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

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

Mission Statement

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

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

Western Region Governance and Management

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

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

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

Operating Rules

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ACC Sub-Committees

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

The Executive Sub-committee

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

The Site Selection Sub-committee

Oversee the process of choosing the sites of regional events. The sub-committee will include one member from each of the five western divisions, and will be chaired by the Regional Director or her/his designee. The sub-committee will recommend procedures and guidelines to be used in the site-selection process at the Congress pre-meeting, and will announce site selections to the full committee each year at the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Congress.

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

The Development Sub-committee

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

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

Western Region Appeals Committee

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

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

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

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

The Western Region Alpine Competition Committee



Chair:	Todd Kelly	Truckee, CA
Vice Chair:	Ryan Shorter	Wenatchee, WA
Treasurer:	Troy Price	Ogden, UT
Secretary:	Lucy Schram	Truckee, CA
Past Chair:	Karen Korfanta	Park City, UT
	Lex Patten (Alaska)	Anchorage, AK
	Scott Zahn (Alaska)	Girdwood, AK
	Beat Hupfer (Far West)	Mammoth, CA
	Mike Ginsberg(Far West)	Truckee, CA
	Scott McGrew (IMD)	Sun Valley, ID
	Gordon Perry (IMD)	Ogden, UT
	Tim Hinderman (NOR)	Whitefish, MT
	Jeremy Ueland (NOR)	Bozeman, MT
	Curt Hammond (PNSA)	Sandpoint, ID
	Dan Henry (PNSA)	Spokane, WA
	Sparky Anderson (RMISA)	Anchorage, AK
	Roger Root (Officials)	Spokane, WA
	Jamie Dupratt (Athlete Rep)	Salt Lake City, UT
	Jake Benda	Salt Lake City, UT
	Chris Acosta	Schwetizer, ID

Western Region Staff

Western Region staff are employed by U.S. Ski & Snowboard and advocate for western athletes. They are the primary implementers of national and regional policies. They also are charged with formulating and implementing regional programs, management of regional projects, management of regional policies and procedures, and assisting the U.S. Ski & Snowboard education department in the development and advancement of western clubs and coaches. The staff represents the interests of members, clubs, divisions, and regional staff formulation and implementation of U.S. Ski & Snowboard efforts. ([Contact Information](#))

Regional Development Director:	Bill Gunesch	Government Camp, OR
Regional Head Development Coach:	Will Brandenburg	Hailey, ID
Regional Assistant Devo Coach:	Jeff Pickering	Spokane, WA
Regional Program Manager:	Gwynn Watkins	Park City, UT

Western Region Athlete Development System

Western Region Development Philosophy

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

Mission & Goal of Western Region Development

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

Importance of Ski Clubs

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

Project-Based Model

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

Development Responsibilities

The five divisions of the region, along with the clubs, are responsible for development at the entry levels and participation levels of the sport. The region and the clubs are responsible for development at the elite levels of the sport. Where divisional and regional responsibilities meet is fluid and often unique for individual athletes. Cooperation is essential for a smooth development pathway. As always, clubs remain the constant backbone regardless of changes within the development system.

U12 and Younger (Introduction / Sampling Years)

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

Club and divisional responsibility

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

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

Regional responsibility

- The region strives to provide coaches education through club visits and clinics.
- The region promotes and supports Skills Quest, hosting Skills Quest training and tournaments throughout the region.

U14 Athletes (Transition Years)

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

Club and divisional responsibility

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

Regional responsibility

- The region provides coaches education through club visits and clinics.
- The region promotes Skills Quest training and tournaments.
- Top performing 2nd-year athletes are introduced to the Western Region Development System attending a SL and fundamentals summer camp.
- The region hosts a 3-event regional championship that includes a SQ tournament.
- The region supports a U14 Team to the Whistler Cup
- Top-performing athletes are selected to the U16 National Championships, where the region organizes coaching and provides team management.

U16 Athletes (Specializing Years)

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

Club and divisional responsibility

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

Regional responsibility

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

FIS JR Athletes (Competition / Investment Years)

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

Club and divisional responsibility

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

Regional responsibility

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

Regional Programming

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

Principles

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

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

Regional Training Group

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

FIS RTG

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

U16 RTG

- Athletes are selected each spring into the U16 RTG for the coming season using results from the Western Region U16 Championships for 1st-year U16 athletes, and results from the Western Region U14 Championships for 2nd-year U14 athletes. [Click](#) for RTG criteria.
- Development requests are considered to individual RTG projects.

W.E.S.T. Team

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

Purpose

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

Criteria

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

Programming and Content

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

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

Support

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

Western Region Program Policies

Western Region Coaching Program

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

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

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

Coaches Responsibilities

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

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

Head coaches shall:

1. Implement guidelines for a trip as established by the Western Region ACC and the Western Region Development Director.
2. Manage the project in accordance with U.S. Ski & Snowboard and regional policies, procedures, and methods.

3. Assist the Western Alpine Program Manager in making travel, housing and financial arrangements as necessary.
4. Carry the medical releases and insurance information for all competitors on the trip.
5. Submit a report to the Western Region Development Director including race results, disciplinary and organizational problems, assessment of assistant coaches, race sites and race organization, and a financial summary.
6. Fill out the on-line daily training report and submit an on-line Project Review upon the completion of each project.
7. Provide for appropriate athlete support and supervision during the project from the initial point of contact to the point of departure as identified in the project description.

Assistant coaches shall:

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

Coaches Guidelines

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

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

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

Gender Diversity Among Coaches

The Western Region recognizes the importance of diversity and inclusion among the region’s leadership, staff and coaches working directly with regional athletes. The region will make a genuine effort to include a qualified female coach or staff member on regional projects

Western Region Team Policies

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

1. Abide by the laws of the United States of America and the individual states therein or foreign

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

Western Region Policy Concerning Conduct

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

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

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

Possible Disciplinary Action

Any action taken shall comply with the USA Ted Stevens Amateur Sports Act and the U.S. Ski &

Snowboard Code of Conduct, and any other applicable U.S. Ski & Snowboard rule in place. All actions involving “protected competitions”, as defined by U.S. Ski and Snowboard, are subject to the due process provisions contained in the bylaws of U. S. Ski & Snowboard. One or more of the following actions may be imposed:

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

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

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

Western Region Payment & Refund Policy for Athlete Projects

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

No athlete will be invited to the next Western Region project who maintains an outstanding balance to U.S. Ski & Snowboard or to the region.

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

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

Western Region Selection and Intent Procedures for National and International Races

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

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

exceptions.

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

Requests to participate in other regions' FIS races must be intended on the U.S. Ski & Snowboard intent site 21 days out from the first team captain's meeting. Entry fees are the responsibility of the individual competitor, or team captain of a divisional development trip, and must be paid according to the policies of the division or region hosting the event.

Regional Intent to Compete Declaration Method

Intents will be used to construct regional selection boards for:

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

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

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

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

Western Region Team

Western Region Training Group (RTG)

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

The U16 Regional Training Group is named each spring based on past season performance and future plans of the athlete. The selection process uses objective head-to-head results from the Western Region U16 and U14 Junior Championships. Members of the region's U16 National Championship team will be automatically named to the RTG. Development requests for inclusion in RTG projects are welcome, and will be considered by the regional coach, regional director and the Western Region ACC Vice-chair.

