to the top male and female participants based on old World Cup points earned in the Western Region Elite FIS Series. Individual event scores are the sum of the four best results scored using the Old World Cup scoring method. The overall score is achieved by summing the racer's four result scores for all four disciplines.

	<b>Women</b>	<b>Men</b>
2015-2016	Haley Cutler	Andraz Reich-Pogladic
2014-2015	Sofija Novoselic	Andy Trow
2013-2014	Samantha Busby	Erik Arvidsson
2012-2013	Anna Kobal	Thomas Biesemeyer
2011-2012	Jacqueline Wiles	Bryce Bennett
2010-2011	Sydney Staples	Mark Engel
2009-2010	Stacey Cook	Miles Fink-Debray
2008-2009	Stacey Cook	Jared Goldberg
2007-2008	Angel Collinson	Ryan Wilson
2006-2007	Hailey Duke	Will Brandenburg
2005-2006	Jennifer Van Wagner	Robin Sarchett
2004-2005	Katie Lyons	Carl Rixon
2003-2004	Caitlin Ciccone	Jesse Marshall
2002-2003	Gretchen Glaser	Jacob Dudek
2001-2002	Gretchen Glaser	Rune Nielson
2000-2001	Gretchen Glaser	Justin Johnson
1999-2000	Katerina Tichy	Rune Nielson
1998-99	April Mancuso	Marco Sullivan
1997-98	April Mancuso	Mike Prado
1996-97	Marcella Biondi	Uros Pavovcic
1995-96	Jonna Mendes	Uros Pavovcic
1994-95	Anik Demers	V.T. Hernandez
1993-94	Amber Guaraglia	Michael Reed
1992-93	Amber Guaraglia	Spencer Eccles
1991-92	Shana Sweitzer	Toni Standteiner
1990-91	Lisl Hager	Karl Fritz Schlopy
1989-90	Christl Hager	Tim Hanson
1988-89	Julie Parisian	Kyle Rasmussen

### 2015-2016 Western Region Event Champions

	<b>Women</b>	<b>Men</b>
Slalom	Anne-Solene Bergou	Jonas Nyberg
GS	Jessica Reinhart	Andraz Reich-Pogladic
SG	Haley Cutler	Luke Mathers

## Western Region FIS Calendar and Championships 2016 - 2017

November 14 - 19, 2016	U19 NPS Vail, CO	M 2GS/2SL
December 4 - 10, 2016	U16 NPS Beaver Creek, CO	M&L 2GS/2SG
December 8 - 11, 2016	Open FIS Series Mammoth Mountain, CA	M&L 2GS/2SL
December 10 - 13, 2016	Open FIS Series Snowbird, UT	M&L 2GS/2SL
January 7 - 9, 2017	RMISA FISU Big Sky, MT	M&L 2GS/SL
January 8 - 13, 2017	U19 NPS Waterville, NH	M 2GS/2SL
January 12 - 14, 2017	RMISA FISU Snowbasin, UT	M&L GS/2SL
January 17 - 20, 2017	Elite FIS Tech Series Squaw Valley, CA	M&L 2GS/2SL
January 17-20, 2017	U16 NPS Burke Mtn. VT	M&L 2GS/2SL
January 25 - 28, 2017	RMISA FISU Alyeska, AK	M&L 2GS/2SL
January 27 - Feb 2, 2017	Open FIS Speed Series Schweitzer, ID	M&L 2DH/2SG/2GS
February 8 - 17, 2017	Western Region U16 Europe Project, Zegreb	M&L
February 12 - 17, 2017	U19 NPS Copper Mtn., CO	M 3SG
February 19 - 22, 2017	Wild West Classic Open FIS Snow King, WY	M&L 2GS/SL
March 9 - 14, 2017	West Reg JR Champs NJR Schweitzer, ID	M&L 2SG/2GS/2SL
March 10 - 11, 2017	FIS World Cup Squaw Valley, CA	L GS/SL
March 10-14, 2017	U16 NPS Squaw Valley, CA	M&L 2GS/2SL
March 16 - 19, 2017	WR U14 JR Champs Alpine Meadows, CA	M&L SG/GS/SL/SQ
March 16 - 19, 2017	WR U16 JR Champs Big Sky, MT	M&L SG/GS/SL/SQ
March 23 - 26, 2017	Open FIS Series Sun Valley, ID	M&L 2GS/2SL
March 23 - 26, 2017	Open FIS Series Mission Ridge, WA	M&L 2GS/2SL
March 24 - 28, 2017	U.S. Alpine Championship Sugarloaf, ME	M&L SG/GS/SL
March 29 - 30, 2017	U.S. Junior Championship NJR Sugarloaf, ME	M&L GS/SL
March 31 - April 4, 2017	U16 National Championship Sugarloaf, ME	M&L SG/GS/SL/SQ
April 3 - 8, 2017	WR Elite Spring Series Mammoth Mtn. CA	M&L 2SG/2GS/2SL
April 11 - 16, 2017	WR Spring Speed Series Mammoth Mtn. CA	M&L 2DH/2SG
April 11 - 16 2017	U16 Spring Speed Series Mammoth Mtn. CA	M&L 2DH/2SG

