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The USSA Western Region is one of three USSA regions established under the authority of the Alpine Sport Committee and responsible for the regulation of the sport of Alpine Ski Competition within the Geographical area of the Western United States. It consists of the five western divisions: Alaska, Far West, Intermountain, Northern and Pacific Northwest. The Western Region Alpine Competition Committee establishes the regional policies, procedures and operating rules for the Western Region. The region is charged with the design and conduct of all FIS races and Junior Olympic competitions in the West for each season, fields teams for NorAms, the U.S. Alpine Championships, and other events, conducts a series of development projects for regional and divisional athletes, and names a Regional Team, the Western Elite Ski Team (W.E.S.T.) for who's members the region assists in their development within the athletic pipeline of USSA and the National Development System.

Mission Statement

The Mission of the Western Region ACC is to:

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

Western Region Governance and Management

The Western Region ACC is composed of the five divisional presidents and alpine competition committee chairmen or their designated representatives, three athlete representatives, a representative of the major collegiate association, and a representative of the alpine official's community. The specific goal of the ACC is to regulate the conduct of USSA Championship and FIS competition in the Western United States, to represent the five Western Divisions at the National ASC level, and to develop the best regional competitors by developing race schedules and series, qualifying procedures, and athlete-training situations, as a region, which will best utilize resources and promote athlete progress.

Specific actions of the Western Region ACC have included the adoption of Western Region quota team selection procedures and a framework of qualification events, adopting the design and governing rules of all FIS competitions below the level of Continental cups in the region, the creation and conduct of a regional team, the conduct of training opportunities for the team and training groups, the promotion of a physical evaluation system, the conduct of a Junior Olympic race program, and the representation of the Western Region's views in the National Alpine Sport Committee. Quotas to major national race series, such as NorAms, U.S. Alpine Championships, and Junior Olympics are awarded on a balanced regional basis using performance and population as guidelines that provide for excellent representation of the divisions of this large and diverse region.

Committee:

Chairman:	Curt Hammond (Officials)	Mercer Island, WA
Vice Chairman:	Craig Krueger (NOR)	Whitefish, MT
Treasurer:	Craig Hammond (Officer)	Seattle, WA
Secretary:	Dave Galusha (Officer)	Park City, UT
	Beat Hupfer (Past Chair)	Mammoth Lakes, CA
	Curtis Shuck (PNSA)	Vancouver, WA
	Chuck Holcomb (PNSA)	Spokane, WA
	Darcy Davis (Alaska)	Anchorage, AK
	Ruben Macaya (IMD)	Ketchum, ID
	Tim Cohee (Far West)	Kirkwood, CA
	Todd Kelly (Far West)	Truckee, CA
	Martin Stewart (Alaska)	Anchorage, AK
	Andre Horton (Athlete)	Anchorage, AK
	Gina Gassman (Athlete)	Bozeman, MT
	Steve Bounous (IMD)	Salt Lake City, UT
	Roger Bay (NOR)	Bozeman, MT
	RMISA (NCAA)	TBA

Staff

The Western Region Staff are representatives of the National Development System for the West and the advocates for Western athletes within that system. They are the primary implementers of national and regional policies in the NDS. They also are charged with formulating and implementing regional programs, management of regional projects, management of regional policies and procedures, and assisting the USSA coaches Education Department in the development of American coaches. As the volunteers do at the committee and working group level, the staff represents the interests of USSA members, clubs, divisions, and region staff formulation and implementation of USSA efforts.

Director:	Lester Keller	Salt Lake City, UT
Regional Coach	Jeff Pickering	Whitefish, MT
Development Manager	Jennifer Stielow	Missoula, MT
Administrator	TBA,	Park City, UT

Operating Rules

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

There will be two voting members from each division, one voting member from the NCAA, three voting athlete members, one voting past chairman, and a representative of the Alpine Officials. The President and Alpine Competition Committee chairperson (or an equivalent position) are the normal voting members from each Division. They or their designated replacement each carry one vote. Each member is also able to designate one alternate, on an annual basis, who may carry that vote in the normal member's absence. The chairman votes only to break a tie. Officers may vote if they are designated representatives of their division or hold one of the other vote carrying positions. All Western members of the USSA ASC are ex officio members of the committee but can only vote if designated as one of the two voting members or an alternate for their division. No proxy votes are allowed; only the voting members

or a designed alternate may vote at any meeting. Voting members and their alternates are established annually, at the time of the fall meeting.

Voting Entity	Votes
Division (2 per division)	10
Athletes	3
NCAA/RMISA	1
Past Chairperson	1
Officials	1
Total	16

A majority of the voting members present at a scheduled meeting will be required to approve any motion before the committee. Between meetings, a majority of the committee (eight votes) will be required to approve a motion.

All new business at scheduled meetings must be distributed in advance. There are three standing subcommittees, an executive subcommittee, a development sub-committee, and a calendar subcommittee. The past chairperson will chair this subcommittee responsible for regional calendar issues and site selection input to the regional director.

The Executive subcommittee is chaired by the ACC Chairperson and is responsible for oversight of the regional budget and funding, liaison with the Great Western Ski Education Foundation, quota issues, and representation to the National Alpine sport committee. The executive committee also includes the Vice-chairman, Past Chairman, Treasurer, and the Regional Director. The executive sub-committee may act for the whole committee on issues requiring action between regular meetings and will meet in person or by other means when it is deemed necessary by the ACC Chairman. The ACC Chairperson or his/her chosen alternate is one of the Western Region members to the Alpine Sports Committee. The second Western member is chosen by the full Western Region committee and serves a two- year term at the pleasure of the committee.

The Calendar subcommittee will oversee the process of recommending the sighting of regional events to the Regional Director. This subcommittee is normally chaired by the Past Chairperson. They will recommend procedures and guidelines to be used in the selection process and will screen all bids for events. They will make sighting policy recommendations to the full committee each year during the USSA spring meeting. The sub-committee, in conjunction Western Competition Director will make the final decision on relocating events during the season when this becomes necessary. This committee will also provide philosophical input to the regional director and to the national Calendaring Working Group on matters affecting the design of calendars by USSA. [It should be noted that the Regional Director is charged by USSA as being a "Calendar Commissioner for his/her geographical area for FIS and Junior Olympic events and has the responsibility and authority to produce the final annual calendar.]

The Development subcommittee is chaired by the Vice Chairperson and is charged with oversight of regional preparation and competition projects, regional coaching policy, team selection, children and youth issues, and representation of Western views to the National Development Committee. Other members are the Regional Coach, the Regional Director, the Regional Manager/Youth Coordinators and one representative from each Division.

The sub-committees should meet prior to each ACC meeting and recommend policy, procedures and rules to the ACC for consideration and action. The chairperson of each subcommittee is responsible for calling meetings of the group and for communications within the

group. The Chairman at the spring meeting appoints subcommittees annually. A complete roster of committee appointments will be published and maintained in the regional office.

The vice-chairman of the committee, as the selection chairperson, will receive results from all Western Region selection events and will certify the correctness of the selections for all quota teams. He/she will report on quota team selections annually at the meeting of the Western Region ACC during the USSA spring meetings. The vice-chair is the Western representative on the national development-working group.

The WR committee is responsible for the taking, and timely publication, of meeting minutes and will appoint a secretary annually to accomplish this task.

The WR committee will appoint a treasurer annually who will oversee the finances of the region. The treasurer will establish an account to which all-regional head tax fees will be deposited. Disbursements will be made from this account to the Western Region operating account in accordance with grant-budgets approved by the Western Region ACC. The treasurer will provide a detailed quarterly financial statement yielding current quarterly and year-to-date information. A balance sheet as well as financial summary is to be distributed to the committee on a quarterly basis. This information will be reported at each WR ACC meeting.

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

Western Region Appeals Committee

The Western Region Appeals Board is the first level of appeal for decisions involving eligibility and selection for Western Region teams to national events (NorAm's, U.S. Alpine Championships, etc.). The board acts as the second level in the appeals process, after the divisional appeal boards, for decisions involving eligibility and selection for divisional teams to Western Region and national events (Western Region Elite FIS Series, Western Region FIS Series, Western Region Junior Championships, J3 Olympics, J4 Festival, etc.).

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

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

Appeals, along with the appropriate fee, should be addressed to the Western Region ACC Chairman: Curt Hammond.

Western Region Programs

Western Region Coaching Program

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

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

As a Western Region coach responsibility is to the entire team. While divisional/club affiliations mean familiarity with athletes from your home program, you have assumed responsibility for working with all of the athletes representing the Western Region. Nomination for inclusion as Western Region staff for events is outlined on the Western Region Competition Projects Coaching Staff Nomination Form (available on the 'Resources' page of this web site). Nominations may be made by a coach's home program and must be endorsed by his/her division. Only coaches that have been duly nominated will be considered for staff positions, and no coaches will be included as accredited staff without the approval of the Regional Director.

Coaches' Responsibilities

All members of project staff(s) must be current members of USSA carrying a coach's membership/license. All coaches must be eligible under USSA rules to serve as a referee and course setter.

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

Head Coaches shall:

1. Implement guidelines for a trip as established by the Western Region ACC and the Western Region Director.
2. Manage the project in accordance with regional policy, procedure, and methods.
3. Assist the Western Region Director in making travel, housing and financial arrangements as necessary.
4. Carry the medical releases and insurance information for all competitors on the trip.
5. Submit a report to the Western Region Director including race results, disciplinary and organizational problems, critique of assistant coaches, race sites and race organization, and a financial summary.
6. Sign a Western Region Competition Project Staff Agreement.
7. Provide for appropriate athlete support and supervision from the point of contact at the beginning of the project to the point of departure as identified in the project description.

