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Alpine Competition Handbook
2020-2021
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U.S. Ski & Snowboard main web page
www.usskiandsnowboard.org

Western Region website
U.S. Ski & Snowboard Athlete Development Page
https://usskiandsnowboard.org/sport-development/athlete-development

Northern Division web page
www.northernussa.org

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Northern Division Background & Governance

- The Northern Division of the U.S. Ski & Snowboard was incorporated in the State of Montana in 1965 to provide a common corporate and administrative framework for snow sports, primarily ski racing, as conducted by affiliated clubs within several Montana communities and a few communities in Wyoming and South Dakota. It was incorporated as the Northern Division Amateur Ski Educational Foundation in 1970. We have
paperwork on file with the State of Montana to do business as (dba) Northern Division United States Ski Association.

- At a February 17, 2001, Northern Division meeting of ski racing club representatives from Helena, Whitefish, Missoula, Anaconda, Bozeman, Big Sky, Red Lodge, and Casper, Wyoming, cast a unanimous vote to adopt By-Laws for a foundation named NORTHERN DIVISION AMATEUR SKI EDUCATION FOUNDATION. The Foundation is an affiliated club organized within several Montana communities and a few communities in Wyoming and South Dakota. Casper, WY relocated to Rocky Mountain Division as of June 2009 and was brought back into Northern Division in June of 2020. **Each member club pays dues of $325.00 by Fall General Meeting each year to the Northern Division.**

- The By-Laws for the Foundation prescribe how the Foundation will operate and the duties of its officers. Each Northern Division club in good financial standing may designate one representative to vote at each Northern Division general session meeting. By-Laws were updated at the Fall 2015 General Meeting and amended in the Fall of 2016 increasing the number of members in our Alpine Competition Committee from seven voting members to nine voting members. By-Laws were amended in winter of 2018 to allow our President Emeritus to stay on as a voting member of our Board of Directors for one year following their service.

- All Northern Division (ND) affiliated clubs holding U.S. Ski & Snowboard sanctioned races must pay national dues to be member clubs of the United States Ski and Snowboard. This gives them the authority to hold U.S. Ski & Snowboard sanctioned events: U.S. Ski & Snowboard non-CLIP club national membership is priced differently for clubs of 25 or more members than it is for clubs with 24 members or less. This membership enables U.S. Ski & Snowboard competition clubs access to special programs such as allowing clubs to conduct U.S. Ski & Snowboard events and purchase U.S. Ski & Snowboard club insurance for an additional cost. Contact U.S. Ski & Snowboard Member Services at 435.647.2666 or send e-mail to: membership@usskiandsnowboard.org for an application or to update club information. Or go to this link [https://memberservices1.wufoo.com/forms/zxtsqba0gqsz2dg/](https://memberservices1.wufoo.com/forms/zxtsqba0gqsz2dg/)

- U.S. Ski & Snowboard levies a “head tax” of **$10.00** per start on **all** U.S. Ski & Snowboard scored events to fund U.S. Ski & Snowboard activities. Additionally, U.S. Ski & Snowboard has a body of administrative rules that pertain to all U.S. Ski & Snowboard clubs and competitors.

- Northern Division is a member of the Western Region (WR) of U.S. Ski & Snowboard, which sets the rules for regional teams and competitions: “The U.S. Ski & Snowboard WR is one of three U.S. Ski & Snowboard regions established under the authority of the Alpine Sports Committee and is responsible for the regulation of the sport of Alpine Ski Competition within the geographical area of the Western United States. It consists of the five western divisions: Alaska, Far West, Intermountain, Northern and Pacific Northwest.” The WR Alpine Competition Committee establishes regional policies, procedures and operating rules for the Western Region.

- The ND President and ND Alpine Competition Committee Chair are automatically members of the Western Region Alpine Competition Committee, unless one of those serves as WR ACC Chair. If that is the case, another member shall be appointed by the Northern Division. Western Region levies a “head tax” on all Northern Division scored races and all non-scored races to fund Western Region activities.
• ND also establishes rules and fees to be charged by ND clubs for non-regional (local) U.S. Ski & Snowboard competitions held by ND clubs. As well, it establishes rules of conduct and selection for its teams that travel to regional events. ND levies a “head tax” on non-regional U.S. Ski & Snowboard events held by ND clubs so as to fund ND activities. ND also has within its rights to levy a head tax on any Regional or FIS event held within its division with the exception of Nor-Ams or National Championships.

• As a general matter, the Federation Internationale de Ski (FIS), of which U.S. Ski & Snowboard is a member, establishes the technical and safety rules that must be followed when hosting or participating in a ski competition. The U.S. Ski & Snowboard Competition Guide closely follows FIS rules. Therefore, when a U.S. Ski & Snowboard member club or participant has a technical or safety related question, it may refer to the current FIS Alpine manual and the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Alpine Competition guide for an answer.

