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U.S. Ski & Snowboard Eastern Region Policies and Procedures 2017-18

The U.S. Ski & Snowboard Eastern 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 Eastern United States. It consists of 8 divisions (state associations): Maine (MARA), New Hampshire (NHARA), New Jersey (NJSRA), New York (NYSSRA), PARA (PA, MD, DE, D.C.), Southern (SARA: NC,VA,WV), Tri-State (TSASRA: CT,MA,RI) and Vermont (VARA). The Eastern Alpine Competition Committee (EACC) establishes the regional policies, procedures and operating rules for the Eastern Region. The region is charged with the design and conduct of all International Ski Federation (FIS) races and Junior Championship competitions in the East for each season. U.S. Ski & Snowboard Staff will: field teams at NorAm Cup races and all U.S. National Championship events, conduct a series of development projects for regional athletes, name the Regional Training Group, and assist athletic development within the pipeline of U.S Ski & Snowboard and Regional Alpine Development Programming.

Mission Statements

U.S. Ski & Snowboard:

The mission of the U. S. Ski & Snowboard is to lead, encourage and support athletes in achieving excellence by empowering national teams, clubs, coaches, parents, officials, volunteers and fans.

U.S. Ski & Snowboard East:

It is the Mission of the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Eastern Region to provide the programs, leadership and resources necessary to enable our athletes to achieve their ski racing potential.

EACC:

The mission of the Eastern Region is to foster well-developed programs and athletes by providing the structure, direction, resources and support required for athletes to reach their individual potential.

Eastern Region Governance

The Eastern Alpine Competition Committee (EACC) is a committee of the Eastern Ski Association (ESA) composed of a chair, vice-chair, immediate past chair, children's racing committee chair, development committee chair, up to two at-large members, divisional chairs from the eight divisions, athlete representatives, alpine officials representative, and three non-voting members: high school representative, college representative and Eastern Alpine Ski Education Foundation (EASEF) representative. The EACC is comprised of dedicated volunteers who strive to represent the interests of the alpine ski community within the Eastern Region, without regard to race, gender, religion, or national origin. Along with U.S. Ski & Snowboard Regional staff, they develop, manage and control competition schedules and

advancement systems in the Eastern Region that are consistent with U.S. Ski & Snowboard and The Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act.

Specific actions of the EACC have included: the adoption of Eastern Region team selection procedures to various championships and a framework of qualification events, adopting the design and governing rules of all FIS competitions below the level of Continental Cups in the region, assisting U.S. Ski & Snowboard staff in the creation of training opportunities for the regional training group and conduct of a Junior Championship race program. They also represent the Eastern Region's views on the national Alpine Sport Committee.

The EACC:

Chair:	Dan Marshall, NHARA	MARA:	Laurel Lashar
Vice Chair:	Dan Chayes, PARA	NHARA:	Andrew Gannon
Past Chair:	Connie Webster NYSSRA	NJSRA:	Rob Dowd
Development:	Tom Sell, VARA	NYSSRA:	Dirk Gouwens
Children:	Sally Utter, VARA	PARA:	Diann Roffe
Officials:	Doug Hall, VARA	SARA:	Sean McKee
Secretary:	Bev Oliver, NHARA	TSASRA:	Laura Sullivan
Athlete:	Peter Girardi, VARA	VARA:	Julie Woodworth
	Chris Frank, VARA	* College:	John Dwyer, NHARA
	Roger, Brown, VARA	* High School:	Dan Marshall, NHARA
	Sam Damon, VARA	* EASEF:	Mike Davenport
At-Large:	Doug Williams, VARA	* Emeritus:	Horst Weber, NYSSRA
	Tao Smith, VARA	(*Non-Voting)	

EACC Operating Procedures:

For more information about the EACC's Operating Procedures, go to this [link](#) on the U. S. Ski & Snowboard East website.

U.S. Ski & Snowboard Eastern Region Staff

U. S. Ski & Snowboard Eastern Region staff represents U.S. Ski & Snowboard and the Alpine Development Department in the East and advocates for Eastern athletes within that system. They are the primary implementers of national and regional policies in alpine development. They also are charged with formulating and implementing regional programs, management of regional projects, management of the regional competition system's policies and procedures, and assisting the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Sport Education department in the development of clubs, coaches and officials. As the volunteers do at the committee and working group level, the staff represents the interests of U.S. Ski & Snowboard members, clubs, divisions, and regional staff formulation and implementation of U.S. Ski & Snowboard efforts.

Development Director:	Tim Maguire- Jaffrey, NH	tmaguire@ussa.org
Development Coach:	Thomas Ashworth – Stowe, VT	tashworth@ussa.org
Alpine Manager:	Patricia Nichols – Westford, VT	pnichols@ussa.org
Youth Coach:	open	

Membership

Appropriate membership in U.S. Ski & Snowboard is mandatory for all participants in the alpine programs of the Eastern Region. To participate in races used as qualifying events leading to state championships and Eastern Region Championship events, competitors are required to hold a U.S. Ski & Snowboard Competitor License. Competitors must carry their membership card(s) to every race.

Membership in a division (state racing association) is required for USA FIS registered athletes, U.S. Ski & Snowboard athletes and U.S. Ski & Snowboard foreign athletes who want to be eligible to qualify for selection to divisional or national quota spots. A racer shall race for the division and region in which he/she resides or in which they are attending school and/or training on a long-term basis. The decision, which must be made at the start of the season, must be based on where the racer spends the greatest part of his/her ski training. It must be abided by for the entire season, unless there are extraordinary circumstances. Competitors must join their divisional associations prior to or at the same time as joining U.S. Ski & Snowboard.

Competitors

Youth Athletes (Age: 13 and younger)

The youth program is the entry-level avenue for skiers new to the sport of alpine ski racing. This umbrella program's flexible format enhances existing entry-level programs. The structure of racing varies from division to division and from program to program. Many involve dual-racing format, team racing concepts or other fun events. For detailed information about the programs available in your area, contact your divisional racing organization listed on our [website](#).

U14 (Age: 12 and 13)

U14 begins with divisional (state) racing circuits scheduled by each division. Each division organizes a competition ladder to determine which athletes qualify to the U14 Eastern Championship event in March. Information about access will be available through your division. In late March, the top performing U14 athletes may be invited to the U16 National Championships and the Can-Am Races, a series of races contested between the Eastern Region and Eastern Canada. The regional staff will facilitate on and off snow camps for top performing U14 athletes throughout the year and assist with U14 projects organized at the division level. Eastern U14 athletes are not allowed to race in or earn points in scored races unless the athlete races in the U16 National Championships. Competitors in U.S. Ski & Snowboard races must hold a valid national U14 Competitor membership for all competition events outside their home club and a valid divisional membership.

Exceptional Athlete Program (Ski-up Rule)

An exceptional athlete may come through the system every few years. The intention of the Ski-up authorization is to accommodate the very top athletes nationally. The procedure for Skiing Up is a request made by an athlete, his/her parents and the athlete's coach to the regional and divisional alpine committee where the athlete resides and the U.S. Ski & Snowboard alpine staff person responsible for the respective division and the National

Development Director.

Ski Down Rule

Some divisions allow an athlete to Ski Down an age level. The procedure for Skiing Down is a request made by a competitor, his/her parents and the competitor's coach to their Divisional association as per Divisional rules. A Ski Down athlete should follow all rules for the specific age class in which they will be skiing. Ski Down athletes cannot advance to U. S. Ski & Snowboard Regional Championships or Am- Can or Can-Am events.

