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Alpine Executive Committee

Park City Marriott – Prospector 3-4
1895 Sidewinder Drive, Park City, UT

Wednesday, May 9 2012, 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Minutes (closed meeting)

Meeting Chair: Bob Dart

Committee Membership:

Chair: Bob Dart, Winter Park, CO	Present
Walt Evans, Park City, UT (USSA Competition Director)	Present
Chip Knight, Stowe, VT (Athlete)	Excused
Darryl Landstrom, Wayzata, MN (Program Chair)	Present
Scott Macartney, Kirkland, WA (Athlete - BOD Representative)	Excused
Mike Morin, Stratton, VT (Development and Education Chair)	Replaced by Jesse Hunt
Roger Perricone, Steamboat Springs, CO (Regional Chair)	Present
Patrick Riml, Park City, UT (USSA Alpine Director)	Present
Bill Slattery, Buffalo Grove, IL (Immediate Past Chair)	Present
Paul Van Slyke, Lake Placid, NY (Rules and Technical Chair)	Present
Jeff Weinman, Salt Lake City, UT (Secretary non-voting)	Present
Tom Winters, Tucson, AZ (FIS non-voting)	Present

Guests: Gary Wright, Darlene Nolting, Brewster McVicker, Dirk Gouwens, Beat Hupfer, Karen Korfanta, Lester Keller

1. Welcome and call to order
Dart called the meeting to order.
2. Review of committee membership
Dart reviewed the committee membership; he noted that Patrick Riml needs to be added.
3. Review and approval of agenda
The agenda was approved without objection.
4. Review and approval of minutes
To approve the minutes from the Fall Executive meeting. M/S/C Slattery / Van Slyke / without objection
5. Orientation and overview of meeting schedule
Dart noted that Weinman had posted agendas as well as support materials online for use during the meetings.
 - 5.1. Review alpine materials and handouts
 - 5.2. Procedures for minutes
Weinman will take care of minutes for Executive and ASC, chairs are responsible for their meetings.

6. Staff reports
 - 6.1. USSA management report – Bodensteiner
Bodensteiner was not available for this meeting.
 - 6.2. Sport Development Director – Evans
Evans gave a brief review of what he would cover in his staff report during the evening meeting.
 - 6.3. Alpine Director – Riml
Riml talked about the national U16 projects from the past year as well as what is planned for 2013.
Riml stated that he is working to having head-to-head competition being the main marker for selection to the D Team.
The NorAm calendar is not completed; there is a meeting scheduled with Canada for the following week.
Riml talked about Team Academy and the plan for those athletes.
7. Action item and critical issue review
 - 7.1. Executive summary review
 - 7.2. Executive Committee
 - 7.2.1. Executive report – Dart
Dart noted that there are a lot of changes that need to be looked at, starting with the FIS age change. That change gives a perfect opportunity to look at a number of things from development, to rules. Need to come to real solutions out of these meetings. The changes that we are faced with now are some of the most crucial that we have faced in 20 years.
 - 7.2.2. Awards – Dart/Slattery
Dart stated that Slattery is the chair of the Awards Committee. He, Evans and Weinman work hard to prepare nominations, but we need help from the community. Dart reviewed the alpine nominations and some of the winners.
 - 7.2.3. Alpine Judicial Committee – Slattery
Slattery stated that the Judicial Committee had not been called upon and so he had no report. Each Region needs to have a Judicial group to be able to handle reviews as necessary. Slattery will include that in his Saturday report.
 - 7.3. Rules and Technical Subcommittee – Van Slyke
Van Slyke reviewed some of the items that are expected to be discussed during the meetings (and some discussion occurred during this meeting) including helmet cams, course setting, gate sizes, as well as a number of other items.
 - 7.4. FIS – Winters
Winters reviewed some of the items that are on agendas for the various FIS committees.
 - 7.5. Program Subcommittee – Landstrom
Landstrom reported that Steve Slivinski the masters chair will be attending the meeting and reporting on items from their national meeting.

In collegiate there are a few proposals that are on the agenda and were reviewed.

Quotas will have a number of items to review and a draft of staff-recommended changes is included in the materials.

Evans mentioned the collegiate conference call that was done with the collegiate leadership. He does anticipate pushback due to the fee increase.

There was some discussion on the changes to the NorAm quotas being proposed.

7.6. Development and Education Subcommittee – Hunt

Hunt reported on a few of the items that will be discussed during the meeting. His goal is to get consensus among the members. Other items are on the agenda.

7.7. Regional Issues – Perricone

Perricone does not know of any issues at this point. There will be a change in the Regional representative to the Executive Committee.

7.8. Athletes – Macartney / Knight

The athletes were not in attendance to report.

8. Old business

Weinman distributed a chart of dues and fees across the regions, divisions and states for review.

9. New business

9.1 Nominating Committee review terms – Slattery

The group went into closed session for nominating review.

Slattery reported that the positions that are up for nomination are the ASC chair, the alpine board representative, the chairs of rules and technical, the chairs of development and education, the regional representative to executive and the two at-large positions.

10. Time and place of next meeting

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be Friday May 11

11. Recess

The meeting was recessed without objection.

Alpine Sport Committee

Park City Marriott – Prospector 3-4
1895 Sidewinder Drive, Park City, UT

Wednesday, May 9 2012, 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Minutes

(Refer also to Addendum 2: Alpine Sport Committee Action Items)

Meeting Chair: Bob Dart

Committee Membership:

Chair: Bob Dart, Winter Park, CO (Chair and Alpine Representative to the USSA BOD)	Present
Jeff Bruggeman, Traverse City, MI (Rocky/Central Region Representative)	Joe Paul as replacement
Walt Evans, Park City, UT (USSA Competition Director)	Present
Gina Gassman, Loveland, CO (Athlete Representative)	Present
Curt Hammond, Mercer Island, WA (Western Region Representative)	Retired
Chuck Hughes, Killington, VT (Eastern Region Representative)	Present
Chip Knight, Hanover, NH (Athlete Representative)	Present
Karen Korfanta, Heber City, UT (At Large)	Present
Craig Krueger, Helena, MT (Western Region Representative)	Present
Darryl Landstrom, Wayzata, MN (Program Chair)	Present
Scott Macartney, Kirkland, WA (Athlete Rep. and Alpine Rep. to the USSA BOD)	Excused
Mike Morin, Stratton Mtn, VT (Development/Education Chair)	Jesse Hunt as replacement
Roger Perricone, Steamboat Springs, CO (Region Chair - Rocky/Central Region Rep.)	Present
Patrick Riml, Park City, UT (USSA Alpine Director)	Present
Bill Slattery, Buffalo Grove, IL (Immediate Past Chair)	Present
Paul Van Slyke, Lake Placid, NY (Rules and Technical Chair)	Present
Connie Webster, Lake Placid, NY (Eastern Representative)	Present
Tom Winters, Tucson, AZ (FIS Representative)	Present
Jeff Weinman, Park City, UT (Secretary - non-voting)	Present

Guests: Dirk Gouwens, Brewster McVicker, Jon Nolting, Darlene Nolting, Finn Gundersen, Karen Ghent, Brad Ghent, Bruce Crane, Stefan Hughes, Mike Bowman, Sue Schwartz, Leah Mason, Ken Corrock, J.J. Ehlers, Gwynn Watkins, Peter Dodge, Terry Leonard, Jill Firstbrook, Lucy Schram, Molly Laramie, Heather Noble, Ellen Galbraith, Patti Nichols, Jake Treadwell, Bill Hudson, Katharina Golik, Jeff Kai, Bill Brooks, Caryn Jones

1. Welcome and call to order

Dart called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. He thanked everyone in attendance for their participation and looks forward to a productive set of meetings. This meeting will be used for reporting and tasking of issues.

2. Review of committee membership

Dart asked the members to introduce themselves.

3. Review and approval of agenda

The agenda was approved with the addition of Venue Excellence at 5.2 and Rocky/Central Region at 6.2.6, without objection.

4. Review and approval of minutes

The minutes were tabled for approval until the Saturday meeting.

5. Orientation and overview of meeting schedule

Evans welcomed everyone. He reviewed the meeting schedule.

5.1. Review alpine materials and handouts – tasking of items

5.2. Venue Excellence – Evans

Evans made special note of the Venue Excellence meeting Friday from 2 to 4, and invited everyone to attend as they are able. The meeting will focus on the welfare of the athletes.

6. Reports

6.1. Chair

Dart stated that he appreciates the work that staff has done over the years. Going forward the work that is to be done relies on the collaborative efforts of everyone involved working towards being best in the world.

6.2. USSA staff

6.2.1. Management – Bodensteiner

Bodensteiner was not available to report.

6.2.2. Alpine – Riml

Riml began by thanking everyone for attending and for the work they do throughout the year and at these meetings. He gave a short presentation looking at the elite team performance and he thanked his staff for their contribution to that success. He reviewed the Team and coaching structure for the year.

Riml reviewed the national U16 projects that were held. He noted that the projects being provided regionally are great projects and the national projects need to compliment those. The goal is to provide the best opportunities and provide value to the athletes.

He reviewed the national development projects that are scheduled for the coming season. He said that he hopes there will be broader participation this season.

Riml stated that he is working to adjust team criteria for juniors away from world rank to head-to-head competition performance.

For equipment we must move athletes to the new standards as soon as possible.

The age change is an opportunity to move forward and develop fundamental skills.

Riml and his staff are working to develop the next group of athletes who will be able to step up as the current crop of stars retires.

Riml will work with USST staff to do a better job of declaring and pulling athletes to open access for regional athletes. He talked about the changes to NorAm access for athletes and referenced a study Weinman had done showing the access and quota spots utilized in 2012.

6.2.3. Sport Development – Weinman and Evans

Weinman and Evans reviewed the Competitions Services and Sport Development presentations that are provided in the online materials.

Dart asked Weinman about the unknown race result processing. Weinman noted that some of it is speed training, some is qualification events in non-alpine sports, but that we don't have a way to code that. It was asked if the online registration system could handle intents. Weinman stated that at this point it cannot, but he is hopeful that it will in the future.

6.2.4. Eastern Region – Gouwens

Gouwens referenced his written report which is available in the online materials. He noted some of the highlights included winter arriving late and leaving early. With a lot of hard work on the part of the resorts most of the events were able to be held. The region continues to enhance the website as a communication tool. He noted that he expanded the eastern intent system into a national system used for all the regions and for national competitions. Gouwens spoke about some of the projects that the region hosted during the season. He thanked Connie Webster, the eastern chair, for helping to coordinate a recent meeting of the development committee where they worked on issues related to the FIS age change.

6.2.5. Western Region – Keller

Keller talked about the broad range of staff that is working to enhance our athlete development, from coaches' education, to sport development and program management. He noted that he has focused more on elite development this past season, assisted by Gwynn Watkins as the Western manager, and Karin Harjo as the Western coach. But also the work that is done by the five divisional managers who are integral to the success of western programs.

The regions are charged with delivering the programs at that level and delivering the philosophy.

Keller stated that he is fortunate to have great volunteers working together throughout the region and the five divisions.

He reviewed some of the projects that the region had produced during the season.

6.2.6. Rocky/Central Region – D. Nolting and McVicker

Nolting thanked Terry Delli Quadri for his work and wished him well as he pursues new opportunities. She reviewed some of the items in her written report including that the membership had grown and they had good competition opportunities. She thanked the resort partners and officials leadership.

Nolting noted that with the age change the division is looking at crossover opportunities and providing divisional level camps.

McVicker thanked everyone for participating in our sports. He thanked the central volunteers and officials for their work. McVicker noted that the division is working to innovate and in pushing to include kombi and SkillsQuest.

6.2.7. Education – Nolting

Nolting noted he just returned from the National Coaches Academy where about 35 coaches participated. He hopes to reestablish the Academy as a premier event. Team coaches were integrated into the education along with PSIA examiners.

Nolting talked about some of the clinic opportunities that will be available in the coming season.

He talked about the SkillsQuest program and its emphasis on age-appropriate skill development.

Going forward education staff is working on the online education system. He reviewed the FASTSTART education program that is mandatory for new coaches.

Nolting thanked Chelsea Steinbach for the work that she has done for the department. She has taken a job as the women's team manager. He will begin the hiring process as soon as possible to replace her.

7. Tasking

7.1 Rules and Technical – Van Slyke

Van Slyke thanked all the volunteers for their work throughout the year.

For tasking to the Rules Working Group will review the ACR considering the age changes and course setting changes. Should review the use of helmet cameras.

Alpine Officials Education will look at a system similar to coaches to have an online introduction to officiating prior to being a member.

7.2 Education and Development – Hunt

There are a number of items that are scheduled to be reviewed and he is looking forward to good meetings.

7.3 Programs – Landstrom

Reminded the working group chairs to get their action items and minutes returned as soon as possible.

8. Old business

8.1 Head tax

Head tax has gone up from \$6 to \$10 for FIS and USSA Scored racing and colleges will be going from the flat fee up to the \$10 per starter as well.

9. New business

There was no other new business.

Dart asked for questions from the guests.

Dave Samuels asked if there is a plan to fill the Rocky/Central Regional Director position and also if athletes have been informed of their team status for next season.

Riml responded that a decision on the Rocky/Central Director had not been decided yet and they are looking at what the best possible structure would be.

Riml stated the athletes know if they will be retained or not but that the final determination will not be done until the base list is released.

10. Time and place of next meeting

The next meeting of the Alpine Sport Committee will be Saturday morning.

11. Recess

The meeting was recessed.