Insurance
• The U.S. Ski & Snowboard Competition Guide requires all U.S. Ski & Snowboard members to have valid and sufficient medical/accident insurance coverage and to accept full responsibility for provisions of such coverage as a condition of becoming a U.S. Ski & Snowboard member and participating in official U.S. Ski & Snowboard training and competition. Such primary coverage must be in effect for the entire term of the membership in order for the member to have coverage under U.S. Ski & Snowboard excess accident insurance policy. Members must carry proof of primary coverage insurance and such proof must be available at each event so that prompt medical/hospital care can be authorized, if needed. U.S. Ski & Snowboard provides properly registered members with excess medical coverage, as follows:
  • Excess Accident Medical Insurance for Members of a U.S. Ski & Snowboard Member Club: Current U.S. Ski & Snowboard Members of a U.S. Ski & Snowboard Member Club have excess accident medical coverage during sanctioned or registered events including official training (as defined by the policy) at such events. Please see https://usskiandsnowboard.org/sport-programs/sports-medicine/sport-accident-insurance for a detailed description of coverage.
  • Excess Accident Medical Insurance for Members of a U.S. Ski & Snowboard CLIP Member Club: Current U.S. Ski & Snowboard Members of a U.S. Ski & Snowboard CLIP Member Club have excess accident medical coverage during skiing competition, while training to compete and conditioning to compete in ski competition that is supervised by a U.S. Ski & Snowboard representative and/or representative of a U.S. Ski & Snowboard CLIP Member Club. Please see https://usskiandsnowboard.org/sport-programs/sports-medicine/sport-accident-insurance for a detailed description of coverage including a list of activities that are excluded from the policy.
• The Northern Division follows guidelines from the national office U.S. Ski & Snowboard regarding SafeSport, Avalanche Awareness and requires Coaches and Officials to successfully pass a background check every other year in order to participate in sanctioned events.
https://usskiandsnowboard.org/safesport-athlete-safety/safesport-resources
U.S. Ski & Snowboard Alpine Program Information

Competition Categories (*page 17 U.S. Ski & Snowboard Competition Guide 2021*)

- Competitor (non-scored) Ages 13 years and younger
- Competitor (scored to national lists) Ages 14 years and older
- FIS Competitor (national & FIS scored) Ages 16 years and older
- Masters Racing * (non-scored) Ages 18 years and up

*An athlete born 2000 or earlier may compete in either masters or seeded competition or both, depending on the rules of a specific region. He or she must have a competitor and a masters membership in order to participate in both programs.

Age Classes (based on your age as of December 31st, 2020)

Juniors

- U8 Ages 7 and under (born 2013 and later)
- U12 Ages 10-11 (born 2010, 2009)

Senior

- SR Ages 21 (born 1999 or earlier)

FIS Rules

- Please refer to the current printing of the FIS manual, books and rules that govern the technical aspects of ski racing and ski racing competitions, including equipment specifications when racing in FIS races.
- The FIS web site can be found at [www.fis-ski.com](http://www.fis-ski.com).
- To participate in a FIS race, including any Western Region FIS race, a FIS license must be acquired before the first team captain’s meeting for the series in which a racer is participating.
  - Only athletes born in 2004 or earlier are eligible for FIS registration.
    - A FIS license may be purchased for $85.00 by August 15th, 2020; after that date, the cost will be $155.00. Link to application [https://memberservices1.wufoo.com/forms/szw5rpwc1py8lfc/](https://memberservices1.wufoo.com/forms/szw5rpwc1py8lfc/)

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Please see the U.S. Ski & Snowboard website for 2020-2021 Alpine Competition Guide and for individual competitor ski racing equipment specifications applicable to U.S. Ski & Snowboard sanctioned races.

Here is the link to the latest U.S. Ski & Snowboard /FIS Equipment
https://usskiandsnowboard.org/sport-programs/rules-equipment/alpine-equipment
Membership in U.S. Ski & Snowboard is a privilege, not a right. All U.S. Ski & Snowboard members when participating in any U.S. Ski & Snowboard activity must agree to conduct themselves according to U.S. Ski & Snowboard core values of Excellence, Integrity, Passion, Fun, Team, and Grit, and abide by the spirit and dictates of this Code of Conduct. All members must agree to comport themselves in a sportsmanlike manner and are responsible for their actions while attending or participating in all U.S. Ski & Snowboard activities (including but not limited to camps, competitions, and projects).

Sportsmanlike conduct is defined as but is not limited to: respect for competition officials, resort employees, fellow members, and the skiing and snowboarding public, respect for facilities, privileges, and operating procedures, the use of courtesy and good manners, acting responsibly and maturely, refraining from the use of profane or abusive language, and abstinence from illegal or immoderate use of alcohol and use of illegal or banned drugs.