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

The Regional Training Groups represent a pool of athletes from which athletes will be invited to Western Region training projects. For each project, athletes will be NTSM ranked by GS and any other discipline that is part of the project. (GS is always considered.) Project invitations will be based from the ranked list of athletes.

Western Elite Ski Team

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

Team Size

The number of team athletes is generally 6 - 8 per gender, but can include more or less depending on eligible athletes. Team members may also be named subjectively based on an agreement between the Western Region staff and the ACC Vice-chair.

Criteria

WEST Team 2019 [eligibility and criteria](#) can be found in the appendix.

Selection

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

Benefits

- All team nominees will receive benefits until the team is officially named in October.
- WEST Team members will have priority for participation in regional preparation period projects.
- Team members will have priority for discretionary selection to regional quotas for races that are part of their competition plan.
- Team members will be excused from any regional and/or divisional participation requirements that conflict with sound athletic preparation. The regional coach and home program coach will collaborate on the plan, which is to be reviewed by the regional director and appropriate divisional representative. Deviations from the plan that would impact participation must be discussed with, and approved by, the Regional Director.

Team members will receive a uniform signifying their membership on the team.

- Team members will receive financial support from the Western Region ACC at important preparation and competition projects.
- Team members will also receive complimentary entry fees and lift tickets for the Western Region Elite FIS series.

Western Region Selection Board

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

Setting up the Board

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

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

World Cup Points (Place Points)

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

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

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

Selection Procedure

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

World Cup Point Board

DH	SL	GS	SG
A	B	E	D
G	D	Q	E
R	Z	D	Q
T	Q	B	M

National Seed Point Board

DH	SL	GS	SG
A	X	D	C
F	E	X	Z
Z	M	Q	D
T	D	C	Q

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

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

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

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

Alternate Selections

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

Partial Slots

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

Selections in Exceptional Circumstances

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

Policy for All Western Quota Entries

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

National Championships

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

Eligibility

Only those competitors who have participated in the January **Speed Series (SG)**, January **Western Elite FIS Series** and the February **Wild West Series** races in a particular event are eligible to be included on the selection board in that event. Competitors who are unable to attend the qualifying races because of participation in a conflicting USST, NPS, or WR project will not be ineligible as a consequence. Members of W.E.S.T. have an exception; see the section describing the regional team.

Quota

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

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

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

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

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

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

The 2018 U.S. Alpine Junior Championships (U21 and U19 athletes) will be hosted in conjunction with the U.S. Alpine Championship at Sun Valley, ID. The junior championship will consist of a Slalom, GS and Super G event for only juniors hosted immediately following the Alpine Championship.

Eligibility

Only those competitors who have participated in the January **Speed Series SGs**, January **Western Elite FIS Series** and the February **Wild West Classic** races in a particular event are eligible to be included on the selection board in that event. Competitors who are unable to attend the

qualifying races because of participation in a conflicting USST, NPS, or WR project will not be ineligible as a consequence. Members of W.E.S.T. have an exception; see the section describing the [regional team](#).

Quota

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

U16 National Championship (YOB 2002, 2003)

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

Selection

1. A ranking list will be made by adding the World Cup points of the best two results from SG, GS and SL at the WR U16 Junior Championship.
2. Using the ranking list from the WR U16 Junior Championship, the top three 2002 athletes and the top 5 2003 will be selected. Ties will be broken by using the single best result. If a tie still exists, the next best result would be used, and this process will continue until the tie is broken. Ski Up athletes will not be included in this selection; they will be considered with the process described below.
3. Using the ranking list, after purging those already selected, the next seven athletes from both YOBs combined will be selected. Ties will be broken by using the single best result. If a tie still exists, the next best result would be used, and this process will continue until the tie is broken.
4. There are development spots available if needed, these would be a quota expansion. Request must come from the regional staff and coaches to the regional director.

Quota

1. YOB 2002 - 3 men and 3 women per region from the YOB ranking
2. YOB 2003 - 5 men and 5 women per region from the YOB ranking
3. YOB 2002 and 2003 - 7 men and 7 women from the overall ranking

U16 National Championship (YOB 2004 & 2005)

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

Western Region Championships

Regional Championship Quotas

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

- The population data will be derived from the divisional memberships on the National points list valid May 1st, using the birth years of the upcoming Championship event. Foreign athletes will not be included in population.
- The performance allocation will be based on the prior year’s performance by each division for the respected event. All races contested are included in the equation. Those competitors finishing within 10 percent of the winning time will be included in each division’s performance percentage. Foreign athletes will be included if they utilized their divisional quota selection to enter the championship event.
- Formula: $((\% \text{ of Population}) + (\text{Average } \% \text{ of Performance}))/2 = \% \text{ of Quota}$
 - Take the percentage of population plus the average percentage of performance from all starts at last year’s championships, divided by 2 to determine the percentage of quota.
 - Then multiply that percentage by the field size for the gender to determine the raw quota.
 - All rounding should review to the thousandth.
 - No division will have a quota of less than 4 women and 4 men. Adjustments will be based objectively from the raw quota to ensure the minimum quota is provided to each division

Western Region Junior Championship (U19 and U21)

The championship format for the Western Junior Championship includes three events contesting SL, GS, and SG for U19 and U21 athletes. In 2018 the event will be held at Alpine Meadows, CA.

Foreign U.S. Ski & Snowboard members who are full time members of a western club will not be counted against divisional quotas.

Quotas ([see appendix](#))

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

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

Seeding

Per FIS rules

Awards

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

Advancement Opportunity

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

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

Western Region U16 Junior Championship

The Western Region U16 Junior Championship rotates between the Western Region divisions.

2018	Alaska
2019	IMD
2020	PNSA
2021	Far West
2022	Northern

A divisional rotation and bid evaluation process exists for this event. The event has been held at many different ski resorts throughout the five western divisions. In 2018 the championship will be held in Alaska Division at Alyeska.

Quotas (see [appendix](#))

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

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

Seeding

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

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

Automatics to the U16 Junior Championship

Western Region athletes who participate on the Seven Nations Cup team in Europe may be automatics to the Western Region U16 Junior Championship and will be randomly seeded after the first seed. For example, if the first seed contains 15 athletes, the automatics will be 15a, 15b, 15c, etc. These automatics will not count against divisional quotas. However, if an athlete qualifies within their division they will be seeded by the normal procedure and count toward the division's quota.

Selection Procedures

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

Course Setters and Jury Members

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

Course setting and jury assignments are to be apportioned among the coaches of the five participating divisions in an effort to be equitable among the divisions. The U.S. Ski & Snowboard commissioner for the event, along with the TD(s), will assign the jury and course setters.

Head Tax

The U16 Regional Junior Championship event is subject to U.S. Ski & Snowboard head tax and a \$4.00 WR head tax. This scored event is not subject to divisional head taxes.

Awards

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

Advancement Opportunity

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

Western Region U14 Junior Championship

The first Western Region U14 Junior Championship was held in 2016 at Jackson Hole Resort, Wyoming. In 2017 the event was hosted at Alpine Meadows, CA. The 2018 championship will again be held at Jackson Hole, WY.

Quotas (see [appendix](#))

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

Seeding

The WR ACC has approved a special seeding procedure for this event known as the "5- Seed Method". There will be 5 seeds, taking the divisional quota divided by 5 to determine each division's

quota per seed. If the quota is not divisible by 5 then the first seeds are increased by one more until the quota is complete. The [Seeding Chart](#) shown in the appendix.