Alpine Officials Education Working Group

Park City Marriott – Prospector 3
1895 Sidewinder Drive, Park City, UT

Thursday, May 10 2012, 8:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chairs: Thelma Hoessler

Committee Membership:

Chair: Thelma Hoessler, Santa Fe, NM
Vice Chair: Gary Wright, Aspen, CO (Ex officio)
Michael Browne, Saratoga Springs, NY (East)
Bob Calderwood, Goodyear, AZ (Ex officio)
Allen Church, Albuquerque, NM (Ex officio)
Jeff Dekko as proxy for Grant Lindemer, Forest Lake, MN (Central)
Esther Delli Quadri, Steamboat Springs, CO (Rocky Mountain)
Jill Firstbrook, Newbury, NH (East)
Phil GilanFarr, Crystal Bay, NV (Far West)
Doug Hall, Jeffersonville, VT (East)
Bob Petitt, Bozeman, MT (Northern)
Troy Price, Ogden, UT (Intermountain)
Gretchen Ransom, Duluth, MN (Ex officio)
Randy Rogers, Eugene, OR (Ex officio)
Roger Root, Moscow, ID (Pacific Northwest)
Laura Sullivan as proxy for Don Page, E. Greenbush, NY (At Large)
Scott Young, Anchorage, AK (Alaska)
Tom Winters, Tucson, AZ (Ex officio)

1. Meeting called to order at 08:45.
2. Review of committee membership
Voting members identified. Tom Winters not present; no proxy identified
3. Review and approval of agenda

MOTION 1: To accept Agenda as published. M/S/C Wright/Calderwood/Unanimous

4. Review and approval of minutes

MOTION 2: To accept Minutes of meeting of 19 May 2011. M/S/C Gilanfarr/Wright/Unanimous

5. Reports
- 5.1. Chair
Report e-mailed to Working Group members. It is also posted on USSA's website and is included in the Congress handout.
- 5.2. Divisions

Issues reported and discussed included innovative ideas being implemented to enhance AO education. Chair recognized need for growth and value of enhancements.

5.3. Staff

5.3.1 Competition Services (Jeff Weinman)

Report is in the book and posted on USSA's website.

5.3.2 Membership (Sheryl Barnes)

Key issues discussed:

- Safe Sport – Child Protection
- Fast Start Coaching Course
- 2012-2013 USSA & FIS Registration method and fees
- Primary Insurance Requirement: Medical Exception will no longer be an option
- Website Enhancements: Membership gateway will make required information more accessible
- Alpine Athlete Membership Structure: request for addition of U8 as an additional age class will be conveyed to Geoff Elder
- Multi-discipline officials' memberships: available for additional \$25 per discipline
- Online introduction to officiating will be considered as part of membership registration process for new officials 2013-2014; multi-sport format advisable

Assistance of USSA Membership Staff applauded.

5.3.3 Education (Jon Nolting)

Feasibility of offering USSA staff members the opportunity to satisfy their bi-annual AO Continuing Education requirement via an online process discussed. Staff members would be responsible for obtaining specialty-area certification, e.g. Referee. An electronic signature/ acknowledgement of having fulfilled the Continuing Education requirement will be required and certification records will be updated; possibility of automatic update will be studied.

Staff members USSA membership should reflect "staff status" not "division affiliation".

Coaches not already certified must complete the Fast Start Coaching Course. Coaches' Continuing Education does not address the AO Continuing Education requirement; attendance at the FIS TD Update is recognized for Coaches' Continuing Education.

6. Old business

6.1 Clinic Materials – CD or Dropbox

At the request of the Working Group members, CD's containing education materials will still be prepared and mailed to those designated to receive them. Dropbox allows for instant updating of materials and will also be utilized.

6.1.1 Availability of education materials

Education materials will be mailed no later than 15 September; if possible, will include FIS fall meeting decisions.

6.1.2 Distribution of education CD's

List of recipients distributed; corrections requested.

6.1.3 Alpine Officials' Manual – is this still a useful tool?

Due to the concise format of the Alpine Officials' Manual, it will continue to be updated and posted on the USSA website; Manual will also be included on the AO Education CD.

6.1.4 Power point presentations

Current presentations are acceptable and will be updated as required.

A presentation including instructions for determining clear passage for single pole Slalom and single gate Giant Slalom is being prepared and should be available for inclusion in 2012-2013 teaching materials. If possible, it will also be posted on the USSA website.

6.2 Certification Requirements (attached)

6.2.1 Chief of Race proposal dated May 19, 2011, scheduled for review requiring Race Administration and/or Timing & Calculation certification for advancement from Level 2 to Level 3 withdrawn; no further action required.

6.2.2 Data Management revision dated May 19, 2011, edited as follows:

MOTION 3: To amend USSA Alpine Officials' Certification Guidelines as follows: Add, "Pass RA Exam", ("Attend RA Clinic", is already required), to requirements for certification as Level 1 DM and delete the requirement, "Attend RA clinic and pass RA exam", from requirements to advance from Level 2 to Level 3 DM. M/S/C Calderwood/Wright/Unanimous

6.2.3 No adjustments required to Technical Delegate revisions dated May 19, 2011.

6.2.4 Proposal to change "ability-level" to "scored" discussed and edited as follows:

MOTION 4: To amend USSA Alpine Officials' Certification Guidelines as follows: To advance from Level 2 to Level 3 in any specialty-area, an official should work 10 additional days; events should be scored events. M/S/C Browne/Wright/Unanimous

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

Ingrid Simonson, one of the original authors of the Certification Guidelines, discussed their purpose. She noted they are "Guidelines" – not rules, and are intended to be flexible and allow for the recognition of prior experience, knowledge and skill. They are intended to include – not exclude – officials.

6.3 Minimum Clinic Standards have been submitted by all divisions/regions. They should be updated as required and forwarded to Jeff Weinman.

6.4 Documentation Requirements & Submittal

6.4.1 Event Medical Plan

An Event Medical Plan is required for all USSA-sanctioned events; this includes both scored and non-scored events.

6.4.2 Minutes: Jury & Team Captains

Acceptance of Event Medical Plan, as well as acceptance of course set and on-hill competitor protection must be documented. Information discussed at Team Captains' Meetings must be documented.

6.4.3 Content: Who must review the documents?

The Technical Delegate is responsible for verifying the content and accuracy of all documents.

6.4.4 USSA TD Reports and USSA TD Expense Reports.

Technical Delegates must use updated forms; all forms available in the Master Packet of Forms available on the USSA website.

6.4.5 Allen Church, Chair USSA TWG, reported there were no issues with TDTR's submitted for season 2011-2012; current form is being used.

6.4.6 Head Injury Reporting

Jeff Weinman clarified head injury reporting procedures. Online filing of the American Specialty Insurance form should be available for season 2012-2013.

USSA is subject to Utah law; competitions in other states must adhere to whichever law is more stringent: either Utah law or law in the state where competition is being staged.

Officials need to be diligent in reporting all suspected head injuries that occur either in training or competition.

Gary Wright emphasized the availability of information on the CDC website; site contains Federal provisions.

6.4.7 Philosophy of Rules

Gary Wright emphasized the rules of our sport are contained either in the ICR or the ACR. The purpose of the rules is to provide security for the competitors and officials as well as to provide events that are fair and consistent. The rules governing due process allow Juries to make valid and consistent decisions.

6.4.8 Feasibility of online testing for all categories of certification

Jill Firstbrook reported that a committee has been formed to address the concerns noted at the 2011 Congress. A report will be delivered at the 2013 Congress; input requested. Additional discussion deferred.

7. New business

7.1 Jury Advisor certification requirement for scored/non-scored events.

2011 Congress changed wording from "should" to "must" be certified Referees in order to serve as a Referee, Assistant Referee or Course Setter at USSA non-scored events. Jury Advisor requirement was not addressed.

MOTION 5: To add wording that *Jury Advisor* MUST be a certified Jury Advisor or Referee to serve as a Jury Advisor for USSA non-scored events. M/S/C Ransom/Price/Unanimous

7.2 Education assistance for Masters' Officials.

7.2.1 Jury members, Course Setter(s), Jury Advisors and other key officials must be USSA members.

7.2.2 Bill Skinner, USSA Masters discussed issues with staffing Masters' events. Masters' rules allow competitors to serve as Jury members and Course Setters and, since this is acceptable to the insurance company and USSA, the Alpine AO community is not focused on changing these rules.

The Alpine AO community, however, will not lower their education standards. Masters' officials are welcome at all USSA AO Clinics, and the AO community will work with Masters' officials to create an atmosphere that will be beneficial to Masters' education needs.

An Alpine Official membership does not carry Alpine Official certification; certification must be earned by attending an official AO Clinic and passing the required exam.

7.3 Travel Letters and foreign competitors' entry in FIS events

FIS has indicated that any entry on an official entry form must be accepted, and any issues will become the responsibility of the appropriate federation. This would eliminate the requirement for "Travel Letters" for foreign competitors attending or training with USSA clubs and schools. Paul Van Slyke, USA FIS TD Commissioner, will clarify this entry issue with FIS so that it can be addressed in updated education materials.

7.4 USSA website

7.4.1 Request made to try and consolidate all officials' resources in one site. If consolidation is not possible, a link to the resource should be posted at that site.

7.4.2 At this time, only staff members are allowed access in order to update certification/update status. Officials are reminded it is their responsibility to verify the accuracy of their certification/update status.

7.5 Electronic submittal of scanned USSA non-FIS race result packets

USSA non-FIS race result packets may be scanned and electronically submitted in PDF format to jehlers@ussa.org. Subject line on the e-mail must be the USSA transmittal number; head tax documents must still be submitted via USPS.

7.6 Change in age class designations to "U" system has been fully addressed in other meetings; no additional discussion required.

7.7 Suggestions for software enhancement and/or debugging must be processed through USSA Competition Services. Professional timing companies, however, may contact the provider regarding their specific needs.

7.8 Proposal for preparation of education materials requires that individuals indicate their interest by providing contact information to the Chair. Following basic changes, materials will be distributed for input and review.

7.9 A "Code" to deal with social network postings that are blasphemous or bring the sport into disrepute is being considered by FIS. There is a current posting on a domestic site that is not supported by fact and a formal request is being made that it be removed.

8. Recommendations for Advancement to AO Level 4 with exception of USSA TD's.

MOTION 6: To approve officials presented for advancement to Level 4 as listed. M/S/C Firstbrook/Rogers/Unanimous

9. Adjournment

MOTION 7: To adjourn at 11:00. M/S/C Wright/Delli Quadri/Unanimous

EAST

5748983	Stacey Bolger	CO4
5744784	Jim Catalano	CO4
5224803	Samuel Ganow	DM4, TC4

3037488	Charles Hughes	RF4, CO4, CR4
4720918	Michael Nenno	RA4, JA4
4643946	Peter Welch	CO4, JA4

FAR WEST

4912309	Phil GilanFarr	CR4
4358115	Noel Dufty	CC4, CR4

INTERMOUNTAIN

4748158	Bridger Call	CR4
4858478	Ruben Macaya	CR4
4530622	Michel Rudigoz	CR4

PNSA

5464193	Robin Ahmann	JA4
6312178	Steve Ahmann	CO4
4821617	Nils Eriksson	RF4
5424403	Gerry Fitzgerald	CO4
5878459	Carl Guenzel	CR4
5094495	James Holcomb	CO4
5283031	Kent Johnson	CO4
3190568	James Jobson	JA4
4792545	Jamie Landwehr	RF4
4957007	Jim Landwehr	CO4
4993879	Robert Landwehr	CO4
4786463	Louis Otto	CO4
4707014	Patrick T. Robson	RF4
5175336	Ryan Shorter	CO4
5820527	Jeff Sanborn	CO4
5963962	Jill Swoboda	RA4
5241559	Mike Ulvestad	CO4
5940341	Barry Wise	CO4
5110960	Claudia Yamamota	CO4

Rocky Mountain

4875001	Ellen Galbraith	CC4
4676342	PJ Jenick	JA4
3170065	Olin Armstrong	RF4

Alpine Western Region ACC

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Thursday, May 10 2012, 8:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Craig Krueger

(See also Addendum 1: Western Region Accounting & Use of Funds)

1. Welcome/Identification of Members present:

Craig Krueger, Karen Korfanta, Todd Kelly, Bill Gunesch, Lester Keller, Gina Gassman, Kristina Revello, Lex Patten, Aaron Stiassny, Sparky Anderson, Beat Hupfer, Kyle Crezee, Jesse Hunt, Ruben Macaya, Jeremy Ueland, Ryan Shorter, Rick Duncan, Bill Brooks

Staff: Lester Keller, Gwynn Watkins, Carma Burnett, Sherri Hale, Paul Mahre, Lucy Schram

2. Review and Approval of Agenda - Passed

3. Minutes - Passed

4. Executive Committee Report

4.1 Chairman's Report

Challenges of the region are handled well by the diversity of the region. All work well to make it a very strong region. Thanked the region for their hard work.

4.2. Treasurers Report

See attached report. Great Western Foundation: Trustees are still deciding on how to use those funds and where those funds should be placed. Only one grant was made to PNSA this season for ImPact testing.

Timeline for submitting grant requests:

Action item: Karen Korfanta will put together a timeline and criteria for applying for grants to the Great Western Account and send it out to the Divisions. She will put this together within the next 30 days.

4.3. Staff Remarks

4.3.1 Director

Retaining Karen Harjo, she is doing an outstanding job.

Updated project list is posted on the WR website.

Lester feels that coaches from all parts of the region coming together at projects and working with athletes is part of the region's great success.

Key to revise Nor Am access quotas to accommodate the younger athletes without diluting the field.

Gwynn Watkins has been an outstanding addition and an asset to the WR.

Skills Quest: came about after seeing elite athletes missing basic skills that hindered their success. Goal is to work on fundamentals.

4.3.2 Development Manager – Gwynn Watkins

Thanked Lester and Karen for the great team work. Works for Walt in the Sports Development. Enjoyed the opportunity to travel to meetings and competitions.

Launched new website and looks forward to continuing to improve the site over the summer.

Facebook page is key as the athletes are checking it constantly.

Intent to compete site went smoothly.

Compliance: some issues with discrepancies on the FIS website. Proposing to have monthly conference calls with the divisional managers.

Report is listed in the USSA congress materials.

5. Old Business

5.1 Head Tax - College head tax proposal

Motion 1: by Ron Bonneau and Jerry Wolf / Ryan Shorter: to exempt USCSA Clubs hosting USSA sanctioned events in the Western Region from Western Region head tax of \$2/person/start. Passed unanimously.

5.2 Entry fees

Motion 2: by Beat Hupfer / Kyle Crezee: WR FIS entry fees will become a fixed \$42 entry. Passed unanimously.

6. New Business

6.1 New Chair – Karen Korfanta

6.2 Vice Chair – Todd Kelly, passed unanimously

6.3 WR ACC Secretary – Lucy Schram was appointed

6.4 Calendar

6.4.1 Structure of the calendar – there are no motions. We will remain with an Elite Series, Development Series and Divisional FIS series for 12-13 season.

Motion 3: by Ruben Macaya / Bill Gunesch: to purge automatics from Development series. Allow 5 men and 5 women pace skiers from Western Region. Passed unanimously.