Development Athletes (Age: 14 through 20)

The age groupings in scored competition allow for athletic development in various race series that form a pipeline from local to state to regional to national to international events. Advancement through these levels is based on ability.



Athletes racing in U. S. Ski & Snowboard scored competitions must hold a valid age appropriate U. S. Ski & Snowboard Competitor License and be a member of one and only one divisional (state racing) association. USA athletes racing in FIS scored competitions require a valid U. S. Ski & Snowboard Competitor License, a valid International Ski Federation (FIS) License, available for purchase through U. S. Ski & Snowboard, and be a member of one and only one divisional (state racing) association.

U16 (Age: 14 and 15)

U16 competition is the first step in seeded competition. U16s compete at the divisional level in qualifying series for selection to regional events, culminating in the Ronnie Berlack U16 Eastern Championship, and Eastern U16 Finals. Top performers at the Ronnie Berlack U16 Eastern Championship will qualify for U16 National Championships. U16 Am- Can Races, a series of races contested between the Eastern Region and Eastern Canada, are also held.

Qualification procedures for these events are available in this handbook, on the Eastern website or from divisional organizations.

Top U16s may also be invited to the U16 National Performance Series during the season. This series is designed to bring top performing U16s from around the country together several times a year. Athletes qualify for the Seven Nations Cup from this series. See the National Performance Series section of this handbook and the U. S. Ski & Snowboard Alpine Competition Guide for qualification procedures and quotas for this series.

The regional staff will facilitate on and off snow camps for top performing U16 athletes throughout the year and assist with U16 projects organized at the divisional level.

U19 (Age: 16, 17 and 18)

Through qualifying race series and the national points system or the FIS points system, athletes advance to regional and national championship races: Eastern U. S. Ski & Snowboard Finals, Eastern Development Championships, Junior National Championships and the U.S. Alpine Championships. Top-performing U19 athletes may compete in FIS Open races, the Eastern FIS Development series, the Eastern Cup Series, and the Nor-Am Cup Series if they qualify. Athletes are eligible to compete out of region and internationally but must follow the entry procedures found in the U. S. Ski & Snowboard Alpine Competition Guide and the Competition Management section of this document.

Top performing U19 men may also be invited to the U19 National Performance Series during the season. This series is designed to bring top performing U19 men from around the country together several times a year. These projects will include race opportunities with additional national quota. See the National Performance Series section of this handbook and the U. S. Ski & Snowboard Alpine Competition Guide for qualification procedures and quotas for this series.

The regional staff will facilitate on and off snow camps for top performing athletes throughout the year and some will be invited to National or Regional Projects bringing together the top performing athletes from the regions (East, Rocky/Central, West). Based on U.S. Ski Team Criteria, eligible athletes are invited to join the U.S. Ski Team.

U21 (Age: 19 and 20)

Through qualifying race series and the national points system and the FIS points system, athletes advance to regional and national championship races: Eastern U. S. Ski & Snowboard Finals, Eastern Development Championships, Junior National Championships and the U.S. Alpine Championships. Top-performing U21 athletes may compete in FIS Open races, the Eastern FIS Development series, the Eastern Cup Series, and the Nor-Am Cup Series if they qualify. Athletes are eligible to compete out of region and internationally but must follow the entry procedures found in the U. S. Ski & Snowboard Competition Guide and the Competition Management section of this document.

The regional staff will facilitate on and off snow camps for top performing athletes throughout the year and some will be invited to National, or Regional Projects, bringing together the top performing athletes from the regions (East, Rocky/Central, West). Based on U.S. Ski Team Criteria, eligible athletes are invited to join the U.S. Ski Team.

Seniors (Age: 21 and over)

Seniors provide the point base for divisional and regional series, competitiveness within the Eastern college racing circuits, and top-level competitive involvement with the U.S. Ski

Team. Many of the top-seeded athletes in this age group are involved in college racing. U. S. Ski & Snowboard and FIS races (Eastern FIS Series Races, University and the Nor-Am Series) provide this group of competitive athletes with national and international comparisons.

Masters

At age 18, athletes may begin racing in U. S. Ski & Snowboard Masters races. Athletes holding a valid U. S. Ski & Snowboard Masters License may compete in Masters competitions but will not score National points. Athletes holding a valid U. S. Ski & Snowboard Masters License and a U. S. Ski & Snowboard Competitors License have the option of participating at both the Master and Senior levels of competition and are eligible to score national points in any U. S. Ski & Snowboard scored competition. For more information on the U. S. Ski & Snowboard Masters Program, please visit their [website](#) or refer to the U. S. Ski & Snowboard Masters Handbook, sent to all Master's License holders. (Athletes must be 21 years old to be able to compete in the Master's Regional, or National Championships)

U. S. Ski & Snowboard East Regional Programs

Purpose Statement: To produce the best alpine ski racers in the world at the developmental, sub-national team level by offering complementary cooperative training with Tri and Bi - Regional, Eastern Region, Eastern Region division, club and academy training programs/plans.

Goals:

1. To assist skill development, management, athletic training, and competition performance programs of the top Eastern athletes.
2. To establish and conduct an athlete talent detection and development system that tracks and measures the performance and performance characteristics of top regional racers at various chronological points in their ski racing development.
3. To contribute as productively, professionally, and fully as possible in the achievement of the U. S. Ski & Snowboard Vision of being the best nation in the world in Olympic Skiing and Snowboarding.

Objectives:

1. To have fun and further develop a passion for ski racing.
2. To effectively progress an athlete's personal development.
3. To integrate into the Alpine Development system and contribute to its success.
4. To bring the top performing Eastern athletes together.
5. To utilize the best coaches available.
6. To use best practices in the design of the projects and programs.
7. To promote the principles of athleticism in all projects.
8. To promote competent athletes in all four events.
9. To promote sportsmanship, individual responsibility, teamwork, and life skills through athletic achievement.
10. To develop superior fundamental skiing skills.
11. To present a comprehensive ladder of training opportunities for regional athletes in partnership with divisional, regional and national program components.
12. To develop a comprehensive picture of the best regional racers across all age groups.

13. To contribute to sound athletic, competitive programming for individual athletes through cooperative efforts with home programs and coaches.
14. To provide a competition program that progressively presents competitive tests that validate the training model.
15. To procure the necessary tools for the athletes and coaches to achieve their best.
16. To develop athletes, coaches, parents and officials as good partners through education and communication.
17. To make the program as cost effective and affordable as possible.

Principles:

1. The Eastern Region will design and operate programs in cooperation with the U. S. Ski Team and regional ski clubs that enhance and complement the overall training program of the athletes.
2. The Regional Training Group recognizes and supports the home club programs as the basis of each athlete's program.
3. Training camps will be designed as a progression, using annual and multi-year cycles.
4. Eastern athletes should be developing skills in each of the four alpine events.
5. The program will stress sound fundamentals and skill development at all levels.
6. U. S. Ski & Snowboard East will support empowerment and engagement through education, training, and development of athletes, coaches, parents, clubs, and officials.

Project Coaches:

For most major U. S. Ski & Snowboard and FIS national series and events, where U. S. Ski & Snowboard organizes a team, a project coaching staff will be named. There will be a head coach and assistants for each of the men and women's projects. Additional coaches will be added for events involving downhill. The Eastern Development Director, Development Coach and Youth Coach will determine the number of coaches necessary for a particular race, series or project.