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

Selection Procedures

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

Course Setters and Jury Members

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

Course setting and jury assignments are to be apportioned among the coaches of the five participating divisions in an effort to be equitable among the 5 divisions. The U.S. Ski & Snowboard commissioner for the event, along with the TD(s), will assign the jury and course setters.

Head Tax

The U14 Regional Junior Championship event is subject to U.S. Ski & Snowboard head tax and a \$4.00 WR head tax. This scored event is not subject to divisional head taxes.

Awards

The awards for U14 Junior Championships will be for at least the top three finishers in each event and the overall winner of the series. SkillsQuest will be awarded.

Advancement Opportunity

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

Western Region U14 Whistler Cup

Beginning in 2018, the Western Region will select a U14 Whistler Cup Team to compete against athletes of their age from other countries. The event is held each year in Whistler, B.C. and consists of a SL GS, and Paneled Dual SL.

Quota

6 men and 6 women from the Western Region

Team Selection

1. A ranking list will be made by adding the World Cup points of an athlete's best two results from SG, GS or SL at the WR U14 Junior Championship. If only two events are contested

both scores will be used to rank athletes. A single score will be used if only one event is contested. No athletes will be purged from the results when assigning World Cup points. World Cup points will be awarded to the top 30 finishers using the 100-point system.

2. Using the ranking list from the WR U14 Junior Championship, the top 6 athletes per gender will be selected, skipping over Foreign athletes and athletes that have been selected to attend the U.S. Ski & Snowboard U16 National Championships.
3. If a tie exists, the single-best WC point results will be used. If necessary, the next best WC point result will be used, and this process will continue until the tie is broken. If a tie still exists after considering all results, the tie will be broken using GS race points earned at the Junior Championship.
4. No development requests will be considered.
5. An alternate list of 6 athletes per gender will follow the same selection criteria.

The team will be announced 24 to 48 hours after the completion of the U14 Junior Championship. Families and coaches will receive project details with the announcement. Invited athletes will need to confirm by the announced deadline. Alternates will be invited if unfilled spots become available per item 5 above.

Western Region Race Series

Western Elite FIS Series

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

The series consists of two or three competitions annually. For 2017-2018 there will be three Western Elite series races scored toward series standings. The Bryce Astle Elite Tech Series consists of two SL and two GS is scheduled in January. The Wild West Classic consists of two SL and two GS, held in February at Snow King, WY. And the Spring Series, which consists of two SL and two GS will be held in April at Mammoth Mountain, CA.

Quotas

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

Automatics

30 men and 30 women will be selected as automatics for the Western Region Elite FIS Series. Using the results from the previous season

- U.S. gold and silver medal winners of Western Region Junior Championship events plus overall winners.
- U.S. gold medal winners of each Western Region U16 event and the overall, when awarded (if a 2nd year U16 in the past season).

- U.S. Alpine Junior Championship event medalists (gold, silver, and bronze medals)

Additionally, the balance of the total of 30 automatics will be named via a National point selection system.

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

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

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

Regional Rank Quota Method for Elite FIS Series

For 2017-2018, 40 men's and 40 women's slots will be allocated among the 5 western divisions based on their percentage of the total number of Western Region athletes listed on the USSA age ranking lists on the 14th USSA list from the prior year.

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

See [Appendix](#) for the 2017-18 divisional quotas to the Western Region Elite FIS Series.

Western Open FIS Series

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

Alaska FIS

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

In 2017-2018 the Western Region Super-G races at the Schweitzer Open Speed Series will be qualification races for the U.S. Alpine National Championship and the U.S. Alpine Junior Championship, along with the Astle Elite Series and the Wild West. The other two blocks of 4-day Open FIS racing, one in December and one in March, are races held in two different divisions at approximately the same time. The blocks allow the host divisions to double their quota, providing more athletes the opportunity to compete in a FIS event at home.

See [Appendix](#) for the 2017-18 quotas to the Western Region Open FIS Series.

The entry deadline for western divisions is the normal 7 days; however, the divisional managers will be communicating on entries 28 days in advance to facilitate quota management. In 2017-18 it is not anticipated that the director's quota will be used in the technical races. All normal FIS quotas apply as it pertains to foreign nations and other U.S. Ski & Snowboard regions. In the case of over subscription, the field size management system described below will be used to reduce the field to the FIS maximum allowable number of competitors.

Quotas and Other Policies Governing Western Region FIS Races

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

Regional Directors' Quota

The Western Region Development Director will have a quota of up to 15 men and up to 15 women for all races in the Western Region Open FIS Series and Elite FIS Series. This quota will be used for development purposes and/or field enhancement. Only divisions that use discretionary selection to fill 20% of their divisional quota to an event for development purposes may nominate additional athletes for inclusion in this quota. The respective divisional office in conjunction with the divisional ACC chair or other individuals designated by the division to perform this function may make nominations.

The quota will not be filled if:

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

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

Additional Quotas

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

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

For details on the exact allocation of the Canadian quota for a particular series, contact the

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

Out-of-region U.S. entries must come from the regional offices and be confirmed by the Western Region office. Regions are required to confirm their participation in each other's FIS races 16 days prior to the first team captain's meeting for each race series.

Host Quota

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

Field Size Limitations

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

Minimum Divisional Quotas

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

Divisional Quota Modification

When a Western FIS Open Series race is used as a qualifying competition for any championship event (2018: Schweitzer Speed Series), the region may regulate and modify how divisions fill quotas in the following manner:

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

Entry Fees, Entry Deadlines and Head Tax

The entry deadline for events in all Western FIS series is **7 days** prior to the first event for USA athletes. All other FIS eligible foreign athletes may enter according to FIS rules. The organizer must receive the official FIS entry forms and full entry fees by this deadline. Copies of the official entry forms are to be sent to the Western Region office at the same time as they are sent to the organizer. Entries will be accepted from the five divisions of the Western Region, Eastern Region, Rocky/Central Region, and foreign ski associations for FIS events. Western Junior Championship events have age and region-specific restrictions. (See [Western Region Championships](#)).

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

- FIS Entry Fees for all Western FIS races will be limited to a maximum of **\$42.00** per start.
- Training fees for speed events will be limited to a single charge of \$30.
- Organizers may require a series entry fee. This may be split when speed events are scheduled with technical events in the same block.

- Organizers will be obligated to refund entries only in the case of injury and illness, as long as the athlete is pulled from the seed board.
- An organizer may, but is not obligated to, accept entries at the first Team Captain's Meeting. The date that entries are due must be on the race announcement. A penalty may be applied that is up to 50% of the entry fee to be paid if they are not PAID IN FULL 7 days prior to the first Team Captain's Meeting of the series.

Entry Fee for U16 and U14 Junior Championships

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

Entry refunds for canceled events

1. For events canceled prior to the first scheduled team captains meeting there will be a complete refund of all paid entry and speed training fees.
2. For technical events canceled by the jury on the day of competition there will be an entry refund of ½ of the organizers portion (\$10.00), ½ the regional portion (\$6.00) and the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Head tax of \$10.00. The region's portion, ½, is remitted to the region.
3. For speed event(s), including speed training, canceled anytime during the official program dates by the jury, there will be an entry refund of ½ the regional head tax (\$6.00), the \$10.00 U.S. Ski & Snowboard head tax and the training fee if no training was conducted. The organizer retains the organizer's portion provided the organizer and ski area make all possible efforts to hold the event, as assessed and reported in the event evaluation report by the jury members (3) consisting of the TD, the referee and the assistant referee. The region's portion, ½, is remitted to the region.
4. For any athlete that is listed on the official results as a DNS all national and regional head tax must be refunded. The athlete forfeits the remainder of the entry fee, including the training fee at a speed event.