Motion 4: by Ruben Macaya: proposal to have a U14 Regional Camp at the end of the season, early April. Motion died for lack of a second.

6.4.2 U16 Championships

Rotation will head to Alyeska, Alaska

Motion 5: by Aaron Stiassny / Sparky Anderson to have a DH as part of the U16, USSA championships. 5 yeah, 7 opposed, motion failed.

6.4.3 Bids

Jan. 12-18 Speed Qualifier – bids: Mammoth and Schweitzer, bid goes to Schweitzer.

Elite WR Tech Series bids Jan. 28-31: Park City/Snowbird and Alpine/Squaw. Bid goes to Snowbird and Park City.

Elite Tech #2 Wild West Classic Feb. 21-24: Snow King.

Elite GS/SG Feb. 25-28: Bogus Basin. Canceled.

Elite Spring Series Mar. 27 – Apr. 1: Bids: Mission Ridge and Mammoth. Bid goes to Mammoth.

Elite Speed Series Apr. 3-9: Bids: Bachelor and Mammoth. Bid goes to Mammoth.

WR JR Champs Mar. 5-10: Bids: Bogus Basin, Schweitzer(pulled their bid), Mission Ridge, Squaw and Alpine. Bid goes to Mission Ridge.

Devo Dec. 16-19: Mammoth and Snow King (flexible on dates) Bid goes to Snow King.

Devo Apr. 11-14: Sugar Bowl.

6.5 Rules

Motion 6 by Lex Patton / Jesse Hunt: WR will allow 13 year olds to attend U16 Championships. Qualification for U16 Championships are subject to divisional qualifying rules. Vote: yeah 4, nay 8 proposal failed.

Motion 7 by Bill Gunesch / Ruben Macaya: The Western Region ACC proposes that USSA does not allow first year FIS age athletes access to FIS races prior to Nov. 15 of their first eligible FIS season (for example: YOB 1997 athletes will not be able to enter FIS competition until Nov. 15, 2013). Passed unanimously.

6.6 Representation:

Lester wants to make sure that the WR is represented on all on committees.

Ryan Shorter was nominated to represent the WR on the development committee for the 2012 Congress.

Todd Kelly will become the Alpine Sports Committee representative as the new Vice Chair to the WR ACC.

6.7 Divisional meeting Dates

Alaska – May 17 via Skype

IMD – May 23-24 in Jackpot

Far West – May 21 at Squaw Valley

Northern – June 7 in Missoula

PNSA – June 9-10 in Tri Cities, Pasco

Please email the fall meeting dates to Lester.

6.8 Clinics and Visitation – Lester went over the upcoming clinic schedules.

Divisions are requested to include coaches education in their scheduling and communicate this to Lester Keller and Jon Nolting.

Divisions need to identify their representatives to the Regional

Development Subcommittee. Two representatives for each division.

7. Next Meeting – Fall Call will be announced
8. Adjourn

Motion: Ruben Macaya / Lex Patten

Alpine Rocky/Central Region ACC

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

Thursday, May 10 2012, 8:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Pat Callahan

Committee Membership:

Chair: Pat Callahan, Aspen, CO
Tom Barnes, Eden Prairie, MN
Bob Dart, Winter Park, CO
Darryl Landstrom, Wayzata, MN
Chelsea Lynch, Breckenridge, CO
Joe Paul, Bloomington, MN
Roger Perricone, Steamboat Springs, CO
Bill Slattery, Buffalo Grove, IL
Dave Waller, Chesterland, OH
Anje Worrell, Steamboat Springs, CO

1. Welcome and call to order
2. Introduction of RC ACC members
- 2.1 Committee: Pat Callahan, Chair, Dave Waller, Vice Chair, Bob Dart, Anje Worrell, Roger Perricone, Joe Paul, Darryl Landstrom, Bill Slattery, Tom Barnes, Stefan Hughes (sitting in for Chelsea Lynch)
- 2.2 Guests: Darlene Nolting, Mike Bowman, Terry Leonard, Deb Armstrong, Crawford Pierce, Brewster McVicker, John Jett, Leah Mason, Kent Towleron, Greg Needell, Karen Ghent, Mike Quinliven, Paul Rozypal, Jeff Burrows, Aldo Radamus, John Manderfield, Dave Anderson, Connie Webster, Richard Rokos, Tyler Shepherd

Thank you to Terry DelliQuadri for his efforts for the region throughout the years.

3. Review and approval of agenda **M/S/C Callahan/Slattery**
4. Review and approval of minutes **M/S/C Callahan/Slattery**
5. Staff reports
- 5.1 Darlene Nolting
- 5.2 Brewster McVicker

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to attend these meetings. Under the new structure, communication was difficult. Brewster stayed involved in athletic development. Membership is growing again – good leadership at the regions and clubs. Thanks to the RC Championship sites for the outstanding job both sites did for our athletes.

6. Divisional ACC reports

6.1 Central – Dave Waller

Partnership with Lutsen, good and positive environment for our athletes. Thanks to the hard work of Mike Quinliven. Kombi is run at every one of our age class events every weekend. Speed Camp is a great asset for Central.

6.2 Rocky Mountain – Mike Bowman

Thanked Terry for your work in the division and region. Thanked Darlene for her hard work and dedication to the division. Appreciate the support that RMD Board provides for the athletes in the division.

RMD had an increase in membership in the division.

Challenges in the calendar and making sure there is crossover for athletes. Task force in place to focus on the calendar and the division as a whole. 54 inch gates will be used at slalom events. Support Super G for U12's. DH to begin at U16 level. Adding SkillsQuest to U14, U12 and U10 events.

6.3 Rocky/Central athletes won 6 of 10 events. Sky Kelsey on the overall.

6.4 Western Can Am – Rocky/Central sent 6 girls and 6 boys

Great event for our athletes – GS, SL, SG, skier cross. Rocky/Central should continue to attend this event. Fight for the region.

6.5 Walt Evans – welcome to Park City. Patrick became the Alpine Director and Walt became the Sports Development Director. With Terry leaving the R/C Development Director, Patrick has limited resources to distribute towards this position and he needs to use this money how he best thinks that would utilize his resources. 20% of a manager's job can be put towards development and coach's education. It is important that Rocky/Central retains autonomy. Restate my confidence in both Brewster and Darlene in their positions and the jobs that they do. We need to make sure that our FIS races are valuable and worth the efforts.

6.6 Patrick Riml – Create the best system for your athletes to provide the best opportunities. What are the needs and challenges of the region. It will be Patrick's goal to make a recommendation and solution by June 15.

7. New business

7.1 Divisional ACC proposals needing regional approval

7.1.1 U14 Regional Championships

Motion 1: Add 15 per Division to U14 Championships M/S/C Bowman/Perricone

Motion 2: Use 54" gates or the recommend USSA minimum gate height at U14 Championship Slalom M/S/C Bowman/Perricone

The development committee may pass a minimum pole length and we would have to move to that length.

Motion 3: SL/GS Kombi at U14 Championships M/S/C Paul/Perricone

Central doesn't have the opportunity to safely train SG and feels this would be fair for both divisions

2013/2014 site selection – U14 Championships has two bids – Steamboat Springs and Winter Park have both presented bids for two years. – Winter Park won the vote by 7 to 2.

Steamboat Springs – Deb Armstrong presented the Steamboat bid; Steamboat has been hosting this event for the past two years. Steamboat bid is for \$395.

Winter Park – Jeff Burrows presented the Winter Park bid. Would like to present an event at the level of US Nationals. Winter Park bid is for \$310.

7.1.2 U16 Regional Championships

Motion 4: Seed U16 Championships by USSA points M/S/C Bowman/Perricone 1 opposed

Motion 5: Add 10 per Division to U16 Championships M/S/C Bowman/Perricone

7.1.3 Maximum SL gate distance

Motion 6: Amend U14 and younger maximum Slalom distance to 10 meters M/S/C Bowman/Perricone

To make things more consistent between age groups. With scientific approach, the 10 meter distance is appropriate. 9 meter recommendation was arbitrary. Eastern Region is also recommending the 10 meter max.

7.1.4 Appeals Committee

Motion 7: Put together a 3 to 5 person appeals committee, to consist of Chair, Vice-Chair, athlete rep and two others, one from each division. M/S/C Slattery/Landstrom

Athlete Rep Joe Paul, Central - Mike Quinlivan, RMD

7.1.5 Region project coaches requirements

Motion 8: For regional Projects coaches must be at least a level 100 certified with USSA. M/S/C DelliQuadri/Perricone

7.1.6 TD's at Regional Championships

TD's at the U16 and U 14 Championships should at least be a professional level 3 from either region.

7.1.7 Operating procedure review – we have a draft proposal for the committee to review over the summer and present to the committee next summer.

Motion 9: To reelect the Chair and Vice-Chair for the next two years. M/S/C Slattery/Perricone

7.1.8 U.S. Nationals qualifications

Motion10: Rocky/Central does not support the National proposal that the only way for a U18 to qualify for U.S. Nationals was through the U18 National Championships. M/S/C Bowman/Perricone.

Amend the proposal to include: athletes who have qualified objectively through their regional qualifications without alternates should be allowed to compete in U.S. Nationals.

8. Old business - None
9. Adjournment - **M/S/C – Callahan/Waller**

Alpine Judicial Committee

Park City Marriott – Marriott Board Room
1895 Sidewinder Drive, Park City, UT

Thursday, May 10 2012, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Bill Slattery

1. Welcome and call to order

The Chair welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance.

2. Review of committee membership

Bill Slattery, Buffalo Grove, IL	Chair	Present
Tom Winters, Tucson, AZ	Vice Chair	Present
Bob Dart, Winter Park, CO	Member	Present
Walt Evans, Park City, UT	Member	Present
Dave Galusha, Park City, UT	Member	Absent
Mike Hammer, Jackson, WY	Member	Present
Scott Macartney, Kirkland, WA	Member	Absent
Alex Natt, Park City, UT (Ex officio)	Member	Absent

Note: Dave Galusha has resigned from the Judicial Committee.

3. Review and approval of agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

4. Review and approval of minutes

The minutes were approved as distributed.

5. Review grievance routing – interim activities

The Chair provided a review of activities relative to activities of the Committee this past season.

As of this date, no matters had been forwarded to the Committee for review or adjudication during this past season.

The Chair made reference that he had informed the Alpine Executive that it is highly recommended that each Division, State and Region establish an appeals committee consisting of three to five people to initially address local matters.

6. Old business - There was no old business to review.

7. New business - There was no new business to review.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be in Park City, UT, May, 2013.

Alpine USSA TD Working Group

Park City Marriott – Prospector 3
1895 Sidewinder Drive, Park City, UT

Thursday, May 10 2012, 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Summary and Action Items

Meeting Chair: Randy Rogers

Committee Membership:

Chair: Randy Rogers Eugene, OR (PNSA)

Vice Chair: Chuck Hughes, Killington, VT (Eastern)

Bob Calderwood, Goodyear, AZ (Central, Immediate Past Chair)

Esther Delli Quadri, Steamboat Springs, CO (RMD)

Phil GilanFarr, Crystal Bay, NV (Far West)

Thelma Hoessler, Santa Fe, NM (Ex Officio, Alpine Officials Education Chair)

Tony Nunnikhoven (Northern)

Don Page, E Greenbush, NY (Honorary)

Bob Pettitt, Bozeman, MT (Northern)

Gretchen Ransom, Duluth, MN (Ex Officio)

Evert Uldrich, Rigby, ID (IMD)

Scott Young, Anchorage, AK (Alaska)

Jeff Weinman, Park City, UT (USSA staff)

Tom Winters, Tucson, AZ (FIS)

No significant issues were addressed.

Role of USSA TD WG in recruiting and developing USSA TD's according to our mission was addressed.

A proposal to have divisions and regions implement a test program of recruiting retired FIS and National technical delegates to provide "check rides" on newer TD's between 3-5 years of receiving their level 2-3 TD license. In the process the "mentors" would provide assistance to the ROC and serve to aid the event staff in other capacities.

Committee members were requested to come back to this meeting in a year with information on their efforts, and outcomes of any of the "check rides."

Bear Bryant – added as honorary member – non-voting

TD Advancement Recommendations

Alaska None

Central None

Eastern

Far West Phil Gilanfaar – Level 6

Intermountain None

Northern None

PNSA	Ron Bonneau – Level 6	
Rocky	Level 3 to Level 4	
	Chris Hoss	5817887
	Aaron Humphrey	5414537
	Richard Sawyer	4679882

Alpine Education and Development Executive Committee

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

Thursday, May 10 2012, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Summary

Chair: Jesse Hunt for Mike Morin

Chair: Mike Morin, Stratton Mtn, VT (East)
Vice Chair: Jesse Hunt, Park City, UT (West)
Joe Paul, Bloomington, MN (Rocky/Central)
Peter Dodge, Hanover, NH (College)
Krik Dwyer, E Burke, VT (East)
Dave Galusha, Park City, UT (Immediate past Chair)
Gina Gassman, Loveland, CO (Athlete)
Jon Nolting, Heber City, UT (USSA staff)
Mike Bowman, Telluride, CO (Rocky/Central)
Jamie Landwehr, Sandpoint, ID (West)

1. Welcome and call to order
Hunt called the meeting to order.
2. Review of committee membership
Hunt reviewed the committee membership.
3. Review and approval of agenda
The agenda was approved without objection.
4. Review and approval of minutes
The minutes were tabled until the open meeting.
5. Review topics that will be discussed during main meeting
Hunt and the committee members reviewed and discussed the items that were to be talked about during the open meeting. There was no action taken during this meeting, only discussion.
6. Adjourn
The meeting was adjourned without objection.

Alpine FIS TD Working Group

Park City Marriott – Prospector 3
1895 Sidewinder Drive, Park City, UT

Thursday, May 10 2012, 1:30 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Tom Winters

1. Welcome and call to order

The Chair called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance. There were some 36 attendees at the meeting

2. Review of committee membership

Tom Winters, Tucson, AZ	Chair	Present
Paul Van Slyke, Lake Placid, NY	Vice Chair	Present
Bob Calderwood, Goodyear, AZ (Central)	Member	Present
Bob Dart, Winter Park, CO (Rocky)	Member	Present
Jill Firstbrook, Newbury, NH (East)	Member	Present
Bill Hicks, Sandy, UT (West)	Member	Present
Chuck Hughes, Killington, VT (East)	Member	Present
Randy Rogers, Eugene, OR (West)	Member	Present
Ingrid Simonson, Snoqualmie Pass, WA	Ex officio	Present
Bill Slattery, Buffalo Grove, IL	Honorary	Present
Walt Evans, Park City, UT	USSA staff	Absent
Jeff Weinman, Park City, UT	USSA staff	Present

Additional FIS committee members present

Allen Church – Timing Working Group

Karen Korfanta – Alpine Rules and Control and Chair Ladies Working Group

Jeff Weinman – Alpine Classification

3. Review and approval of agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

4. Review and approval of minutes

The minutes were approved as distributed.