While participating in any U.S. Ski & Snowboard activity:

1. U.S. Ski & Snowboard members shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the International Ski Federation (FIS) Statutes, the United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee (USOPC) Bylaws, the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Bylaws, and this U.S. Ski & Snowboard Code of Conduct.

2. U.S. Ski & Snowboard members shall conduct themselves at all times and in all places as befit worthy representatives of the United States of America, the United States Olympic Committee, U.S. Ski & Snowboard, their region, division, state or club and in accordance with the best traditions of national and international competition.

3. U.S. Ski & Snowboard members are responsible for knowledge of and adherence to competition rules and procedures. Members are also responsible for knowledge of and adherence to the rules and procedures of the U.S. Ski & Snowboard national teams, camps or other projects when participating in such.

4. U.S. Ski & Snowboard members shall maintain high standards of moral and ethical conduct, which includes self-control and responsible behavior, consideration for the physical and emotional well being of others, and courtesy and good manners.

5. U.S. Ski & Snowboard members shall abide by U.S. Ski & Snowboard rules and procedures while traveling to and from and participating in official U.S. Ski & Snowboard activities.

6. U.S. Ski & Snowboard members shall abstain from illegal and/or immoderate consumption of alcohol. Absolutely no consumption of alcohol is permitted for those individuals under the age of 21. Members under 21 years of age shall not participate in gatherings involving consumption of alcohol unless it is an official U.S. Ski & Snowboard or event organizer function. Members under the age of 18 shall not use any form of nicotine including but not limited to cigarettes, vaping, chewing tobacco, gum, and patches.
7. No U.S. Ski & Snowboard member shall violate the customs, travel or currency regulations of a country while traveling with a U.S. Ski & Snowboard group or on a U.S. Ski & Snowboard ticket.

8. No U.S. Ski & Snowboard member shall commit a criminal act.

9. No U.S. Ski & Snowboard member shall engage in any conduct that could be perceived as harassment based upon gender, age, race, religion, disability, or sexual orientation.

10. U.S. Ski & Snowboard members will avoid profane or abusive language and disruptive behavior.

11. U.S. Ski & Snowboard members understand and agree that they may be drug tested at any time, that they are subject to and will abide by the USADA Protocol for Olympic and Paralympic Movement Testing, its Annexes, and the USOPC National Anti-Doping Policies, and that any dispute related to the foregoing will be resolved exclusively in arbitration pursuant to the USADA Protocol. Before taking any medications, members must check the prohibited status at GlobalDRO.com. Also, they must be sure to download the Supplement 411 app, or visit Supplement411.org to learn how to recognize and reduce the risks related to supplement use. Any anti-doping questions can be directed to Athlete Express at 866.601.2632.

12. U.S. Ski & Snowboard members agree to abide by the policies and procedures established by the U.S. Center for SafeSport.

Failure to comply with any of the above provisions may lead to disciplinary action by the appropriate team or competition leader. Disciplinary action may include:

- Removal from the team trip or training camp
- Suspension from training and/or competition
- Elimination of coaching, travel, and other benefits
- Forfeiture of U.S. Ski & Snowboard membership

U.S. Ski & Snowboard is committed to principles of fairness, due process and equal opportunity. Members are entitled to be treated fairly and in compliance with U.S. Ski & Snowboard Bylaws, policies, and procedures. Members are entitled to notice and an opportunity for a hearing before being prevented from participating in protected competition as that term is defined by the USOPC Bylaws. Information on the processes for grievances, suspensions, and appeals is available at usskiandsnowboard.org.

Nothing in this Code of Conduct shall be deemed to restrict the individual freedom of a U.S. Ski & Snowboard member in matters not involving activities in which one could not be perceived as representing U.S. Ski & Snowboard. In choices of appearance, lifestyle, behavior, and speech while not representing U.S. Ski & Snowboard, competitors shall have complete freedom, provided their statements and actions do not adversely affect the name and reputation of the U.S. Ski & Snowboard. However, in those events where one is representing or could be perceived as representing U.S. Ski & Snowboard, U.S. Ski & Snowboard demands that its members understand and agree to behave in a manner consistent with the best traditions of sportsmanship and U.S. Ski & Snowboard core values.

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The current printing of the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Competition Guide specifies competition categories and license requirements for each category (competitor non-scored, competitor scored, FIS competitor scored, and Masters), age classes (Seniors and U21 – U8), medical and accident insurance requirements, alpine ski racing disciplines (slalom, giant slalom, downhill, super giant slalom, and combined), how races are scored and points awarded to racers, national and regional team selections, and races, as well as officials divisional races schedules in effect at the time the Guide is published. The U.S. Ski & Snowboard Technical Race Guide and Specifications are also included in each printing of the Competition Guide. The current competition guide can be found on the U.S. Ski & Snowboard website under forms and publications.