Assistant Coaches shall:

1. Cooperate with and be responsible to the head coach.
2. Submit a report to the Western Region Director.
3. Carry out coaching assignments to the best of their ability in a timely manner.
4. Supervise the athletes in a manner that promotes top performance and is in compliance with USSA NDS & Western Region Team travel policies.
5. Submit expense reports according to Western Region procedures.
6. Sign a Western Region Competition Project Staff Agreement.

Coaches Pool and Guidelines

Head Coaches shall meet the following criteria:

1. USSA Level 300 (old National) Level Certification, former U.S. Ski Team coach, Canadian certified, or other international level certification.

Assistant Coaches shall be:

1. USSA Level 200 (old Regional Level) Certification or qualified by ability and experience.
2. Acceptable to the head coach for the trip.

Each division shall submit a list of nominations for head and assistant coaches for each trip; nominations should be made to the Western Region Coach through the Western Region office prior to Nov. 15. The nominations will be reviewed by the ACC chairperson, the Western Region coach, and the Western Region director, and announcements of the coaching staff for each trip will be made in good time so that the coaches and their "home" programs can plan accordingly. In the event that a coach must later withdraw from a particular trip, the position shall be filled from the list of nominees by the Western Region coach and the Western Region director. All coaches for regional projects and competition trips will be required to sign a contract indicating that they have read and agree to abide by the Western Region Quota Team Policies.

Western Region Quota Team Policies

The USSA Code of Conduct, which appears in the Competition Guide, applies to all Western Region projects, competitions, activities, and teams.

Additionally all team members' will:

1. Abide by the laws of the United States of America and the USA States or foreign countries where the project takes place;
2. Support the coaching staff and other team members in upholding the ideals of fair play, good sportspersonship, and good citizenship;
3. Take no action nor commit any act that infringes on the quality of the experience of another member of the team.
4. Pay project costs prior to departure;
5. Fully participate in the organized accommodations unless excused at the time that the team is named;
6. Attend all team meetings and training activities on time and fully prepared;
7. Observe any curfew established by the coaching staff;
8. Not use or possess illegal drugs;
9. Not illegally use or possess alcohol;
7. Not use or possess alcohol in the team accommodations, the team vehicles, or in the presence of team members who are not of age;
10. Reside in the room to which they are assigned and will share responsibility with their roommates for damages, cleaning charges, and rule violations that occur in the room when it is not possible to establish individual responsibility;
11. Observe additional rules established by the head coach of the project for the good of the project.

Western Region Policy Concerning Conduct

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

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

1. A panel named by the Western Region Director and/or the Western Region coach will be formed from the coaching staff and any Western Region ACC members present.
2. The chairman of the panel will be the Western Region director, a Western Region coach, or the designated team leader/head coach.
3. Prior to any action being taken, the Western Region director and/or the USSA national

- office will be notified.
4. If disciplinary action is deemed necessary, the following people shall be notified: a) in the case of an athlete, the athlete's coach and parents or guardian; b) in the case of a coach or official, their supervisor; c) the Western Region ACC chairman; and d) the divisional ACC chairman and/or president.
 5. Any action taken will require the filing of a written report to the Western Region ACC chairman, the Western Region director and the USSA national office outlining the charges, facts and findings.
 6. If an appropriate course of action cannot be agreed upon, the chairman of the panel shall refer the facts and possible courses of action to the USSA Alpine Competition Director and/or the USSA Athletic Director for advice and guidance.
 7. Prior to any competition suspension, the USSA Alpine Director must be notified.

Possible Disciplinary Action:

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

1. Removal from the team, competition trip, or training camp
2. Suspension from training and/or competition
3. Elimination of coaching, travel, and other benefits
4. Turning the offending party or parties over to the local or state authorities if the offense is a violation of existing laws
5. Any action taken shall be applied fairly and equitably to all parties involved.

Violations of laws resulting in arrest are not the responsibility of a regional quota team or project staff to resolve. Should a team member be arrested, a good faith effort to understand the situation and to contact the parent or legal guardian will be undertaken. Resolution of the situation, including arranging for legal representation, bail or other conditions of release are the responsibility of the legal guardians of the athlete, or in the case of an adult athlete or staff member, that person.

Western Region Training System

Purpose Statement:

To produce the best alpine ski racers in the world at the developmental, sub-national team, level by offering complementary cooperative training with NDS, Western Region Divisional, and Western Region club and academy training programs/plans.

Goals:

1. To assisting management, athletic training, and competition performance programs of the top Western Athletes of J2, J1 and senior age categories (with limited J3 presence & projects).
2. To establish and conduct an athlete talent detection and development system that tracks and measures the performance and performance characteristics of top regional racers at various chronological points in their ski racing development.
3. To contribute as productively, professionally, and as fully as possible in the achievement of the USSA Mission of being the best nation in ski competition in the world.

4. To provide a program of training and competition preparation that will allow a dedicated and motivated individual to realize the foundation of skills and competitive characteristics that will carry that individual to the limits of his or her potential through the design and conduct of training and competition projects that are scientifically, methodologically and philosophically the best available to that athlete, at the various levels and ages, according to the most current sport knowledge available.
5. To supplement the efforts of the ski clubs and academies located within the Western region by offering projects of the highest possible quality utilizing “best practices” in areas where clubs and divisions can benefit from collective, cooperative efforts particularly by providing a venue and content where the best of all clubs, athlete and coaches, can interact in an productive athletically enriched environment.

Objectives:

1. To create the best developmental regional level training program in the World.
2. To integrate effectively in National Development System projects and contributes to the success of that system.
3. To bring the best Western athletes together in that program.
4. To utilize the best coaches available in that program.
5. To use the USSA scientifically based best practices model to design the content of the camps of the program.
6. To promote the principles of athleticism in all projects.
7. Promote competent athletes in all four disciplines
8. To promote sportpersonship, individual responsibility, teamwork, and life skills through athletic achievement
9. To insure superior core skiing skills development.
10. Present a comprehensive ladder of training opportunities for regional athletes from J3/4 level (in partnership with divisional and regional program components) to the elite full-time NorAm competitor that has not made the National development team.
11. To develop a comprehensive “picture” of the best regional racers of various ages in all components of the USSA EPM.
12. To contribute to sound athletic, particularly competitive, programming for individual athlete through cooperative efforts with home program coaches.
13. Provide a competition program that progressively presents competitive tests that validate the training model.
14. Procure the necessary tools for the athletes and coaches to achieve in the program.
15. Insure that these athletes are as well prepared physically as is possible. Deliver a conditioning education and measurement component as part of the program.
16. Provide a sport psychology educational program that insures they have the mental tools and skills to achieve consistent peak performance mental states.
17. To develop athletes, coaches, and parents as good partners through education and communication.
18. Make the program as cost effective and affordable as possible.
19. To have fun and enjoy the passion of ski racing while doing these things.

Principles:

1. The Western Region will design and operate programs in cooperation with the NDS, National Team, College programs, and major clubs that enhance and complement the overall training program of the athletes.

2. The Western Elite Ski Team will operate as an "All-Star" team that encourages and supports the home club programs as the basis of each athlete's program.
3. Training camps will be designed in progression, annually and multi-year.
4. Western developmental level athletes should be developing skills in each of the alpine disciplines.
5. The program will stress sound fundamentals and skill development at all levels.
6. The West will support empowerment and engagement through education, training, and development of athletes, coaches, parents, clubs, and governance officials.

Methods:

Program content is in a perpetual state of update to achieve updating appropriate to using "best practices". A separate document, addressing the range of the training program, talent identification, talent detection, and talent development is being prepared by the regional staff for consideration of the Western development subcommittee and the NDS staff.

In 2007 the regional staff, in cooperation with the Western ski clubs and academies embarked on establishing records of our program and the efforts and progress of our best athletes, as identified through objective achievement and subjective measurement criteria, their activities and levels of achievement, as well as health and fitness levels.

For the 2008-2010 seasons 4 levels of training group(s) will be established. A group will be established and designated "Regional Team Candidates" (RT) and will be populated by past WR Team members and those athletes who have qualified to the US national Alpine Championships, or scored NorAm points, or medaled at the national Junior 2 Olympics. A series of projects will be identified for these athletes that will include NDS, regional, and possible national team crossover opportunities for individual members.

A group will be established of those athletes who qualified for the Western quota to the national Junior 2 Olympics and will be designated as the "Regional Training group" (RTG). A series of opportunities will be identified for this group.

A group, designated as the "New J2s", will be populated by those racers who finish in the top 15 in any event at the J3 Junior Olympics and will be invited to attend the Western Region Flight School to be held in June 2007 as well as other potential projects.

A final group, the "Shootout group" will be named based on existing procedures. In 2008 & 2009 this group will be invited to an additional opportunity at Mount Hood.

Western Region Payment & Refund Policy for Athlete Projects

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

Refunds will be granted for withdrawal from projects or competition trips or for partial attendance for injury, illness, or family emergency on the following schedule:

- 100% 14 days prior to the first day of the project,
- 75% Seven days prior to the first day of the project,
- 50% Zero to six days prior to the first day of the project,
- ? Recoverable costs only after the beginning of the project.

Western Region Team

2008-2009

Purpose

The Western Elite Ski Team (W.E.S.T.) is designed to provide athletes that are on the track for national team selection the appropriate training and preparation. The goal of the team is to enhance future performance through the application of sound planning and training experiences. The team is also intended to provide appropriate recognition to the best club racers from the region. Its primary target is for athletes who are FIS eligible and on target to become members of the USST D or C team members. The team serves to enhance development opportunities for future national team members. It is not intended to be an All-Star team.