5. Reports

5.1. Chair

The Chair provided a review of activities relative to the FIS including:

All event assignments were covered in a semi-orderly fashion given the weather challenges encountered this past season.

The Chair requested that, if possible, the responsible zone director should try to move their assignment notification process up as early as possible. This will help with fulfilling the FIS's request for assignment data.

5.2. Regional / International reviews – assignments / venue comments

5.2.1. Central Division – Bob Calderwood

Noted weather items and the fact that it was a great aid to have Brad Ghent from Rocky be able to come and participate as a TD in Central this past season.

5.2.2. Eastern Region – Jill Firstbrook and Chuck Hughes

Lack of snow was commented upon, however, almost all events were able to be held in a timely manner.

Need for everyone to be aware of the need for FIS TD candidates and be on the lookout for potential/interested individuals.

Challenges with calendar development as mentioned.

5.2.3. Rocky Mountain Division – Bob Dart

TD coverage was a pressing issue this past season. However, with great cooperation and numerous multiple assignments, all events were handled.

Need for additional TD candidates was mentioned.

5.2.4. Western Region – Bill Hicks and Randy Rogers

This past season was challenging and a scramble at times. However, due to TD flexibility between regions, everything managed to be covered.

5.2.5. International – WC / COC / JUN / CHI

We have continued with our out of nation program, however, going forward, we must be cognizant of the relative costs incurred by our ROCs who participate in such programs.

5.3. USSA Staff – Jeff Weinman

A brief overview of activities at USSA was given with emphasis on expanded activities on developments in the area of computer applications. Weinman referenced elements where the TDs could aid and facilitate better coordination by sending in not only hard copies of event reports but also electronic copies.

6. Educational programs – Paul Van Slyke

Van Slyke reported that this next year we are undertaking a test of having one major meeting for both the USA and Canada in the United States. Locations which were under consideration were Orlando, FL and Las Vegas, NV. After a review of quoted costs Orlando, FL was eliminated from consideration and various proposals from Las Vegas, NV venues are being obtained and reviewed. Once a final determination and acceptable pricing has been obtained information will be sent to interested parties. Expanded stay alternatives are also being looked into for meeting participants.

Various suggestions were made as to program content and methodology i.e. multi presenters, grass root elements, expert group panels, greater interaction within the participants etc.

7. FIS member reports

The Chair asked the FIS committee members or experts present to comment on any issues or items which might be of concern or interest to the group at large and or which will be discussed at the upcoming FIS meetings in Korea.

Karen Korfanta – Alpine Rules and Control / Chair Alpine Ladies Working Group – reviewed the rule proposals to be addressed at the upcoming FIS meeting. General agenda items center around cleaning up of prior discussion elements i.e. hiking up, yellow flag utilization in giant slalom events. The Chair commented that this can be considered a Jury issue and is already in practice where the Jury deems appropriate. Karen in her position on behalf of USSA as NorAm Coordinator gave a brief report and referenced the continued utilization of block calendaring in cooperation with the Canadians.

Allen Church – Timing and Calculation – Provided a brief overview of equipment and long-term movements regarding timing systems within the FIS.

Bruce Crane – Courses – Referenced and reviewed ongoing homologation issues including the migration of the FIS to electronic submissions. 120 U.S. courses were inspected/homologated this past season. Tom Winters will be representing Bruce Crane and USSA at the Korean Courses meetings.

Bob Dart – NorAm / COC / Masters – No issues to comment upon at this time.

Bob Calderwood – DAR Events – Assignment and event scheduling issues still are of concern.

Jeff Weinman – Classification & UNI – Gave a broad overview of activities within the classification area and upcoming related programs within USSA. Of primary concern was a potential hole in the “protective injury status” regulations when athletes move between various levels of competition. With regard to FIS UNI Rules, a clean up and presentation for approval to the FIS UNI Committee in Korea of the special, previously approved, “carnival seeding system” utilized in the United States will be undertaken.

Thelma Hoessler – Race Administration - Concern was expressed with regard to two issues. First, centered around a communication from the FIS with regard to entry acceptance which seems to be at conflict with section 215 of the ICR and previous procedures – Paul Van Slyke will endeavor to clarify this item with the FIS. Second, there has been a problem encountered with the latest software from Split Second Timing with regard to listing of some competitors as DNS when a review showed that the competitors had a valid time – being addressed and controlled by Jeff Weinman.

8. Old business

There was no old business to review.

9. New business

A review of the Canadian Technical Delegate payment and reimbursement system was undertaken with input from all FIS Technical Delegate and Committee Members present and who had experience over this past season with the aforementioned system. A short summary voiced by all experienced parties was that the system is complicated, does not work as projected and is not well managed – failure to pay as requested as to amount and in a timely manner – some TD’s were still waiting for payment more than one (1) month after submission of expense reports. It should be noted that failure to pay in a timely manner also exists at some USA venues also.

10. Closed meeting session

10.1. Status of Technical Delegate candidates and aspirants

Discussion of proposed Aspirant Candidates and Technical Delegate Candidates was undertaken. After a review of backgrounds, event histories and discussions, the following parties were approved for presentment to the FIS:

- Mike Browne – New York
- Steve Burgart – New York
- Mike Ginsberg – California
- Carl Guenzel – Washington
- Aaron Humphrey – Colorado

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be in Park City, UT in May 2013.

Alpine Collegiate Working Group

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

Thursday, May 10 2012, 1:30 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Roger Perricone

Committee Membership:

Chair: Roger Perricone, Steamboat Springs, CO (Parent Representative)

Vice Chair: Darryl Landstrom, Wayzata, MN

Peter Dodge, Hanover, NH (NCAA Representative)

Ron Bonneau, Caldwell, ID (USCSA Representative)

John Jacobs, Queensbury, NY (At-large)

Brewster McVicker, Harbor Springs, MI (USSA Staff)

Gina Gassman, Loveland, CO (Student Representative)

Mark Sullivan, Cummington, MN (Immediate Past Chair)

1. Welcome and call to order

Statement of purpose – The Collegiate Working Group is dedicated to creating and maintaining competitive ski racing opportunities to student athletes in the collegiate environment.

Supportive statements:

- To support athletic development to attain the highest possible competitive opportunities nationally and internationally.
- To support the creation and foster retention of “lifelong skiers”.
- To foster financial accessibility to the sport of ski racing.

2. Review of committee membership

Chair – Roger Perricone

Vice Chair – Darryl Landstrom

NCAA representatives

RMISA – Richard Rokos, Jaka Korencan, Tyler Shepherd

EISA – Peter Dodge, Chip Knight, Rogan Connell

USCSA representatives

Paul Rozsypal, Ron Bonneau, John Jacobs, Darryl Landstrom

Athlete representative – Gina Gassman

Immediate past chairman – Mark Sullivan

USSA staff – Brewster McVicker (non-voting)

3. Review and approval of agenda
The agenda was approved without objection
4. Review and approval of minutes
The minutes were approved without objection
5. Review of Spring conference calls
Perricone reviewed the spring teleconferences
6. Reports
 - 6.1. USSA
 - 6.1.1. Dues and fees
Dues and fees will be increasing for 12-13 season. Head Tax will increase by \$4 per start and Student and Competitor licenses will increase by \$10.
 - 6.1.2. Primary health insurance requirement for 2012-13 season
Opt out option for health insurance will no longer be an option.
 - 6.1.3. Collegiate access to NorAms

Motion 1: NTSM of Seniors and Collegiate U21. M/S/C Dodge / Shepherd; unanimous

- 6.2. NCAA
 - 6.2.1. Seeding for FISU events
Seeding procedure for FIS U events has been submitted to T Winters for submittal to FIS for insertion into the FIS University rules.
 - 6.2.2. Report on 2012 season
EISA - 5 FIS-U carnivals - all events happened.
RMSIA – All good, NCAA Bozeman. Schedule getting close for next season.

Motion 2: from Rocky Mountain Division; To increase the quota for FIS U from 30 non university athletes + 2 juniors to all university athletes plus 45 from host division, 15 out of division entries (quota fill by host division if not filled) +2 juniors M/S/C R. Rokos / Shepherd

- 6.3. USCSA
 - 6.3.1. Report on 2012 season
Rocky went well with scheduling, merged SmartWool last year. Challenged with snow conditions in the west – emerging success of jumping with Continental Cup. Championships included all sports at a high level with good field sizes.
 - 6.3.2. Prospectus on 2013 season
Rocky no U16's next year. Fees are going to have an impact on retention.
 - 6.3.3. New business
USCSA meetings will be in Albany at the end of May.
- 6.4. Winter World University Games
 - 6.4.1. Detractors – event has been subcontracted to another agency by USOC

6.4.2. Discussion on value to athletes, collegiate programs, USSA

Richard mentioned lifetime impact with high-level results. The athletes like the event. It has good exposure and is well attended by athletes around the world.

7. Old business

There was no old business to review.

8. New business

There was no other new business.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned

Alpine Timing Working Group

Park City Marriott – Prospector 3
1895 Sidewinder Drive, Park City, UT

Thursday, May 10 2012, 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Allen Church

Committee Membership:

Chair: Allen Church, Albuquerque, NM

Vice Chair: Dirk Gouwens, Lake Placid, NY (USSA staff)

Dan Chayes, Whitetail, PA

Curt Gleaves, Beaverton, OR

Stanley Goldschmidt, Park City, UT

Ellen Hoffman, San Leandro, CA

John Jacobs, Queensbury, NY

John Jett, Mountain Village, CO

Tami Strong, Cottonwood Heights, UT

Jake Treadwell, Bethel, ME

Dave Waller, Chesterland, OH

1. Welcome and call to order
Church called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m.
2. Review of committee membership
The committee structure needs to remove Bruce Crane and Jenna Ginsburg and add Jake Treadwell – previously elected.
3. Review and approval of agenda
The agenda was approved with the addition of Review Certification Guidelines under new business.
4. Review and approval of minutes
The minutes were approved without objection.
5. Reports
 - 5.1. Chair
Church noted that in his review of the FIS timing forms things continue to get better. He pointed out that with FIS having moved to a base list calculation, the Z-Factors are generally zero.
 - 5.2. USSA Staff
Weinman noted that the F-values are proposed to change by FIS to: DH – 1370, SL – 620, GS – 890, SG – 1050 and SC – 1070.
6. Discussion items

6.1. NCAA Western Regional and NCAA Championship timing review

At the season 2012 NCAA Western Regional and NCAA Championships, there were what seemed to be an unusual number of ties in the results. All timing data and tapes were sent to Church for review – he found no issues. There was a change in the B system timer between the Region and National Championships.

7. Old business

Weinman referred to the minutes where Gouwens had ideas for cleaning up the timing section of the competition guide.

Motion 1: To review and update the requirements for homologated timers, start gates and photo cells for use in USSA Scored and Non-Scored competitions (611.2) for update in the 2013 Competition Guide, by July 15. M/S/C Gouwens/Treadwell/without objection.

Jett spoke to trends he saw in Rocky with poor clock synchronization between runs and between genders.

It was noted that speed training does not require the use/submission of a timing technical report, but it is best practice. Training runs are for officials, too, not just competitors.

8. New business

8.1 Certification guidelines

Hoessler reviewed the discussion from her meeting regarding changes to the Timing and calculations area certification guidelines.

Motion 2: To adopt the language as proposed by the Officials Education Working Group which modified the certification guidelines for timing. M/S/C Chase/Jett/without objection

8.2 New members

Motion 3: To add Matt Howard from the East as a member of the working group. M/S/C Chase/Jacobs/without objection

9. Elections

9.1. Chair

Motion 4: To reelect Allen Church as chair for another term. M/S/C Treadwell/Strong/without objection.

9.2. Vice Chair

Motion 5: To reelect John Jett as vice chair for another term. M/S/C Treadwell/Jacobs/without objection.

10. Adjournment

Motion 6: To adjourn. M/S/C Hoffman/Chase/without objection

Alpine Quotas and Selections Working Group

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

Thursday, May 10 2012, 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Beat Hupfer

Committee Membership:

Chair: Beat Hupfer, Mammoth Lakes, CA	Present
Deb Armstrong, Steamboat Springs, CO	Present
Tom Barnes, Eden Prairie, MN (Rocky/Central)	Present
Peter Dodge, Hanover, NH (Collegiate)	Present
Kirk Dwyer, East Burke, VT (Eastern)	Absent
Brewster McVicker, Harbor Springs, MI (USSA staff)	Present
Bill Gunesch, Government Camp, OR (Western)	Present
Lester Keller, Salt Lake City, UT (USSA Western Director)	Absent
Rich Smith, Campton, NH (USSA Eastern Director)	Absent
Doug Williams, Carrabassett Valley, NH (Eastern)	Absent

Guests: Barry Bryant, Dave Anderson, Tasha McCrank, Jeff Dekko, John Manderfield, Aldo Radamus, Karen Ghent, Gina Gassman, Mark Godomsky, Joe Paul, Mike Bowman, Caryn Jones, Sue Schwartz, Terry DelliQuadri, Heather Noble, Connie Webster, Chip Knight, Gary Black, Darlene Nolting, Gwynn Watkins, Aaron Stiassny, Patrick Riml, Darryl Landstrom, Bob Dart.

1. Welcome and call to order
Hupfer called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.
2. Review of committee membership
Hupfer reviewed the committee membership.
3. Review and approval of agenda
The agenda was approved without objection.
4. Review and approval of minutes
The minutes were approved without objection. M/S/C Dodge/Barnes
5. Reports
 - 5.1. Staff
The new national intent system developed by Gouwens is working well, but we still need coaches intending and confirming in a timely fashion.
 - 5.2. Domestic quota management
Staff worked together and this went well.

5.3. International licensing

	Athletes	Starts
Inscribed to FIS	2115	
With NO FIS starts	498	
With FIS starts	1617	39811
With USA starts	1583	25661
With CAN starts	470	2415
With starts outside the USA and CAN	230	1735
Southern Hemisphere racing	111	402
European racing	168	1333

6. Quota Proposals

The following changes should be integrated into the competition guide.