## USSA National Events 2016 - 2017

### National and Regional Quotas

Regions quota = *per region*

	NTSM			
	USST	SR	JR	Devo
Nor Ams	20	10	10	20
	20	20		20

	USST	World	Top 100	Uni	NorAm	U19 NPS	Regions	Devo
		JR Team	World Rank					
U.S. Alpine Championships	All	All	All	10	9	n/a	12	<=10
	All	All	All	13	9	9	14	<=10
U.S. Junior Championships	W/M All U21 & U19 athletes attending Alpine Champs						5	<=10

	NTSM			Regions	USSA
	1998	1999	2000	U19	U21
U19 NPS - Project	20		10	5	5
	10		5	5	
U19 NPS - Race (additional)	30				10

	NTG	NTSM	Regions	Devo
U16 NPS	All	9	4	<=3
	All	9	4	<=3

	Regions		Regions		Regions
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2003-04
U16 National Championships	3	3	5		<=3
	3	3	5		<=3



## Western Region Events 2016 - 2017

### Divisional Quotas and Automatics

	AK	FW	IMD	ND	PNSA	Autos	Total	
Western Region Elite FIS Series Tech Series & Spring Series	Women	4	10	14	4	8	40	80
	Men	4	10	13	4	9	40	80
Western Region Open FIS 2 Speed Series & Wild West	Women	10	35	35	10	25		115
	Men	10	35	35	10	25		115
Western Region Open FIS December & March Blocks (1)	Women	10	25	25	10	25	Host Div 50	95
	Men	10	25	25	10	25	50	95
Western Region JR Champs Schweitzer Mtn.	Women	4	24	24	6	18		76
	Men	4	28	35	5	22		94
Western Region U16 Champs Big Sky	Women	4	33	32	5	16		90
	Men	6	28	26	4	16		80
Western Region U14 Champs Alpine Meadows	Women	4	18	18	5	12		57
	Men	4	17	26	5	11		63

(1) Athletes from a host division must race in division. A host division acquires the other host division's quota.

	DH	SL	GS	SG
Elite Series Automatics				
USSA Cut-off Points				
Women	160.18	66.03	59.93	68.73
Men	96.60	57.22	47.79	73.47