An Eastern Region Project coach's responsibility is to the entire team. While club affiliations mean familiarity with athletes from a home program, the coach has assumed responsibility for working with all of the athletes representing the Eastern Region. The U. S. Ski & Snowboard East staff organizing the project determines the selection of Eastern Region staff. Clubs shall submit a list of coaching nominees for each trip. U. S. Ski & Snowboard staff will review the nominations. Announcements of the project coaching staff for each trip will be made in a timely manner so that the coaches and their home programs can plan accordingly.

Project Coaches will:

1. Cooperate with and be responsible to the Project Leader.
2. Be current members of U. S. Ski & Snowboard and carry a coach membership/license.
3. Be eligible under U. S. Ski & Snowboard rules to serve as a referee and course setter.
4. Adhere to and support the conditions of the U. S. Ski & Snowboard Code of Conduct.
5. Supervise the athletes in a manner that promotes top performance and complies with the U. S. Ski & Snowboard Code of Conduct.
6. Be prepared and ready to carry out their responsibilities at all times.
7. Carry out coaching assignments to the best of their ability and in a timely manner.
8. Submit expense reports or RFPs to the responsible U. S. Ski & Snowboard Staff in a timely manner.

Project Conduct:

All coaches, officials and athletes representing the Eastern Region are bound by the U. S. Ski & Snowboard Code of Conduct and by other guidelines properly established by the EACC or the U. S. Ski & Snowboard Eastern staff. Violations of the Code of Conduct, and/or rules and guidelines, brought to the attention of the U. S. Ski & Snowboard Eastern staff at races and/or projects, will be discussed with the project staff to decide an appropriate course of action.

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

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

Any disciplinary 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 & 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. Removal from the team, competition trip, or training camp.
2. Suspension from training and/or competition.
3. Elimination of coaching, travel and/or 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.

Divisional Projects:

U. S. Ski & Snowboard East Staff will support an added layer of programming at the Divisional level. Staff from within the Division, the Division Youth Coordinator and/or the Division's Children's Committee, will organize this programming with athletic support from U. S. Ski & Snowboard Regional staff. With this level of programming, athletes, clubs and

families will benefit from increased exposure to other athletes, coaches and venues. Athlete selection methods, programming, venue and other logistics are determined by the Division.

Competition Management

The Eastern Region has quotas for the various national events, U.S. Alpine Championships, the Junior National Championships, the National Performance Series, as well as FIS series in the other regions. The EACC has established procedures for filling these quotas. In addition, there is a USA quota to Nor-Am, FIS UNI, Canadian and other International FIS races with nationally established procedures for qualification. To be considered for any of these events, racers must declare their interest in the events according to the National and Eastern Region Intent to Compete procedures. Only current-season U. S. Ski & Snowboard members who have the proper FIS and divisional memberships and are Eastern Region athletes as defined in the U. S. Ski & Snowboard bylaws will be eligible for the Eastern quotas. Eligibility for some 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 what these requirements are and for meeting them. Entry fees are the responsibility of the individual competitor or team captain of a Regional Development project and must be paid according to the policies of the division or region hosting the event.

FIS Race Series - Quotas, Eligibility, Intents and Selection

Intent to Compete Declaration Method

Intents will be used to construct selection boards for:

- **NorAm competitions (national quota)**
- **FIS UNI competitions (national quota)**
- **Canadian FIS competitions including Canadian Nationals (national quota)**
- **International FIS Competitions - other than Canada (national quota)**
- **Out of Region FIS Competitions - West and Rocky/Central (regional quota)**

Intents will be submitted via the U. S. Ski & Snowboard [Intents Website](#). Please refer to the site for instructions. Intents will be due 21 days prior to the first team captains' meeting (TCM) of the series. There is a calendar on each page of the website with intent deadlines clearly marked. Confirmation is due by 16 days prior to the first team captains' meeting of the series. 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.

Ranking will be constructed for selection purposes based on the FIS points valid at the time of intent closure. Selection methods for each series are listed below.

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 need to confirm or pull their athletes by 16 days prior to the first Team Captains Meeting (TCM). Unconfirmed athletes will be pulled.

NorAms:

Quotas :

Quota numbers are 60 for the USA and 60 for Canada. See the U. S. Ski & Snowboard Alpine Competition Guide for details.

Eligibility: For all NorAm events athletes must have less than 100.00 FIS points in any event in order to apply for selection. Development nominations are exempt from these limitations.

Selection:

See the Alpine Competition Guide for details.

Please intend your athlete or any athlete you want considered for a **NorAm development spot** on the NorAm page of the Intent Website. Selection is through a National System. Regions do not have regional quotas.

FIS UNI Events

Quotas and Eligibility: U. S. Ski and Snowboard Quota. See the U. S. Ski & Snowboard Alpine Competition Guide for details.

Selection:

Selection will be based on a NTSM of the FIS points in the events being contested. Selection is through a National System. Regions do not have regional quotas.

Canadian FIS Races

Quotas: as posted on confirmation sheet. Normally 15/ gender for FIS races.

Eligibility:

FIS Inscription, U. S. Ski & Snowboard membership and divisional membership.

Intents:

Intents should be made for full series participation only. The Regional Development Director may allow the following exemptions:

1. An athlete qualified for a U.S. Ski team or a multi- regional or national invitation to international competition.
2. Four event series will be considered in such a way as to account for athletes not participating in one or more of the event spectrum by the Regional manager.

Selection:

.Selection will be based on a NTSM of the FIS points in the events being contested.

International Intents - Non Europa Cup (excluding Canada)

Quotas : (see Northern Hemisphere Precisions for any changes)

FIS 10 men, 10 Ladies

NJR 5 men, 5 Ladies

Eligibility:

FIS Inscription, U. S. Ski & Snowboard membership and divisional membership.

Selection:

Intents received 21 days prior to the first Team Captains Meeting of the series will be seeded according to FIS points valid at the time of intent closure. Entries received within the 21 day window will be added to the entry in the order they are received. Confirmation process and copies of entries will be sent to coaches. All intents and entries will be recorded and updated.

Additional quota information and notices are posted on the cover sheet of the monthly spreadsheet or on individual tabs in the workbook. Gwynn Watkins - gwatkins@ussa.org- must be notified immediately if an athlete that has been intended for an international series is not going to attend.

Out of Region Intents

Quotas: 10 Men, 10 Ladies

Eligibility: FIS Inscription, U. S. Ski & Snowboard membership and divisional membership.

Intents:

Intents should be made for full series participation only. Eastern quotas should not be used for partial entry to any out-of-region FIS series. The Regional Development Director may allow exemptions.

Selection:

Selection will be based on a NTSM of the FIS points in the events being contested

Eastern FIS Series

Eastern Development Committee Performance Goal: Achievement by Eastern athletes of top 10 Age World rank across multiple YOBs.

In order to achieve this goal, the Eastern Development Committee (EDC) designed the Eastern Cup series around the NorAm, U 19 NPS, and FISU calendars. An athlete aiming for elite status would be targeting this group of races and starts of about 25-30 for the season. The **Eastern Development Series** was designed to position Eastern athletes who were successful at the development level to move up to the Eastern Cup series. **Open races** will be scheduled to give athletes a chance to work on their FIS profile and have events throughout the calendar season.