See [Appendix](#) for more information.

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 and non-scored U.S. Ski & Snowboard events, FIS, and FISU races run in the divisions of the Western Region. The region does not receive head tax for a first run DNS. No entry fee portion is due Western Region for named U.S. Ski Team members. (See [Appendix](#) for head tax table.)

The region will collect head tax of \$12 for any FIS race, (\$4 for FISU), in the Western Region and may reimburse the organizer for up to \$800 (tech) \$1200 (speed) per event per TD. The organizer is still responsible for all other TD expenses including meals, accommodations and travel.

Coaches Passes

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

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

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

Course Setters

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

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

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

Divisional Selection Procedures

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

WR Snow Control Protocol

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

Western Region Event and Site Selections

Calendar Construction Considerations

The calendar of regional competitions is produced following these guidelines:

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

Procedures for hosting a FIS or Junior Championship Event

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

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

Chronological Steps of the Bid Process

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

Race Site Requirements

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

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

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

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

Housing

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

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

Site Selection Considerations

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

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

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

the homologation report. In the case of children's competitions, the number of correct/legal diameter flex gates and panels should be noted.

Western Region Event Evaluation Material

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

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

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



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Western Region Awards

Kyle Warren Memorial Trophy

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

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



	Women	Men
2016-17	Haley Cutler	Jordan Cashman
2015-16	Haley Cutler	Alex Birkner
2014-15	Teagen Palmer	Ty Sprock
2013-14	Madeline Johnson/Samantha Busby	Erik Arvidsson
2012-13	Jacqueline Wiles	Sam Dupratt
2011-12	Jacqueline Wiles	Sam Dupratt
2010-11	Sydney Staples	Mark Engel
2009-10	Brooke Wales	Mark Engel
2008-09	Rose Caston	Keith Moffat
2007-08	Geordie Lonza	Miles Fink-Debray
2006-07	Lauren Eder	Andy Phillips
2005-06	Amy Harris	Shane Collins
2004-05	Katie Lyons	Arman Serabrakian
2003-04	Megan McJames	Tim Jitloff
2002-03	Jilyne McDonald	Jacob Dudek
2001-02	Anna Kelly	Todd Ligare
2000-01	Gretchen Glaser	Todd Ligare
1999-00	Crystal Wright	Jason Foster
1998-99	April Mancuso	Robert Saunders
1997-98	April Mancuso	Mike Prado
1996-97	Sabrina Lawrence	Brian Friedman
1995-96	Jonna Mendes	Scott McCartney
1994-95	Jonna Mendes	Justin Johnson
1993-94	Liz Watkins	Christian Questad
1992-93	Kjersti Bjorn-Roli	Michael Reed
1991-92	Shana Sweitzer	Jeremiah Thompson
1990-91	Lisl Hager	Tyler Ferris
1989-90	Christl Hager	David Kong
1988-89	Stephanie Palmer	Skip Merrick
1987-88	Picabo Street	Tommy Moe
1986-87	Heidi Scheiblehner	Reggie Crist
1985-86	Kristin Krone	Toni Standteiner
1984-85	Heidi Dahlgren	Greg Norton

2016-2017 Kyle Warren Event Champions

	Women	Men
Slalom	Tenaya Standteiner	Alex Birkner
GS	Claire Thomas	Jordan Cashman
SG	Erin Smith	Duncan Fuller

Western Region Champions

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

	Women	Men
2016-2017	Haley Cutler	Justin Alkier
2015-2016	Haley Cutler	Andraz Reich-Pogladic
2014-2015	Sofija Novoselic	Andy Trow
2013-2014	Samantha Busby	Erik Arvidsson
2012-2013	Anna Kobal	Thomas Biesemeyer
2011-2012	Jacqueline Wiles	Bryce Bennett
2010-2011	Sydney Staples	Mark Engel
2009-2010	Stacey Cook	Miles Fink-Debray
2008-2009	Stacey Cook	Jared Goldberg
2007-2008	Angel Collinson	Ryan Wilson
2006-2007	Hailey Duke	Will Brandenburg
2005-2006	Jennifer Van Wagner	Robin Sarchett
2004-2005	Katie Lyons	Carl Rixon
2003-2004	Caitlin Ciccone	Jesse Marshall
2002-2003	Gretchen Glaser	Jacob Dudek
2001-2002	Gretchen Glaser	Rune Nielson
2000-2001	Gretchen Glaser	Justin Johnson
1999-2000	Katerina Tichy	Rune Nielson
1998-99	April Mancuso	Marco Sullivan
1997-98	April Mancuso	Mike Prado
1996-97	Marcella Biondi	Uros Pavovcic
1995-96	Jonna Mendes	Uros Pavovcic
1994-95	Anik Demers	V.T. Hernandez
1993-94	Amber Guaraglia	Michael Reed
1992-93	Amber Guaraglia	Spencer Eccles
1991-92	Shana Sweitzer	Toni Standteiner
1990-91	Lisl Hager	Karl Fritz Schlopy
1989-90	Christl Hager	Tim Hanson
1988-89	Julie Parisian	Kyle Rasmussen

2016-2017 Western Region Event Champions

	Women	Men
Slalom	Keely Cashman	Justin Alkier
GS	Haley Cutler	Justin Alkier
SG	Erin Smith	Duncan Fuller

Western Region FIS Calendar and Championships 2017 - 2018

November 27-30,2017	U19 NPS Copper Mtn. CO	M 2SG
December 4 - 8, 2017	U16 NPS Beaver Creek, CO	M&L 2GS/2SG
December 5 - 10, 2017	U19 NPS Vail, CO	M 2GS/2SL
December 10 - 13, 2017	Open FIS Series Snow King, WY	M&L 2GS/3SL
December 11 - 14, 2017	Open FIS Series Mission Ridge, WA	M&L 2GS/3SL
January 6 - 8, 2018	RMISA FISU Big Sky, MT	M&L 2GS/SL
January 8-12, 2018	U16 NPS Burke Mtn. VT	M&L 2GS/2SL
January 11 - 14, 2018	RMISA FISU Snowbasin, UT	M&L GS/2SL
January 18 -19, 2018	Open FIS Series Snowbasin, UT	M&L 2SG
January 20 - 23, 2018	Elite FIS Tech Series Snowbird, UT	M&L 2SL
January 20 - 23, 2018	Elite FIS Tech Series Park City, UT	M&L 2GS
January 30 - Feb 4, 2018	Open FIS Speed Series Schweitzer, ID	M&L 2DH/2SG
February 11 - 16, 2018	U19 NPS Waterville, NH	M 2GS/2SL
February 16 - 21, 2018	Wild West Classic Open FIS Snow King, WY	M&L 2GS/2SL
March 13 - 18, 2018	West Reg JR Champs Alpine Meadows, CA	M&L 2SG/2GS/2SL
March 15 - 18, 2018	WR U14 JR Champs Jackson Hole, WY	M&L SG/GS/SL/SQ
March 21 - 26, 2018	U.S. Alpine Championship Sun Valley, ID	M&L SG/GS/SL/AC
March 22 - 25, 2018	WR U16 JR Champs Alyeska, AK	M&L SG/GS/SL/SQ
March 22 - 25, 2018	Open FIS Series Snowbird, UT	M&L 2GS/3SL
March 26 - 29, 2018	Open FIS Series North Star, CA	M&L 2GS/3SL
March 28 - 30, 2018	U.S. Junior Championship Sun Valley, ID	M&L SG/GS/SL
March 31 - April 4, 2018	U16 National Champs Mission Ridge, WA	M&L SG/GS/SL/SQ
April 2 - 5, 2018	WR Elite Spring Series Mammoth Mtn. CA	M&L 2GS/2SL
April 7 - 12, 2018	WR Spring Speed Series Mt. Bachelor, OR	M&L 2DH/2SG