## Western Region FIS Automatics 2016 - 2017

### Ladies

1	Bickert, Maia	16	James, Daphne	31	Samuels, Lauren
2	Bracy, Carina	17	Kennedy, Erica	32	Smith, Erin
3	Brown, Cheyenne	18	Koprucki, Elizabeth	33	Smith, Kathleen
4	Campbell, Halle	19	Lebel, Maureen	34	Standteiner, Tenaya
5	Chahine, Julia	20	Lodmell, Ashley	35	Thomas, Claire
6	Cooley, Skylar	21	Marden, Ruby	36	Townshend, Charlotte
7	Cutler, Haley	22	Martin, Ellie	37	West, Hannah
8	Danagher, Sinead	23	McCormick, Erika	38	Wilkinson, Alix
9	Dingman, Megan	24	McJames, Megan	39	Wright, Isabella
10	Driller, Tenaya	25	Miller, Kyla	40	Yubero, Sofia
11	English, Francesca	26	Norton, Nikita		
12	Glasgow, Sommer	27	Ostergren, Madison		
13	Hansen, Annika	28	Parke, Juliette		
14	Hanson, Kate	29	Rathfon, Katelyn		
15	Hensien, Katie	30	Rheinschild, Sage		

### Men

1	Birkner, Alexander	16	Griffith, Ian	31	Norton, Hughston
2	Black, Garrett	17	Haferman, Eric	32	Norton, Payton
3	Brazerol, Dominik	18	Hall, Max	33	Rodarte, Luke
4	Calvin, Barrett	19	Keith, Jacob	34	Snyder, Will
5	Cashman, Jordan	20	Knorpp, Griffin	35	Sprock, Ty
6	Colby, Alex	21	Kofoed, Spencer	36	Sullivan, Bridger
7	Crist, Spencer	22	Larsen, Gray	37	Terjeson, Hayden
8	Curtis, Griffin	23	Lujan, Tanner	38	Wilson, Calvin
9	Davidson, Brian	24	Mathers, Luke	39	Winters, Luke
10	Dvoracek Addison	25	Maxwell, Trevor	40	Wright, Bronson
11	Elder, Andrew	26	Mcclure, Yuri		
12	Estrella, Michael	27	McDonald, Conor		
13	Fitzgerald, Jay	28	McGrath, Scott		
14	Fontaine, Nicholas	29	Miller, Andrew		
15	Fuller, Duncan	30	Moe-Lange, Peter		

**Elite Series Automatics  
USSA Cut-off Points**

	DH	SL	GS	SG
Women	160.18	66.03	59.93	68.73
Men	96.60	57.22	47.79	73.47

## Western Region U14 & U16 Junior Championships 2017 Divisional Seeding Chart

### Western Region U14 Junior Championship

WOMEN	Quota	1st seed	2nd seed	3rd seed	4th seed	5th seed	Total
AK	4	1	1	1	1		4
FW	18	4	4	4	3	3	18
IMD	18	4	4	4	3	3	18
ND	5	1	1	1	1	1	5
PNSA	12	3	3	2	2	2	12
Total	57	13	13	12	10	9	57

MEN	Quota	1st seed	2nd seed	3rd seed	4th seed	5th seed	Total
AK	4	1	1	1	1		4
FW	17	4	4	3	3	3	17
IMD	26	6	5	5	5	5	26
ND	5	1	1	1	1	1	5
PNSA	11	3	2	2	2	2	11
Total	63	15	13	12	12	11	63

### Western Region U16 Junior Championship

WOMEN	Quota	1st seed	2nd seed	3rd seed	4th seed	5th seed	Total
AK	4	1	1	1	1		4
FW	33	7	7	7	6	6	33
IMD	32	7	7	6	6	6	32
ND	5	1	1	1	1	1	5
PNSA	16	4	3	3	3	3	16
Total	90	20	19	18	17	16	90

MEN	Quota	1st seed	2nd seed	3rd seed	4th seed	5th seed	Total
AK	6	2	1	1	1	1	6
FW	28	6	6	6	5	5	28
IMD	26	6	5	5	5	5	26
ND	4	1	1	1	1		4
PNSA	16	4	3	3	3	3	16
Total	80	19	16	16	15	14	80

# 2017 Western Elite Ski Team

## W.E.S.T Team

### Women

Maia Bickert	MMST
Haley Cutler	SVSEF
Francesca English	DPST
Katie Hensien	RM
Maureen Lebel	MMST
Megan McJames	WR
Juliette Park	PCST
Erin Smith	SVSEF
Tenaya Standteiner	FarWest
Claire Thomas	PCST
Charlotte Townsend	PCST
Kaitlyn Vesterstein	RM
Hannah West	RM
Sophia Yubero	RM

### Men

Alexander Birkner	CVST
Jordan Cashman	DPST
Alex Colby	MMST
Brian Davidson	MRST
Yuri McClure	SVSEF
Luke Rodarte	TCRA

2018 WEST Team Criteria - Women

Up to 6 athletes will be objectively selected according to age-group criteria. 2 or more athletes will be named on discretion, for a team size of approximately 8 athletes.