General Information Regarding the two Eastern FIS Series and the Opens

1. Eastern FIS Ranking List -For an Eastern athlete to be considered for the Eastern Cup, Eastern Development Series, or Eastern Open races, an athlete needs to be **registered with the Eastern office** by their coaches or athlete representative by 15 October. Athletes can be added to the list throughout the year, but no Eastern monthly rankings lists will be changed due to a late addition. FIS UNI athletes who plan to race **only** FIS UNI races do not need to be registered with the Eastern Region office but they do need current FIS inscriptions to race in the FIS UNI events.
2. For each FIS and National points list - starting with list 5, ranking lists will be done for both the Eastern Cup and the Eastern Development series using athletes registered to the Eastern FIS List. If no Eastern Cup series events are being contested during a points list duration, only a development series ranking will be done and only Development Series automatics will be pulled from the Eastern ranking list before running the NTSM. The ranking for Speed Week will use development series methodology using the complete Eastern FIS ranking list. The ranking lists will be run only once during the duration of a points list. These lists will be posted on the Eastern [website](#). **These lists act as intents** for the Eastern USA athletes for the Eastern Cup and Development Series races.

3. All foreign athletes on travel letters in the East should be registered with the Eastern office.
4. **Payment for an event will be used as race confirmation.** It is very important for athletes /parents to understand that they should not pay for an event until an athlete and coach have talked and confirmed the athlete's plan. Although refunds can be made (see refund policy) the athlete will not get back their processing fee. Please make sure all your athletes have an account at adminskiracing.com that includes both their FIS and National numbers.
5. All Eastern USA athletes in quota will have paid online before attending a race. (Exception add list athletes. See below.)

Eastern Cup Series - Sponsored by World Cup Supply - Targeted Field size is 90

Quotas

50 Automatics

10 Athletes R/C*

10 Athletes West*

8 Eastern YOB 2001 - Chosen by a YOB NTSM of National SL, GS and SG points

7 Eastern YOB 2000- Chosen by a YOB NTSM of National SL, GS and SG points

5 Eastern YOB 1999 - Chosen by a YOB NTSM of National SL, GS and SG points.

Foreign athletes as per FIS quota

Eligibility

All Eastern USA athletes with FIS points equal to or below a determined cut off value in SL or GS are eligible for participation in the Eastern Cup series and Eastern Cup ranking. YOB quota selection athletes do not need to meet the FIS point threshold for consideration. The actual point cut off for the year will be determined 16 October. The point profiles of the Eastern athletes registered to the FIS List at that time will be used to determine the cut off number that represents the top 35% of SL and GS points of athletes/gender in the region. Athletes on the list without FIS points and Eastern U. S. Ski Team members will not be included in the calculation of the cut off. There may be different values for the Men and Ladies. Athletes have the opportunity to move up into the Eastern Cup series as they advance throughout the season. The points cut off will be published after October 16.

Ranking

Upon publication of a FIS points list any Eastern USA athlete who is on the Eastern Ranking list and has a point profile that equals or is less than the SL or GS point cut off for the series will be ranked for participation in the Eastern Cup Series. Ranking will be done using a two event NTSM of FIS SL and GS points. The top 50 athletes are automatics. The points list/ranking list for any given event is the list that is current 21 days prior to the first Team Captains meeting (TCM).

The Eastern office has the option to fill unused quota spots with race winners from development series races or development selections. (Please note : Development series race winners are allowed entry into the next Eastern Cup series race. Consideration of calendar timing will be made.) Development selections will be made after all YOB selections are made.

Confirmation and Pulls.

1. Twenty (21) days prior to the first TCM of the series the ranking/intent list will be posted on line at the National Intent site. Coaches or athlete representatives may start pulling athletes at this time . All athletes who are not planning to attend must be pulled by 16 days pre-TCM by 1700H. Athletes are considered confirmed unless pulled and are expected to attend the whole series.
2. Upon posting of the ranking list on day 21 pre-TCM until day 16 pre-TCM at 1700H, development requests may be submitted on line on the Eastern website. Any athlete submitted for development will be expected to attend if chosen.
3. Sixteen (16) days prior to TCM athletes will be able to start paying online to confirm their participation in the series. The time delay allows coaches to discuss with their athletes the athletic plan for participation. Payment (online) for an athlete needs to be received by 8 days pre-TCM or the athlete be purged from the entry with no recourse of getting back on the entry. Athletes pulled from the event after the end of confirmation (16 days pre- TCM) or do not pay by deadline are financially responsible for entry if the minimum number of 90 participants is not reached.
4. On day 14 pre-TCM final entry adjustment for the series for USA East athletes will be made. Development selections will be added to the list at this time and will be able to pay. All athletes should pay online by 8 days- pre-TCM or the athlete will be purged from the entry. Athletes pulled from the event post 16 days or who do not pay by deadline are financially responsible for entry if the minimum number of 90 participants is not reached.

Team Captains Meeting

No adds will be entertained at the Team Captains meetings except for U. S. Ski Team members or athletes with a top 100 world ranking in any event being contested, who suddenly find themselves in region and able to compete. Foreign athletes will be dealt with on a case by case basis. Please contact the Eastern Office for direction. (Please note: this is not an exception for Eastern Foreign athletes on travel authorizations to get around Eastern entry procedures.)

For Eastern Cup series racing the EDC is targeting fields of 90. These are not designed as fill to 140 races. This is an elite series designed to help athletes achieve the goal of a top 10 Age World Rank.

There will be no point limits for entry into the spring series EC and we will fill to 140 for that race, by going down a two event NTSM list of SL and GS points.

Regional Training Opportunities will be available at the Eastern Cup venues for the YOB quota athletes prior to Eastern Cup Events.

Development Series

Quotas

Foreign FIS quotas

10 R/C

10 West

24 Divisional Quotas - 3 per division

20 Eastern YOB 2001 - Chosen by a YOB NTSM of National SL, GS and SG points ^

10 Eastern YOB 2000 - Chosen by a YOB NTSM of National SL, GS and SG points

10 Eastern YOB 1999 - Chosen by a YOB NTSM of National SL, GS and SG points

Up to 6 Development spots

^ 20 YOB 2001 athletes for the December Development series are reserved for the 10 qualifying athletes out of the 2017 Ronnie Berlack U16 Eastern Championship Grand Prix and 10 from a beginning of season 3 way NTSM ranking of national SL,GS, and SG points.

Eligibility

All Eastern USA athletes on the Eastern FIS Ranking List.

Ranking

1. After removing all Eastern Cup automatics and Eastern Cup age group automatics from the Eastern FIS athlete list and all the Development Series age group automatics, a ranking list will be done using a 3 event NTSM (SL, GS, SG) of U. S. Ski and Snowboard points on the remaining athletes from the Eastern FIS list.
2. Eastern Cup age group automatics and Eastern Cup automatics will be added at the end of the ranking list in that order. The ranking list will be posted on the [Eastern website](#).
3. Confirmed divisional quota selections are due in the Eastern office 8 days before the first TCM of a development series. Any unused Divisional quotas and YOB quotas will revert to the NTSM ranking list.
4. Development selections will be used only at Development Director/ Development Coach's discretion. Example: Return to snow athlete. Please contact the Development Coach directly.