6.1. NorAms

Motion 1: To make the following changes to the NorAm selections.

Add a 28 day intent deadline and 14 day confirmation deadline.

November and December NorAms

2. NTSM to include U21 Collegiate

3. correct to 20/20

Add 5. to read : If the quota is not filled from 1, 2, 3 and 4, all additional quota spots will be selected from an NTSM list of all intended athletes

January, February and March NorAm

4. To read: If the quota is not filled from 1, 2 and 3, all additional quota spots will be selected from an NTSM list (2) of all intended athletes.

M/S/C Dodge/Armstrong/without objection

6.2. U.S. Championships access

Motion 2: To add, Top 3 performers at U18 Championships per event added to U.S. Championship selection section. M/S/C Gunesch/Dodge/without objection

6.2.1 FIS-U clarification

Motion 3: To add a 28 day intent deadline and 14 day confirmation deadline to the FIS-U section. M/S/C Armstrong/Dodge/without objection

6.3. Regional FIS

Motion 4: To add a 28 day intent deadline and 14 day confirmation deadline to the Regional FIS section. M/S/C Armstrong/Gunesch

6.3.1 Junior Championships

Motion 5: To modify the age nomenclature in the Junior Championship section. M/S/C Gunesch/Armstrong/without objection

6.4. Canadian events (non NorAm)

Motion 6: To add a 28 day intent deadline and 14 day confirmation deadline to the Canadian FIS section. M/S/C Armstrong/Gunesch

7. Old business

There was no old business to review.

8. New business

There was no other new business.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned. M/S/C Barnes/Dodge without objection

Alpine Courses Working Group

Park City Marriott – Prospector 3
1895 Sidewinder Drive, Park City, UT

Thursday, May 10 2012, 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Summary and Action Items

Meeting Chair: Bruce Crane

1. Welcome and call to order/rules of order for this meeting
2. Review of working group membership/attendance
3. Review and approval of agenda
4. Review and approval of minutes of May 2011 meeting

MSC 1: To approve the Agenda as prepared and circulated, and to accept the Summary and Action Items as minutes of the May 2011 meeting. T Winters/D Chayes/Unanimous

(Summary and Action Items as posted on the USSA website, distributed with the Chairman's report, and otherwise available prior to this meeting).

5. Reports
 - 5.1. Chairman – general, FIS activity, USSA activity, status of 2011 action items, interim decisions, issues
 - 5.2. Inspectors and Technical Advisors FIS / USSA
 - 5.3. USSA staff
 - 5.4. USSA Risk Management Training and Education Project – “Venue Excellence”
6. FIS homologation process and rules, 2010-11 and 2011-12 developments
 - 6.1. ICR 650 review (and potential revision)
 - 6.2. Pre-inspection documentation
7. USSA homologation process – application, inspection, reporting, publication
 - 7.1. Application and fees; timelines/deadlines, duration of validity
 - 7.2. Pre-inspection, document development, inspection
 - 7.3. Reports: ‘standards’, responsibilities
 - Contents of report package
 - Protection plans: references to drawings/maps, amount of B-net
 - Reporting of widths, inspector’s comment re usage
 - * notation of inspector’s recommendation for usage/calendaring
 - File formats, scanned document packages

7.4. Publication, access to homologation reports and documentation

From the record of the May 2011 meeting of the working group:

MSC: E Uldrich / P Mahre / Unanimous

That the USSA Alpine Courses working group, with USSA staff, develop a pass word protected online access process, similar to that of FIS, for USSA homologation reports and certificates.

Chairman and Jeff Weinman, USSA staff liaison to the working group, remarked that this action from the 2011 meeting had not been undertaken – but would be higher priority moving forward now that the USSA web site had been revised and could better accommodate restricted access needs.

The working group affirmed that access to electronic files of homologation reports and documents should be available to course inspectors, USSA certified TDs (all levels), and to USSA staff and any regional/divisional counterparts responsible for calendaring of USSA alpine races

8. Homologation inventory, expiring courses and new requests, inspector assignments

Information re expiring homologations and requests received to date was reviewed and preliminary assignments discussed. Chairman will begin communicating official assignments following this meeting. Inspectors encouraged to contact places in advance, but official assignments are made only after receipt of the application form and fee from the place (to the chairman).

9. Old business

9.1. Special/restricted homologations

From the record of the May 2011 meeting of the working group:

Of particular note: The ‘General Remarks’ section can be used by the inspector to include a comment regarding the suitability of a course for various levels of competition – and by including an asterisk (*) can indicate that this should be considered in the calendaring process. The asterisk will be carried forward on the report, appearing as part of the certificate number, on the certificate, and on lists of homologations posted to the USSA web site, etc., in order to alert calendaring groups and staff. The chairman will work with USSA staff to develop this further, that is, to provide access to the reports which include such comments – eventually via direct electronic access.

MSC: J Byrne / E Uldrich / unanimous

To enable a ‘task force’ for consideration and report with recommendation(s) in regard to designation of “most appropriate usage” in homologation reports, certificates, lists and other references.

The Chairman appointed Mike Browne, Tom Winters, Kurt Engel and Bob Calderwood to this task force, with Browne to serve as lead, and a time frame of prior to the 2013 USSA Congress for report.

9.2. USSA GS/SL homologation

9.3. Workload shifting from 2018-20

10. New business

- 10.1. TD confirmation/measurement of vertical drop
- 10.2. Age category realignment
- 10.3. Standards for competitions under artificial illumination – “Night Lighting”

Consensus: To correct the terminology in use in reference to standards for night illumination for alpine skiing (racing) to be “IESNA RP-6-01 – Sports and Recreational Area Lighting: 6.24 Skiing” or in suitable contracted form according to specific usage (for example, “6.24 Skiing standard”).

No change to the USSA standards or process for approval of courses for night racing

- 10.4. Amendments: reporting and documentation, certificates, validity
- 11. Closed session
 - 11.1. Identification and development of inspectors; continuing activity
 - 11.2. Working Group membership; consideration of new inspectors, honorary members

MSC 2: P Stwertka/S Goldschmidt/unanimous

To recognize the long and excellent service of Don Cushing as a USSA alpine course inspector, to indicate his status as emeritus and ‘honorary member’ of the USSA Alpine Courses working group.

MSC 3: S Goldschmidt/D Chayes/unanimous

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

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

- 12. Adjournment

MSC 4: T Winters/R Calderwood/unanimous

To adjourn

Alpine Rules Working Group

Park City Marriott – Board Room
1895 Sidewinder Drive, Park City, UT

Thursday, May 10 2012, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Summary

Meeting Chair: Gary Wright

Chair: Gary Wright, Aspen, CO
Dirk Gouwens, Lake Placid, NY (USSA staff)
Mike Hammer, Jackson Hole, WY
Thelma Hoessler, Santa Fe, NM
Karen Korfanta, Heber, UT
Jeff Weinman, Salt Lake City, UT (USSA staff)

1. Welcome and call to order
Wright called the meeting to order.
2. Review of committee membership
Wright reviewed the committee membership.
3. Review and approval of agenda
The agenda was approved without objection.
4. Review and approval of minutes
The minutes were approved without objection.
5. Old business
There was no old business to review.
6. New business
The Working Group will review the current editions of the FIS ICR and USSA ACR for inconsistencies and corrections to give to Weinman by Aug. 1, 2012 for inclusion in the new Competition Guide.

Some of the items that will be included in the updated text are to make adjustment to SG rules for children, write clarification notice regarding helmet cameras (not allowed in Alpine Competition and Official Training) and in Junior Kombi a rule will be added specifying requirement for Homologated/Registered courses.
7. Adjourn
The meeting was adjourned without objection.

Alpine Program Subcommittee

Park City Marriott – Board Room
1895 Sidewinder Drive, Park City, UT

Friday, May 11 2012, 8:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Darryl Landstrom

Committee Membership:

Chair: Darryl Landstrom, Wayzata, MN
Beat Hupfer, Mammoth Lakes, CA (Quota's Chair)
Brewster McVicker, Park City, UT (USSA staff)
Roger Perricone, Steamboat Springs, CO (Collegiate Chair)
Steve Slivinski, Ketchum, ID (Master's Chair)

Guests: Walt Evans (USSA staff), Bill Skinner (USSA staff), Peter Dodge (NCAA/collegiate),
Brad Ghent

1. Welcome and call to order
Landstrom opened the meeting.
2. Review of subcommittee membership
Landstrom reviewed the membership.
3. Review and approval of agenda
The agenda was approved without objection.
4. Review and approval of minutes
The minutes were approved without objection.
5. Working group reports and action item review
- 5.1. Quotas

Nov/Dec NorAm #2 NTSM to include Seniors and U21 Collegiate intended. M/S/C Dodge/Armstrong

NorAm proposal amended for November and December NorAms with Collegiate and corrected Junior quota of 20/20.

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

In the January, February and March section 4 modified as follows:

If the quota is not filled from 1, 2 and 3, all additional quota spots will be selected from an NTSM list (2) of all intended athletes M/S/C Dodge / Armstrong / without objection

Top 3 athletes at U18 Championships per event added to USN quota M/S/C Gunesch / Dodge/ without objection

Intent to Compete – 28 day intent and 14 day confirmation in the following sections

FIS-University M/S/C Armstrong / Dodge / without objection

Regional FIS M/S/C Armstrong / Gunesch / without objection

Canadian events (non-NorAm) M/S/C Dodge / Barnes / without objection

Junior Championships to change nomenclature M/S/C Gunesch / Armstrong / without objection

5.2. Collegiate

To increase the quota for FIS U from 30 non-university athletes + 2 juniors to - All University athletes plus 30 from host division, 30 out of division entries (unfilled quota to revert to host division) +2 juniors M/S/C Rokos / Shepherd / without objection

Information:

Seeding procedure for FIS U events has been submitted to Tom Winters for submittal to FIS for insertion into the FIS University rule section.

Winter World University Games will be held Dec. 2013 in Trentino, Italy. Future management and participation based on BTI management rights.

5.3. Masters

The Masters Working Group met Sun. Mar. 15 at the Center of Excellence during the Masters Championships. Minutes have been posted.

Initiatives:

- Expand promotional programs with marketing collateral.
- Launching "Introductory Race Clinic Program" targeting the communities that have not tried masters racing.
- Launch a Temporary membership subsidy program.
- Restructure membership registration to be more user friendly.

6. Old business

There was no other old business.

7. New business

There was no new business.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned without objection.

Alpine Classification Working Group

Park City Marriott – Prospector 3
1895 Sidewinder Drive, Park City, UT

Friday, May 11 2012, 8:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Allen Church

Committee Membership:

Chair: Allen Church, Albuquerque, NM
Vice Chair: Cath Jett, Mountain Village, CO
Gail Barber, Park City, UT
Thelma Hoessler, Santa Fe, NM (Ex officio)
Beat Hupfer, Mammoth Lakes, CA
Paul Mahre, Newport, WA
Gretchen Ransom, Duluth, MN (Ex officio)
Ernie Revello, McCall, ID
Dave Waller, Chesterland, OH
Connie Webster, Cazenovia, NY
Jeff Weinman, Park City, UT (USSA staff)
Julie Woodworth, Cavendish, VT

1. Welcome and call to order
Church called the meeting to order.
2. Review of committee membership
Church reviewed the working group membership.
3. Review and approval of agenda
The agenda was approved without objection.
4. Review and approval of minutes
The minutes were approved without objection.
5. Reports
 - 5.1. Chair
Church reviewed the 2012 adders and said that he would prepare the 2013 adders as he has done previously. Waller displayed the previous 10 years of adder information and noted that 2012 was generally lower than the past few years.
 - 5.2. USSA staff
Weinman reported that the maximum calculated points for FIS would be 999.00 and that USSA would report the lack of points (null points) as 999.99 for both USSA and for FIS. Weinman reviewed some of the proposals that have been submitted for discussion during the FIS meetings.

6. Discussion items

There were no discussion items to review.

7. Old business

7.1. USSA race data review – Waller

Waller reviewed his point and penalty analysis from the season. He noted that when he first looked at the data he had some concerns, however, the majority of the anomalies were driven by J3s scoring their first results.

7.2. Alternative penalty calculation review – Waller

Waller and Mahre reviewed data during from the season and looked at alternative ways to calculate penalties. Some of the methods they reviewed were top five at the start, top five at the finish and top five at the finish race points.

Hoessler noted that the effect is on a small group of athletes.

Bruce Crane had previously noted that FIS had gone to the current method because of manipulation in previous calculation methods.

Waller stated that he was not recommending change at this time.

Church thanked Waller and Mahre for their work. It is important to discuss and review the current structure from time to time.

8. New business

8.1. U14 scoring for USSA points

Waller asked if we should be scoring U14s for points.

Weinman reviewed some of the history with USSA scoring at younger age categories.

Currently, the East and Rocky/Central do not plan to score to U14s. The West is not sure yet among the divisions.

8.2. RMD proposal FIS/USSA combined speed events

Proposal:

To allow a FIS race and USSA race to be run simultaneously. For DH and SG events only. To allow U16s to race on the same course as FIS racers, when the vertical drops are met for both age groups, and be able to the score USSA points for the U16s off the FIS results without having the top 5 athletes in the points have to ski the course twice and essentially run two different races.

Purpose:

This would allow venues to run a larger field size for speed events. This would also allow the U16's access to lower USSA point penalties then they otherwise would due to U18's and older not being able to take time off to compete in both a FIS and a USSA speed series. This would also allow good crossover for all age groups in competition.

Allowing venues to do this would enhance the field size for speed events. Currently it is difficult to site speed venues as the field sizes are typically very small. Setting up a speed venue with all the B-net and A-net installation requires considerable prep work from the venue and with the field sizes being small, this will not generate the revenue to cover their costs.

I believe we need to be innovative in how we run speed events or we will not be able to continue to site these speed events in the future.

Darlene Nolting spoke to the above proposal; it would only be for speed competitions. She emphasized the difficulty of calendaring speed events, noting the costs.

Mahre noted that in PNSA they had done something similar, but used a group of 'rabbits' from the first race to provide the pace for the second.

Webster asked if the decision was yes, could that be expanded to other areas.