1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Up to 1 athlete objectively selected from the following criteria	Up to 4 athletes objectively selected from the following criteria			Up to 1 athlete objectively selected from the following criteria

1	World Jr Champs		Member of the U.S. World Junior Championship Team		
2	NorAm QRP		1 top 5 <b>and</b> 2 top 10 USA results in SL, GS or SG, within 8% of winning time	2 top 5 QRP by YOB in SL, GS or SP	
3	US Alpine NC		Top 10 US result and within 8% of winner in SL, GS or SG	Top 15 US result and within 8% of winner in SL, GS or SG	Top 20 US result and within 10% of winner in SL, GS or SG
4	US NJC		1 top 3 <b>or</b> 2 top 5 in SL, GS or SG	1 top 3 U19 <b>or</b> 2 top 5 U19 in SL, GS or SG	1 top 5 U19 <b>or</b> 2 top 10 U19 in SL, GS or SG
5	WR Spring Series		Top 3 Elite Spring Series result in SL, GS or SG		
6	Kyle Warren Memorial		Any discipline winner of the Kyle Warren Memorial		
7	U16 NC				
8	USSA Pt Rank		1 top 3 YOB rank in any event <b>and</b> 1 top 5 YOB rank in SL, GS or SG		
9	USST Athletes		Past and current members of USST A, B, C or D teams who remain active FIS racers in Western Region will continue to be recognized as honorary members of W.E.S.T.		

**Ineligibility: Individuals will not be considered for the regional team who:**

- 1 Are members of college teams pursuing titles outside of the USSA/USST track to the national teams
- 2 Did not attend the Western Region fall and spring Conditioning assessment project
- 3 Have USSA or FIS ranking profiles that are ascending in multiple disciplines
- 4 Have an imposed and upheld disciplinary suspension, sanction, or probation for a USSA code of conduct violation within the past 24 months.

2018 WEST Team Criteria - Men

Up to 6 athletes will be objectively selected according to age-group criteria. 2 or more athletes will be named on discretion, for a team size of approximately 8 athletes.

		1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	
		Up to 2 athletes objectively selected from the following criteria		Up to 3 athletes objectively selected from the following criteria		Up to 1 athlete objectively selected from the following criteria	
1	World Jr Champs	Member of the U.S. World Junior Championship Team					
2	NorAm QRP	1 top 5 QRP <u>and</u> 1 top 10 QRP by YOB in SL, GS or SP	2 top 10 QRP by YOB in SL, GS or SP	1 top 10 QRP by YOB in SL, GS or SP			
3	US Alpine NC	Top 15 US athlete and within 8% of winning time in SL, GS or SG	Top 25 US athlete and within 10% of winning time in SL, GS or SG				
4	U19 NPS		1 top 5 QRP <u>and</u> 1 top 10 QRP by YOB in SL, GS or SG	1 top 5 QRP <u>or</u> 2 top 10 QRP by YOB in SL, GS or SG			
5	US NJC	1 top 3 <u>or</u> 2 top 5 in SL, GS or SG	1 top 3 U19 <u>or</u> 2 top 5 U19 in SL, GS or SG	1 top 5 <u>or</u> 2 top 10 U19 in SL, GS or SG			
6	WR Spring Series	Top 3 Elite Spring Series result in SL, GS or SG					
7	Kyle Warren Memorial	Any discipline winner of the Kyle Warren Memorial					
8	U16 NC						1 win <u>or</u> 2 top 5 in SL, GS or SG; and top 30% in Skillsquest
9	USSA Pt Rank	1 top 5 YOB rank in any event <u>and</u> 1 top 10 YOB rank in SL, GS, or SG		1 top 5 YOB rank in any event <u>or</u> 2 top 10 YOB rank in SL, GS or SG		1 top 3 YOB rank in SL or GS	
10	USST Athletes	Past and current members of USST A, B, C or D teams who remain active FIS racers in Western Region will continue to be recognized as honorary members of W.E.S.T.					