Confirmation and Pulls

1. Twenty one (21) days before the first team captains meeting of a series a ranking list for that series will be posted online. This list will act as the intent list for the series. Athletes on the ranking list will be ranked after all the quota athletes listed above. The field will be filled to 140 by going down the ranking list.
1. Coaches or athlete representatives may start pulling athletes at this time . All athletes should be pulled by 8 days pre- TCM by 1700H. Athletes are considered confirmed unless pulled and are expected to attend the whole series. **Please pull your athletes as soon as possible to allow filling of the race and logistics planning for all.** A green line indication of 140 will be on the intent/ranking list. It will be updated at a minimum on day 15 and day 8 pre- TCM. Athletes making quota will be added to the payment portal at those times.
2. Remember keep the status of athletes both above and below the line updated for pulls as long as the confirmation list is open - as athletes not pulled are considered confirmed and may be financially responsible for the spot they are holding.
3. Sixteen (16) days prior to TCM athletes will be able to start paying online to confirm their participation in the series. The time delay allows coaches to discuss with their athletes the athletic plan for participation. **Payment (online) for an athlete who has made quota needs to be received by 1700 H 8 days pre-TCM or the athlete be purged from the entry with no recourse of getting back on. Athletes who were confirmed and did not pay by deadline or athletes pulled after day 8 will be responsible for payment unless their spot gets filled at the TCM.**
4. On day 8 Pre-TCM the final adjustment to the entry list will be made. The athletes added to the quota at this time must pay online by 48 hours pre-TCM. **Athletes who**

were confirmed and did not pay by deadline or athletes pulled after day 7 will be responsible for payment unless their spot gets filled at the TCM.

Team Captains Meeting

Adds at the meeting will only come from the entry list of athletes that did not make quota and are on the NTSM list and have not been pulled or purged. Athletes are added to the board in ranking list order - not points order. Any athlete that pulled or did not pay on time and was purged is out and will not be named on the entry. This entry list with the alternates listed will be submitted by the Eastern Region to the local organizing committee (LOC) and FIS TD for the series. Eastern Coaches should be at the meeting at least 30 minutes prior to start to inform the LOC of any athletes on the alternate list that are present or if they have pulls. There will be no other adds to the board unless it is a non Eastern region foreign athlete (consult Regional office or representative first) or by direction of the Eastern Office.

Eastern Opens

Quotas

Foreign as per FIS

10/ RC

10/ West

December Opens only - Any race winner from the 2017 USSA Finals at Gore has an automatic spot.

Eligibility

For a tech series race: 150.00 or less national points in the event being contested. If USA race quota does not fill by 10 days prior to the first TCM all Eastern FIS registered athletes are eligible.

For speed series races: All Eastern FIS registered athletes.

Ranking

1. Eighteen days before the first TCM at 7 PM- sign up for the race series will open on adminskiracing.com on a first come first serve basis to any eligible athlete. The first 120 USA entries are accepted and can pay. Next USA athletes get put on waiting list - Waiting list gets cut to 30 when submitted on the entry to the LOC. Ability to sign up and pay ends at 48 hours before the first TCM of the series. Eastern office reserves the right to lower the 120 number due to - Field limited to less than 140 /gender, full RC or Western quotas, large foreign quota, etc.
2. If at day 10 days prior to the first TCM of the series that includes a tech event, the USA quota has not filled, the field will be opened to all Eastern athletes on the Eastern FIS list.
3. If the athlete registers on adminskiracing.com and they notify the Eastern office they are pulling prior to 7 days before the TCM of the series, they will receive a refund of the entry fee (less processing fees). If the athlete pulls between 6 days and 72 hours before the first TCM of the series, they will get a 50 % refund of the entry fee. There are no refunds if an athlete pulls in the last 48 hours before the first TCM of the series or does not show at the race.
4. USA East Team captains should be at TCM at least 30 minutes early if they are pulling athletes off the board and to confirm the presence of any athlete on the waiting list. This will allow the LOC to put alternates from the waiting list in and have the

board ready by the start of the TCM. Alternates from the waiting list come onto the board in sign up, not points order. First come, first serve. There will be no other adds to the board unless it is a non Eastern region foreign athlete (consult Regional office or representative first), U. S. Ski Team member or the athlete ranks in the top 100 in the world or by direction of the Eastern Office.

5. If pulls are necessary, Eastern athletes come off the board first. Last to sign up comes off first and will receive a full refund of the race entry. If the open competition series has more than one race per gender during the series, no Eastern athlete will be pulled from the board more than once. The athletes pulled on day one will be put back on the board and the pulls will start on the entry list where it left off the day before.
(Documentation of entry order will be available for the local organizing committee.)

Foreign athletes on travel authorizations skiing and training with Eastern Programs

1. All Foreign athletes on travel authorizations skiing and training with Eastern Programs should be registered with the Eastern Office. The National office and the Eastern Office should be sent a copy of the travel authorization (gwatkins@ussa.org, pnichols@ussa.org.)
2. Athletes may be entered via the [Eastern Foreign athlete online portal](#) located on the Eastern website. Any athlete who is submitted through the portal will be considered a confirmed entry.
3. Athletes should establish an account with adminskiracing. If the athlete does not have a credit card that is accepted by adminskiracing due to country of origin, the Eastern office should be notified.
4. Coaches should try to intend athletes by 21 days prior to the first TCM of the series. Entry **must** be made by 48 hours pre first TCM and the athletes should pay online at adminskiracing by 48 hours pre- TCM. Arrangements to allow late entries to pay will be made if necessary. Athletes entered either by entry or portal are considered confirmed unless pulled. Athletes who fail to show for races where they have been entered will be reported to their federations.

Foreign Federation athletes not on travel letters skiing and training with the Eastern programs.

1. Please register these athletes with the Eastern office.
2. If federation entries are received early enough these athletes will be able to pay online. Please make sure the athlete has established an account with adminskiracing. If the athlete does not have a credit card that is accepted by adminskiracing due to country of origin, the Eastern office should be notified.
3. Athletes entered by their federations will be able to pay at the venue.
4. Federation entered athletes who are entered and do not attend an event will be reported to their federation.

Oversubscription of any Eastern race - Methodology for reducing the board.

If the field must be reduced to 140, the following steps will be taken:

1. Eastern Athletes added to the field by non-age specific NTSM would be removed from the board in reverse point order.

2. If lists to support steps 1 are not available, or if the 140 maximum is not yet achieved (exception Eastern Cup), Eastern athlete names will be removed from the board in reverse point order unless it is an open race. (see the open section for methodology).
3. No Eastern athlete will be removed from the board more than once until all Eastern athletes have been removed at least once during a series

General Guidelines for Refunds

1. If an athlete is pulled in the last 48 hours before the first TCM or from the board at a TCM - no refund.
2. If athlete is pulled from a series 7 days to 48 hours before the first TCM - 50 % refund of entry.
3. If athlete is pulled prior to 7 days - full refund of entry. (See exceptions Eastern Cup and Development series.). Processing fee is not refunded.
4. If event is cancelled and lift tickets have not been used - full refund of entry (processing fee not included.) Note this may not be possible in series where extensive hill preparation work has been done.
5. If event is cancelled and lift tickets have been used - refund of head tax amount

Other Selection Method

National Team Selection Method (NTSM)

The National Team Selection Method will be used as a basis to select teams and to arrange invitation lists based on ranking by points when two or more events are to be contested. NTSM is fully described in the U. S. Ski & Snowboard Competition Guide.