Motion 1: To approve the proposal as a one year test, pending input from FIS, with a task force (J. Weinman, T. Hoessler, D. Nolting, C. Jett) to review and plan for any operational issues. M/S/C Hoessler / Weinman / without objection

Mahre asked that the review include safety issues and on-hill protocol for the period between the two races.

9. Elections

9.1. Chair

Motion 2: To reelect Allen Church as chair. M/S/C Hoessler / Gaylord / without objection

9.2. Vice Chair

Motion 3: To elect Gretchen Ransom as vice chair. M/S/C Jett / Barber / without objection

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned without objection. M/S/C Weinman / Webster

Alpine Development and Education Subcommittee

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

Friday, May 11 2012, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Jesse Hunt

Committee Membership:

Chair: Mike Morin, Stratton Mtn, VT (East)	Absent
Vice Chair: Jesse Hunt, Park City, UT (West)	Present
Joe Paul, Bloomington, MN (Rocky/Central)	Present
Peter Dodge, Hanover, NH (College)	Present
Krik Dwyer, E Burke, VT (East)	Absent
Dave Galusha, Park City, UT (Immediate past Chair)	Present
Gina Gassman, Loveland, CO (Athlete)	Present
Jon Nolting, Heber City, UT (USSA staff)	Present
Mike Bowman, Telluride, CO (Rocky/Central)	Present
Jamie Landwehr, Sandpoint, ID (West)	Absent

Guests: There were a number of guests in attendance.

1. Welcome and call to order
Hunt called the meeting to order.
2. Review of committee membership
Hunt reviewed the committee membership.
3. Review and approval of agenda
The agenda was approved without objection.
4. Review and approval of minutes
The minutes were approved without objection.
5. Reports
 - 5.1. Chair
There was no Chair's report.
 - 5.2. Alpine staff – Riml and Directors
Successful season for all levels; evaluate and look at how we can improve performance. Development included U16 assessment camp channeling NDS projects from last fall. U16 camp was successful, but not all qualified athletes attended. Domestic and National Team coaches attended and added valuable feedback. Race venues were challenging due to snow situation, but Park City was great to work with. U16 summer project schedule will be posted next week, athletes to come to Park City and Mt. Hood, and will be able to meet with Sport Science staff.

J2 Nationals was a great event. Top qualifying athletes weren't in attendance. Based on performance in November they will have the opportunity to work with the Development Teams.

Criteria – Skills Quest: make great athletes out of the skiers; head-to-head competition beginning with NorAms and National Championships. Based on race points.

Team Academy: Development is key. There are big athletes who will be retiring in the next few years so it's vital we prepare the younger athletes and they will be supported by USSA Team Academy, including conditioning staff, medical staff, and coaching staff. Academics are a part of the program if they wish. It is not mandatory.

Age Change: An opportunity; develop the athletes in a broader range. Biomechanics were brought to Park City. FIS decided the rules are in place and the athletes are looking very promising. Ted raced on new skis and won that run. This will be implemented at many levels

Riml was asked about the criteria for U.S. Ski Team selections? Only age groups will be adjusted every year. Criteria will be posted next week after it has been presented to the board and approved. There will be a USST quota. To qualify, world rank and NTSM plus five wildcards.

5.3. Education staff – Nolting

Ron Kipp: Alpine Education Manager - Mammoth National Coaches Academy: 25 coaches were in attendance, interspersed with 5 National Team Coaches. Coaches were more than supportive of the program. A lot of the Academy's success was based on the National Team Coaches. National Team Coaches were able to give feedback to the elite coaches in attendance. National Team Coaches included Chip White, Wade Bishop, Ben Black, Mike Day, and Jeff Pickering. PSIA staff included Michael Rogan, Stacey Gerrish and Dave Lyon. Gates were run by the attendees; classroom sessions included a wide range of topics such as sports science, pedagogy, culture of the sport, and National Coaches presentations. The exam included a movement analysis, ski exam, and written exam.

Jon Nolting comments: Including the National Team staff is going to be a big part of the future of the Academy. Copper Mountain Academy in the fall will include utilizing the Speed Training Center. The Copper Academy will be a come-when-you-can option.

Skills Quest: Ron stayed in Mammoth for a few days to film the USST athletes performing Skills Quest drills, including sound bites.

Certifications: 45% of the coaching membership is certified. Not all coaches will be certified due to voluntary coaching.

Level 100 has been redone and now includes a new manual and Skills Quest. Club delivery will be available within the programs if they have a higher level of certification. A checklist will be available for the club delivery.

6. Discussion items

6.1. Age realignment – Riml

6.1.1. Nomenclature U21 through U8

6.1.2. 1st year FIS start limitation

The 1st year FIS start limitation will continue, however, 1996 YOB athletes will not have it imposed this season.

6.1.3. USSA Scored racing for U16 and U14

Points Scoring: U16 & U14; Eastern group has agreed to start point scoring and is supported nationwide at U16.

USSA Points Scoring at U14: Motion that the committee approves USSA points system for U16 and U14 athletes, recommendation from committee is to refrain from seeding and selection at the U14 level: M/S Jon Nolting, Jesse Hunt.

Give opportunity to use USSA point scoring system as appropriate. Pros: allow kids to rate themselves with the system. Cons: as a selection/seeding method, it heightens the importance of points. Avoid using it for selections/seeding, but used for rankings. Use it as a tool to see improvement.

Terry DelliQuadri: If one division allows U14 scoring and others don't, can others go to that division to score points? You need approval from the division to get access to those races and the division.

Dave Galusha: If points are being used to selection/seeding would make sense and is a recommendation from this committee.

Jesse Hunt: At that level there are a lot of different expectations; social and athletic reasons.

Joe Paul: U14 with competitor license enters a race would be in random order, correct? Seeding method, not points depending on region or division.

Are there any regions or divisions that would use seeding?

Ryan Shorter: What if there is a cross-over?

Dirk Gouwens: You need to seed by points. We will allow athletes at U16 to race for points, but each state can have discretion for each level to have points or not. If U16 athletes decide to compete at U18, then they need to abide by those rules. Maximum penalty would be in the 200 range and must work their way down. If they race in an open race with U18 and U21 they'll be at the back of the pack, strictly for U14 athletes.

Jesse Hunt: This requires everyone to get a competitor license.

Patrick Riml: Europeans score U16 and U14 races; USSA should be showing that it's all about points and getting better.

Dirk Gouwens: This is a financial barrier with the Competitor license and head tax.

Motion: Approve USSA point scoring for U16 and U14 with the recommendation not to use the point system for scoring and selection at the U14 level. M/S/P

6.1.4. Limitation of FIS inscriptions to top 1000 USSA ranking

Enhance USSA races for 2013/14

Patrick Riml: FIS races and quality – FIS races are expensive, do we put a cap on USSA races? Not everyone in our programs are FIS racers, but we can reach out to them later.

Aldo Radamus: Good initiative; should be on sliding scale based on age and will help USSA become stronger.

Dirk Gouwens: We would like to see how this plays out for a year with lower FIS license numbers based on the fact that we're not included and see how it will play with Eastern Cup series before making changes.

Regional Directors and Jeff Weinman will meet on this.

6.2. Course setting and start numbers – Nolting

On-going process; Jon Nolting has put a lot of work into this and has created a chart.

Jon Nolting: Course Setting Rules & Proposed Rules May 2012.

In September 2011, we originally added the U-classes and figured out how it would fit with our J-classes.

Age Appropriate Training: core is racing and reassessing purpose; competition should evaluate training; test skills at right timing and ages; be mindful of divisions that frequently run a broad range of age groups, with ATS it is critical that there are age groups. We needed to add a system that would allow for that crossover. This system is appropriate for the younger classes and still challenging enough for older classes.

Setting 8 meters on World Cup, no more than 10 meters. Combos are not at 6 meters, they're at 5-5.5 meters. We have taken a long time to adapt.

Challenges with venues; this proposal will accommodate venues.

Vertical Drops: intended to run shorter courses for kids.

Jesse Hunt: There is a lot of philosophy behind this; there has been a proposal to not require or mandate a SG training run for U16s.

Recommendations on GS/SL race days: number of days vs. training days. The seasons in regions are different and doesn't jog with rations on chart. Divisional leadership needs to step in on this.

Dave Galusha: Skills development isn't lining up with U10 training philosophy; doesn't make sense.

Jesse: We have discussed not requiring it at that level. Goal is to have fun, enjoy the experience.

Jon: This discussion is valid.

Mike Bowman: GS/SL race days, maximum allowed; is that a recommendation? As it is written, it is a requirement.

Jesse: This should be a recommendation due to length of season.

Mike: At U16 level with scored events and qualifications and going into the end of the season wanting to do fun races, they wouldn't be able to with 18 races.

Dave: We don't want to limit the end of the season because there have been races to qualify for and have hit maximum allowed races and season is done in March.

Jesse: We want to keep the kids engaged at the end of the season.

Dirk: If we put in a hard number then how can we enforce it?

Patrick: Regional and National Championships are not included in this number.

Mike: I think we need to allow the fun races at the end of the year to keep the kids engaged.

Aldo: 18 races may be way too many for some athletes and not enough for others.

Strongly recommend to exclude Regional and National Championships from maximum of 18 SL/GS races per year.

Joe: Max SL races for U16 in Central is 12 meters.

Patrick: Encourage people to set appropriate courses.

Motion: Approve new course setting rules and recommendations, as attached: M/S/P

6.3. Junior Championship planning

U18 FIS scored event vs. USSA scored event

Aldo: U18 championship as a U18 race – more appropriate for competitions vs. a championship event; better seeding opportunity that first year; opens up possibility that age groups are open to moving up to other age groups.

Mike Bowman: we should keep the discussion open.

Dirk Gouwens: our development team made it clear that if this was a USSA event that the East will not participate.

Patrick Riml: This is an important event and valuable; this will raise the allowance to the top 3 performer.

6.4. Equipment rules – phase in at USSA

Jesse Hunt: Move to new equipment as soon as possible; waiting for manufacturers to come through; we're a step behind if we don't move over; we are challenged because we don't have access to the equipment; enforcement is important at championship events; recommendation from USSA National group that we follow next year with equipment change.

Crawford Pierce: history tells us that FIS will not back down on this.

Patrick Riml: Last change was in '06 and will take 4-5 years for FIS to change; this will save cost; new equipment is forcing athletes to become a better skier.

Jesse Hunt: USSA makes the change as soon as FIS makes the change.

Recommendation for USSA to make equipment change when FIS makes equipment change in 2013-14.

Dirk Gouwens: Ski racing in USA is different than in Europe and with this change we will lose our ski racers.

Jesse Hunt: How will we as a nation develop top-level athletes if we don't acquire the new equipment?

Terry DelliQuadri: Is ski racing fun because of shaped skis or is it fun because we like ski racing?

Ryan Shorter: Racing is more fun on shaped skis.

Lester Keller: In discussion with manufacturers; they're happy to go with all new; the sooner they can get on the equipment that they will race on, the better; USSA has to mirror FIS on U18 levels.

Jesse Hunt: It is easier to enforce if we stagger by age.

Jeff Kai: Evolution has shown that we can adapt and get better; if we don't move forward with this and get on new skis we're shooting ourselves in the foot.

Dirk Gouwens: there are no FIS equipment rules for U16s.

Motion : U18/FIS Level USSA athletes make equipment change the same year that FIS makes equipment change in 2013-14: M/S/C

6.5. Regional Championship qualification methods – Regional Directors

6.5.1. Identify Clear Path at each level

Lester Keller: U16 qualifies by division through regional structure; provide quota established by gender based on prior year results; establish quota and assign quota and how divisions pick their athletes. Race SG, GS, SL. Discussion yesterday on DH and Parallel; U18 Champs – qualify on A-Column board, USSA results, and ITS selection; SG qualification and SL/GS series at FIS race; US Nationals – quota is split between NorAm performance, FIS and points; slot filled by regional junior championships is selected to US Nationals. NorAms – following declaration, Intent to Compete.

Dirk Gouwens: U16 determined by divisional stats and their quotas; ranked by individual runs and combined in SG, GS, SL will qualify for U16 assessment project; U18 – seven FIS races are used, 2 DH, SG, 4 NJR specific races with only juniors (2 GS, 2 SL); best 3 races and only 1 DH will count; US Nationals – strictly eastern cup points; cutoff of early Feb with about 20 races; 3 spots, 1 discretionary.

Darlene Nolting: U14/16 quota is split for championships; head-to-head competition weekends; no point based selections for either championships; Central is all in one weekend; Rocky is all done in one weekend; U16 is done in two weekends; regional quota selected on FIS points, best 2 of ranks; half quota filled by FIS points; divisions have quotas filled by regional series in head-to-head comp; US Nationals – mid-am series plus points in Central; two column board based on FIS points in RMD.

Brewster McVicker: U14 – non-scored, seeding based on FIS points; U16 – same scenario, non-scored, 1-run races, ranked by placed points and seeded by race points, now seeding by USSA points at championships; U18 – quota from R/C selection based on FIS; Coaches group will get together over summer to look over selection reform.

6.6. U.S. Championship U18 access

Patrick Riml: Gold medal winner will have access to National Championships; U18 National Champs will be a qualification event with head-to-head competition

Bob Dart: Current qualification methods have not changed but have added U18 qualifiers to that; only through U18.

6.7. NorAm access

Jesse Hunt: changing, going through quota committee this week; quota grew last year from 40 US athletes to 50 based on a request from US to FIS. Last year this quota was not filled the whole time, but communication will change that so we can fill those quotas.

Bob Dart: There may be further discussion on the quotas; reporting changes from Quota agenda, page 25.

6.8. U16 SG training runs (U1256.4) proposal to not require

Motion: U16 Super G training runs is recommended, not mandated or required: M/S/P

6.9. Slalom pole rules

Jesse Hunt: Consolidate based on age appropriate; study between 27s and 25s; get rid of one or the other at this younger category; can't revisit over and over; assigning Jon Nolting to gate size task force.

Jon Nolting: this has been discussed with Ron Kipp; we can take some science and inventory; Task Force: Karen Ghent, Rich Smith, PCST – driven by J. Nolting

Jesse Hunt: What are we going to target in competition?

Brewster McVicker: Is anyone using 25s? Staff recommendation is to go at least 27s and eliminate 25s.

Motion: Establish a task force to study the effects of the different pole sizes with the goal of consolidating and eliminating smaller diameters M/S/P

6.10. International Children's Racing

Jesse Hunt: We are offering an international project for U16s which should solve this issue.