All members of the USA National Alpine Team, who are from the Western Region, are honorary members of W.E.S.T.

Team Size: 0-12 men, 0-12 women based on the criteria listed below and the evaluation of realistic potential to be named to the national alpine C or B team according the published objective criteria's of those squads. Team size may exceed 12 based on in-season promotion described below.

Methods

A regional training group will be named in the spring of each year based on past season performance and future plans of the athlete. This process uses an objective selection method for the identification of 4/5, eighty percent, of the group utilizing the NDS Clear Path methods and the Standings of the Prior Year Kyle Warren Awards. This group will be the camp invitees for the preparation period of the elite regional team candidate level camps. The regional coach will establish a performance contract with training group members that outlines training goals for the preparation period.

The regional coach will participate in the management of the athlete via communication with the home program coaches and the monitoring of the athlete's individual program. The training group will include the exceptional J3s of the Whistler group as well as other Junior Olympic standouts.

Objective Criteria 2008

The following are criteria for being objectively qualified to be named to the regional team for the 2008-2009 competition season:

- Selection to represent the USA in the World Junior Championships in the prior season
- Junior podium, top 3, performance at the US National Alpine Championships, any discipline
- Podium performance at the J2 National Junior Olympics, any discipline, WJC Format, top 6
- Whistler Cup or Topolino Gold Medal, provided the athlete will be competing as a J2 in the coming season
- US National Alpine Championships, Top 15 in any discipline other than combined
- Nor Am Cup Standings, Top 20 in any discipline
- US National Rank of top 5 of all juniors in any discipline
- Discipline winner of the Kyle Warren memorial in the prior season and first placing still a junior in the coming season
- Past members of the USST A or B Alpine teams who remain active FIS racers will continue to be recognized as honorary members of W.E.S.T.

Any athlete not named to the team that wins a Western Elite series race during the competition season will be named to the team for the remainder of the season and the following season, provided they are Western Region athletes, and remain in the Western Region and do not meet any of the conditions that disqualify them from consideration (below).

Selection

The team will be named at the conclusion of the preparation period, between November 1 and November 15. Membership on the team is in effect until June 1 of the following season. Naming will be based on the objective lists used to establish the training group for the summer projects plus: summer activity, winter plans, time trials and other subjective evaluation. Team members will be required to establish a performance contract and a winter competition plan with the regional staff.

Team members may be named to the team subjectively by a selection group made up of the Regional Coach, the regional Director and the ACC Vice-Chair. Subjective selections may not make up more than thirty percent of the total team size; in years of a large number of objectively qualified team members this percentage will decrease to 20%.

Ineligibility

Individuals will not be considered for the regional team who:

- Are members of college teams pursuing titles outside of the USSA/USST track to the national teams such as NCAA or USCSA
- Do not have two physical fitness evaluations, one in spring and one in fall (to begin in the 2009-2010 preparation period)
- Have USSA or FIS ranking profiles that are ascending in multiple disciplines
- Have had a disciplinary suspension, sanction, or probation for a USSA Code of Conduct violation in the prior season or during the preparation period that has been imposed and upheld.

Benefits

Team members will have priority for discretionary selection to regional quotas for races that are part of their competition plan. Team members will be excused from any regional and/or divisional participation requirements that conflict with sound athletic preparation. The regional coach and home program coach will collaborate on the plan, which is to be reviewed by the regional director and appropriate divisional representative. Deviations from the plan that impact participation must be discussed with and approved by the Regional Director. Team members will receive a uniform signifying their membership on the team.

Western Region Quota Selection Procedures for National and International Races

Western Region has quotas for the various national events, US Alpine National Championships, NorAm, and National FIS Series races as well as at FIS and FISU series in the other regions of USSA. The Western Region ACC has established procedures for filling these quotas. To be considered for any of these events, racers must declare their interest in the events according to the procedure and schedule in the Western Region Intent to Compete procedure. Additionally, racers must complete and return a Western Region Medical Release and a Western Region

Team Agreement. Forms are available from the Western Region office and via these web pages under Forms.

Only current season USSA members who have the proper membership and are Western Region athletes as defined in the USSA bylaws, and only those competitors who have participated in current season Western Elite FIS Series events will be eligible for these events. Exceptions may be granted to racers who are unable to participate due to involvement in a conflicting USST or National Development System projects, injury, illness, or other extraordinary circumstances. All racers excused for injury or illness must supply a medical clearance from a licensed physician to be included on a team.

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

Requests to participate in other regions' FIS races must be received by the divisional offices in time for the divisions to meet the regional deadline (21 days). Entry fees are the responsibility of the individual competitor or team captain of a divisional development trip and must be paid according to the policies of the division or region hosting the event.

Regional Intent to Compete Declaration Method, 2008-2009

Intents will be used to construct Regional Selection Boards for:

- US National Alpine Championships
- US Continental Cup NorAm competitions
- Canadian NorAm Competitions (national quota)
- US National J2 Olympic Championships
- Canadian FIS competitions (national quota)
- Canadian National Championships (national quota)
- Rocky-Central FIS competitions
- Eastern Region FIS competitions
- FISU competition (national quota)

Intents will be due on the first of each month for the following month's competitions:

- October 15 for competitions in November Races
- November 1 for competitions in December
- December 1 for competitions in January
- January 1 for competitions in February
- February 1 for competitions in March
- March 1 for competitions in April

Intents will expire. Only one month at a time will be considered; example: Intents declared October 15 for November races expire October 31 and no December- April races will be considered during October.

Intents will not be considered that are not for specific races. Intents will not be considered that state something like "anything I qualify for". Conflicting races must be prioritized.

Intents maybe filed for multiple race series for any given dates within a period. Multiple series must be prioritized. Athletes qualifying for any particular prioritized series, as identified as their first choice, will be removed from all other lists both at the time the lists are constructed and as the athlete becomes eligible for a first choice.

Intents may be made for full series participation only. Western Quotas may not be used for partial entry to any out-of-region FIS series. The Regional Director may allow 1) a first year eligible FIS racer exceptions to this provision in order to comply with FIS entry limitation rules, or 2) an athlete qualified USST or NDS invitation to an international competition or a Western Region quota team to a COC event. 3) Four event series will be considered in such a way as to account for athletes not participating in one or more of the event spectrum by the director.

Intents for the above race categories are to be electronically transmitted to the regional director with a copy to the respective divisional selection person by the primary club coach or club director for all club members. The electronic transmission must be in the form of a FIS entry inscription as per Western Entry procedure listing FIS number, Full name, YOB, current FIS points, USSA number, and USSA points.

Intents ***MUST*** be in the following format. [It only takes once to set it up and will be a giant help to me if I don't have to grapple with 30 different personal preference set-ups every month.]

Instructions:

1. Use a plain excel spreadsheet with no special features as an attachment to your message. Do not send the information in the body of the email text.
2. Don't send Zip files.
3. Use a separate workbook ***page*** (NOT a separate workbook) for each gender
4. Each Series of races should be included in a separate list
5. Do not cut and paste out of the USSA points list from the web. The point values do not transfer from your attachment
6. Use Arial as the font type
7. Use 10 point as the font size
8. Do Not use **Bold**, *Italic*, or Underlined type
9. Do Not use **color type** or **background**
10. Do Left-hand align
11. In column 1 list the FIS # of the athlete
12. In column 2 list the name of the racer, as it appears on the FIS list, last name first, example = Smith, Joe R.
13. In column 3 list his/her 2digit YOB, 1988 = 88
14. In column 4, 5, 6, 7, (as many as necessary for the number of events) list the **USSA** points on the list valid on the selection date (same as deadline dates Oct 1, Nov 1, Dec 1) for the disciplines contested in the races intended. Order is DH, SL, GS, and SG, the same as the FIS entry form. *You only need to list the events being contested in the series being applied for!*
15. In the next 1-4 columns list the valid **FIS** points on the same day of selection, again for the disciplines being contested. *You only need to list the events being contested in the series being applied for!*
16. In the last column list the USSA number
17. **Do Not** apply for athletes ineligible under USSA rules:
 - a. Racers must have less than 100 USSA points in a discipline to be contested to go to Canada.

- b. Racers must have less than 120 points in a discipline to be contested and have been selected to a WR Elite FIS race to go to an out-of-Region elite FIS race.
- c. Racers must have less than 120 FIS points to race in NorAm competitions. Development nominations are exempt from this requirement but NorAm development requests originate in the Regional office so that exception does not impact this procedure.
- d. The region does not enter foreign athletes.
- e. See your competition guide for more information.

Example for a RMD SL + GS series:

FIS #	Name	YOB	USSA SL Pts	USSA GS Pts	FIS SL Pts	FIS GS Pts
53101	Smith, Richard	88	80.02	50.33	65.65	50.33
53202	Jones, Samuel	90	X	101.01	95.56	99.10

Example for a technical NorAm in the USA

FIS #	Name	YOB	USSA SL Pts	USSA GS Pts	FIS SL Pts	FIS GS Pts
53101	Smith, Richard	88	80.02	50.33	65.65	50.33
53202	Jones, Samuel	90	X	101.01	95.56	99.10

Example for a NorAm in Canada*

FIS #	Name	YOB
53000	Kelley, Mary	89

* All quotas in Canada are national and determined by national rank using FIS points by the national office.

Ranking lists will be constructed for selection purposes based on the USSA points valid on the due date for the coming month.

Those athletes' selected clubs' will be notified as soon as the boards are done, electronically. Clubs will have 72 hours to confirm or pull athletes. Unconfirmed athletes will be dropped.