National Events 2017 - 2018

National and Regional Quotas

Regions quota = *per region*

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

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

		NTSM			Regions	Nat'l Devo
		1999	2000	2001	U19	
U19 NPS	Men	20		10	5	<=30

		NTG	NTSM	Regions	Devo
U16 NPS	Women	All	6	5	<=3
	Men	All	6	5	<=3

		Regions		Regions		Regions
		2002	2003	2002	2003	2004-05
U16 National Championships	Women	3	5	7		<=3
	Men	3	5	7		<=3

Western Region Events 2017 - 2018

Divisional Quotas and Automatics

		AK	FW	IMD	ND	PNSA	Autos	Total
Western Region Elite FIS Series Tech Series, Wild West & Spring Series	Women	4	11	12	4	9	30	70
	Men	4	9	14	4	9	30	70
Western Region FIS Speed 2 Speed Series	Women	10	35	35	10	25		115
	Men	10	35	35	10	25		115
Western Region Open FIS December & March Blocks (1)							Host Div	
	Women	10	25	25	10	25	50	95
	Men	10	25	25	10	25	50	95
Western Region JR Champs Alpine Meadows.	Women	4	18	33	4	19		78
	Men	5	24	37	6	20		92
Western Region U16 Champs Alyeska	Women	5	27	31	7	17		87
	Men	5	28	27	6	17		83
Western Region U14 Champs Jackson	Women	4	21	24	4	7		60
	Men	4	20	23	5	8		60

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

Western Region FIS Automatics 2017 - 2018

Ladies

- | | |
|------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 Wilkinson, Alix | 16 Bracy, Carina |
| 2 Vesterstein, Kaitlyn | 17 Wattenmaker, G.G. |
| 3 Ostergren, Madison | 18 Brown, Cheyenne |
| 4 Smith, Erin | 19 Rathfon, Allison |
| 5 Parke, Juliette | 20 Fitzgerald, Lily |
| 6 Knight, Josie | 21 Lowe, Teegan |
| 7 Hanson, Kate | 22 Parker, Anne |
| 8 Cooley, Skylar | 23 Huml, Zazie |
| 9 Townshend, Charlotte | 24 Jones, Hailley |
| 10 Hansen, Annika | 25 Proffit, Ainsley |
| 11 James, Daphne | 26 Hitchcock, Brynne |
| 12 Carkeet, Mack | 27 Neu, Magnolia |
| 13 Martin, Ellie | 28 Cunningham-Ward, Sierra |
| 14 Collins, Maddie | 29 Ellis, Morgan |
| 15 Baldwin, Tess | 30 Mulligan, Anya |

Men

- | | |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Winters, Luke | 16 Pretti, Winston |
| 2 Miller, Andrew | 17 Fontaine, Nicholas |
| 3 Cashman, Jordan | 18 Maxwell, Trevor |
| 4 Sprock, Ty | 19 Seidel, Keenan |
| 5 Birkner, Alexander | 20 Parazette, Holden |
| 6 Sullivan, Bridger | 21 Terjeson, Hayden |
| 7 Rodarte, Luke | 22 O'Connor, Matt |
| 8 Wright, Spencer | 23 Norton, Payton |
| 9 Brazerol, Dominik | 24 Miller, Max |
| 10 Blackburn, John | 25 Ellis, Tyler |
| 11 Bocock, Scott | 26 Carlson, Hunter |
| 12 Simmons, Zachary | 27 Lujan, Tanner |
| 13 Cravens, R Minam | 28 Lamb, Charlie |
| 14 McGrath, Scott | 29 Snyder, Bennett |
| 15 Nelson, Preston | 30 Smith, Jack |

Elite Series Automatics
USSA Cut-off Points

	DH	SL	GS	SG
Women	165.56	78.13	78.08	98.90
Men	109.91	61.16	56.46	84.66

Western Region U14 & U16 Junior Championships 2018 Divisional Seeding Chart

Western Region U14 Junior Championship

WOMEN	Quota	1st seed	2nd seed	3rd seed	4th seed	5th seed	Total
AK	4	1	1	1	1		4
FW	21	5	4	4	4	4	21
IMD	24	5	5	5	5	4	24
ND	4	1	1	1	1		4
PNSA	7	2	2	1	1	1	7
Total	60	14	13	12	12	9	60

MEN	Quota	1st seed	2nd seed	3rd seed	4th seed	5th seed	Total
AK	4	1	1	1	1		4
FW	20	4	4	4	4	4	20
IMD	23	5	5	5	4	4	23
ND	5	1	1	1	1	1	5
PNSA	8	2	2	2	1	1	8
Total	60	13	13	13	11	10	60

Western Region U16 Junior Championship

WOMEN	Quota	1st seed	2nd seed	3rd seed	4th seed	5th seed	Total
AK	5	1	1	1	1	1	5
FW	27	6	6	5	5	5	27
IMD	31	7	6	6	6	6	31
ND	7	2	2	1	1	1	7
PNSA	17	4	4	3	3	3	17
Total	87	20	19	16	16	16	87

MEN	Quota	1st seed	2nd seed	3rd seed	4th seed	5th seed	Total
AK	5	1	1	1	1	1	5
FW	28	6	6	6	5	5	28
IMD	27	6	6	5	5	5	27
ND	6	2	1	1	1	1	6
PNSA	17	4	4	3	3	3	17
Total	83	19	18	16	15	15	83

Western Region Entry Fees and Entry Refunds

Western Region FIS Entry Fees and Refunds

	NAT Head Tax	WR Head Tax	ROC Portion	Entry Fee/ Refunds	DH/SG Training
Entry Fee	\$10.00	\$12.00	\$20.00	\$42.00	\$30.00
Refunds					
Athlete Pull	\$10.00	\$12.00	\$20.00	\$42.00	\$30.00
Athlete DNS	\$10.00	\$12.00	\$0.00	\$22.00	
Race canceled prior to 1st TCM	\$10.00	\$12.00	\$20.00	\$42.00	\$30.00
Canceled on race day - tech	\$10.00	\$6.00(1)	\$10.00	\$26.00	
Canceled on race day - speed(2)	\$10.00	\$6.00(1)		\$16.00	

(1) \$6.00 is remitted to Western Region

(2) Full \$30.00 training fee is refund if unable to offer any training runs.

Western Region U14 & U16 JR Championship Entry Fees and Refunds

	NAT Head Tax	WR Head Tax	ROC Portion	Entry Fee/ Refunds	DH/SG Training
Entry Fee	\$10.00	\$4.00	\$20.00	\$34.00	\$15.00
Refunds					
Athlete Pull	\$10.00	\$4.00	\$20.00	\$34.00	\$15.00
Athlete DNS	\$10.00	\$4.00	\$0.00	\$14.00	
Race canceled prior to 1st TCM	\$10.00	\$4.00	\$20.00	\$34.00	\$15.00
Canceled on race day - tech	\$10.00	\$2.00(1)	\$10.00	\$22.00	
Canceled on race day - speed(2)	\$10.00	\$2.00(1)		\$12.00	

(1) \$2.00 is remitted to Western Region

(2) Full \$15.00 training fee is refund if unable to offer any training runs.