**Ineligibility: Individuals will not be considered for the regional team who:**

- 1 Are members of college teams pursuing titles outside of the USSA/USST track to the national teams
- 2 Did not attend the Western Region fall and spring Conditioning assessment project
- 3 Have USSA or FIS ranking profiles that are ascending in multiple disciplines
- 4 Have an imposed and upheld disciplinary suspension, sanction, or probation for a USSA code of conduct violation within the past 24 months.

## 2018 U19 RTG Criteria - Ladies and Men

A Regional Training Group will be selected from the following criteria plus development requests from western clubs. RTG athletes will be invited to Western Region projects, ranked by an NTSM selection board for each project, according to regional policy. Athletes must be members of a Western Region program the coming season.

	YOB	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
1	W.E.S.T. Team	Athletes objectively qualified for the W.E.S.T. Team are automatic members of the Western Region RTG				
2	US Alpine NC			Western Region athletes competing at the U.S. Alpine National Championships		
3	US Alpine NJC			1 top 20 U19 result in SL, GS or SG		
4	WR Junior Champs			1 top 5 result in SL, GS or SG		
5	U16 NC					1 top 15 result in SL, GS or SG

## 2018 U16 RTG Criteria - Ladies and Men

A Regional Training Group will be selected from the following criteria plus development requests from western clubs. U16 RTG athletes will be invited to Western Region projects, ranked by counting best 2 WC Pt results from the regional championship by YOB, according to regional policy. Athletes must be members of a Western Region program the coming season. Foreign licensed athletes actively participating on western teams will be included.

	YOB	2002	2003			
1	WR U16 JR Champs	A top 20 result in SL, GS or SG; and top 30% of Skills Quest				
2	WR U14 JR Champs		A top 15 result in SL, GS or SG; and top 30% in Skills Quest			





## USSA Western Region Alpine 2016-2017 Team Agreement

### Team Rules

Members of USSA teams attending competitions on the national quota, traveling with or as part of a competition trip organized by the USSA Western Region staff, or attending any training camp or project as part of a USSA group are required to abide by the USSA Code of Conduct.

### Additionally, team members agree to:

- Pay in full the project fee before the first day of arrival of the project, unless a payment plan is worked out at the time that the team is named;
- Fully participate in the organized accommodations;
- Attend all team meetings and training activities on time and fully prepared;
- Observe any curfew established by the coaching staff;
- Not use or possess illegal drugs;
- Not illegally use or possess alcohol;
- Not use or possess alcohol in the team accommodations, the team vehicles, or in the presence of team members who are not of legal age;
- Reside in the room to which they are assigned and will share responsibility with their roommates for damages, cleaning charges, and rule violations that occur in the room when it is not possible to establish individual responsibility;
- Observe any additional rules established by the head coach of the project
- Be filmed and photographed and to have his/her image and voice otherwise recorded in any media by the USSA's official photographer(s), film crew(s), and video crew(s) and by any other entity authorized by USSA and grants to USSA the irrevocable, fully paid up, worldwide right and license to use, and to authorize third parties to use, in all media, athlete name, likeness, picture, voice, and biographical information for: (1) news and information purposes; (2) promotion of USSA and the specific competitions in which athlete competes; (3) promotion of USSA through its fundraising mission; and (4) to support USSA's educational and philanthropic efforts through the production of educational and training videos, DVDs and other media.

Violations of these rules may result in suspension from the team and in loss of the opportunity to participate in future teams or quota team preparation or competition projects.