Not Attending a Confirmed Race Series

Athletes who do not attend confirmed races in the Canadian FIS or out-of-region USA FIS category without an extremely valid reason (injury, sickness, family tragedy, faced with academic failure) would not be considered for those categories for one year. All athletes who are selected and confirmed for any category of competition who cannot attend must be accounted for by contact to the regional director.

Races Conflicting With Western Region Elite FIS Series Events

No Western Region USSA competitor member, other than named members of the US Alpine Ski A, B, C, or Development teams, who has achieved automatic status, may attend a FIS competition that conflicts with a scheduled Western Elite Series race and subsequently use a Western Region quota slot to the NorAm Cup, the US Alpine Championships, or the J2 Junior Olympic National Championships unless attending such a race as part of a USST invitational competition trip or as a member of an NDS group named to a competition project.

The region will not enter USSA Western members in conflicting race series. Those Western Region USSA members who attend conflicting FIS races on other quotas, such as the collegiate quota, will lose eligibility for access to future Western quotas for the remainder of the season and the following season.

The time period defining a conflict will be the dates of the actual races, one day prior to the race days and one day following the Western series in question. The regional director in consultation with the ACC Vice-chair may make exceptions in extraordinary circumstances.

Western Region Selection Board

The Western Region uses a standard selection board for the Chevrolet U.S. Alpine Championships, NorAms, the Junior Olympics and other special events.

Eligibility

Only those competitors who have participated in the January Western Elite FIS Series events in a particular event are eligible to be included on the selection board in that event. Competitors who are unable to attend the Western Elite FIS Series events because of participation in a conflicting USST or NDS camp or project will not be ineligible as a consequence. Members of W.E.S.T. have an exception; see the section describing the regional team.

Setting up the Board

The board has two parts. The first part is composed of rankings by Old World Cup Points Ranking System (1st = 25, 15th = 1) earned in the January and February Western Region Elite FIS Series in each discipline involved. The second part of the board is based on USSA seed points from the list valid on the selection date.

A column is established for each discipline on each part of the board. The columns will be listed in the order DH, SL, GS, and SG; which will be the order of selection. The place point's portion of the board will be first, followed by the seed points portion of the board.

For all events, the selection board will include only those disciplines contested in the event. For the U.S. Alpine Championships all disciplines will be included on the board. For an event involving downhill and super Gs only, only DH and SG columns will appear on the board, and so on.

In calculating place points, results from the January and February Elite Tech Series(s), and any Elite Speed event will be used. The results will be purged of all foreign and non-Western Region U.S. competitors. All Western Region competitors, including USST members, will be included when calculating place points. The top 15 competitors will receive place points (25, 20, 15, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2 and 1). In the event of a tie for one of the top 15 places, each tied racer receives the points corresponding to that position. The following racers receive the points for their finish position. (E.g. a tie for 2nd: racer 1 - 25 points, racers 2 and 3 - 20 points each, racer 4 - 12 points, etc.)

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

Considering the races not used in calculating the racers' totals breaks a tie in the place point ranking order. If in four downhills three racers each have one first and one second, their totals will all be 45. If one of the racers has a third and a DNF, and the other two have a fourth and fifth, and a fourth and sixth respectively, the racer with the third will be ranked first, the racer

with the fourth and fifth - second, and the racer with the fourth and sixth - third. If a tie remains after all results have been considered, a racer who started the series with higher seed points will be ranked in front of racers who started the series with lower seed points in the discipline.

A tie on the seed point board is broken by placing the racer with the best ranking on the place point board first.

Selection Procedure

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

For example, consider the following selection board.

World Cup Point Board				USSA Seed Point Board			
DH	SL	GS	SG	DH	SL	GS	SG
A	B	E	D	A	X	D	C
G	D	Q	E	F	E	X	Z
R	Z	D	Q	Z	M	Q	D
T	Q	B	M	T	D	C	Q

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

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

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

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

Discretionary Selections

For the NorAms and the U.S. Alpine Championships, 20% of the quota (at least one slot) will be reserved for discretionary selection. This (these) slot(s) may be filled by the Western Region Director for development purposes. If they are used, the discretionary slots will be filled at the time that the team is named.

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

Alternate Selections

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

Partial Slots

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

Selections in Exceptional Circumstances

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

Policy for All Western Quota Entries

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

Nor Am Cup

The Western Region quota for U.S. Nor Am races are four men and four women. The Western Region Selection procedure, described above is used to fill the quota for these races where there have been WR FIS Elite races held prior to the selection deadline. If no WR Elite races have been held in the current season USSA ranking in the applicable events from athletes who have declared intent will be used.

Racers must notify the Western Region office by the specified deadlines if they are interested in participating in these events. The selection boards for these events will include eligible Western Region athletes who have declared intent-to-compete for the event/series in question.

Under USSA rules, a racer must appear on the FIS list that will be valid for a Nor Am event in order to be eligible for the event.

Twenty percent of the quota (at least one slot) will be reserved for discretionary selection. This (these) slot(s) may be filled by the Western Region Director for development purposes. If they are used, the discretionary slots will be filled at the time that the team is named.

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

U.S. Alpine Championships

The Western Region quota for the U.S. Alpine Championships is 13 men and 10 women. The quota is filled using the Western Region Selection procedure described above with the following modifications:

Four (4) men and three (3) women will be selected based on a) sum of Europa Cup points and b) sum of NorAm Cup points.

Nine (9) men plus four (4) alternates and seven (7) women plus three (3) alternates will be named from the full four-event selection board. If additional selections are needed to fill the quota, selections will be made from a slalom / giant slalom board to fill slots for these disciplines and from a downhill - super G board to fill slots in these disciplines. If single discipline slots become available, they will be filled using the procedure described above for partial slots.

Racers must notify the Western Region office by the specified deadline if they are interested in participating in this event. The selection boards for this event will include all eligible Western Region athletes, but athletes who have not indicated an interest in the event will be skipped when the team is named.

Twenty percent of the quota (at least one slot) will be reserved for discretionary selection. This (these) slot(s) may be filled by the Western Region director for development purposes. If they are used, the discretionary slots will be filled at the time that the team is named.

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

National Junior 2 Championships

The Western Region Team to the J2 Championships will be selected according to the Western Selection Board Method utilizing the January Western FIS January Elite Tech Series events (Utah, Park City & Snowbird) and the February Western Elite Technical Series (Jackson) and the January Western Region FIS Series Speed Series (Big Sky) in the results columns. The results will be purged to include only Western J2s and assigned "old" continental cup points for places 1-15. USSA points from the List valid on February 12, 2009 will be used in the point columns. In order to appear on the point portion of the board in any discipline the racer must start in at least one qualification event in that discipline.

The Western Quota for 2009 is 20 men and 15 women. Up to twenty percent of the quota may be selected as discretionary picks by the regional selection committee.

Western Region Race Series and Championships

Western Elite FIS Series

The series started with a nationally scored December downhill series and a January technical series in 1982. In 1983 the Spring Series was added and the events were FIS sanctioned for the first time. 1985 saw the addition of super G to the series and starting in 1986 a second DH/SG event in late January was added.

The series ordinarily consists of four events and for 2009 there will be four Western Elite series races toward series standings. The Utah Tech Series consists of two slaloms and two giant slaloms, and is scheduled for early January. The second event is the February Wild West Classic technical series in Jackson with two GS and two SL. Third comes the Spring Series consists of two slaloms, two giant slaloms and two super Gs to be held in April in Mammoth. Finally an elite downhill will be held to conclude the series, also at Mammoth in April. Series awards will be announced in Mammoth at the conclusion of the elite series speed races.

Quotas

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

Automatics

Forty men and forty women will be selected as automatics for the Western Region Elite FIS Series. The U.S. gold and silver medal winners of Western Jr Championships events plus combined winners (when four events are contested), the gold medal winners of the J3 events and the combined when awarded contested in the previous season (if age eligible, a J2, in the current season), and the J2 National Junior Olympic event medalists (gold silver, and bronze medals) minus the combined, who are from the West, will be named as "Regional Automatics".

Additionally, the balance of the total of 40 automatics will be named via a USSA point selection system. Western Region will purge all "A" or J1 athletes not registered with FIS as of October 1, current US Ski Team members, or any Western Region athlete who did not start a regional Elite FIS race the previous year. The list will be based on the summer USSA points list (usually July) of the previous season (this list has variously been known as either the last list, or

the first list but will be that list which is valid on October 1). The selection board will be arranged in the order downhill, slalom, giant slalom, super G. Selections will be made left to right on each row and from top to bottom on the list until the quota is filled. The points on the last row reached in each column will be the automatic point cutoff in that discipline.

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

The Automatic list will be purged of all those members known to have left Western Region prior to the first selection deadline (October 1) and extended to an equivalent number of athletes on the original automatic selection board. This purge will not affect the point levels for attaining automatic status in season listed below.

2008-2009 Automatic Achievement Event Point Levels

Women

Downhill	102.25
Slalom	61.16
Giant Slalom	58.07
Super G	68.90

Men

Downhill	75.87
Slalom	42.96
Giant Slalom	39.97
Super G	33.74

2008-2009 Western Region Automatics (November 1)

Men

Friedman, Bryan	Wormhauudt
Kung	Moffat
Spencer, Dane	Sheehan
Sweetser	Baker
Veenis	Conway
Weiss	Wolosyn
Bartels	Reynolds
Harris, Marti	Lowman
Hammer, Max	Benge
Cook	Warner
Love	Brockett
Jampolsky	Goldberg
Fink-Debray	Krueger
Shampeny	Horn
Britvar, P	Dunham
Cohee	Lamar
Caston, M	Coxon, K
Collins, Shane	Noges, C
Vest-Burton	Snow, Scott
Andersen, E	Kircher, Andrew

Women

Hitchcock	Rachleff
Lonza	Hall
Lyons	Patient
Williams, K	Kistler, C
Victory	Gill
James	Hearn
Collinson	Wieringa
Wales	Bacharach
Dingle	Berther
Cartmill	Dupratt
Horst	Grizwold
Cortopassi	Goyne
Anthony	Caston
Bell	Frank
Laswell	Stumpp
Bragg	Kraft
Gasmann	Porges
Kistler, L	Staples, Sydney
Harris	Peterson
Smith, S.	Naatz, E.