Crawford Pierce: U16s go to Austrian Junior Championship, but not FIS children's camps.

Dirk Gouwens: Top athletes get together to train in speed and tech in east.

Patrick Riml: racing domestically against each other is important.

7. Old business

There was no other old business.

8. New business

There was no other new business.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned without objection.

Alpine Rules and Technical Subcommittee

Park City Marriott – Prospector 3
1895 Sidewinder Drive, Park City, UT

Friday, May 11 2012, 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Paul Van Slyke

Committee Membership:

Chair: Paul Van Slyke, Lake Placid, NY	Present
Vice Chair: Gary Wright, Aspen, CO (Rules Working Group Chair)	Present
Charlie Burnham, Durango, CO (Honorary)	Present
Allen Church, Albuquerque, NM (Classification and Timing Working Groups Chair)	Present
Bruce Crane, Park City, UT (Courses Working Group Chair)	Present
Bill Gaylord, Flagstaff, AZ (At-large)	Present
Curt Hammond, Mercer Island, WA (At-large)	Excused
Thelma Hoessler, Santa Fe, NM (Alpine Officials Education Working Group Co-Chair)	Present
Karen Korfanta, Heber City, UT (FIS Rules Sub Committee)	Excused
Randy Rogers, Eugene, OR (USSA TD Working Group Chair)	Present
Ingrid Simonson, Snoqualmie Pass, WA (Honorary)	Present
Jeff Weinman, Salt Lake City, UT (USSA Staff)	Present
Fraser West, Lone, CA (Honorary)	Absent
Tom Winters, Tucson, AZ (Alpine FIS TD Working Group Chair)	Present

Guests: There were approximately 30 guests in attendance.

1. Welcome and call to order

Van Slyke welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

2. Review and approval of agenda

The agenda was approved with the addition of 4.5 Rules Working Group. Hoessler / Wright

3. Approval of 2011 minutes

The minutes were approved without objection. Gaylord / Crane

4. Reports and action items from Rules and Technical Working Groups

4.1. Officials

4.1.1. Education Working Group

Productive year. Staff designation for Officials that are staff, online training to be developed by Jon Nolting for updating USSA employees. Endorse Officials course and quiz for non-certified officials when they join USSA.

Motion 1: To accept the report and action items 1, 2 and 4 as presented. M/S/C Wright / Crane / without objection

Motion 2: To amend item 3 from "must" to "should" and accept. M/S/C Gaylord / Wright / without objection

4.1.2. USSA TD Working Group

Focus on mission statement for TD Working Group, Mentoring by retired TD's discussed, recommendation for alcohol free Team Captain's meetings.

Motion 3: To accept the report as presented. M/S/C Wright / Gaylord / without objection

4.1.3. USA FIS TD Working Group

Five new FIS TD Aspirants, discussed yellow flag in GS, FIS UNI Rules and Seeding, Foreign entry issues, 650 rules.

Motion 4: To accept the report as presented. M/S/C Crane / Wright / without objection

4.2. Courses Working Group

Review of courses meeting content, instruction and training. There was discussion of B-net regarding use/age/replacement & other possible products that are becoming available.

Task Force created to consider recommendation to "most appropriate use designation in homologation reports, certificates and lists. Mike Browne, Tom Winters, Kurt Engel & Bob Calderwood - report back at Congress 2013.

Recognize the service of Don Cushing as Honorary Member of the Working Group.

Appointment of Brad Ghent, Ellen Galbraith and Doug Hall as USSA Alpine Course Inspectors.

Recognize Parker Gray as Inspector in Training.

Motion 5: To accept the report as presented. M/S/C Crane / Simonson / without objection

4.3. Classification Working Group

Will continue review of race data, discussed study provided by Task Force via Dave Waller on an alternative penalty calculation method. (no action) There was discussion regarding scoring U14 races with no objection.

Rocky Mountain Division proposal was discussed regarding use of venues for speed events. A task force was created to review possibilities, report back after FIS Congress in South Korea.

Election – Allen Church Chairman, Gretchen Ransom Vice-Chair.

Motion 6: To accept the report as presented. M/S/C Gaylord / Burnham / without objection

4.4. Timing Working Group

There was discussion regarding the NCAA Western Region Championships and the NCAA National Championships. The data was investigated and found to be accurate.

Adopted modifications of timing section of AO Certification Matrix.

Review of 611 Rules to specify homologated start and finish equipment.

Election – Allen Church Chair, John Jett Vice-Chair

Motion 7: To accept the report as presented. M/S/C Simonson / Crane / without objection

4.5. Rules Working Group

A review of the ACR vs. the ICR will be conducted and submitted to Weinman by Aug. 1, 2012.

Make adjustment to SG Rules for children, write clarification notice regarding Helmet Camera – not allowed in Alpine Competition and Official Training. Junior Kombi rule will be added specifying requirement for Homologated/Registered courses must be used.

Motion 8: To accept the report as presented. M/S/C Wright / Crane / without objection

5. Projects, issues and consideration of action items (if not addressed in working group reports)

Motion 9: Simonson and Gaylord were asked to provide text to serve as an introduction to the Alpine Officials Certification matrix. M/S/C Wright / Rogers / without objection

6. Items from USSA staff

There were no other items from staff.

7. Elections

- 7.1. At-large – 2 positions

There were nominations for Bill Brooks, Bill Gaylord and Mike Browne to fill the at-large positions. After a vote, Gaylord and Browne were elected.

Van Slyke thanked Curt Hammond for his time serving in one of the at-large positions.

- 7.2. Chair and Vice Chair

Motion 10: To reelect Paul Van Slyke and Gary Wright as Chair and Vice Chair. M/S/C Hoessler / Gaylord / without objection

8. Old business

There was no other old business.

9. New business

Charlie Burnham inquired about how the Membership card could be updated to include the season of last AO update. There was discussion on the topic and effort will be made by staff with IT to accommodate the request.

10. Closed session

There was no closed session.

- 10.1. Officials upgrades

Covered in earlier reports.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned. M/S/P Simonson / Gaylord

Alpine Courses Education Session

Park City Marriott – Prospector 3
1895 Sidewinder Drive, Park City, UT

Friday, May 11 2012, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The following are the topics that comprised the alpine courses educational session, which was presented Friday afternoon. No minutes were produced from this session.

Meeting Chair: Walt Evans

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| 1. | Introduction | Walt Evans |
| 2. | Purpose | Walt Evans |
| 3. | Kelly Brush Foundation | Charlie Brush/Walt Evans |
| 4. | Venue development status report | Walt Evans/Bruce Crane |
| 5. | Project background | Walt Evans |
| 6. | NSAA partnership | Dave Byrd |
| 7. | Resort relations | Calum Clark |
| 8. | Economic impact | Calum Clark |
| 9. | Leadership and teamwork | Calum Clark |
| 10. | Core Values and responsibilities | Dave Byrd |
| 11. | Risk management | Dave Byrd/Rich Powers |
| 12. | Venue selection | Tom Johnston |
| 13. | Venue preparation | Walt Evans |
| | 13.1. Space | Bruce Crane |
| | 13.2. Surface | Walt Evans |
| | 13.3. Setting | Tom Johnston |
| | 13.4. Safety | Brad Williams/John Jacobs |
| 14. | Venue operations | Karen Korfanta/Brewster McVicker |
| 15. | Emergency action plan | Roger Perricone |
| 16. | Venue wrap-up | Roger Perricone |
| 17. | Summary and feedback | Project team and guests |
| 18. | Adjournment | |

Alpine Executive Committee

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

Friday, May 11 2012, 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Minutes (closed meeting)

Meeting Chair: Bob Dart

Committee Membership - reviewed in first session

1. Welcome and call to order
Dart called the meeting to order.
2. Review and approval of agenda
The agenda was approved without objection.
3. Review and approval of minutes
The minutes from the Fall Executive meeting were approved without objection. Slattery / Van Slyke
4. Strategy and timeline for meeting minutes distribution
Weinman stated that individual meeting minutes would be posted to the ftp site as they are available. Because of the short turn around until the full meeting, an action item summary will be prepared for use during the meeting.
5. Summary review (action items, initiative and issues)
 - 5.1. Executive Committee
 - 5.1.1. Executive report – Dart
Dart stated that he sat in a few of the different meetings and felt that there was good discussion.
Dart asked Knight how he thought the meetings went. Knight felt that there was good discussion in the meetings he sat in.
Riml said he thinks the meetings went very well. He gave his thanks for all of the work that is done by the members.
Knight asked if it would be possible to distribute materials earlier. There was some confusion during the Eastern meetings, but the discussion here has helped to clarify issues.
 - 5.1.2. Alpine Judicial Committee – Slattery
There were no action items. Galusha resigned from the committee.
 - 5.2. Development and Education Subcommittee – Hunt
Hunt reviewed the work of the Subcommittee and the decisions that were made which will be presented to the Sport Committee.

- 5.3. Program Subcommittee – Landstrom
Landstrom reviewed the work of the various Working Groups and the Subcommittee, and the decisions that were made which will be presented to the Sport Committee.
- 5.4. Rules and Technical Subcommittee – Van Slyke
Van Slyke reviewed the work of the various Working Groups and the Subcommittee, and the decisions that were made which will be presented to the Sport Committee.
- 5.5. FIS – Winters
Winters had no further report at this time.
- 5.6. Athletes – Macartney / Knight
Macartney noted that the USSA Athletes' Council meeting was coming up, but he didn't expect any issues from that being brought back to the ASC.
6. Review ASC agenda
The meeting agenda was reviewed.
7. Old business
There was no other old business.
8. New business
- 8.1 Nominating Committee – Slattery
Slattery reviewed the slate that would be presented during the Sport Committee meeting.
9. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned without objection.

Alpine Sport Committee

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

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

Agenda

Meeting Chair: Bob Dart

Committee Membership - reviewed in first session

1. Welcome and call to order
Dart called the meeting to order.
2. Review and approval of agenda
The agenda was approved without objection.
3. Review and approval of minutes
The minutes were approved without objection. Slattery / Van Slyke
4. Reports (action items, initiatives and issues)
 - 4.1. Executive Committee
 - 4.1.1. Executive report – Dart
 - 4.1.2. Alpine Judicial Committee – Slattery
 - 4.2. Rules and Technical Subcommittee – Van Slyke
 - 4.3. Program Subcommittee – Landstrom
 - 4.4. Development and Education Subcommittee – Morin
 - 4.5. Regional Subcommittee – Perricone
 - 4.6. FIS – Winters
 - 4.7. Athletes – Macartney / Knight
5. Old business
6. New business
 - 6.1. Nominating Committee – Slattery
7. Comments from guests
8. Closing remarks
9. Time and place of next meeting
10. Adjournment

Alpine Sport Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Chair: Bob Dart

Committee Membership - reviewed in first session

11. Welcome and call to order

Dart called the meeting to order.

Dart noted that not a lot of hard copy materials have been provided but they are online. The materials provided includes a record of action items that were passed up through the working groups and subcommittees.

12. Review and approval of agenda

The agenda was approved without objection. Perricone / Hughes

13. Review and approval of minutes

The minutes of the alpine sports committee meeting from May of 2011 were approved without objection. Slattery / Van Slyke

14. Reports (action items, initiatives and issues)

14.1. Executive Committee

Dart noted that the Executive Committee did have two meetings to review and discuss items. There was no Executive Committee action.

14.1.1. Executive report – Dart

14.1.2. Alpine Judicial Committee – Slattery

Slattery reported that Dave Galusha has stepped down from the Committee. He thanked Dave for his service and wished him well.

Slattery noted that each region should establish an appeals panel to review and adjudicate issues prior to them being submitted to a national level. A three to five member panel should be established preferably with at least one member who has legal experience.

Motion: To accept the report. M/S/C Slattery / Macartney / without objection

14.2. Rules and Technical Subcommittee – Van Slyke

Van Slyke began by thanking the volunteers throughout the alpine officials' community for the work they do throughout the year preparing and delivering educational materials.

Van Slyke reviewed the action items that were approved in the various working groups and the Rules and Technical Subcommittee.

Dart noted that the rule sections are listed on the setting matrix that has been approved through the development subcommittee.

Dart reminded everyone that Marolt had stressed the desire to eliminate exceptions. After review with FIS staff on the Rocky speed proposal for scoring a USSA downhill as part of a FIS downhill, Weinman and Van Slyke will come back to executive with a proposal.

Crane asked that as the rules for homologation on kombi competitions are developed, that the homologation working group be kept informed of those changes.

Motion 1: To accept and approve the report of the Rules and Technical Subcommittee including the various action items therein. M/S/C Van Slyke / Slattery / without objection

14.3. Development and Education Subcommittee – Hunt

Hunt began by saying he enjoyed the meetings but was sorry that Morin was not able to attend.

Hunt reviewed the action items that were approved in the Development and Education Subcommittee.

Dart asked for clarification on SL pole standards. Hunt noted there are a number of varieties of poles currently in use. The task force has been established to make a recommendation next year. The goal is to limit the possible combinations of gates, both diameter and height.

Korfanta asked if areas are not in compliance. Hunt said no, there is enough flexibility in the rule that everyone is following the rule.

Evans asked if Patrick Riml had been added to the Subcommittee; he was not.

The course setting matrix is included for review. Van Slyke asked that the chart be modified to reference U1256.4 for SG in the last column. Gassman noted that the last line on the matrix was cut off. Weinman said he would correct those items.

Evans congratulated Hunt on the work of the Subcommittee.

Motion 2: To accept and approve the report of the Development and Education Subcommittee including the various action items therein. M/S/C Hunt / Evans / without objection

14.4. Program Subcommittee – Landstrom

Landstrom reviewed the action items that were approved in the various working groups and in the Programs Subcommittee.

Dodge noted that #4 in the November and December NorAm section should be struck out.

Weinman asked for clarification on the NTSM of intended athletes, can both Seniors and Juniors access that list, the answer was yes they can.

Weinman asked for clarification of the Top 3 performers from U18 Championships for U.S. Championship selection. Should state "Top 3 USA performers at U18 Championships per event per gender".

Hupfer noted that in the Junior Championship section, USSA membership for U14s should be Youth or Competitor.

It was requested that the age and year of birth be added into the Junior Championship section. Weinman said that he would do that.

