



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



Alpine Equipment Regulations 2017-18

U19 and older

Description	Event	FIS	USSA
Ski length Ski length measurement tolerance +/- 1 cm ** -5 cm tolerance for FIS/ENL competition * -10 cm tolerance for Men U19 first-year athletes	DH Ladies	210 cm min. **	183 cm min.
	DH Men	218 cm min. **	183 cm min.
	SG Ladies	205 cm min. **	183 cm min.
	SG Men	210 cm min. **	183 cm min.
	GS Ladies	188 cm min. **	No rule
	GS Men	193 cm min. **	No rule
	SL Ladies	155 cm min.	130 cm min.
	SL Men	165 cm min. *	130 cm min.
Radius	DH Ladies & Men	50 m min.	30 m min.
	SG Ladies	40 m min.	30 m min.
	SG Men	45 m min.	30 m min.
	GS Ladies & Men	30 m min.	17m min.
	SL Ladies & Men	No rule	No rule
Profile width in front of Binding	DH Ladies & Men	95 mm max.	No rule
	SG Ladies & Men	95 mm max.	No rule
	GS Ladies & Men	103 mm max.	No rule
	SL Ladies & Men	No rule	No rule
Profile width under Binding	DH Ladies & Men	65 mm max.	No rule
	SG Ladies & Men	65 mm max.	No rule
	GS Ladies & Men	65 mm max.	No rule
	SL Ladies & Men	63 mm min.	No rule
Standing Height (ski/plate/binding)	all events	50 mm max.	No rule



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U16

Description	Event	FIS	USSA
Ski length	DH Ladies & Men	No rule	183 cm min.
	SG Ladies & Men	183 cm min.	183 cm min.
Ski length measurement tolerance +/- 1cm	GS Ladies & Men	188 cm max.	No rule
	SL Ladies & Men	130 cm min.	130 cm min.
Radius	DH Ladies & Men	No rule	30 m min.
	SG Ladies & Men	30 m min.	30 m min.
	GS Ladies & Men	17 m min.	17 m min.
	SL Ladies & Men	No rule	No rule
Profile width under binding	SG Ladies & Men	65 mm max.	No rule
	GS Ladies & Men	65 mm max.	No rule
Standing Height (ski/plate/binding)	all events	50 mm max.	No rule

U14

Description	Event	FIS	USSA
Ski length	DH Ladies & Men	No rule	No rule
	SG Ladies & Men	No rule	No rule
Ski length measurement tolerance +/- 1cm	GS Ladies & Men	188 cm max.	No rule
	SL Ladies & Men	130 cm min.	130 cm min.
Radius	DH Ladies & Men	No rule	17 m min.
	SG Ladies & Men	No rule	17 m min.
	GS Ladies & Men	17 m min.	17 m min.
	SL Ladies & Men	No rule	No rule
Profile width under binding	SG Ladies & Men	65 mm max.	No rule
	GS Ladies & Men	65 mm max.	No rule
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2017-18 USSA Course Setting Specifications (Scored and Non-Scored)

		U10 and younger	U12	U14	U16 and Older
Downhill (DH) 700 and U1253	Distance between gates	X	X	50 m max.	As required
	Vertical drop			Max. 350 m	Max. 500 m ¹
	Direction changes			As required	As required
Slalom (SL) 800 and U1254	Distance between gates	Combination 4-6 m; Open 6-10 m; Delay 11-14 m		Combination 4-6 m; Open 7-11 m; Delay 12-15 m	
	Vertical drop	Max. 100 m	Max. 120 m	Max. 140 m	Max. 160 m ¹
	Additional requirements	Max. 2 hairpins; Max. 1 vertical combination; Max. 1 delay gate		2-4 hairpins; 1-2 verticals (3 gates max); 1-3 delays	3-6 hairpins; 1-3 verticals (3-4 gates max); 1-3 delays
Giant Slalom (GS) 900 and U1255	Distance between gates	Open 15-22 m; Delay min 8 m between successive gates and 30 m max from turning pole to turning pole		Open 15-25 m; Delay min 10 m between successive gates and 35 m max from turning pole to turning pole	Open 15-27 m; Delay min 10 m between successive gates and 35 m max from turning pole to turning pole
	Vertical drop	Max. 200 m	Max. 250 m	Max. 300 m	Max. 350 m ¹
	Additional requirements	Variety of terrain suggested			
Super G (SG) 1000 and U1256	Distance between gates	X	22-35 m Delay min 10 m between successive gates and 45 m max from turning pole to turning pole	Open 25-40 m; Delay min 15 m between successive gates and 50 m max from turning pole to turning pole	Open 25-45 m; Delay min 15 m between successive gates and 55 m max from turning pole to turning pole
	Vertical drop		Max. 300 m	Max. 350 m Min. of 1 jump recommended	Max. 450 m ¹ Min. of 1 jump recommended
	Additional requirements		Training run required (U1256.4) ³		Training run recommended (U1003.2.1) Variety of terrain suggested
Parallel	Distance between gates	10-20 m ²			
	Maximum vertical drop	100 m			
Kombi - SL/GS U1259	Distance between gates	SL 6-10 m, GS 12-20 m	SL 6-10 m, GS 12-20 m		
	Maximum vertical drop	150 m	180 m	200 m	

¹ In U19 and Older only competition, maximum vertical drop may be expanded to DH: 700 m, SL: 200 m, GS: 450 m, SG: 600 m

² Distance between courses should be 8-12m.