2018 Western Elite Ski Team

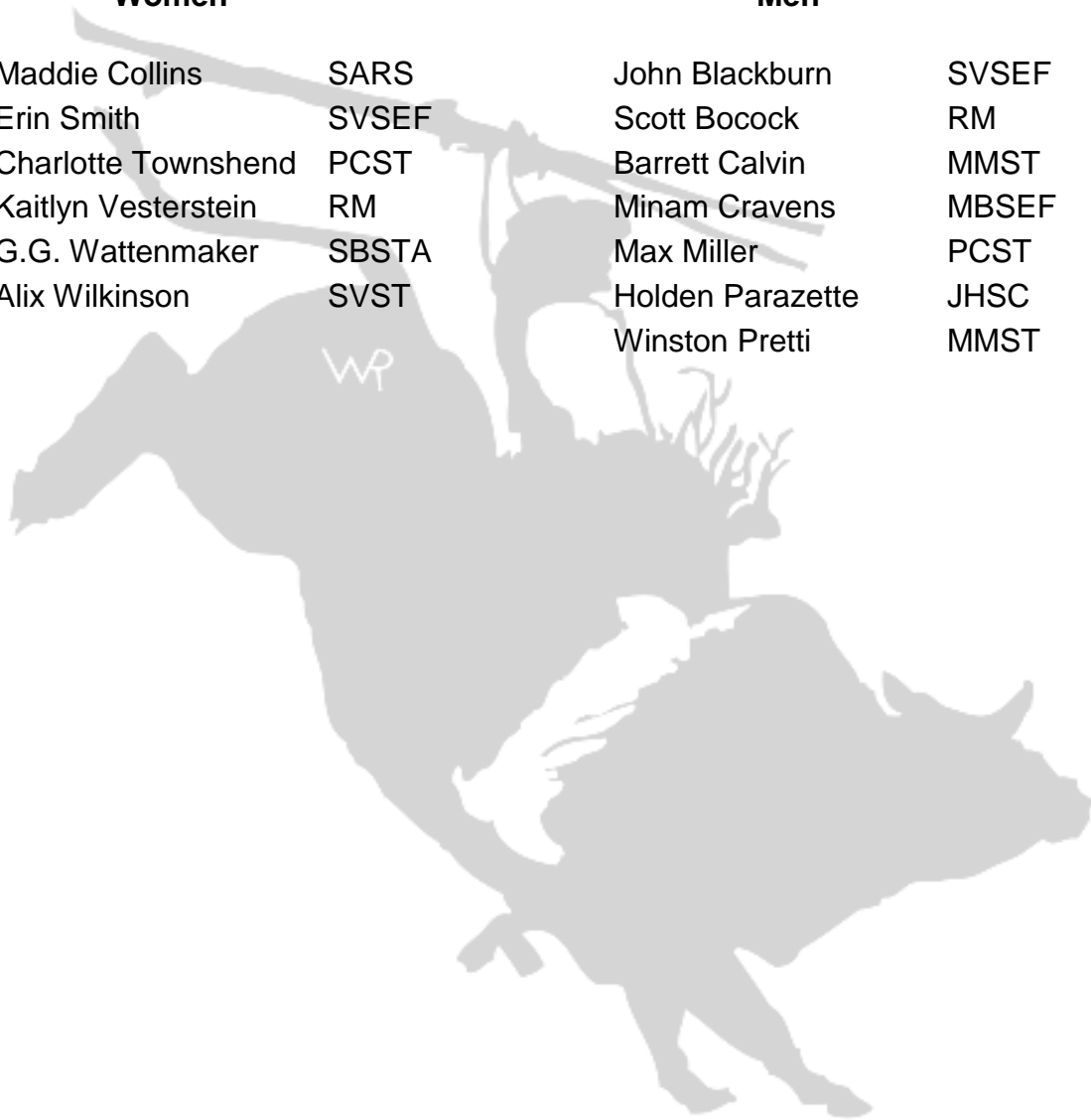
W.E.S.T Team

Women

Maddie Collins	SARS
Erin Smith	SVSEF
Charlotte Townshend	PCST
Kaitlyn Vesterstein	RM
G.G. Wattenmaker	SBSTA
Alix Wilkinson	SVST