Western Region Rules
Please refer to the Western Region home page on the U.S. Ski & Snowboard website for the rules that pertain to Western Region competitions and Western Region teams.


Geographic Affiliation/Designation
(Page 154 U.S. Ski & Snowboard Alpine Comp Guide)
A racer shall affiliate as an athlete of the region/division/state in which he/she is training during the majority of the northern hemisphere competition season. The designation must be made at the start of the season, and must be abided by the racer for the entire season. Any conflicts must be resolved before participation; contact the regional office. Requests for in-season changes of affiliation must be made in writing to the alpine domestic program manager. Such in-season changes may result in loss or default of regional/divisional/state qualifying status.

Exception: U.S. Ski Team members and National Training Groups will retain their home affiliations.

Northern Division Rules
Individual Membership in Northern Division

- Every ND club must be a member club of U.S. Ski & Snowboard and pay National Dues.
- Every Club and Independent Racer must pay Northern Division Club Dues of $325 annually.
- Every person racing in a U.S. Ski & Snowboard Sanctioned race conducted by a club affiliated with ND must be a current member of U.S. Ski & Snowboard, as specified in the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Competition Guide. Competitors must be affiliated with a Northern Club or have paid Independent Race Dues noted above. Additionally, each person must be a member of ND, with the following fees, per the U.S. Ski & Snowboard registration form:
  - Before October 16: U16 & Older Competitor = $50.00
Before October 16: U14 Competitor = $36.00
Before October 16: U12 & Under Competitor = $30.00
After October 15: U16 & Older Competitor = $60.00
After October 15: U14 Competitor = $46.00
After October 15: U12 & Under Competitor = $40.00
Alpine General = $12.00 (NOT for competition)
Short Term = $7.00
Short Term Foreign =$ 7
Alpine Coach (ACO) = $30
Alpine Junior Coach (AJCO) = $20

Individual Membership in U.S. Ski & Snowboard – Northern Division
- Each competitor in ND races must have a U.S. Ski & Snowboard membership. Those who are age 16 years and older competitors may need to purchase a FIS license too. (See FIS section above)

ND Code of Conduct
- In addition to the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Code of Conduct, ND establishes the following:
  - Any parent, athlete, coach, volunteer, or official that physically assaults or threatens any volunteer, athlete, or official shall be considered as having committed a minor offense and will be given a warning. If the abuse continues, it will be considered a second offense. The individual doing the abusing shall be required to leave the race arena for the remainder of the day. The race will be stopped until that individual leaves. If this individual refuses to leave the race arena, the ski patrol will be asked to remove this individual from the hill. This shall be considered a third offense and this individual (volunteer, official, athlete, or coach) will not be allowed at any race venue for a time period of a year. Any infraction of this rule will be included on the TD report and a copy will be sent to the Officials Committee. An appeal can be made through the ND Board of Directors, but the penalty will stand until the ND Board of Directors decides. Following that, if not satisfied, grievance procedure outlined in by-laws would apply within a 30 day appeal deadline.

- ND teams (athletes and coaches) competing out-of-division are representing the Northern Division and will be considered as part of a Northern Division Project. Parents are responsible for their own athlete's transportation, however on all projects athletes will share in costs of coaches’ transportation, coaches’ per diem, coaches’ lodging, divisional administrative costs and wax. Additionally, all U14 athletes and older are required to have a signed ND Team Agreement, Indemnification (Hold Harmless), Medical Release, and Financial Agreement annually. College athletes on an official team roster are to have Med Info and Indemnification on file. Coaches are to sign ND Team Agreement Forms. These forms can be found on the ND web site (www.northernussa.org) and are due November 30th, annually. In order to appear on any selection boards, athletes must have all these forms on file at the divisional office and must be in good financial standing with the region, division and their own affiliate club.
Team members’ appearance and conduct shall be of the highest quality at all times. Any unreasonable conduct or undesirable personal appearance will result in the team member being immediately removed from the team. All team members shall follow training schedules and other reasonable demands made of them by the team coaches.

For 2021, due to COVID-19, Northern Division will not require athletes to lodge with the team on Northern Projects, but will try to provide athlete lodging blocks for events and secure lodging for coaches if needed.

**ND Races, in General**

- Each club bidding to host a U.S. Ski & Snowboard sanctioned race within the ND must agree to enforce all current U.S. Ski & Snowboard rules and requirements at the race.
  - In addition, it must satisfy all U.S. Ski & Snowboard and ND administrative requirements, such as the payment of appropriate head taxes and timely submission of official race results.
  - Race announcements for events should be sent to the participating clubs and divisional manager at least 30 days before the event with any housing reservation deadlines. The announcement must allow adequate time to register for the race and its fee schedule must conform to that established by ND, Western Region, and U.S. Ski & Snowboard.
  - Clubs hosting events are to contact the TD assigned to their event at least two weeks in advance.