### Agreement

I, the undersigned USSA competitor, have reviewed these rules and the "USSA Code of Conduct," and agree to abide by it and all applicable rules and procedures during my participation in any national training or competition project during the current season. I agree that a violation of the rules may result in my immediate suspension from a team, and in the loss of all team services including representation at team captains' and jury meetings, training, housing, meals, and transportation. I realize that I will receive no refund for the unused portion of these services. If suspended, I will be prepared to make whatever arrangements are necessary in order to continue to compete in the event and/or return home. I realize that actions that are violations of the law may result in my arrest and that it will be my responsibility in such a case to notify my parents or legal guardians and/or to make such arrangements as may be necessary for my release and return home. This agreement shall be valid for all projects in the 2015-2016 training and competition season.

Athletes under 18 years of age must have the following section signed by either parents or legal guardians, if applicable. We, the undersigned, parents or legal guardians of the above athlete, having read and understood the above, agree to allow our child to participate in USSA training or competition teams. We understand and agree that if our child violates these rules and procedures, s/he may be immediately suspended from the USSA project with the loss of all team services and without refund of fees paid. We agree that in any case where our child's actions result in his/her arrest, that sole responsibility for notifying us rests with our child and the local law enforcement officials, and that we, and not USSA or USSA Western Region, are solely responsible for such actions as may be required to secure his/her release and return home. This agreement shall be valid for all projects in the 2015-2016 training and competition season.

Athlete Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Athlete Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



**USSA Western Region Alpine  
2016-2017 Hold Harmless and Indemnity Agreement**

For and in consideration of the provision of ski racing instruction and training by USSA, I \_\_\_\_\_ (“Athlete”), and if athlete is under the age of 18 years, the parents or legal guardians of athlete, do hereby covenant and agree on behalf of ourselves, to hold harmless, release, defend, and indemnify USSA and any of its employees, or volunteer workers of and from any and all claims arising from athletes participation in USSA Western Region events, including, but not limited to racing instruction, racing competition, or traveling to and from races or training camps. We specifically represent that we have read and have understood that this release is intended to serve as a general release of all legal claims against USSA and USSA Western Region Alpine, is to be construed as broadly as possible in favor of USSA, and releases USSA from all claims, including, but not limited to, those arising from the negligence of USSA itself.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Athlete Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

If Athlete is under the age of 18 years, a parent or legal guardian’s signature must be affixed here:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**USSA Insurance Policy**

FIS and USSA rules require that competitors be covered by valid and sufficient accident insurance. The racer must carry proof of this insurance and have it available at each race or camp so that prompt medical care can be obtained, if ever needed.

**Agreement**

We have read and understood the insurance policy statement. The insurance policy listed on the Medical Release meets the requirements of the USSA Insurance Policy and will be maintained in force while the competitor is involved in a USSA camp or team or while participating in any event on a USSA quota. We agree that we are responsible for any and all medical charges and we agree that we will promptly reimburse USSA for any expenses that they or their coaches incur on behalf of the competitor.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Athlete Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



## Western Region USSA Competition Project Staff Agreement

I have reviewed the Western Region Coaching Program printed in the USSA Alpine Competition Guide and the Western Region Handbook, I and agree to complete my participation in the project listed below according to those policies. I particularly acknowledge that I am responsible for coaching all of the athletes in the project, agree that I follow the direction of the head coach, and agree that I will seek to provide support to the athletes in all areas of their participation in this project. Further, I agree to follow all other relevant rules of USSA and the FIS as related to conduct and professional behavior.

I am a current professional coach member, in good standing, of the United States Ski and Snowboard Association.

Membership# \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that by participating in this project I am not being employed by USSA Western Region, United States Ski and Snowboard Association, or any of the affiliated divisions of USSA.

Project: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## [Event Evaluation](#)

# USSA Event Evaluation

Thank you for taking the time to give us your feedback; it will assist race organizers to better prepare for future events.