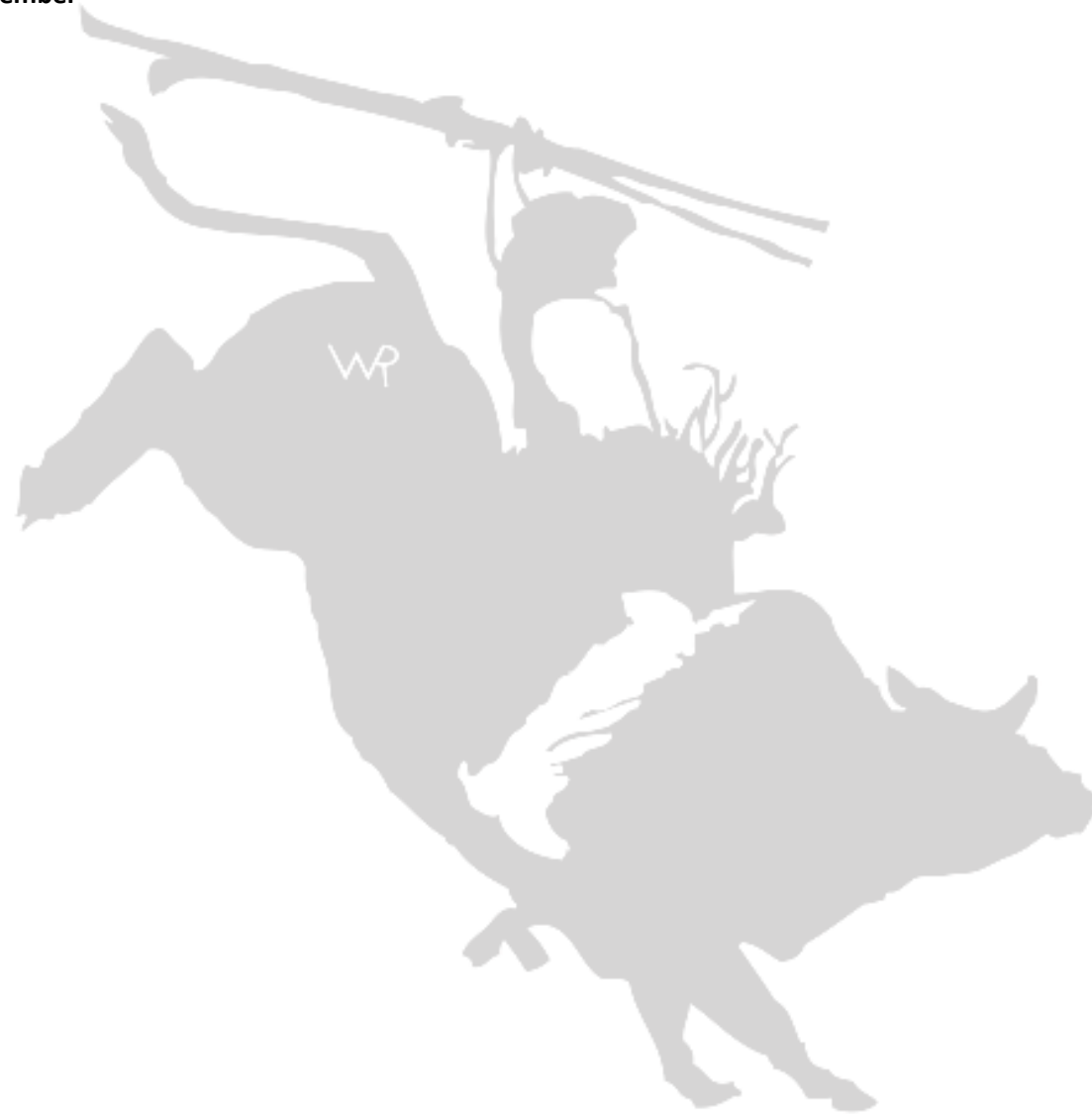
Men

John Blackburn	SVSEF
Scott Bocock	RM
Barrett Calvin	MMST
Minam Cravens	MBSEF
Max Miller	PCST
Holden Parazette	JHSC
Winston Pretti	MMST



2019 WEST Team Criteria – Women

To be announced in November



2019 WEST Team Criteria – Men

To be announced in November



2019 U19 RTG Criteria - Ladies and Men

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

	YOB	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
1	W.E.S.T. Team	Athletes objectively qualified for the W.E.S.T. Team are automatic members of the Western Region RTG				
2	US Alpine NC			Western Region athletes competing at the U.S. Alpine National Championships		
3	US Alpine NJC			1 top 20 U19 result in SL, GS or SG		
4	WR Junior Champs			1 top 5 result in SL, GS or SG		
5	U16 NC					1 top 15 result in SL, GS or SG

2019 U16 RTG Criteria - Ladies and Men

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

	YOB	2003	2004			
1	WR U16 JR Champs	A top 20 result in SL, GS or SG; and top 30% of Skills Quest				
2	WR U14 JR Champs		A top 15 result in SL, GS or SG; and top 30% in Skills Quest			

2018 Western Region Prep Calendar

	W.E.S.T.	RTG			W.E.S.T.	RTG			W.E.S.T.	RTG			W.E.S.T.	RTG		WR U14	
		U19	U16			U19	U16			U19	U16			U19	U16		
1-May				1-Jun				1-Jul				1-Aug					
2-May				2-Jun				2-Jul				2-Aug					
3-May				3-Jun				3-Jul				3-Aug					
4-May				4-Jun				4-Jul				4-Aug					
5-May				5-Jun				5-Jul				5-Aug					
6-May				6-Jun				6-Jul				6-Aug				Arrival	
7-May	Conditioning / PSIA GS Training - Snowbird			7-Jun				7-Jul				7-Aug				SL Camp (2005) Mt. Hood	
8-May				8-Jun		Arrival	Arrival	8-Jul				8-Aug					
9-May				9-Jun		U19 GS/SG Camp - Mammoth Mtn.	U16 Flight School - Mammoth Mtn.	9-Jul				9-Aug					
10-May				10-Jun				10-Jul					10-Aug				
11-May				11-Jun				11-Jul					11-Aug				
12-May				12-Jun				12-Jul					12-Aug				
13-May				13-Jun				13-Jul					13-Aug				
14-May				14-Jun				14-Jul					14-Aug				
15-May				15-Jun				15-Jul					15-Aug				
16-May				16-Jun				16-Jul					16-Aug				
17-May			17-Jun		17-Jul							17-Aug					
18-May			18-Jun		18-Jul							18-Aug					
19-May			19-Jun		19-Jul					19-Aug							
20-May			20-Jun		20-Jul					20-Aug							
21-May			21-Jun		21-Jul					21-Aug							
22-May			22-Jun		22-Jul					22-Aug							
23-May			Arrival	23-Jun				23-Jul				23-Aug					
24-May			SL Camp / Race - Golden Rose	24-Jun				24-Jul				24-Aug					
25-May				25-Jun				25-Jul				25-Aug					
26-May				26-Jun				26-Jul				26-Aug					
27-May				27-Jun				27-Jul				27-Aug					
28-May			28-Jun				28-Jul				28-Aug						
29-May			29-Jun				29-Jul				29-Aug						
30-May			30-Jun				30-Jul		Arrival SL Camp	Arrival SL Camp	30-Aug						
31-May							31-Jul				31-Aug						

WEST Team SL/GS/SG/DH Camp - La Parva, Chili

2018 Western Region Prep Calendar

	W.E.S.T.	RTG			W.E.S.T.	RTG			W.E.S.T.	RTG		
		U19	U16			U19	U16			T.	U19	U16
1-Sep	Return			1-Oct				1-Nov				
2-Sep				2-Oct				2-Nov				
3-Sep				3-Oct				3-Nov				
4-Sep				4-Oct	Arrival			4-Nov				
5-Sep				5-Oct				5-Nov				
6-Sep				6-Oct	Condition			6-Nov				
7-Sep				7-Oct				7-Nov				
8-Sep				8-Oct	Depart	Depart		8-Nov				
9-Sep				9-Oct	WEST / RTG Europe Camp - Wittenburg & Italy	WEST / RTG Europe Camp - Wittenburg & Italy		9-Nov				
10-Sep				10-Oct					10-Nov	Arrival		
11-Sep				11-Oct					11-Nov	RTG Mammoth Camp		
12-Sep				12-Oct					12-Nov			
13-Sep				13-Oct					13-Nov			
14-Sep				14-Oct					14-Nov			
15-Sep				15-Oct					15-Nov			
16-Sep				16-Oct					16-Nov			
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24-Sep				24-Oct				24-Nov				
25-Sep				25-Oct				25-Nov				
26-Sep				26-Oct				26-Nov				
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29-Sep				29-Oct				29-Nov				
30-Sep				30-Oct				30-Nov				
				31-Oct								



**Western Region
2017-2018 Medical Release**

Athlete Name _____ Address _____
City, State, Zip _____ Birth Date _____
E Mail _____ Cell Phone _____
Parent _____ Parent _____
Cell Phone _____ Cell Phone _____
Home Phone _____ Home Phone _____
Work Phone _____ Work Phone _____
E Mail _____ E Mail _____

Insurance Coverage

Company _____ Identification # _____
Policy Number _____ Expiration Date _____
Athlete Social Security _____ Name of Policy Holder _____
Policy Holder SS# and Birth date _____

(Need this information for a hospital or doctor's office to make a claim to an insurance company after treating the athlete)

Medical History

Allergies _____
Medication _____
Impact Baseline Test Date and Location _____
Current injuries or Medical problems _____

Athlete Medical Release

Athlete or Parent, if Athlete is under the age of 18 years, hereby authorizes U.S. Ski & Snowboard/Western Region Staff to secure hospital, medical, surgical and dental care or treatment and/or procedures for the above-named athlete. Parent also consents that in the event of injury to the athlete; coaches can authorize that athlete to receive care, treatment and/or procedures, under the instructions and directions of the licensed physicians on call at the emergency room of the nearest hospital or emergency facility. U.S. Ski & Snowboard/Western Region shall notify Parent at the earliest possible time before, during or after such care, treatment and/or procedures are authorized. Parent knowingly and voluntarily consents in advance to such care, treatment and or procedures to encourage the physicians and U.S. Ski & Snowboard/Western Region to exercise their best judgment as to the requirements of such care, treatment and/or procedures. Parent specifically holds harmless and indemnifies U.S. Ski and Snowboard of and from any and all costs and/or claims of any nature arising out of the provision of such care, treatment and/or procedure.

