

## U19-U21 TSASRA PROGRAM

Welcome to the competitive season. The following is an explanation of the Tri-State Alpine Ski Racing Association U19-U21 Program, and rules to help you better understand our program.

**T/S MEMBERSHIP:** In order to be eligible for selection to a T/S quota, one must be a member of T/S. To qualify for membership in T/S one must either attend school in, train in, or reside in the T/S region. In addition to the USSA membership, an individual must join T/S.

Participation in all USSA sanctioned state, regional, and national events is fully explained in the USSA Competition Guide. Information about the USSA ladder system, membership, athlete's rights, competition rules, schedules, entering competitions, and many other important topics are included. Athletes and their parents who have questions should first consult their Competition Guide for the answer. Further questions should be directed through the athlete's coach, program director or this web site.

For complete Eastern rules regarding selection process, quotes, post season event locations, eastern region competition calendar as well as "**current news**", please refer to the "selection" tab at the following link:

<http://ussa.org/alpine-programs/regions/eastern-region>

### Rankings

1. USSA Tristate will use USSA point results, gleaned from each USSA Tristate U19-21 race to rank our U19-21 athletes.
2. USSA Tristate will use the best (lowest) U19-21 point results to determine internal Tristate ranking.
3. USSA Tristate will use one less than half of the race results in the determinations.
4. The season rankings spreadsheet will add up the proper number of race results per rule 3, this sum will be sorted so the lowest combination of race results receives the #1 rank with all other gender specific athletes following in order lowest to highest. Athletes not completing the proper number of races (rule 3) will not be ranked and will not be eligible for postseason races.
5. USSA Tristate U19-21 Chair will publicize and update the U19-21 rankings following the posting of results from the organizing committees, the third race usually starts this process.
6. Rankings will be used to determine the TS quota selections to the postseason predicated upon the Eastern assigned quotas.

### USSA U19-U21 Finals (SG, GS, SL)

Tri state has been allotted 30 athletes for the 2016-17 season, which will be evenly divided between Male and Female competitors.

Quota spots will be given to athletes who only do part of the series, full participation is encouraged.

### FIS Open Series

#### Quotas and Selection

Entry to Eastern Region Open FIS races is open to all eastern athletes with a valid FIS license who have intended to compete **via on-line forms**. The Eastern Office will use a new ranking list for each series. A three-event NTSM list using USSA points list in SG, GS and SL for multi-event and speed series will be used to rank all athletes. SL or GS only events will be ranked using current USSA points in the event contested. The Eastern Region will determine the appropriate number of athletes to compete based on the

venue and event being contested. These races include a Development quota of 10, Regional quotas of 10 and foreign quotas as per FIS.

\*see USSA East policies and procedures for races with reserved quotas

### **State Development Quotas (per gender) Tri-State 5**

For complete rules please refer to: USSA East 2014-2015 Policies and Qualifying Procedures  
Use the "Selections" tab at this link to locate the Handbook

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## **FIS-Intent-to Compete**

### **FISU Intents**

FISU race intents will be submitted via the USSA Intents website:

<http://ussa.org/alpineprograms/regions/intents>.

Please refer to the site for instructions. Intents will be due 28 days prior to the first team captains' meeting. There is a calendar on each page of the website with Intent Deadlines clearly marked on the day. Confirmation is due by 14 days prior to the first team captains' meeting. Intents may be filed for multiple race series for any given dates within a period. However, confirmation can only be for one series during a time period. Intents may be made for full series participation only. There should be no pulls after 14 days except for injury. Ranking lists for FISU events will be constructed for selection purposes based on the FIS points valid at the time of intent closure. Intended athletes' coaches will be notified electronically as soon as the ranking boards are done. Quotas for the events will be posted on the confirmation page. Coaches will have by the date published on the intent site to confirm or pull athletes. Unconfirmed athletes will be pulled.

### **In-Region Intent/Confirmation Procedure:**

All deadlines for intent, confirmation, and development requests for the 2015 season are published on the Eastern FIS Dates Document (EFDD) that is found on the Coaches page of the USSA East website. Intent Deadlines for EC and Eastern OPEN races can also be found on the Eastern Competition Calendar on the USSA East website.

## **Eastern Development Finals**

There is no automatic quota for Tri State athletes, spots to this final will be given to athletes who participate in the FIS Development Series posted on USSA.org and the Eastern USSA website. Selection to this series will be done using USSA points and a double board system. Double board uses the FIS Dev results on one board and regular USSA results on the other. Selection will come from the Eastern Office.

### **Eastern Development Series**

USSA points will be used for seeding. 2016-17 quotas to these races are 5 per gender.

## **COACH REPRESENTATION**

Competitors at all Regional Events must be represented at team captains' meetings by a coach. All competitors participating in regional speed events must have a coach in attendance throughout the duration of the event. It is the responsibility of each competitor to make these arrangements. T/S will instruct race organizers to remove any competitor from the event who is not properly represented.