- For individuals and ND clubs entering athletes in the race of another ND club, all entries must be made as required on the race announcement, preferably using on-line U.S. Ski & Snowboard registration if applicable or the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Team Entry Form using separate forms for genders. Entries must be sent with entry fees by the deadline stated in the announcements or face late fees imposed by the organizers. **Coaches must use the myussa.org portal to indicate to the host club that they are “attending” the event. This will enable the club to contact coaches in the events changes or issues might arise.**
  - The ND ACC reserves the right to establish policies regarding cancellations, withdrawals, and non-participation of racers, and refund of entry fees not inconsistent with U.S. Ski & Snowboard or Western Region policies. (see that later in this manual) ND has submitted that the deadline for pulling athletes from start lists eligible for full refund (with exception for illness, injury or family emergency which includes documentation) must be made by 5:00 p.m. the previous day.

- Due to COVID-19, All Awards for 2021 will be virtual. For all ND races, the host clubs shall provide first through third place medals for each of the Sr, U21-U14 classes. Ribbons may be awarded to subsequent places, at the discretion of the host club. As of 2014, Team Scoring at each event will be used for each day's event using the top three finishers from each club and each gender combined. The top three teams will be announced VIRTUALLY for each day’s events as well as an OVERALL Team award will be awarded for the weekend’s events.
At A-U16 races, the number of comped entries and lift tickets will be left up to the discretion of the local race organizing committee. This should be clearly stated in the race announcement. Recommendations are that “comped” athletes be limited to top five best point holders under 100 points. Please use the Northern Division Head Tax form if “comping” divisional athletes. (see end of manual)

Athletes who wish to compete out of division at U.S. Ski & Snowboard races will not be granted permission if the event’s schedule conflicts with one of our own qualifiers except if invited to a regional or national training project or under other extraordinary circumstances.

Northern Division collects head tax of $5/per start and $2/start of development funds. The development fund portion collected this season for each age group will be used the next season for these purposes: U16 & Older: Funding Gold Point Scholarships and Rabbit Money; YSL: AK Travel Fund and YSL Champs Swag.

For 2021, due to COVID-19, the number of athletes allowed to compete in an event will be limited to 100 athletes or less. Calendaring has been adjusted accordingly, with many events being single gender, so please see the calendar and link to the event race announcements for more information. Social Distancing and masks (except for athletes who are on course either training or racing) will be required for all athletes, coaches and officials at all times. Northern Division will follow the Alpine Domestic Competition Guidelines put out by U.S. Ski & Snowboard which may be updated throughout the season.

For 2021, due to COVID-19, seedings and start orders for scored ND events shall be administered according to the current printing of the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Competition Guide. For this season, due to COVID-19, starting orders for YSL events will be by team order, randomly drawn and reversed for the 2nd run. Any change to this order must be approved at Team Captain’s meeting.

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In cases of force majeure, the Jury may terminate a competition prior to DNF/DSQ/NPS second-run starts

- ND has left it up to the discretion of the host club to utilize a one-run race format for U10’s and younger. Mixed gender events may be utilized for U12’s and younger except in this season due to COVID.

- ND follows U.S. Ski & Snowboard Competition guidelines regarding helmets. Find rules regarding helmets on page 160 of your Alpine Competition Guide.

- ND U.S. Ski & Snowboard Technical Delegates (TDs), shall be paid $120/day for the days of the event (scored and non-scored) plus travel day(s) by the organizer as stipulated on the U.S. Ski & Snowboard TD expense form. If they request, Northern TDs will also be eligible to be reimbursed by the organizer for actual fuel plus 20%; for lodging, at a rate of the average single room, one person, economy motel (i.e. Super 8) in the town hosting the event. However, if the organizer provides volunteer housing, the TD must use this or pay for his/her own lodging; reasonably priced (for the event site) meals that are accompanied with receipts will be covered. However, if the organizer provides meals, the TD must utilize these; reasonable out of pocket expenses such as telephone, postage, copying will also be reimbursed by the organizer. Organizers are responsible to send the TD Expense Report to the designated Nat’l TD designated on the form regardless of whether the TD accepts reimbursement or donates expenses back to the club. Copies of all TD Reports and U.S. Ski & Snowboard Technical Delegate’s Expense Report for all U.S. Ski & Snowboard non-FIS events must be submitted to Ndtrtr2020@gmail.com

- ND encourages organizers to follow WR Coaches’ Pass policy. (see later in this guide) The organizer will provide complimentary lift passes for coaches emailed or listed on the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Team Entry Forms at the time entries are due. Coaches for the divisional teams must be current members (NOT pending) of U.S. Ski & Snowboard and must hold valid U.S. Ski & Snowboard Coaches’ memberships. Each team will be entitled to one coach per sex plus one coach for each 10 competitors or portion thereof. Racers will not be eligible for coaches’ passes. Coaches who are not included on the entry forms, which are in excess of a team’s quota, or who do not meet membership requirements, should be able to purchase tickets at the racer’s price.