Athlete Signature _____ Date _____

Parent or Guardian Signature _____ Date _____



**Western Region
2017-2018 Team Agreement**

Team Rules

Members of teams attending competitions on the national quota, traveling with or as part of a competition trip organized by Western Region Staff, or attending any training camp or project as part of a U.S. Ski & Snowboard Group are required to abide by the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Code of Conduct.

Additionally, team members agree to:

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

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

Agreement

I, the undersigned competitor, have reviewed these rules and the “U.S. Ski and Snowboard Code of Conduct,” and agree to abide by it and all applicable rules and procedures during in my participation in any national training or competition project during the current season. I agree that a violation of the rules may result in my immediate suspension from a team, and in the loss of all team services including representation at Team Captains’ and Jury meetings, training, housing, meals, and transportation. I realize that I will receive no refund for the unused portion of these services. If suspended, I will be prepared to make whatever arrangements are necessary in order to continue to compete in the event and/or return home. I realize that actions that are violations of the law may result in my arrest and that it will be my responsibility in such a case to notify my parents or legal guardians and/or to make such arrangements as may be necessary for my release and return home. This agreement shall be valid for all projects in the 2017-2018 training and competition season.

Athletes under 18 years of age must have the following section signed by either parents or legal guardians, if applicable. We, the undersigned, parents or legal guardians of the above Athlete, having read and understood the above, agree to allow our child to participate in U.S. Ski & Snowboard training or competition teams. We understand and agree that if our child violates these rules and procedures, he/she may be immediately suspended from the U.S. Ski and Snowboard project with the loss of all team services and without refund of fees paid. We agree that in any case where our child’s actions result in his/her arrest, that sole responsibility for notifying us rests with our child and the local law enforcement officials, and that we, and not U.S. Ski and Snowboard or Western Region, are solely responsible for such actions as may be required to secure his/her release and return home. This agreement shall be valid for all projects in the 2017-2018 training and competition season.

Athlete Signature _____ Athlete Name _____ Date _____

Parent or Guardian Signature _____ Date _____



Western Region

2017-2018 Hold Harmless and Indemnity Agreement

For and in consideration of the provision of ski racing instruction and training by U.S. Ski & Snowboard, I

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

Athlete Signature

Date

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

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date

USSA Insurance Policy

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

Agreement

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

Athlete Signature

Date

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date



Western Region Competition Project Staff Agreement

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

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

Membership# _____

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

Project: _____

Dates: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

[On-line Evaluation](#)

USSA Event Evaluation

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

* Required

1. **Event name ***

2. **Event location ***

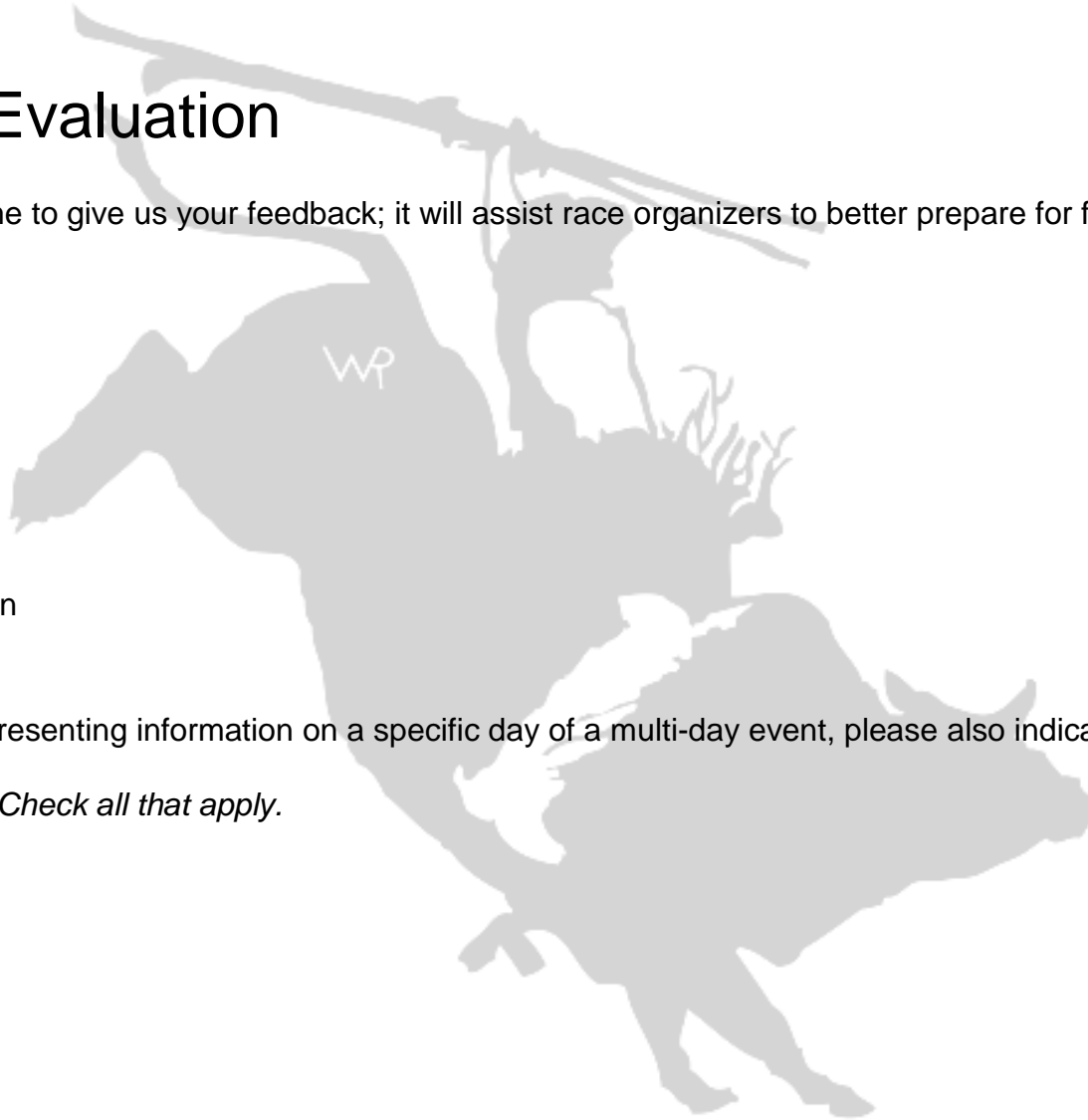
3. **Event region***

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

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

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

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



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

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

7. Was the race announcement adequate?

- Yes
- No

Additional comments:

8. Was race registration and payment easy?

- Yes
- No

Additional comments:

9. Was the team captains' meeting effective?

- Yes
- No

Additional comments:

10. How was the organization during the race?

- Excellent
- Good
- Satisfactory



- Poor

Additional comments:

Were there any issues with the timing?

- No
- Yes

If yes, please explain.

11. How would you rate the course preparation?

- Excellent
- Good
- Satisfactory
- Poor

Additional comments:

12. How would you rate the awards ceremony?

- Excellent
- Good
- Satisfactory
- Poor

Additional comments:

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

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