U. S. Ski & Snowboard -Scored and Non-Scored Eastern Competitions

The standard deadline for fully paid entries for all U. S. Ski & Snowboard races to be received by the race organizer is five days prior to the start of the first event or official training. Entries received after the deadline and/or not accompanied by payment of full entry fee, can be considered late entries. Late entries may be charged up to 150% of the entry fee. Competitors may withdraw entries without forfeiture of any entry fees paid until 5:00 p.m. two days before the race or the start of official training. After that time, the race organizer is obligated to refund entry fees only if the entrant can prove that his or her inability to compete was due to force majeure (circumstances beyond the racer's control). Many race organizers utilize online race registration. Please contact divisional organizations directly for information about how to enter online.

The Regional Development Director must approve athletes wishing to compete in U. S. Ski & Snowboard events out of region.

For any U. S. Ski & Snowboard Eastern Region competition in which the field is composed in part or wholly of quotas of various competition organizations, the competition organization must enter its complete confirmed quota prior to the established entry deadline.

Any athlete who pays by check or credit card which is returned for insufficient funds or any other reason may not be allowed to race until they have made good on any funds, including any fees imposed, owed to race organizers.

Other Competitions

High School Racing

High school ski racing programs are governed by the individual state high school athletic associations, with possible additional options developed by regional and local athletic directors and/or school committees. The role of U. S. Ski & Snowboard in high school racing is to provide assistance, instruction, and an avenue for these racers to move into the “pipeline” of U. S. Ski & Snowboard sanctioned races. It is not the intent of U. S. Ski & Snowboard to establish or direct policies toward any high school racing programs. To increase U.S. Ski and Snowboard's visibility in many of the high school ski racing programs and introduce racers to different levels of competition, the High School Racing chairs have created a U. S. Ski & Snowboard Eastern Regional High School Championship to be contested this year on March 9-11, 2018 at Cannon, NH. This Championship allows high school teams representing all states within the Eastern region, plus out of region guest teams, to compete against other state teams. This particular competition is open to all members of a state high school team who have qualified through state selection procedures. Team quota (state) is limited to twelve boys and twelve girls.

College Racing

Regional and divisional programs are designed to enable college racers to participate on their level of interest and ability. College programs are designed and implemented by the colleges themselves. These programs are developed according to the rules and regulations established by the leagues and conferences in which the college is involved. U. S. Ski & Snowboard can provide assistance and instruction to colleges in several ways via regional offices. Written materials, coaching clinics conducted by U. S. Ski & Snowboard Sport Education, and educating and certifying alpine officials are just a few ways U. S. Ski & Snowboard helps. In addition, U. S. Ski & Snowboard strives to provide college racers with various avenues in order to be active at all levels of competition.

National Performance Series and National Projects

The National Performance Series brings the best athletes across the country together at multiple times throughout the winter to compete in a head-to-head environment. The goal is to expose young athletes to their national peer group, to stimulate learning and growth in the long-term, and to accelerate elite-level development toward international competition. Selection to early season National Performance Series Projects is dependent on a current U. S. Ski & Snowboard membership and for U19s a current FIS inscription. Please make sure to renew your memberships by 1 August.

2017-18 U16 National Performance Series

Top performers at the U16 NPS can qualify to compete in the 7 Nations Cup in Malbun, LIE Feb.8-9, 2018, and they will also be automatics to their respective regional championships.

Schedule

Copper, CO – December 4 - 8, 2018 – SG, GS

Burke, VT – January 8 - 12, 2017– GS, SL

Quotas

6 boys and 6 girls ranked nationally

5 boys and 5 girls per region

Up to 3 boys and 3 girls National Development

Selections

National

Using 2016 U16 Nationals results

YOB 2001s are purged from results

WC points are reassigned to YOB '02 and '03

Athletes are 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 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.

Regional development quota - East - 5

The top overall U14 athlete 2003 from the previous year's U14 Eastern Championship. The top overall athlete will be defined by the sum of New World Cup points from events contested) The remaining 4 spots will be selected using an NTSM of SL and GS points using the most current list.

2018 Seven Nations Selections

6 per gender from U16 NPS races at Burke

Objective: 5 athletes U16 NPS race winners (up to 4)

Remaining spot(s) filled using an overall ranking of athletes by WC point using the best 3 of 4 U16 NPS races (or one less than the total number of U16 NPS Races

Discretion 1 Athlete

2017-18 U19 National Performance Series

Schedule

Copper SG November 27-30 (2 SG races) and Vail December 5-10 (2SL, 2 GS races)

Waterville – February 12-15 – 2 SL, GS, GS

Training

20 YOB 1999 and 2000

10 YOB 2001

15 U19 Regional Development

Races

Training Project athletes

20 YOB 1999 and 2000

10 YOB 2001

15 U19 Regional Development

Additional athletes

up to 30 Development

up to 10 Development Pace

Selection

National

YOB 1999 and 2000 athletes will be ranked by an NTSM of FIS points in the event(s) to be contested.

For NPS events before February 1, YOB 2001 athletes will be ranked by prior-year U16 Nationals NTSM of World Cup points in the event(s) to be contested. For NPS events on or after February 1, YOB 2001 athletes will be ranked by an NTSM of National points in the event(s) to be contested.

Regional development quota - East - 5

Four athletes selected by the next four Eastern athletes on a NTSM list of National points in the events contested and if needed the fifth spot can be filled by discretion. If no discretionary choice is made selections will continue down the list.

Additional race day quota by national intent

Championship Series - Eastern and National

U.S. Alpine Championships

U.S. Alpine Championships Hosted at Sun Valley, ID– March 21-26, 2018

Qualifying Races:

Ladies: Sugarloaf SGs, February 1 & 2, Stowe GS 4 February, Middlebury SL 11 February, Sugarbush 2 GS and 2 SL March 1-4

Men: Sugarloaf SGs, February 1 & 2, Mittersill GS 4 February, Suicide 6 SL 11 February, Burke 2 GS and 2 SL March 1-4

Points List for Selection Board: FIS List 11

Quotas:

US Nationals: 14 men, 12 ladies; Maximum team size: 18 men, 15 ladies.

Selection Methods:

The Eastern Region uses a standard double board selection method for the U.S. Alpine Championships.

Automatics:

National Selection to the US Alpine Championships - see Alpine Competition Guide or Precisions

Setting up the Board:

The board has two sides. The first side is a ranking using the New World Cup Points for results earned in the Eastern Cup series Qualifying Races. The second part of the board is based on FIS points from **FIS list 11**.

A column is established for each event on each part of the board. There will be a 6 column board. Columns will be listed in the order SL, GS, and SG; which will be the order of selection. The New World Cup point portion of the board will be first, followed by the seed point portion of the board. For all competitions, the points selection board will include points only for those events contested at the championship. (AC excluded.)

In calculating New World Cup Points, the results will be purged of all U. S. Ski Team, foreign and non-Eastern Region U.S. competitors. All Eastern Region competitors will be included calculating New WC points. National Automatics will not be purged. The top 30 competitors will receive place points based on New World Cup Point Ranking System (100, 80, 60, 50, 45, 40, 36, 32, 29, 26, 24, 22, 20, 18, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2 and 1). the case of a tie for one of the top 30 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 - 100 points, racers 2 and 3 - 80 points each, racer 4 - 50 points, etc.)

All qualifying races contested per event will be used in calculating each racer's New World Cup points in that event. If a tie remains after all results have been considered, a racer who started the series with higher seed points will be ranked in front of racers who started the

series with lower seed points in the event. Placing the racer with the best ranking on the New World Cup point board first breaks a tie on the seed point board.