- ND has assumed the Western Region Travel Policy and requires all non-rostered college athletes to confirm their intent to compete in Western Region FIS events with a non-refundable deposit of $200 (waived for this season due to COVID-19), which will be forfeited should the athlete pull from that event for any reason without documentation approved by our ACC. That balance will be applied to the trip should the athlete attend the event. All remaining fees associated with participation in divisionally conducted training and/or Northern Division competition projects are due prior to the start (travel day if applicable) of the project in the divisional office. No services will be rendered to athletes who have not made payment prior to the beginning of any project. Applicable fees are announced at the time the selection list or quota is announced. For this season, due to COVID-19, athletes will not be expected to lodge with the team at any events. Athletes not in good standing with Northern as of travel day of all divisional quota events are subject to immediate sanctioning. Good standing is defined as current U.S. Ski & Snowboard and Northern Division membership and no outstanding debts owed the division or region. Refunds (less the deposit) will be granted for withdrawal from projects or competition trips or
for partial attendance for injury, illness, or family emergency **with documentation** on the following schedule:

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

- For ND Projects all athletes who are selected and confirmed for any category of competition who cannot attend must be accounted for by the divisional manager and may still be liable for their portion (in addition to their $200 non-refundable deposit in Non-Covid year) of the project expense unless the divisional manager is able to obtain a refund. See refund policy above.

**TIMING & DATA TECHNICAL REPORT FORM:** FIS program can be used to produce a paper copy report, as required, for U.S. Ski & Snowboard non-FIS events. The software does accept “National Race Code” which is used for a U.S. Ski & Snowboard Transmittal number (alpha character + 4-digit number); “Race Codex” is left blank and either “CHI – Children” or “JUN – Junior” category must be selected. If using the FIS TDTR software for a U.S. Ski & Snowboard event, download/install/test in advance of your event as slow connections/download time may not allow for day-of event installation. The **TDTR XML file must not be submitted to FIS for non-FIS events or to U.S. Ski & Snowboard as is U.S. ski & Snowboard is not currently set up to accept the TDTR XML file. A signed copy of this form for all non-FIS U.S. Ski & Snowboard - scored events and sanctioned non-scored Championship events, e.g. U14 and Masters Championships, must be submitted to the following, applicable region/division representative. **FIS will evaluate the TDTR for FIS events and will report any anomalies to the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Competition Services.** A copy of the calculation(s) required for Replacement Time(s) (EET) if needed must accompany the TDTR submitted to the above region/division representatives

  For Northern Events: Send to Tami Strong (IMD) [tami@sbsef.com](mailto:tami@sbsef.com)

**Northern Entry and Head Tax Fee Schedules:**

- It is the responsibility of the race organizing committee to submit to U.S. Ski & Snowboard /WR/ ND Head Tax the proper amount of head taxes due to U.S. Ski & Snowboard, WR, and ND within 30 days of the last race of the event. **Head Tax should accompany the results if on-line registration was not utilized.**

**2020-2021 U.S. Ski & Snowboard List of Approved Head Tax Exempt Athletes**

See list of athletes that are members of the U.S. Ski Team (A, B, C, D), and the U.S. Paralympics Alpine National Team and are the named U.S. athletes that may be waived from U.S. Ski & Snowboard National Head Tax.

Other athletes that may be waived are named foreign national team members who are ranked in the top 350 in the world in one of the events being contested.

At pre-determined events (e.g. Nor-Am and U.S. Alpine National Championships), or at the discretion of the OC for other events, athletes ranked 100 or better (in the world) in one of the events being contested - regardless of their national team affiliation or national status - may not be required to pay event fees and are also exempt from Head Tax. *(If confirmation is required, please contact U.S. Ski & Snowboard Competition Services.)*

Athletes named to Regional and Divisional Team are not waived from U.S. Ski & Snowboard National Head Tax. Refer to your Region/Division Handbook regarding Region/Division Head Tax waiver policies.
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The entry fee schedule payable to the host ND affiliate club for individuals competing at ND affiliate club races is as follows for the 2020-2021 season:

- **Scored Technical Race**: $36.00 per start
- **Scored Speed Race**: $39.00 per start
- **Scored Speed Training**: $30.00 per series
- **NON Scored Technical Race**: $25.00 per start
- **NON Scored Speed Race**: $25.00 per start
- **NON Scored Speed Training**: $30.00 per series
- **NON-Scored SkillsQuest Tournament if not part of an event**: $25 per start
- **Western Region FIS Tech Entry Fee**: $48.00 per start
- **Western Region FIS Speed Entry Fee**: $52.00 per start
- **Western Region FIS Speed Training Fee**: $40.00 per series

The head tax fee schedule for a club hosting a ND U.S. Ski & Snowboard race is as follows:

- **Scored Race U.S. Ski & Snowboard Head Tax**: $10.00 per head/per start
- **NON Scored U.S. Ski & Snowboard Head Tax**: $0.00 per head/per start

The head tax fee schedule for a club hosting a ND WR FIS race is as follows, for each race (excluding NorAm, World Cup, and National Championships):

- **FIS U.S. Ski & Snowboard Head Tax**: $10.00 per head/per start
- **FIS WR Head Tax**: $12.00 per head/per start
- **FIS ND Head Tax**: $7.00 per head/per start

ND Calendaring Philosophy & Procedure
Calendar Philosophy and Procedures
The Northern Division annual competition calendar is athletically based, uses periodization, and takes into consideration the quality of competition. The ND calendar uses an integrated top down approach; with block scheduling, marker events with clear path rewards. The calendar process begins shortly after the end of the season after we get the first drafts of the Western Region and NorAm calendars. Key considerations made while constructing the upcoming calendar are racer management and site selection.

Racer management involves periodization, peak events, focal series, training periods, secondary series, competition blocks, rest and recovery periods, and physical training. The ND ACC tries to ensure block scheduling so programs can tailor their training around key events at various times of the year. For instance, the ND calendar is constructed to offer a technical opportunity in January, a speed block opportunity in late January to early February, another couple of technical opportunities in late February and March, with Western Region and Divisional Championships occurring mid to late March.

**Guidelines:**

- All Northern Division clubs will have a template of the calendar prior to June 1st and prior to the summer Northern Division meeting for review sent via e-mail from the ACC and Calendar Chairs.
- Prior Landowner / Mountain Mgr. approval in place prior to bidding at the summer meeting.
- All Northern Division clubs wishing to bid on a race series must be present at the Northern Division Summer meeting or designate a knowledgeable representative to represent their respective club and area at the summer meeting and be prepared to list certified officials who will work the event.
- Consider Geographic’s and discipline that fall into a timeline that will flow into a logical progression. Integrate Western Region, Collegiate and Northern Division calendars. (Trying to prevent overlap)
- Create a calendar that promotes 4 event skiers.
- Site selection, event organization and hill preparation / cooperation should be considered. Race organizations are responsible to ensure that they have enough certified individuals to host the level of event they are bidding on. It is also their responsibility to have enough safety protection and equipment available to run an event.
- Northern Division Clubs hosting major events i.e.; Western Region FIS, Regional Junior Championships, Nor-Ams, any FIS or championship events should not be strained in any way from the Northern Division calendar.
- All sites selected for events for the upcoming season must understand the allocation of Head Tax and know the deadlines for submission.
- All events that are bid on must have current Homologation papers. Technical Homologations are every 10 years; Speed Homologations are every 5 years. Scored events must be on homologated courses.

**Northern Division Race Series**

Northern Division race series allows skiers of all ages an opportunity to compete. The ladder of ski racing is designed so that beginning, novice racers can easily get involved in the sport, and the experienced, elite racers can advance on to regional, national, and international competition. The current Northern Division calendar of events can be found at [www.northernussa.org](http://www.northernussa.org) under the RACE tab.
Non-Scored Youth Series League

The Youth Ski League (YSL) race series is non-scored. Youth Ski League racing is a nationally organized program for athletes 15 years of age and younger interested in ski racing. This program is being run in conjunction with the local ski clubs and ski schools. This program provides fun and instructional racing for young skiers. Athletes invited to enter Youth races are any U16 and younger racers in Northern Division. This race series is open to any athlete who wishes to just compete and not develop a point profile. The YSL series consists of one weekend of an open event and U14 qualifiers for selection this season to a Western Region U14 Project. There will be a U14 Finals this season as well as a YSL Championship event scheduled for the end of the season which will be open to U12’s and under. U16’s are allowed to enter YSL events and will be awarded within their class, but their scores will not be counted towards team or overall awards.

There are specific events this season which are U14 Qualifiers; for Tech Events, there are Big Sky tech qualifiers (non-scored), Casper (non-scored), a weekend at the Discovery Shoot-out as well as U14 Finals. U14’s will also be invited to the speed camp and the SG (scored) events at Big Sky, which the first two are the Qualifiers. Please see the qualification guidelines listed below regarding qualifications for the U14 Western Region Project. Again this season, the division allows scoring at several U14 Ski-up (U.S. Ski and Snowboard national point scoring) opportunities: U14’s will be able to attend a scoring event Shoot-out at Discovery U14/U16 Event and also Big Sky Speed events.

