



## 2017 Congress Summary Western Region

### National Initiatives

#### A New Look

Our organization has a new name: *US Ski & Snowboard*, and a new logo. The new logo will be consistent across all sports; US Ski Team, US Freestyle Team, US Snowboard Team. There will not be a new acronym. We expect the USSA acronym to still be used, i.e. USSA Points List.

#### US Ski & Snowboard 2017 Financial Review

More financial information will be available to members in the near future. Here are a few important highlights:

- Operating budget is forecasted to net \$900K, of which, all will go toward debt reduction
- 80% of the 2017 operating budget was spent on athletic programs, 10% spent on administration and 10% spent on marketing and fund-raising
- The COE Endowment raised \$1.5M in investment income. \$500K went toward the COE debt and \$1M went toward athletic programs

#### USSA Equipment Rules

The USSA U16 Equipment Rules were adopted for all age-classes U16 and older. We all hope discussion over equipment regulations can be put to bed for a long time. A new equipment matrix is attached.

- Minimum ski lengths: 183cm M/W - DH/SG, 130cm M/W - SL, no rule M/W - GS
- Minimum ski radius: 30m M/W - DH/SG, 17m M/W - GS, no rule M/W - SL

#### USSA Course Setting Rules

A new course setting matrix is attached.

- U16 course setting rules were adopted for all age-classes U16 and older.
- All reference to gate count as a percentage of vertical drop was removed.
- The maximum distance in SL for all age-classes U14 and older was set to 11m.

#### Quota Changes to National Competitions

- U16 National Championship Quotas – attached
- U16 NPS Quotas - attached
- US Alpine Championship Quotas – attached

#### Foreign Athletes

Foreign athletes may qualify to National Junior Championships (USSA races) through published regional quotas and selection procedures. For each qualified foreign athlete the published regional quota will extend to the next U.S. athlete. Foreign athletes are not eligible for discretionary development selections. (This is mostly clarification to the process already in use.)

### **U10 and U12 Seeding and Awards**

Divisions and clubs can seed U10 and U12 races by a single year of birth with mixed gender. Awards can also be presented to these single year, mixed gender classes.

### **Dual SL**

Dual SL races can be scored this year to the USSA SL points list. Each division is allowed to host one test Dual **Single Pole** SL to be scored. The courses must be set to standard SL course specifications and must parallel each other. The combined time of the blue course and the red course will be the total race time.

The USSA development staff is encouraging all divisions to test this scored format, and to host other single pole and paneled Dual SL competitions throughout the year.

### **Team scoring**

USSA is working with Split Second and Vola timing systems to include a team scoring feature to the USSA scored and non-scored race software. The team scoring option will have ample flexibility to allow for field size, team sizes, different classes, etc. Team result reports will also be available. USSA intends to have this feature available for the 2017-18 competition season.

## **Regional Initiatives**

### **Use of USSA On-line Registration**

The Western Region ACC approved the required use of the USSA on-line registration for all Western Region prep period projects and competition period projects.

### **U14 Participation at Whistler Cup**

The Western Region ACC approved sending a U14 team of 6 ladies and 6 men to the Whistler Cup in April, 2018. More details on team selection and criteria will be developed and available by the fall.

### **2017-18 Western Region Race Calendar**

The region's current race calendar is attached. It has been updated since Congress.

### **2018 Alpine Development Sub Committee**

Western Region representation to the Development Sub-committee and Working Groups.

#### **Alpine Development Sub Committee**

U16 WG Jesse Hunt

U14 WG Jim Hudson

Quota Beat Hupfer

#### **U16 and Older Working Group**

Chair Jesse Hunt

Athlete Jessica Kelly

At Large Todd Brickson

West Jim Tschabrun

Vice - Chair and West Pete Korfiatis

**U14 and Younger Working Group**

Chair Jim Hudson  
Athlete Haley Duke  
West Jeremy Ueland  
West Dan Henry

**College Working Group**

Vice Chair and USCSA Ron Bonneau

**Quotas and Selection Working Group**

Chair Beat Hupfer  
West Troy Price  
West Ryan Shorter