### \* Required

#### 1. Event name \*

#### 2. Event location \*

#### 3. Event region\*

- Eastern Region
- Rocky/Central Region
- Western Region
- Not sure

4. **Event date\*** If you are presenting information on a specific day of a multi-day event, please also indicate the specific date.

#### 5. Disciplines contested\* *Check all that apply.*

- Downhill
- Super G
- Giant Slalom
- Slalom
- SkillsQuest
- Other:

#### 6. Evaluator filling out the form\* *Check all that apply.*

- Athlete
- Coach
- Parent
- Official
- Race Organizing Committee
- USSA staff member
- Other

#### 7. Was the race announcement adequate?

- Yes
- No

**Additional comments:**

**8. Was race registration and payment easy?**

- Yes
- No

**Additional comments:**

**9. Was the team captains' meeting effective?**

- Yes
- No

**Additional comments:**

**10. How was the organization during the race?**

- Excellent
- Good
- Satisfactory
- Poor

**Additional comments:**

**Were there any issues with the timing?**

- No
- Yes

**If yes, please explain.**

**11. How would you rate the course preparation?**

- Excellent
- Good
- Satisfactory
- Poor

**Additional comments:**

**12. How would you rate the awards ceremony?**

- Excellent
- Good
- Satisfactory
- Poor

**Additional comments:**

**14. Were there circumstances beyond the race organizers' control that affected this evaluation?**

**15. Comments: We would welcome any further feedback you would like to provide.**

## 2017 Western Region Prep Period Calendar

	USSA	WR RTG	WR U16		USSA	WR RTG	WR U16		USSA	WR RTG	WR U16		USSA	WR RTG	WR U16
1-May				1-Jun				1-Jul				1-Aug	National U19 SL/GS Project - New Zealand	Arrival	Arrival
2-May				2-Jun				2-Jul				2-Aug		RTG SL Camp Mt. Hood	U16 SL Camp Mt. Hood
3-May				3-Jun				3-Jul				3-Aug			
4-May				4-Jun				4-Jul				4-Aug			
5-May				5-Jun				5-Jul				5-Aug			
6-May				6-Jun				6-Jul				6-Aug			
7-May				7-Jun				7-Jul				7-Aug			
8-May				8-Jun				8-Jul				8-Aug			Arrival
9-May				9-Jun				9-Jul				9-Aug			U14 (yob 2004) SL Camp - Mt. Hood
10-May				10-Jun				10-Jul				10-Aug			
11-May				11-Jun				11-Jul				11-Aug			
12-May				12-Jun				12-Jul				12-Aug			
13-May				13-Jun				13-Jul				13-Aug			
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15-May				15-Jun				15-Jul				15-Aug			
16-May				16-Jun				16-Jul				16-Aug			
17-May				17-Jun				17-Jul				17-Aug			
18-May				18-Jun				18-Jul				18-Aug			
19-May				19-Jun				19-Jul				19-Aug			
20-May				20-Jun				20-Jul				20-Aug			
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26-May				26-Jun				26-Jul				26-Aug			
27-May				27-Jun				27-Jul				27-Aug			
28-May				28-Jun				28-Jul				28-Aug			
29-May				29-Jun				29-Jul				29-Aug			
30-May				30-Jun				30-Jul				30-Aug			
31-May								31-Jul				31-Aug			