Selection Procedure:

Selection proceeds from left to right on each row starting with New World Cup 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:

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

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

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

Selection for a seven person, SL and GS team would be:

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

Discretionary Selections

National Championship events, 20% of the quota (at least one slot) can be reserved for discretionary selection. This (these) slot(s) may be filled by the Eastern Development Director for development purposes. If they are used, the discretionary slots will be filled at the time that the team is named.

Athletes named to discretionary slots will not be considered in naming alternates to the team. In the case that a discretionary selection does not attend the competition, the empty spot will be filled using the alternate list. Additional discretionary selections will not be made.

Alternate Selections

Alternates are selected by continuing the procedure described above.

Partial Slots

Partial quota slots made available for multi-event competitions, as a result of a team member declining to participate in all events, will be filled by the next person on the selection board in the events(s) that the slot is available in. For example, if a member of the U.S. Alpine Championships team participates in the DH only, the next person on the selection board in SL, GS or SG would fill the available slot in SL, GS or SG.

Selections in Exceptional Circumstances

When selections for a competition are made before the qualification races are completed, or if some or all of the races in these events have been canceled, the New World Cup 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.

U.S. Alpine Junior National Championships

National Junior Championships Hosted at Sun Valley Idaho – March 28 -
March 30, 2018

Qualifying Races:

Ladies: Sugarloaf SGs, February 1 & 2, Stowe GS 4 February, Middlebury SL 11 February, Sugarbush 2 GS and 2 SL March 1-4

Men: Sugarloaf SGs, February 1 & 2, Mittersill GS 4 February, Suicide 6 SL 11 February, Burke 2 GS and 2 SL March 1-4

Points List for Selection Board: FIS List 11

Quotas:

All Juniors who attended the U. S. Alpine Championships.

Regional quota: 5 men, 5 ladies

Eligibility for Regional Quota

U19. The automatic from Eastern Development Championships may be a U19 or U21.

Selection Methods:

Any U19 with Nor Am Points, not selected for Nationals. If Quota not filled then an Eastern Standard Double Board

Automatics: Overall winner at the Eastern Development Championships, if they are a junior. If the overall winner is a senior this automatic selection is filled by the next U19 on the selection board for the Junior Championship Series.

Setting up the Board

The board has two sides. The first side is a ranking using the New World Cup Points for results earned in the Qualifying Races. The second part of the board is based on FIS points from **FIS list 11**.

A column is established for each event on each part of the board. There will be a 6 column board. Columns will be listed in the order SL, GS and SG, which will be the order of selection. The New World Cup point portion of the board will be first, followed by the seed point portion of the board. For all competitions, the points selection board will include points only for those events contested at the championship. (AC excluded.)

In calculating New World Cup Points, the results will be purged of all U. S. Ski Team, foreign and non-Eastern Region U.S. competitors, SRs and U21s. All U19 Eastern Region competitors will be included when calculating New WC points. Automatics will not be purged. The top 30 competitors will receive place points based on New World Cup Point Ranking System (100, 80, 60, 50, 45, 40, 36, 32, 29, 26, 24, 22, 20, 18, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2 and 1). In the case of a tie for one of the top 30 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 - 100 points, racers 2 and 3 - 80 points each, racer 4 - 50 points, etc.)

All qualifying races contested per event will be used in calculating each racers New World Cup points in that event. If a tie remains after all results have been considered, a racer who started the series with higher seed points will be ranked in front of racers who started the series with lower seed points in the event. Placing the racer with the best ranking on the New World Cup point board first breaks a tie on the seed point board.

Selection Procedure

Selection proceeds from left to right on each row starting with New World Cup 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:

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R	Z	D	Q	Z	M	Q	D
T	Q	B	M	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, SL and GS team would be:

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

Alternate Selections

Alternates are selected by continuing the procedure described above.

Selections in Exceptional Circumstances

When selections for a competition are made before the qualification races are completed, or if some or all of the races in these events have been canceled, the New World Cup 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.

U16 National Championships Hosted at Mission Ridge, WA March 31- April 4, 2018

Quotas

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.

Selection Procedure

1. A ranking list will be made by adding the (new) World Cup points of the best two results from SG, GS and SL at the respective U16 Regional Championships. If one or more Regional Championships competitions are canceled, the ranking will be made by adding the (new) World Cup points of the best result per event from the remaining contested competitions across SG, GS, and SL.
2. Using the ranking list from the respective U16 Regional Championships, the top three athletes from the oldest YOB competing 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 youngest YOB athletes.
3. Using the ranking list, the top five athletes from the youngest YOB competing 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 be considered in this selection
4. Using the ranking list, after purging the athletes who have already been selected, the next seven athletes overall 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 youngest YOB athletes.

5. There are discretion spots available if needed. Request for discretion must come from the regional managers and coaches to the Alpine Development Director.

Eastern Development Championships -Hosted by Mount Washington Valley Ski Team at Attitash and Cranmore, NH – March 12-17, 2018

This FIS event consists of: 2SG, 2GS, 2SL and an Alpine Combined. A field of 200 will be targeted with gender split reflective of the gender split on the Eastern FIS Athlete List.

Qualifying Races: All Regional development series races in February.

Points List for Selection Board: National List 11

Eligibility for selection board: FIS Inscription and participation in at least one development series event.

Selection Methods:

The Eastern Region uses a standard double board method for this event.

Setting up the Board

The board has two sides. The first side is a ranking using the New World Cup Points for results earned in the qualifying races. The second part of the board is based on National points from **List 11**.

A column is established for each events on each part of the board. There will be a 6 column board. Columns will be listed in the order SL, GS, and SG which will be the order of selection. The New World Cup point portion of the board will be first, followed by the seed point portion of the board. All Eastern Cup Automatics calculated from FIS list 11 and SRs will be purged from the second side of the board. For all competitions, the points selection board will include points only for those events contested at the championship. (AC excluded.) In calculating New World Cup Points, the results will be purged of all U.S. Ski Team, foreign and non-Eastern Region U.S. competitors. All Eastern Region competitors will be included when calculating New WC points. The top 30 competitors will receive place points based on New World Cup Point Ranking System (100, 80, 60, 50, 45, 40, 36, 32, 29, 26, 24, 22, 20, 18, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2 and 1). In the case of a tie for one of the top 30 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 - 100 points, racers 2 and 3 - 80 points each, racer 4 - 50 points, etc.)

All qualifying races contested per event will be used in calculating each racers New World Cup points in that event. If a tie remains after all results have been considered, a racer who started the series with higher seed points will be ranked in front of racers who started the series with lower seed points in the event. Placing the racer with the best ranking on the New World Cup point board first breaks a tie on the seed point board.

Selection Procedure

Selection proceeds from left to right on each row starting with New World Cup 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:

New World Cup Point Board

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

FIS 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, SL and GS team would be:

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

Alternate Selections

Alternates are selected by continuing the procedure described above.

There are no adds at the Team Captains Meeting.

Selections in Exceptional Circumstances

When selections for a competition are made before the qualification races are completed, or if some or all of the races in these events have been canceled, the New World Cup 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.

An overall winner for each gender will be determined by the sum of World Cup points earned in all the contested events at the championship. Ties will be broken by the best result in a single event. If a tie still exists, the next best result will be considered until the tie is broken. If necessary all events will be considered. These winners are automatics to the National Junior Championship if they are a junior.