³ U1256.4 – Official training for U12 and U14 SG must include at least one SG training run prior to the first competition. Official training for U12 and U14 SG events is an integral part of the competition and all athletes are required to participate. In exceptional cases, which must be documented in the jury minutes, a controlled free-ski run may be authorized in lieu of an official training run. If racing with U16 athletes, U1256.4 applies: U14 and younger athletes must be provided a training run as provisioned in this rule.

* Crossover between age categories for SL, GS, SG, Kombi and SkillsQuest is encouraged. Where multiple age classes are competing, course setting guidelines will be based on the guidelines for one class older than the youngest class (for example, if a race has U10, U12 and U14 racers, it should use the U12 course setting guidelines) except in DH where course setting guidelines will be based on the youngest class participating.



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U16 National Championships

Quotas:

- 7 Nations Cup athletes
- YOB 2001 3 men and 3 women per region from the YOB ranking
- YOB 2002 3 men and 3 women per region from the YOB ranking
- YOB 2001 and 2002 5 men and 5 women from the overall ranking
- YOB 2003 and 2004 U14 athletes must have 1 win and another top-3 in SL, GS, and SG at the respective U14 Regional Championships to qualify.

New Proposal:

U16 National Championships

Quotas:

- ~~7 Nations Cup athletes~~
- YOB 2002 3 men and 3 women per region from the YOB ranking
- YOB 2003 5 men and 5 women per region from the YOB ranking
- YOB 2002 and 2003 7 men and 7 women from the overall ranking
- YOB 2004 and 2005 U14 athletes must have 1 win and another top-3 in SL, GS, and SG at the respective U14 Regional Championships to qualify.

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U16 National Performance Series

- U16 NTG athletes
- 9 boys and 9 girls ranked nationally using 2016 U16 Nationals results
 - YOB '00s will be purged and WC points are reassigned to YOB '01 and '02
 - Athletes will be ranked by total WC points in the events to be trained and/or contested
 - The top 9 athletes will be selected from that list
 - Ties will be broken by the most WC points in an event to be trained and/or contested. If a tie still exists, the next most WC points will be considered until the tie is broken. If necessary, all events will be considered.
- 4 boys and 4 girls per region
- Up to 3 boys and 3 girls national development

New Proposal:

U16 National Performance Series

- ~~U16 NTG athletes~~
- 6 boys and 6 girls ranked nationally using 2017 U16 Nationals results
 - YOB '01s will be purged and WC points are reassigned to YOB '02 and '03
 - Athletes will be ranked by total WC points in the events to be trained and/or contested
 - The top 6 athletes will be selected from that list
 - Ties will be broken by the most WC points in an event to be trained and/or contested. If a tie still exists, the next most WC points will be considered until the tie is broken. If necessary, all events will be considered.
- 5 boys and 5 girls per region
- Up to 3 boys and 3 girls national development

Comments:

Modify existing quotas; reduce the number of athletes who are selected nationally from the U16 Nationals the previous spring; increase regional quotas to provide increased opportunity for emerging athletes at the local level.



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U.S. Nationals Quota

New selection quota to U.S. Alpine Championships as follows:

USA Quotas (in order)

	Men SL/GS/SG	Women SL/GS/SG
1. USST	All	All
2. Current-year Olympic, World Championship, World Junior Championship team members		
3. Any athlete with a current top-100 world rank in a contested event		
4. Collegiate ²	13	10
5. NorAms ³	9	9
6. U19 NPS ³	9	
7. Western ¹	14	12
8. Rocky/Central ¹	14	12
9. Eastern ¹	14	12
10. Development ⁴	Up to 10	Up to 10

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

² Collegiate athletes who intend for the U.S. Alpine Championships will be ranked by an NTSM of FIS points in SL and GS. Athletes must be ranked in the top-100 USA athletes on the FIS points list used for selection in SL or GS. An athlete in the top-100 in SL or GS is eligible for all events.

³ Top-3 USA athletes, who are not already selected above, ranked at the intent deadline by an NTSM of World Cup points in SL, GS, and SG in the respective series.

⁴ Up to 10 per gender to accommodate development nominations. Development quota should not be used to add events for specialists.



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⁴ Up to 10 per gender to accommodate development nominations. Development quota should not be used to add events for specialists.

Comments:

Give collegiate athletes who qualify through NorAms or NPS priority in the Collegiate Quota and give non-collegiate athletes clarity about where they are on the selection lists.

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