Motion 3: To accept and approve the report of the Programs Subcommittee including the various action items therein. M/S/C Landstrom / Slattery / without objection

Dart asked for clarification on the collegiate proposal for RMD FIS-U quota rules. Dodge noted that current FIS-U rules allow filling to 140 so there should not be any issue.

14.5. Regional Subcommittee – Perricone

Perricone reported that Rocky has established an appeals group.

Perricone reported that the Regional Subcommittee would like to change the term of the regional representative to the Executive Committee from a two year term to three consecutive two year terms. The seat will rotate to the West after this meeting. Perricone will meet with the regional representatives and prepare a written recommendation for review next year.

14.6. FIS – Winters

Winters reported that the FIS TD update is going to be held only at one site this year rather than two. It will be interesting to see how attendance is affected by the change.

He briefly reviewed some of the items that are expected to be discussed during the FIS meetings in Zurich.

Evans asked Winters if he would help to get a report on alpine issues out of the FIS meetings. Korfanta said that she would assist with that as well.

14.7. Athletes – Macartney / Knight

Gassman reported that the USSA Athletes' Council is looking at ways to get ex-Team athletes engaged in the coaching community by providing decreased costs for education. Evans said that he believed alumni athletes are provided complementary clinic fees for a certain period after they leave the Team; he believes that is for one year.

Knight reported that a few of the other items discussed were fees being charged to the athletes and educational opportunities available to them.

Dart asked Slattery if he could clarify the number of athletes that should be members of the Sport Committee. Based upon USOC bylaws it should be 20 percent.

15. Old business

There was no other old business to review.

16. New business

16.1. Nominating Committee – Slattery

Slattery thanked Dart for his work as Chair of the sports committee. He presented the slate of nominations.

Alpine Sports Committee Chair – Darryl Landstrom

USSA Board of Directors, Alpine Representative – Bob Dart

At-large – Karen Korfanta

At-large – Bill Slattery

Motion 4: To approve the nominations as presented. M/S/C Hughes / Knight / without objection

17. Comments from guests

There were no comments.

18. Closing remarks

Dart thanked everyone for their work and effort the past few days of meetings. He noted that the reason that there is minimal discussion during the sports committee meeting is

because of all the work that is done before hand in the various working group and subcommittee meetings.

Dart said that he is proud of the work that has been done during he term as chairman. The thanked everyone who has supported his term.

Dart congratulated Landstrom in his position as the new chair and expressed his support for the work that will be done going forward.

Landstrom thanked Dart for his work as chair. He is excited for the opportunity to serve in the role of chairman and looks forward to working with everyone.

19. Time and place of next meeting

There will be a Fall Executive Committee teleconference on 18 Oct. 2012. The 2013 USSA Congress will be in May of 2013.

20. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m. without objection. M/S/C Slattery / Van Slyke

Addendum 1: Western Region Accounting & Use of Funds

**WESTERN REGION ACCOUNTING 2011 - 2012
SOURCES and USES OF FUNDS**

	<u>Checking Account</u>	<u>Saving Account</u>	<u>Total</u>
Beginning Balance: May 1, 2011	\$ 40,398.48	\$58,137.14	\$ 98,535.62
Sources of Funds			
Western Region Head Tax - <i>to date</i>	\$ 94,883.00		
Head Tax 2010-11	29,703.00		
Reimbursed on-line bank fees	111.85		
less: Head Tax Reimbursement to USSA	<u>-</u>		
	124,697.85		
Interest Income		74.59	
Account Transfers	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	
Total Sources of Funds	\$124,697.85	\$ 74.59	\$124,772.44
Uses of Funds			
USSA - Western Region Projects - <i>to date</i>	\$ 97,500.00		
Open GWSF Saving Acct	<u>600.00</u>		
	98,100.00		
Bank Fees	232.05		
Oregon DOJ & Corp Div- Annual Filing GWSF	<u>60.00</u>		
Total Uses of Funds	<u>98,392.05</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>98,392.05</u>
Ending Balance: April 30, 2012	\$ 66,704.28	\$58,211.73	\$124,916.01
Current Uses of Funds			
USSA - Western Region Projects	<u>25,000.00</u>		
Current Balance; May 18, 2012	\$ 41,704.28	\$ 58,211.73	\$ 99,916.01
Outstanding Head Tax - 2011-12			\$ 30,644.00

Addendum 2: Alpine Sport Committee Action Items

Alpine Sport Committee

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

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

Action Items

Meeting Chair: Bob Dart

4. Reports (action items, initiative and issues)

4.1. Executive Committee

4.1.1. Executive report – Dart

4.1.2. Alpine Judicial Committee – Slattery

4.2. Rules and Technical Subcommittee – Van Slyke

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

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

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

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

4.2.1. Alpine Officials Education Working Group

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

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

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

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

Motion: To approve alpine officials submitted for advancement.

4.2.2. Alpine USSA TD Working Group

Motion: To approve certification upgrades.

4.2.3. Alpine FIS TD Working Group

4.2.4. Alpine Timing Working Group

NCAA review of ties

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

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

Elections:

Chair Allen Church

Vice Chair John Jett

4.2.5. Alpine Courses Working Group

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

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

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

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

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

4.2.6. Alpine Rules Working Group

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

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

4.2.7. Alpine Classification Working Group

Reviewed Waller/Mahre race data analysis

Reviewed Waller/Mahre alternative penalty analysis

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

Elections:

Chair Allen Church

Vice Chair Gretchen Ransom

4.3. Program Subcommittee – Landstrom

4.3.1. Quotas Working Group

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

4.3.2. Collegiate Working Group

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

4.3.3. Masters Working Group

Membership growth initiatives.

4.4. Development and Education Subcommittee – Hunt

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

Motion: To approve new course setting standards as attached.

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

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

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

4.5. Regional report – Perricone

4.6. FIS – Winters

4.7. Athletes – Macartney / Knight



USSA Alpine Officials Certification Guidelines - DRAFT
(12-13 Changes GREEN.)

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



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SPECIALTY CATEGORY	PREREQUISITES	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4	LEVEL 5
	GETTING STARTED	ACQUIRE BASIC KNOWLEDGE	REFINE KNOWLEDGE / SPECIALIZATION	MASTER COMPETENCIES	RECOGNIZE SERVICE	HONORABLE RETIREMENT
JURY ADVISOR-JA (Start/Finish Referee)	Attendance at CO Clinic	Attend Level 1 RF clinic	Work 10 days as JA at sanctioned competitions	Should work 10 additional days as JA; events should be scored events	Serve a minimum of 5 outstanding years as JA	Continue USSA membership
	Recommended Level 1 CR and Level 1 TC	Pass level 1 RF exam	Handle paperwork timely, accurately	Serve as speed event Jury Advisor	Receive favorable recommendation from divisional AO committee	Move from active to inactive status as JA
			Receive favorable recommendation from 2 higher level supervising officials	Receive favorable recommendation from 2 Level 4 officials	Receive approval of National AO committee	
	A Jury Advisor must attend a Continuing Education/clinic every two years to maintain JA certification.					
CHIEF OF RACE-CR	Attendance at CO clinic	Attend Level 1 CR clinic	Work 10 days as a CR at sanctioned competitions	Should work 10 additional days as CR; events should be scored events	Serve a minimum of 5 outstanding years as CR	Continue USSA membership
	Good organizational & leadership skills	Pass Level 1 CR test	Learn skills to be productive jury member	Demonstrate ability to make sound decisions in variety of situations	Receive favorable recommendation from divisional AO committee	Move from active to inactive status as CR
	Proven skiing ability		Learn skills to be effective leader of race committee	Demonstrate ability to lead others effectively	Receive approval of National AO committee	
	Proven leadership ability		Serve as CR for different levels of competition	Demonstrate ability to delegate responsibilities		
			Attend Level 1 RF clinic and pass Level 1 RF exam	Receive favorable recommendation from 2 Level 4 officials		
			RA and/or TC certification requirement under advisement; review May 2012.			
			Receive favorable recommendation from 2 higher level supervising officials			
A Chief of Race must attend a Continuing Education/clinic every two years to maintain CR certification.						
CHIEF OF COURSE-CC	Attendance at CO clinic	Attend level 1 CC Clinic	Work 10 days as a CC at sanctioned competitions	Should work 10 additional days as CC; events should be scored events	Serve a minimum of 5 outstanding years as a CC	Continue USSA membership
	Proven knowledge of local snow conditions and terrain	Pass level 1 CC exam	Learn different snow prep techniques	Demonstrate ability to work cooperatively with jury	Receive favorable recommendation from divisional AO committee	Move from active to inactive status as CC
	Good organizational & leadership skills		Become knowledgeable of snow prep chemicals	Demonstrate knowledge regarding protection issues	Receive approval of National AO committee	
	Able to meet physical demands of job		Learn to install various protection devices in appropriate locations	Demonstrate effective snow and course prep		
	Proven skiing ability		Receive favorable recommendation from 2 higher level supervising officials	Receive favorable recommendation from 2 Level 4 officials		
	Receive favorable written recommendation from L3 or higher RF, CC or TD.					
A Chief of Course must attend a Continuing Education/clinic every two years to maintain CC certification.						



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

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

NORAM CUP

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

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

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

Current NorAm calendars can be found at www.fisski.com.

Eligibility

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

Quotas

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

Selection Procedures

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

November and December NorAms

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

3. ITS of place points from November junior qualification races

~~2010~~ ~~2010~~

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

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

January, February, March NorAms

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

USA Events

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

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

CAN Events

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

Finals

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

U.S. ALPINE CHAMPIONSHIPS

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

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

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

NorAm speed series.

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

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

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

USA Quotas (in order)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Foreign Entries

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

Regional Selection Procedures

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

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

College Quota

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

FIS-UNIVERSITY RACES

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

Quotas and Entries

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

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

FIS-University Series Rules

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

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

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

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

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

REGIONAL FIS SERIES

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

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

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

Regional FIS Quotas, Selections, Entries

Quotas

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

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

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

Athletes must be entered by their home regional office.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MARRIOTT JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

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

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

Eligibility

Event	USSA	FIS
U18 Jr. 2 Championships	Competitor	Registered
U16 Jr. 3 Championships	Competitor	NA
U14 Jr. 4 Festivals	Youth	NA

Quotas

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

Procedures

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

The ~~U16 and U14~~ **U13 and U14** Marriott Junior Championships are limited to athletes who qualify through regional procedures.

Contacts

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

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

Athletes will be selected to the ~~U18~~ **U12** National Championships by membership on the USST or by their home Regions. This event will help focus development efforts on the top ~~16 and 17~~ **15 and 16** years-olds in an effort to ensure sustained performance at the World Junior Championships.

The ~~U18~~ **U12** Championships includes a regions cup. This regions cup will be calculated like the FIS World Junior Championship nations cup where the top 10 finishers in each event are awarded place points. The region with the highest total place points at the end of the Championship will be awarded the regions cup.

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

Quotas

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

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

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

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

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

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

CANADIAN EVENTS

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

Details of major Canadian events may be found in the FIS International Race Calendar at www.fis-ski.com.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

		U10	U12	U14	U16
Train to Race Ratio (strongly recommended)		6:1 (days)	6:1 (days)	5:1 (days)	5:1 (days)
GS/SL Race Days³ (recommended)		Max. 10 Division/State organized, all events	Max. 12 Division/State organized, all events	Max. 14 Division/State organized, all events	Max. 18 Division/State organized, all events
Downhill (DH) U1253	Distance between gates ¹ Vertical drop Direction changes	X	X	50 m max. 350 m max 8% of vertical drop	As required 450 m max As required
Slalom (SL) U1254	Distance between gates ¹ Vertical drop Additional requirements	Combination 4-5 m, Open 5-9 m, Delay max. 15 m, distance to delay gate min 4m Max. 100 m Max 3 hairpins, max 1 vertical combination, max 1 delay gate	Combination 4-6 m, Open 6-10 m, Delay max. 15 m Max. 120 m 2-3 hairpins, 1 vertical combination Max 1 delay gate	Combination 4-6 m, Open 6-10 m, Delay max. 15 m Max. 140 m 3-5 hairpins, 1-2 vertical combinations and at least 1 delay gate	Combination 4-6m, Open 6-12m, Delay max 18m Max 160m 3-5 hairpins, 1-2 vertical combinations and at least 1 delay gate
Giant Slalom (GS) U1255	Distance between gates ¹ Vertical drop Additional requirements	Open 15-22 m, Delay max. 30 m Max. 200 m Min. of 1 delay Variety of terrain suggested	Open 15-22 m, Delay max. 30 m Max. 250 m Min. of 1 delay Variety of terrain suggested	Open 15-25 m, Delay max. 35 m Max. 300 m Min. of 1 delay Variety of terrain suggested	Open 15-27m, Delay max 35m Max 350m Min. of 1 delay Variety in terrain is suggested
Super G (SG) U1256	Distance between gates ¹ Vertical drop Direction changes Additional requirements	X	22-35m Max. 300 m Min. 12% of vertical drop Training run required (U1256.4) Variety of terrain suggested	25-40 m Max. 350 m 8-12% of vertical drop ² Min. of 1 jump Training run required (U1256.4) Variety of terrain suggested	25-45m Max 450m 8-12% of vertical drop Min. of 1 jump Training run recommended (U1003.2.1) Variety of terrain suggested
Parallel	Distance between gates ¹ Maximum vertical drop	10-15 m 60 m	15-20 m 100 m	15-20 m 100 m	15-20m 100m
Kombi - SL/GS U1259	Distance between gates ¹ Maximum vertical drop	SL 6-10 m, GS 12-20 m 150 m	SL 6-10 m, GS 12-20 m 180 m (SL skis)	SL 6-10 m, GS 12-20 m 200 m (SL skis)	SL 6-10m, GS 12-20m 200m (SL skis)
Kombi - GS/SG U1259	Distance between gates ¹ Maximum vertical drop	X	GS 12-20 m, SG 18-28 m 250 m (GS skis)	GS 12-20 m, SG 18-28 m 250 m (GS skis)	GS 12-20m, SG 18-28m 250m (GS skis)
Other Events		All of above plus SkillsQuest events	All of above plus SkillsQuest events	All of above plus SkillsQuest events	All of the above plus combined and SkillsQuest events
Ski Recommendation - Maximum (strongly recommended)		1 pair - Multi-event Length - skill/size appropriate	2 pair - SL, GS Length - skill/size appropriate	3 pair - SL, GS, SG Length - skill/size appropriate	SL, GS, SG, DH

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

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

³ Does not include Regional or National Championships.

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