Regional Rank Quota Method

40 men's and 40 women's slots will be allocated among the divisions based on their percentage of the total number of Western athletes listed on the USSA age ranking lists for 15,16,17,18, and 19 year old racers for the United States on the last spring/summer USSA points list from the prior year. Competitors who are not members will be deleted from the age ranking lists, and the lists extended to include 50 racers in each age group and discipline.

The number of ranked competitors from each division in the top fifty of the USSA list for that year of birth as defined by the competitive age designation by USSA will be determined by summing the number of each division's 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19 year old athletes appearing on the ranking list in downhill, the number appearing in slalom, the number appearing in GS and the number appearing in super G. An athlete who is aged ranked in all four disciplines will be counted four times. The Western Region total will be the sum of the division totals and the percentage of 40 of that total will determine each division's base number of competitors. Minimum quotas for any single division are 4 men and 4 women, which typically reduces the base numbers of the large divisions and expands the base numbers of the small divisions. [*The mathematical calculation and adjustments may, from year to year result in a slightly higher total quota, but in no case may this increase be higher than 5%, or 2 per gender, greater than the target of 40. This year both genders will be at 42*].

	Alaska	Far West	Intermountain	Northern	PNSA
Men	4	12	13	4	9
Women	4	14	10	4	10

Regional Directors' Quota

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

Nominations must be made by the respective divisional office in conjunction with the divisional ACC chair or other individual designated by the division to perform this function. Divisions may only submit 5 names per gender in any series of races and only a total of 30 names per gender for the season 2008-2009 for consideration to the regional director's quota. The quota will be filled from the nominations plus additional athletes proposed by the Western Region Coach and/or Development Manager.

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

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

Additional Quotas

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

	Eastern	Rocky/Central	Canada	Other Countries
Men	10	10	15	per FIS ICR
Women	10	10	15	per FIS ICR

The Canadian quota is normally split between Alberta, British Columbia and Saskatchewan. For details on the exact allocation of the Canadian quota for a particular event, contact the Western Region office. All Canadian and other foreign entries must be made through USSA. The Western Region Director or the USSA Alpine Technical Services Director will forward these entries to race organizers. Out of region U.S. entries must come from the regional offices and be confirmed by the Western Region office. Regions are required to confirm their participation in each other's FIS races at least 21 days prior to the first seed meeting for the event.

Host Quota

The host club(s) for an event will each have a quota of one man and one woman in every race of the series to which this quota applies. The quota is limited to age eligible racers who have the proper membership and are members of the host club. A quota slot may be split between multiple athletes.

Minimum Divisional Quotas

The minimum divisional quota, in all FIS events, is four men and four women.

Field Size Limitations

If a race in this series is oversubscribed, the Western Region athletes will be pulled from the race beginning with those with the highest points in order of a) athletes on quota expansions

beyond normal quotas, b) subjective selections, i.e. Regional director's quota when used as a development tool, c) divisional selections, and finally d) regional automatics. No Western Region athlete will be pulled from a second race in an event until all Western athletes have been pulled from one race in the event

Western Region FIS Series

For the 2008-2009 season there will be a second tier FIS series held in the Western Region. These will be called the Western Region FIS Series. The first will be held in January as speed races in Big Sky, MT. The second will be held in March at Park City in March and consist of 2 GS and two SL for men and women.

All normal FIS quotas apply as it pertains to foreign nations and other USSA Regions. Unused quota slots revert to the host division. Western division's quotas are:

	Alaska	Far West	Intermountain	Northern	PNSA	Directors'
Men	10	25	25	10	25	≤15
Women	10	25	25	10	25	≤15

These quotas are modified when:

- 1) A Western FIS Series race is used as a qualifying competition for any Championship event, the region will regulate and modify how quotas may be filled by divisions in the following manner:
 - i. Those WR automatics eligible in the age category for the championship event may attend the series
 - ii. Additional automatics may only attend if they are included in the regional directors quota as a pace skier (limited to 5 per gender).
 - iii. No other regional automatics are eligible to attend the races in such a series.
 - iv. Fifty percent of any divisional quota must be allocated and offered to the age group that is qualifying to the championship event.
 - v. Quota expansions may or may not be restricted to an age category by the regional director.
 - vi. The remaining regional director's quota, following pace skiers is not restricted by age category.
- 2) Those WR FIS series races that are not qualifiers to championship events are open to entry by regional automatics to the WR Elite series who are either a) first year FIS (15 years-old) eligible or b) members of a 5-per-gender 'pace' quota on the regional director's quota. No other automatics are eligible for entry to these events.

Western Divisions FIS Entry League (ENL) Races

Beginning in the 2004-2005 season Western Divisions have been permitted to schedule and conduct two ENL Series weekends in a season with the approval of the regional ACC. These races are designed to serve a level of athlete who would otherwise not see FIS racing outside their home division on a regular basis. The main purpose is to establish an international racing presence and profile for truly 'entry level' athletes in the age group 15+. Generally divisions will convert existing USSA scored race series to ENL races. For the 2008-2009 season 2 race weekends in Far West and PNSA have been scheduled. Intermountain Division has joined them and has the first ENL Downhills scheduled as well as events in the other three disciplines.

Policies regulating the conduct of these events are different from other FIS events from both the FIS and USSA/Western Region.

From the FIS there are different vertical drop requirement reflecting the recognition that these races are design to serve entry-level athletes in homologated environment appropriate to their experience and skills. As these requirements are less stringent than regular FIS competitions there are also minimum race point levels.

USSA/ Western Region has established the following guidelines to support the athletes, divisions, and clubs hosting these events:

- Quotas for ENL races will be as for FIS competitions. Foreign quotas and visiting USSA regions, East and RC (10/10 each) will be as normal. The Western Region Quota will be primarily assigned to the host division. The region will reserve 10 M and 10 W slots for out of division athletes.
- The within-division quota will be administered through the divisional office. All other quotas will be administered through the regional staff. Entry deadline for West is 21 days, all others 7 days.
- Entry Fees shall not exceed divisional entry fee levels of the division holding the event and the discipline being contested.
- Head tax to USSA, Western Region, and the Host Division will be the same as for a USSA scored event.

Western Region's Portion of Event Entry Fees

AKA 'Head tax'

The Western Region receives a portion of the entry fee for all nationally scored USSA, non-scored USSA, and ENL FIS races run in the divisions of the Western Region except the J3 Olympics/J4 Festival. The tax is \$2 for each competitor who starts in a USSA scored race and \$1 for each competitor who starts in a USSA non-scored race. The region does not receive any of the entry fees charged on first run DNS. No entry fee portion is due Western Region for named USST members.

The region's portion of the entry fee for all **FIS races** is \$12 for races in the Western Region that are FIS, (excluding NorAm, World Cup, and National Championships, (and ENL as described above) for each competitor start.

The region will collect head tax and reimburse the organizer for travel and this daily fee up to \$800.00 per event per TD. The organizer is still responsible for all other TD expenses including meals and accommodations. Race hosts will receive the entry fee (AKA head tax) form in the mail with the race packet.

Entries

The entry deadline for events in all Western FIS series is **7 days** prior to the first event for USA athletes and foreign athletes that are members of USA clubs and university programs. All other FIS eligible foreign athletes may enter according to FIS rules. The organizer must receive the official FIS entry forms, a supplemental form listing USSA code numbers and seed points, and full entry fees by this deadline. Copies of the official entry forms are to be sent to the Western Region Office at the same time as they are sent to the organizer. Entries will be accepted from the five divisions of the Western Region, Eastern Region, Rocky/Central Region, and foreign ski associations (see Foreign Athlete Selection Procedures) for FIS events. The Junior Olympics and the Western FIS Technical Championships have age and region specific restrictions (see Junior Olympics).

Entry Fees for Western Elite FIS, Western FIS Races, Western Region Junior Championships, Western Open, and J2 Classification

- Entry Fees will be limited to \$35 per start
- Training fees for speed events will be limited to a single charge of \$30.
- Organizers may require a series entry fee. This may be split when speed events are scheduled with technical events in the same block.
- Organizers will be obligated to refund entries only in the case of injury and illness, as long as the athlete is pulled from the seed board.
- Organizers are obligated to refund entries equal to half of the organizers' portion plus 100% of the head tax when an event is cancelled. This must be paid within five working days after the completion of the series.
- An organizer may, but is not obligated to, accept entries at the first Team Captain's Meeting. The date that entries are due must be on the race announcement. A penalty may be applied that is up to 50% of the entry fee to be paid if they are not PAID IN FULL 7 days prior to the first Team Captain's Meeting of the series.
- Organizers must pay Western Region head tax of \$12 per start to the Western Region for all athletes that start in the competition.

Entry Fee for J3 and J4 Junior Olympics

- The recommended guideline is the Western FIS events entry fee minus the \$12 Western Region head tax, $\$35 - 12 = \23
- The series entry fee will include a \$30 surcharge that will be used to subsidize travel costs for Alaska Division competitors to this event.