## 2017 Western Region Prep Period Calendar

	USSA	WR RTG	WR U16		USSA	WR RTG	WR U16		USSA	WR RTG	WR U16	
1-Sep				1-Oct				1-Nov				
2-Sep				2-Oct				2-Nov				
3-Sep				3-Oct				3-Nov				
4-Sep				4-Oct		Depart		4-Nov				
5-Sep				5-Oct		WEST / RTG - Europe		5-Nov				
6-Sep				6-Oct				6-Nov				
7-Sep				7-Oct				7-Nov				
8-Sep				8-Oct				8-Nov		Arrival		
9-Sep		Depart		9-Oct				9-Nov		WEST / RTG Mammoth Camp		
10-Sep		Tri-Regional Speed Project - LaParva		10-Oct				10-Nov				
11-Sep				11-Oct				11-Nov				
12-Sep				12-Oct				12-Nov				
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16-Sep				16-Oct				16-Nov				
17-Sep				17-Oct				17-Nov				
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19-Sep				19-Oct				19-Nov				
20-Sep			20-Oct				20-Nov					
21-Sep			21-Oct				21-Nov					
22-Sep			22-Oct				22-Nov					
23-Sep		Return		23-Oct		Return		23-Nov				
24-Sep				24-Oct				24-Nov				
25-Sep				25-Oct				25-Nov				
26-Sep				26-Oct				26-Nov				
27-Sep				27-Oct				27-Nov				
28-Sep				28-Oct				28-Nov				
29-Sep				29-Oct				29-Nov				
30-Sep				30-Oct				30-Nov				
				31-Oct								



## Alpine Equipment Regulations 2016-17

### U19 and older

Description	Event	FIS	USSA
Ski length (minimum)  Ski length measurement tolerance +/- 1cm  **-5cm tolerance for FIS/ENL competition	DH Ladies	210 cm**	205 cm
	DH Men	218 cm**	205 cm
	SG Ladies	205 cm**	200 cm
	SG Men	210 cm**	200 cm
	GS Ladies	188 cm**	No rule
	GS Men	195 cm**	No rule
	SL Ladies	155 cm	155 cm
	SL Men	165 cm (155 cm for U17 men)	165 cm (155 cm for U19 men)
Radius (minimum)	DH Ladies	50 m	45 m
	DH Men	50 m	45 m
	SG Ladies	40 m	40 m
	SG Men	45 m	40 m
	GS Ladies	30 m	25 m <i>*2017-18: 30 m proposed</i>
	GS Men	35 m <i>*2017-18: 30 m</i>	30 m
	SL Ladies	No rule	No rule
	SL Men	No rule	No rule
Profile width in front of Binding	DH Ladies & Men	Maximum 95 mm	No rule
	SG Ladies & Men	Maximum 95 mm	No rule
	GS Ladies	Maximum 103 mm	No rule
	GS Men	Maximum 98 mm <i>*2017-18: Maximum 103 mm</i>	No rule
	SL Ladies & Men	No rule	No rule
Profile width under Binding	DH Ladies & Men	Maximum 65 mm	No rule
	SG Ladies & Men	Maximum 65 mm	No rule
	GS Ladies & Men	Maximum 65 mm	No rule
	SL Ladies & Men	Minimum 63 mm	Minimum 63 mm

# Alpine Equipment Regulations 2016-17

## U16

Description	Event	FIS	USSA
Ski length	DH Ladies & Men	No rule	Minimum 183 cm
	SG Ladies & Men	Minimum 183 cm	Minimum 183 cm
Ski length measurement tolerance +/- 1cm	GS Ladies & Men	Maximum 188 cm	No rule
	SL Ladies & Men	Minimum 130 cm	Minimum 130 cm
Radius (Minimum)	DH Ladies & Men	No rule	30 m
	SG Ladies & Men	30 m	30 m
	GS Ladies & Men	17 m	17 m
	SL Ladies & Men	No rule	No rule
Profile with under binding	SG Ladies & Men	Maximum 65 mm	No rule
	GS Ladies & Men	Maximum 65 mm	No rule

## U14

Description	Event	FIS	USSA
Ski length	DH Ladies & Men	No rule	No rule
	SG Ladies & Men	No rule	No rule
Ski length measurement tolerance +/- 1cm	GS Ladies & Men	Maximum 188 cm	No rule
	SL Ladies & Men	Minimum 130 cm	Minimum 130 cm
Radius (Minimum)	DH Ladies & Men	No rule	17 m
	SG Ladies & Men	No rule	17 m
	GS Ladies & Men	17 m	17 m
	SL Ladies & Men	No rule	No rule
Profile with under binding	SG Ladies & Men	Maximum 65 mm	No rule
	GS Ladies & Men	Maximum 65 mm	No rule