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Divisional Quotas and Entries

Divisional quotas represent one divisional (state) team and will be determined by the EDC by Dec. 1 and published on the Eastern Website. Competitors may choose not to compete in an event, but unused quota spots will remain unfilled in the applicable event/gender. Unused quota spots will not be reallocated to another division's quota. Division quotas for boys and girls will remain the same for all events. Entry lists are due into the Eastern office one week prior to the start of the event. No alternates or substitutions will be allowed after the team captains meeting for the first race.

Seeding

1. The U16 Eastern Championship events will be a seeded U. S. Ski & Snowboard event--as per National rules with addition of special seed quota after bib 15. This special seed will be composed of up to two athletes per division. If divisions have 2 athletes in the first 15, they will not have any athletes in the special seed. If the division has one athlete in the first 15, they will have one athlete in the special seed. If the division does not have any athletes in the first 15, they will have 2 athletes in the special seed.

The athletes will be chosen from the divisional ranking list sent by the division (first ones on the list not in the top 15). The special seed will be drawn randomly. After the special seed all athletes will be ranked by National points. Divisions may send different ranking lists for each event.

2. Second run start order for SL and GS events will be determined by normal National procedures; reverse top-30, then 31st on from first run times. If possible, first run DNFs and DSQs are allowed to run the second run, in bib order, at the end of the field. This decision is made by the jury.
3. Eastern athletes selected to and participating in the Seven Nations Cup will be automatics to U16 Nationals and will be part of a national quota. Up to 5 spots per gender can be reserved by the Eastern Region Youth Coordinator and Development Director for a development quota. These selections will be announced before the first Team Captains Meeting.

Details

This U. S. Ski & Snowboard scored event consists of: 2SG, GS, 2SL. Boys and Girls. GS races will be held on separate days. There is no SG training scheduled for this event. Overall champions will be named by adding the New World Cup points from the 2 SG, GS and 2 SL events or whatever events are able to be contested. Twenty seven boys and girls will be selected by Divisional quota derived from the same Divisional formula that was used for the championship event to represent the region at the U16 Am-Can Races (Tremblant, QC, Can - April 2-4, 2018). Athletes may participate in both the U16 National Championships and the U16 Am-Can Races in years where the calendar allows. Events and seeding details for these events will be available on the Eastern Website no later than the date of selections.

The top ten second year U16 girls using U16 Eastern Championship overall scoring will be automatic entries to four December Eastern FIS races. The top ten second year U16 boys using U16 Eastern Championship overall scoring will be automatic entries to four December Eastern FIS races.

U14 Eastern Championships Hosted at Whiteface, NY – March 15-18, 2018

Divisional Quotas and Entries

Divisional Quotas will be determined by the Children's committee by Dec. 1 and published on the Eastern Website. Quotas represent one divisional team to the U14 Eastern Championships. Up to 5 spots per gender can be reserved by the Eastern Region Youth Coach and Development Director for a development quota. These selections will be announced before the first Team Captains Meeting. The development quota will be in their own seed after the first seed.

Seeding

Each divisional team will be divided into five groups for men, five groups for women. If quota is not divisible by five, the larger group will go into seed one, and then into seed two, as needed. Within each of the five seed groups, a random draw will determine the first run order.

Seeds will run in order from one to five for each event. Seeds will consist of the same athletes for each event.

Second run start order for each event will be determined by normal U. S. Ski & Snowboard procedures; reverse top-30, then 31st on from first run times. If possible, first run DNFs and DSQs are allowed to run the second run, in bib order, at the end of the field. This is determined by the jury.

Details

This non-scored event will consist of a GS, SL, SG and SkillsQuest. Second year U14 athletes who win races and have another top 3 finish in SL, GS, and SG will be invited to represent the Eastern Region at the U16 National Championships. Selected athletes may choose not to attend the U16 National Project. The Eastern Region will not fill any unused quota slots.

Thirty Eastern athletes per gender will move on to represent the Eastern Region at the U14 Can-Am Races (Sugarloaf, ME – March 29 to April 1, 2018). Selections (to U14 Can - Am) will be the winners of individual events contested at the U14 Eastern Championships (SG, GS, SL) or whatever events are able to be contested, followed by rankings based on each athlete's best 2 single run and/or overall results from the series. First place(s) will receive 1 point; second place(s) will receive 2 points, etc. The results of out of region athletes who are given entrance to the U14 Championships under the discretionary quota of the Eastern office are purged. Ties will be decided by the next best place (third result/place). Athletes must choose U16 Nationals or U14 Can-Am and must notify the Regional Director within 48 hours of completion of U14 Eastern Championships.

Eastern U.S. Ski & Snowboard Finals Hosted at Gore Mountain, NY – March 22-25, 2018

Divisional Quotas (Combined both genders - U19, U21, SRs eligible)

Divisional quotas will be posted on the Eastern website on 1 December.

Divisional Chairs will submit their entry lists and request to use any declined quota spots.

The Eastern office will notify divisions of any additional quota spots by March 8. Unused quota spots will be reallocated through a state rotation of SO, NJ, PA, ME, TS, NY, NH, and VT.

Eastern High School Championship Quota - The top 5 girls and the top 5 boys from the Eastern High School Championships will be automatics to this event.

Development Quota

An additional 30 + athletes may be added to the SG's of this event. Requests need to be in the Eastern office by March 6 via online forms.

Details

This event consists of: SG, GS, and SL, filled through divisional quotas, by athletes who have not qualified for the Eastern Development Championships. Overall champions will be named based on total Old World Cup points scored in the series, ties will be broken by best single result, moving to the next single best result until ties are broken. There will be a non-mandatory SG training day available the day prior to the SG race for all interested competitors.

Race winners, not Overall Champions, at this event will be automatics to the following year's December FIS Opens. Foreign athletes must qualify through their divisional organizations and will be included as part of their division's quota. Foreign athletes' U. S. Ski & Snowboard membership requirements (x-license) and their home federation's membership requirements must be in order. Divisions may include seniors in their quota.

U16 Eastern Finals Hosted at Waterville, NH – March 22-25, 2018

Quotas and Selection

Divisional Quotas will fill the field of 155 competitors. Quotas will be published by Dec. 1 on

the Eastern Web site. Quotas represent one state team. Unused quota spots will be reallocated through a state rotation of SO, NJ, PA, ME, TS, NY, NH, and VT. Divisional quotas are due in the Eastern Office by March 1 before the event.

Seeding Each state team will be divided into five groups for men, five groups for women. If quota is not divisible by five, the larger group will go into seed one, and then into seed two, as needed.

Within each of the five seed groups, a random draw will determine the first run order.

1. Seeds will run in order from one to five for all events. Seeds will consist of the same athletes for each event.
2. Second run start order for SL and GS events will be determined by normal USSA procedures; reverse top-30, then 31st on from first run times. If possible, first run DNFs and DSQs are allowed to run the second run, in bib order, at the end of the field. This decision is made by the jury.

Details

This scored event will consist of a SG, GS, and SL with a mandatory SG training day held prior to the SG race. Three athletes per gender will be selected to race at the U16 Am- Can Races (Tremblant, QC, Can - April 2-4, 2018) by adding the New World Cup points of the best two results from the SG, GS and SL with ties decided by the next best race result.

Eastern Amateur Ski Educational Foundation - EASEF

The mission of the Eastern Amateur Ski Educational Foundation (EASEF) is to offer financial support to young athletes to enable them to participate in and pursue competitive winter sports opportunities. Twenty percent of the funds are reserved for Junior athletes. Information and scholarship applications are available at the [EASEF website](#).