Coaches Passes

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

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

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

Course Setters

The Western Region Director and/or the Western Region Coach may designate the course setters for all races in the Western Region FIS series and Championship events. A list of approved course setter will be generated by the region from a list supplied by the division of those setters each division identifies as appropriate course setters at the FIS and Championship level of racing.

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

Course setters must be members of USSA and must hold a USSCA Professional Coaches' membership, or be a member coach and licensed official of another national ski federation.

Foreign Athlete Selection Procedures

Foreign athletes, who compete full-time as part of a Western Region program must qualify for these events through the procedures of their host division. These foreign athletes will count against their host division's quota for the event. Western Region resident foreign athletes who do not qualify under their host division's selection procedures will not be allowed to participate upon penalty of loss of USSA race privileges. [This means that those foreign athletes, who are members of USSA programs in western region and who also intent to race FIS races held in the Western Region of USSA agree to be treated in the same manner as their USA teammates in the qualification system. Note *they do not have to agree to this*: As members of foreign federations they have the right to enter FIS races according to the procedures of the FIS. However, if they do not agree to an equitable qualification system, the privilege of participation in USSA races will be withdrawn and they will be restricted to only racing FIS in the West. In this case entry will be accepted from their home country, which issued the FIS license.]

NOTE: This requirement is suspended for those foreign athletes who would qualify, as WR automatics were they USA citizens.

All foreign athletes not competing full-time as part of a Western Region program must qualify for FIS events through the normal procedures set up by FIS, their national association, and USSA. An entry for these athletes is via the foreign federation of the athlete(s). The number of foreign athletes in the event may be expanded to accommodate these athletes provided that national quotas and field-size limitations are not exceeded.

Divisional Selection Procedures

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

Western Region Junior Championships

The former regional Junior Olympic event for junior 1 and junior 2 ages has been replaced by a regional junior championship event. That championship format has been changed. To a three event series contesting SL, GS, and SG. The event will be held in the first week of March at Schweitzer Mt. ID. The races are a junior championship event and restricted to Western USA Juniors. Entries are only accepted from the five Western divisions and foreign federations. The U.S. gold and silver medalists of each race and the combined at this championship will be named regional automatics for the entire Western Elite FIS schedule of the following season. The divisions fill the field. The divisions establish their own procedures for making their selections.

J3 JO and Championship Quotas

The base field size for these events is 170 slots for both genders. This quota will be distributed based on a combination of gender population percentages and a performance factor

based on divisional performance in the prior year's championship event for the J3 and J1&2 respectively. These quotas are recalculated annually.

The population data will be derived from the divisional populations on the USSA points list valid on April 15 of the preceding season. The population of each division is the sum of both genders of the age categories for the respective events (J3s for JOs and J1 & J2s for the Junior Championships).

The performance allocation will be based on the previous year's performance by each division, using each gender counted separately but including both in the total, as a percentage of the region factored into a total field size for both genders of 170. The events included in the equation will be the Giant Slalom and Super G for both championships and Junior Olympics. Those competitors finishing within 10 percent of the winning time will be included in each division's total score.

No division will have a quota of less than three women and four men. Each of the three "large" divisions will surrender one slot in each gender to be allocated by a 'director's quota' assignment to the "small" divisions.

There is no set quota by gender. The field size is held constant at 170 but the number of women and men, as a percentage of that total field will fluctuate as a function of both population and performance on a divisional basis. Quotas for the J3 Junior Olympics are calculated from the prior year's J3 junior Olympics. Quotas for the Junior Championships and based on the calculations from the prior year's Junior Championship event. This system will be forever known as the "Corrock method".

Junior Championship Quotas:

	Alaska	Far West	Intermountain	Northern	PNSA	Total
Men	7	19	30	10	29	95
Women	7	18	18	9	23	75

Additional quotas are: all USST juniors from the Western Region, 15 men and 15 women from Canada, and additional foreigners per the rules for U.S. Championships.

Awards

There will be awards for at least the top three places of each race and the three-way combined at this event supplied by the organizer.

The combined will be based on race points from the slalom, giant slalom and super G races. Only racers who complete all of these races will be considered in the combined calculation.

Special FIS Races, Western Open & "J2 Classification"

WR OPEN: In years where the opening qualification series, comprised of either an Elite FIS or WR FIS series (AKA 'Development' Series), occurs after January 1 the regional calendar may include additional FIS series for men and women to be held between December 1 and the Christmas holidays. Additionally a FIS "open" may be calendared following the conclusion of all championship events upon recommendation of the ACC calendar subcommittee and annual approval of the ACC at the time of calendar construction.

The divisional quotas for this race series are the same method and number as for the Western FIS Series. Divisions are responsible for establishing the distribution method for their quotas. There are no "automatics" for this race. Additional slots will be allocated to the divisions as entry intentions of other regions and countries become known.

'CLASSIFICATION" RACE: The regional ACC shall add a race opportunity for the purpose of allowing J2 athletes to establish a race (FIS) point profile. A FIS JUN race will be scheduled in the first half of each year, generally in December prior to the Christmas holidays, in the technical disciplines. This race is not to conflict with any WR Open. Western Region quotas of the divisions will be restricted to Junior athletes. The divisional quotas for this race series are the same method and number as for the Western FIS Series. Divisions shall distribute their quotas 33.3% to first year J2s, 33.3% to 2nd year J2s and 33.3% to J1 racers. There are no "automatics" for this race. Additional slots will be allocated to the divisions as entry intentions of other regions and countries become known. These additions may be restricted to 1st year J2 racers to reflect the original intent of the series.

USSA Western Junior 3 Junior Olympics

The J3 Olympics were first held in 1982. They were organized as regional events at the same time that the J2 Olympics were changed from a single national event to separate east - west events. The Western Region J3s consisted of a downhill, slalom and a giant slalom until 1986 when the downhill was replaced with a super G. A combined title is also awarded. It is determined by summing the race points of all three events. The racer with the lowest sum of race points is the winner. If only two events are contested the combined will be determined using both. If only one event is contested no combined is awarded.

The J3s rotate between the Western Region divisions. They have been held at Snow King, Incline Village, Park City, Mt. Alyeska, Mt. Reba, Bridger Bowl, Schweitzer Basin, Eagle Crest, Mt. Bachelor, Mammoth Mountain, Sun Valley, Timberline/Mt. Hood Ski Bowl, and Bogus Basin, Jackson Hole, Mount Hood Meadows, Big Sky, Snowbird, Mammoth Mountain, and Bogus Basin. In 2009 they will be held in McCall, ID.

A divisional rotation and bid evaluation process has been reinstated for this event (and the J4 Festival) beginning with the coming season.

Quotas for 2008, based on the Corrock method are:

	Alaska	Far West	Intermountain	Northern	PNSA	Total
Men	8	27	26	12	22	95
Women	8	21	20	7	19	75

Additionally, the Regional selections as candidates to Topolino will be automatics to the J3 Junior Olympics, if they attend Topolino. They will be considered to be the Regional Directors quota and be seeded between the first and second seeds (unless they have also qualified via their divisional route and are seeded as part of the first seed by the division).

These are personal slots and do not expand the quota of the racer's division. They are meant to be a guarantee of access in the event that the racer's ability to qualify to the Junior Olympics is compromised by attending a national development opportunity.

Seeding

The Board of Directors of USSA has approved a special seeding procedure for this event known as the Turton method.

The field is divided into seeds of approximately 15 and each division is given slots in each seed equal to its percentage of the entire field. Each division assigns racers to seeds by its own procedures. Each seed is then randomly drawn to determine start order.

The seeding for 2008-2009 is shown below.

Boys			%	1st Seed		2nd Seed		3rd Seed		4th Seed		5th Seed		6th Seed		7th Seed				
Alaska	8	8.4	1.26	1		1.53	1	*	1.79	2		1.05	1	1.32	1	1.58	2	0.00	0	
Far West	27	28.4	4.26	4		4.53	5		3.79	4		4.05	4	4.32	4	4.58	4	2.00	2	
IMD	26	27.4	4.11	4		4.21	3	*	5.32	5		4.42	4	4.53	4	*	4.63	5	1.00	1
Northern	12	12.6	1.89	2		1.79	1		2.68	3		1.58	2	1.47	2	*	1.37	1	1.00	1
PNSA	22	23.2	3.47	4		2.95	5		1.42	1		3.89	4	3.37	4		2.84	3	1.00	1
	95			15			15			15			15		15			15		5
Girls			%	1st Seed		2nd Seed		3rd Seed		4th Seed		5th Seed								
Alaska	8	10.7	1.60	2		1.20	1		1.80	2		1.40	1	2.00	2					
Far West	21	28.0	4.20	4		4.40	4		4.60	5		3.80	4	4.00	4					
IMD	20	26.7	4.00	4		4.00	4		4.00	4		4.00	4	4.00	4					
Northern	7	9.3	1.40	1		1.80	2		1.20	1		1.60	2	1.00	1					
PNSA	19	25.3	3.80	4		3.60	4		3.40	3		4.20	4	4.00	4					
	75			15			15			15			15		15					

The percentage column is calculated by dividing each division's team size by the total for that gender. The percentages are multiplied by 15 to get the numbers in the first column under the 1st Seed heading. The numbers in bold are the actual number of racers that the division will receive in the first seed. The first column in the second seed is product of the percentage and 30, minus the number in bold from the first seed. For the third seed, the number is the product of the percentage and 45, minus the bold numbers in the first two seeds. The remainders of the columns are filled out similarly. In the final seed, the percentages are multiplied by the total field size.

Selection Procedures

This is the championship event for J3s from the five divisions of the Western Region. Participation is restricted to J3 (by year of birth) competitors. There is no foreign quota for this event. Foreign J3 competitors living in the U.S. may attend as part of the quota of the division in which they are competing if they have the proper membership with USSA and the division and qualify under the division's rules. J4s are not allowed to participate in this event under any circumstances. Each division is responsible for establishing procedures for filling its quota to these events.

Whistler Cup Selection Procedures

The Whistler Cup is a FIS event for Children. It is an event that is held in Whistler, BC every April and consists of one super G, one giant slalom and one slalom for J3s. Western Region has a quota of 3 boys and 3 girls. The selection procedures for this event are the US winners from the Super G, giant slalom and slalom from the J3 Junior Olympics. If the same person wins more than one event, then the US winner of the combined will be chosen. If the quota of 3 still has not be filled, then US silver medalists will be chosen in order of lowest race points.

In the event of a race(s) cancellation, the remaining races will be used for selection. If only one race is held the best three placings will be selected (In the event of multiple ties in the first two positions when only one race is held, a coin toss will determine the selection among those tied for the last position).

USSA Western Junior 4 Junior Olympic Festival

2008-2009 marks the tenth year of this addition to the Junior Olympic event. The region feels a J4 event for the very best J4s in the region is appropriate, but it should not interrupt the majority of athletes' schedules for their season and their development for the future. The event consists of USSA Children's Super G, giant slalom, and slalom.

A combined title is also awarded. It is determined by summing the race points of all three events. The racer with the lowest sum of race points is the winner. If only two events are contested the combined will be determined using both. If only one event is contested no combined is awarded.

Selection Procedures

This event is the championship event for J4s from the five divisions of the Western Region. Participation is restricted to J4 (by year of birth) competitors. There is no foreign quota for this event. Foreign J4 competitors living in the U.S. may attend as part of the quota of the division in which they are competing if they have the proper membership with USSA and the division and qualify under the division's rules. J5s and J6s are not allowed to participate in this event under any circumstances. Each division is responsible for establishing procedures for filling its quota to this event. The quota is 3 boys and 3 girls per division.

Whistler Cup Selection Procedures

The Whistler Cup is a FIS event for Children. It is an event that is held in Whistler, BC every April and consists of one giant slalom and one slalom for J4s. Western Region has a quota of 2 boys and 2 girls. The selection procedures for this event are the US winners from the giant slalom and slalom from the J4 Festival. If the same person wins both events, then the US silver medalist with the lowest race points is chosen.

In the event that either the slalom or the giant slalom is not held, the super G event will be used for selection provided it was held. If only one event is held, regardless of which event it is, the gold and silver medalists (or those tied for 1st, two individuals only) will be selected.

Course Setters and Jury Members

For J3 and J4 Junior Olympics Course Setters and Jury members must be members of USSA. The Technical Delegate(s) for these events are appointed by the Western Region Director in conjunction with the Host Division's AO Chairman. The TDs must be of National or FIS level.

Course setting and Jury assignments are to be apportioned among the coaches of the five participating divisions in an equitable manner.

"Head Tax"

The J3 Junior Olympic event is subject to USSA head tax only. This scored event is not subject to regional or divisional head taxes.

The J4 Festival non-scored event is not subject to any head tax, national, regional, or divisional.

Awards

The awards for J3 Junior Olympics and J4 Festival will be for at least the top three winners in each discipline and the three-way combined.

Western Region NDS Fall Camp Selections 2009

Selections will be made from the 2008-09 J3 Junior Olympics at McCall, ID. The top 3 J3 boys and the top 3 J3 girls who raced as J3s and remain J3s for the coming season plus the 2nd year J4 boys and girls will be ranked using the "old" 25-1 world cup scoring system. All events (SG, GS, and SL) will be scored. An individual's score will be determined by totaling the points earned in all events and ranking them from highest points to lowest points. The top three J3 boys and girls + the top 2nd year J4 boy and girl will be invited to participate in the upcoming fall 2009 NDS Junior Champions Camp. A development quota of 20% will be reserved for the Regional Director to use at his discretion.

In the event of a tie for first place it will be broken in favor of the higher total number of first places in the second runs, that is the racer with the most wins (25 points) is the winner, if still tied, the total number of second place finishes (20 points) for the scoring runs highest number wins the tie; if still tied the total number of third places finishes (15 points) and so on continuing until one of the tied racers has the majority of some placing. In the event of a last place tie, the qualifier will be determined in the same manner described above; the racer with the majority of higher ranking placing will win the tie. In the case a tie exists after the previous tie breaking procedures, the tie will be broken by summing the total number of race points in GS and SL for each athlete, the athlete with the lowest combined race points will be the winner of the tie. In the event that qualified athlete(s) cannot attend the alternate list will be established in the same manner.

Western Region 2008-09 Topolino Shootout Camp athlete selections

For the 2009, western region will hold a Topolino Shootout Camp, January 2 – 5, 2009 to select the top male and female athlete to represent Western Region at the Topolino project. Selections for the Western Region Topolino Shootout Camp will be made from the 2007-08 J3 Junior Olympics held at Bogus Basin, ID. The top 15 boys and top 15 girls who raced as J3s and will remain as J3s for the coming season will be ranked using the "old" 25-1 world cup scoring system. All three events will be scored. In the case of a tie(s) for the 15th position all tied athletes will be included in the invitation. Four alternates will be ranked by continuing down the list. In case of athletes declining the invitation alternates may be included. All J4 athletes qualifying to Whistler Cup and the NDS JCC will be included in the invitation to participate in the Western Region Topolino Shootout Camp. The Regional Director will have a quota of up to 4 boys and 4 girls. All Western Region J3 competitors are eligible for consideration. The list will be published in advance, prior to October 1. Intent to compete is due December 1, 2008.

The format of the event will be one day of training in tactics, one day training SL and GS followed by one day of GS time trials and one day of SL time trials. Each competitor will have the opportunity to take three runs in each time trial. Each run will be scored separately using the "old" 25-1 world cup scoring system where the fastest time receives 25 points and the 15th fastest time receives 1. This system is described in detail in the USSA Alpine Competition Guide. The final ranking list is determined by adding the points of the best 2 runs of GS and best 2 runs of SL together for each racer. That sum of points is the racer's score. The highest total number of points scored in each gender is the time trial winner and the West's nomination to the NDS for the Topolino competition.

In the event of a tie for first place it will be broken in favor of the higher total number of first places in the scored runs, that is the racers with the most wins (25 points) in their best 2 GS and best 2 SL is the winner; if still tied, the total number of second place finishes (20 points) for the

scoring runs highest number wins the tie; if still tied the total number of third place finishes (15 points) and so on continuing until one of the tied racers has a majority of some placing.

Additionally, all Western athletes selected as candidates to Topolino will be automatics to the J3 Junior Olympics, provided they attend the NDS Topolino project. They will be considered to be the Regional Directors quota and be seeded between the first and second seeds (unless they have also qualified via their divisional route and are seeded as part of the first seed by their division). If used they count as part of the effected divisions total allowed quota. They are meant to be a guarantee of access in the event that the racers ability to qualify to, or compete in, the J3 Junior Olympics is compromised by attending a national development opportunity.

Western Region Event and Site Selections

Calendar Construction Considerations

The Western Region is committed to supporting the USSA calendar initiatives of 1997 and 2000 as expressed in the USSA Calendar Working Group white paper "Principles of Calendaring". Specifically this means that the calendar of regional competitions is produced to follow these guidelines:

1. A periodized calendar that allows for distinct training, competition, and recovery periods
2. A calendar that is coordinated with the next level of competition opportunity, allowing for focused athletic opportunity. The calendar should allow competitors to focus on the appropriate level of competition and provide for fluid upward mobility as well as participation in events of secondary importance for various reasons
3. A calendar that conducts competitions in time period blocks
4. A calendar that is conceived to promote a progression of athletic opportunities to foster increased skill levels among participants over time
5. A calendar that is athlete based that supports the achievement of athletic competence by providing the possibility of achievement of the ideals expressed in the *USSA Alpine Athlete Competencies*
6. A calendar that support the highest quality of competition appropriate to the level of regional FIS competition and Junior Olympic Championship events
7. A calendar that utilizes the highest quality venues and race organizers available while encouraging the development of new venues for a variety of competition experience
8. A calendar that considers the monetary cost of ski racing and attempts to mediate the effects of those costs to participants.

Procedures for Hosting a FIS or Junior Olympic Event

Under USSA policy Regional Alpine Directors act as calendar commissioners and are charged with the final responsibility for the production of FIS and Junior Olympic races within their areas of operation. In Western region the Alpine Competition Committee plays a crucial role in this process. Through a calendar sub-committee chaired by the immediate past chairperson issues of calendar construction are examined, considered and agreed upon for presentation and acceptance by the full committee and regional director. All issues in regard to the calendar construction, implementation, and evaluation are ment to be transparent and subject to review and adherence to the above guidelines. This is one of the most important responsibilities of

USSA Regions. In the West sites for these events are determined each spring at the Western Region ACC meeting held in conjunction with the USSA meetings/congress.

The Western Region attempts to schedule events well in advance. At the fall & winter meetings the calendar blocks are identified for the season beginning 14 months later, and sites are identified based on the evaluation of submitted bids. Organizers wishing to host an event should have a preliminary proposal to their division in time for the division to evaluate it and submit it at the Western Region ACC's spring meeting.

Chronological Steps of the Bid Process

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

*Contact the USSA Regional Director and Manager for the home division to express an interest in future events. Obtain guidelines and documents. Confirm FIS homologation for course and timing appropriate to the event and level of racing of interest.

*Review calendar blocks for the coming season(s) to determine site compatibility with available events or series blocks.

*Prepare bid forms and supporting documentation. Submit to the host division in the event of multiple bids for the same events. The division then prioritizes bids and passes them on to the Regional Director. In the case of traditional sites the bids may be submitted directly to the Regional Director.

*Calendar sub-committee review and recommendation.

*Regional ACC ratification

*Regional Director Approval

*Submit proposed calendar to USSA Calendar Working Group

*Calendar approved by USSA Calendar Working group and ratified by USSA Alpine Sport Committee

* USSA FIS calendar submitted to FIS by April 15 annually.

Race Site Requirements

The Western Regional Elite FIS Series, the Western Region FIS Series, the Junior Championships, and the Western FIS Technical Championships are FIS events. The race hills must be FIS homologated. Additionally, the courses should be reasonably challenging, but not so difficult as to produce low finish ratios. The Elite FIS series races are qualifying events for the Nor Ams and Chevy Truck U.S. Alpine Championships; the Junior Olympics are championship events. The courses should reflect this.

The Tech Series (1 & 2) and the Spring Series typically involve very large fields - 130+ men and 90+ women. Separate race hills must be available for the men and women for the technical events with fields of this size. For the spring development series and the Junior Championship the field sizes are smaller, but separate race hills are still desirable. Separate sites or separate hills at the same site may be used.

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

The J3 Olympics is a nationally scored event for the top 13 and 14-year-old Western Region athletes. Most of these athletes will have participated in some of the races of their division's top race series. Courses should be comparable. The J4 Festival is not a scored competition as not

all the athletes have competitor licenses or seeding points, nor are they required to. The events contested are USSA children's SG, GS, and Slalom for each age category.

Housing

A Housing package is no longer required at any regional event. However, it is still the organizer's responsibility to make housing arrangement possibilities known. This can consist of a complete housing and meal package for the event, or distributing a list of hotels and motels to the divisions in a timely manner. If a housing list is distributed, the organizer should have contacted the hotels to get the best possible prices, to assure that adequate ski tuning facilities are available, and to make certain that the management is willing to cooperate with the age group, aware of the age group that it will be dealing with, and is willing to do so. Any series bid may be accepted by the ACC with a mandatory housing package.

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

Site Selection Considerations

The Western Region has abolished rotations for all events with the 2007 and later exception of the J3 Olympic/J4 Festival package. The Tech Series will normally be held in Salt Lake in conjunction with the RMISA Invitational. Downhill sites may submit bids in successive years. The Regional Director acts as the calendar manager and may solicit bids from traditional sites. Otherwise it is a responsibility of the divisions to assemble bids from the prospective sites and submit them to the Western Region Director, in order of divisional recommendation.

Junior Olympic and Festival Rotation

2007	Far West	Mammoth Mountain, CA
2008	Northern	Open Bid, Bogus Basin, ID selected
2009	Intermountain	McCall, ID
2010	PNSA	TBA
2011	Far West	TBA

For the current plan the Alaska subsidy for the J3 Junior Olympics remains in place. Alaska may at sometime wish to withdraw from that procedure and bid for a JOs and the ACC has acknowledged that the division has that right.

Bids must be in the Regional Office at least 14 days prior to the Western winter meetings [for 2008-2009 = December 22, 2008]. The calendar sub-committee reviews bids. This calendar will be recommended to the WR ACC for approval. Bids will be awarded at the spring meetings. Alaska should only submit bids that, including airfare, are cost competitive with locating the event in one of the other divisions.

Materials and forms are designed and available to assist clubs in providing standard information when bidding for Western Region Junior Olympic and FIS alpine events. These are located in the forms section of this site.

Bids should be submitted well in advance. This should allow the site the necessary time to pursue sponsorship for event, beyond any commitments that USSA may have in place. The selection of the host site will not be exclusively determined by cost. Divisional recommendation, previous event experience, weather and snow conditions for that time of year, and development of new sites will all be considerations.

Other items that will be considered by the Executive Committee in making recommendations will include:

Race Preparation

Race Trails: All trail homologation must be completed prior to bid submission. In the case of speed events on course that have not been used for regional races, or for courses in the first year of re-homologation a copy of the inspectors report is to be submitted.

Snow coverage at the time of the event and snowmaking capabilities for the time of the proposed event must be included.

Experienced Leadership: Who is the organizer of the event? What is the recent history in hosting events? Prior event evaluations for new FIS sites are required. A List of certified officials and planned manpower is required.

Timing: Does the race organization have a good record? A list of FIS homologated timing available is required.

Ski Area Support: A written endorsement from the area showing management/grooming support.

Race Administration: Proven ability/experience from divisional races or prior FIS races.

Race Supply: Does the race organizer have enough equipment to host the event? (Poles, fence, etc.) In the case of speed events the safety system/protection is to be correlated with the homologation report, In the case of children's competitions the number of proper diameter flexes gates should be noted.

Racer Support:

Housing Package:

Cost?

Food Quality?

Room/Bed Occupancy: Single, Double, Quad, etc.?

Separate accommodations for each division? If not, is this a good idea?

Wax Rooms: Accessibility from accommodations? Security?

Transportation:

Locally - To and from ski area

Regional - Drive? / Fly?

Training Space: Different events demand different facilities.

There are standard forms that will be used to:

1. Define per athlete costs.
2. Provide comparable information from site to site.
3. Determine the overall quality of the racing/board package.
4. Assist the organizer, if necessary, to insure a competitive package.

Race Announcements

Race announcements for these events should be sent to the participating divisions and, for FIS events, to the other USSA regions, the Canadian Provinces likely to participate, and the USSA and Canadian national offices. Race announcements should be sent out in good time; at least 30 days before the entry deadline and any housing reservation deadlines.

Western Region Event Evaluation Material

All sites, after completion of an event, will submit a P&L statement to the Western Region director, to conclude that the package met the agreed bid.

The Site Selection Committee has developed an event evaluation form that is intended to provide feedback to event organizers. Please distribute the Western Region Event Review form to the following individuals present at your event:

1. USSA/Western Region/Divisional Staff
2. Technical Delegate and Referee

3. Each Divisional Head Coach
4. Anyone Else who's input you may value

When collected, please include copies in your result packets to:

1. Western Region office
2. Your divisional office
3. Your own records

Western Region Awards

Kyle Warren Memorial Trophy

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

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

	Women	Men
2007-08	Geordie Lonza	Miles Fink-Debray
2006-07	Lauren Eder	Andy Phillips
2005-06	Amy Harris	Shane Collins
2004-05	Katie Lyons	Arman Serabrakian
2003-04	Megan McJames	Tim Jitloff
2002-03	Jilyne McDonald	Jacob Dudek
2001-02	Anna Kelly	Todd Ligare
2000-01	Gretchen Glaser	Todd Ligare
1999-2000	Crystal Wright	Jason Foster
1998-99	April Mancuso	Robert Saunders
1997-98	April Mancuso	Mike Prado
1996-97	Sabrina Lawrence	Brian Friedman
1995-96	Jonna Mendes	Scott McCartney
1994-95	Jonna Mendes	Justin Johnson
1993-94	Liz Watkins	Christian Questad
1992-93	Kjersti Bjorn-Roli	Michael Reed
1991-92	Shana Sweitzer	Jeremiah Thompson
1990-91	Lisl Hager	Tyler Ferris
1989-90	Christl Hager	David Kong
1988-89	Stephanie Palmer	Skip Merrick
1987-88	Picabo Street	Tommy Moe
1986-87	Heidi Scheiblehner	Reggie Crist
1985-86	Kristin Krone	Toni Standteiner
1984-85	Heidi Dahlgren	Greg Norton
1983-84	Sandy Steinmeyer	Greg Bruno

2007-2008 Kyle Warren Event Champions

	Men	Women
Downhill	Marcus Caston	Angel Collinson
Slalom	Miles Fink-Debray	Amanda McDonald
GS	Miles Fink-Debray	Geordie Lonza
SG	Travis Ganong	Alice McKennis

Western Region Champions

The Western Region FIS Series' Champions titles are awarded annually to the top male and female participants based on World Cup points earned in the Western Region Elite FIS Series. Individual event scores are the sum of the four best results scored using the Old World Cup scoring method. The overall score is achieved by summing the racer's four result scores for all four disciplines. For example, if a racer won four events in each of the four disciplines a maximum score of 400 points would be achieved.

	Women	Men
2007-2008	Angel Collinson	Ryan Wilson
2006-2007	Hailey Duke	Will Brandenburg
2005-2006	Jennifer Van Wagner	Robin Sarchett
2004-2005	Katie Lyons	Carl Rixon
2003-2004	Caitlin Ciccone	Jesse Marshall
2002-2003	Gretchen Glaser	Jacob Dudek
2001-2002	Gretchen Glaser	Rune Nielson
2000-2001	Gretchen Glaser	Justin Johnson
1999-2000	Katerina Tichy	Rune Nielson
1998-99	April Mancuso	Marco Sullivan
1997-98	April Mancuso	Mike Prado
1996-97	Marcella Biondi	Uros Pavovcic
1995-96	Jonna Mendes	Uros Pavovcic
1994-95	Anik Demers	V.T. Hernandez
1993-94	Amber Guaraglia	Michael Reed
1992-93	Amber Guaraglia	Spencer Eccles
1991-92	Shana Sweitzer	Toni Standteiner
1990-91	Lisl Hager	Karl Fritz Schlopy
1989-90	Christl Hager	Tim Hanson
1988-89	Julie Parisian	Kyle Rasmussen

2008 Western Region Event Champions

	Women	Men
Downhill	Angel Collinson	Kris Champeny
Slalom	Angel Collinson	Ryan Wilson
GS	Chelsea Laswell	Miles Fink-Debray
SG	Sam Sweetser	Kirsten Cooper