Generally, at YSL Series, all racers compete in the same races. The U8’s, U10’s, U12’s, U14’s and U16’s are maintained as separate fields with their own start lists and are run separately. Races start with the U8’s running first, then U10’s, U12’s, U14’s and the U16’s last. The starting order is determined by the TRS method, random draw, which is reversed for second run in GS and SL races within age class, unless the ROC or jury recommends and follows U621.11.3.3, which must be announced at the team captain’s meeting and communicated to the Race Administrator. FOR THIS SEASON, due to COVID, all athletes at a YSL will be run in team order (randomized) and reversed for 2nd run. Any other change to this order must be announced and approved at the team captain’s meeting. U16’s and younger are allowed a second run even if they disqualified or did not finish the first run, but they are ineligible for awards.

Northern Division Western Region U14 April Project:

One selection board will be used for U14’s for Northern athletes selection to 2021 WR U14 Spring Project.

- To be eligible for WR U14 Project Selection board, an athlete must hold a current U.S. Ski & Snowboard competitor license and have all Northern Forms on file by November 30th of that season.
- Selection will be made by using the ITS method (see page 36 of 2021 Alpine Comp Guide). The sum of New World Cup Points will be used for the two best slaloms and two best giant slaloms from the qualifying tech events at Big Sky,
Casper, and Discovery Shoot-out, U14 Finals and from the two best SG’s at Big Sky Speed Event and/or Discovery SG’s. The U14 WR Project Selection Boards will be arranged in order of slalom, giant slalom, and Super G in descending world cup point order and selected. Athletes must have competed in at least one qualifier in each of the following disciplines: 1 slalom (SL), 1 giant slalom (GS), and 1 Super G(SG). Those not qualifying or without Northern forms on file will be purged from the board unless the criteria below is met. For U14’s, the requirements to remain on a selection board are current Northern Division Forms on file at the divisional office and at least one start in a Northern qualifier in each event; SL, GS, and SG. The ACC may allow an athlete to remain on selection boards with an ACC approved petition for extraordinary circumstances when the above stated minimum requirements have not been met. Additionally, should a Northern athlete not be able to meet these minimum requirements due to participation in a National Devo or Western Region project at the time of the Northern Division Qualifiers, the ND ACC will address each athlete’s situation and his/her competitive participation in ND qualifiers to date.

- Petitions to remain on the selection board due to any other circumstance must be made in writing to the divisional manager and ACC Chair and ND Board President within 48 hours of the missed event preferably by the coach of the athlete or parent/legal guardian. If applicable, an approved medical release must be signed and dated by a medical doctor, stating the reason why the athlete was unable to participate in the event. This medical release must be submitted within 5 business days of the missed event. The ACC will make a final decision on all petitions prior to finalization of the selection boards.

- Ties in a discipline will be broken by the competitor’s third best result in SL, GS or SG, then continue with the fourth, fifth and so on until the tie is broken, then if still tied, by lowest race (see page 27 2021 Alpine Competition Guide) points as calculated per U.S. Ski & Snowboard standards of results from the best two SL, GS or SG U14 Qualifiers.

- Alternates will be selected until the quota is filled for each event.

- For 2020-2021, the ND ACC may pick up to 20% of U14 WR Project using its discretion. Should the quota be less than four, the 20% discretion would be rounded up to 1 spot.

- The selection board put together by the ND Manager and approved by Northern Division ACC is the official selection board. The ND ACC and ND Manager will announce the WR U14 Project after the selection board is approved by the ND ACC.

Tri-Divisional Championships (U16’s only this 2021 Season due to COVID)

**Purpose/Structure of the event** 2020-2021 Hosted by Big Sky. This is a four day event with only U16 quotas this year due to COVID per gender for Alaska, Northern and host Intermountain; To establish a championship event that serves the needs of all 3 Divisions; To enhance the level competition beyond the divisional level for each athlete; To establish a multiple-tier championship structure. The championship format will include three events contesting SL, GS, and SG for U16 athletes. There will be an official SG training run.

**Quota selection method**

- There will be a set quota of U16’s per gender for a total field size of athletes and
quotas for this season (COVID year) will be reduced by half.

- The quotas are established through calculations based on the population.
- The population data will be derived from the divisional memberships on the USSA points list valid May 1st, using the birth years of the upcoming Championship event. Foreign athletes will not be included in the population.
- Formula: % of Population = % of Quota per gender and age class.
- All rounding should review to the thousandth.
- No division will have a quota of less than 4 women and 4 men per age class. Adjustments will be based objectively from the raw quota to ensure the minimum quota is provided to each division. Minimum quota for each division of 2 in the first seed.

2021 Tri-Divisional Quotas - Hosted at Big Sky

Seeding method

The 3 Divisions have approved a special seeding procedure for this event known as the "5-Seed Method". There will be 5 equal seeds, taking the divisional quota divided by 5 to determine each division's quota per seed. If the quota is not divisible by 5 then the first seeds are increased by one more until the quota is complete. The Seeding Chart shown below.

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

2021 Seeding
**Awards**

Top 5 for each race by age, class and gender **and will be virtual this year due to COVID.** Overall Winner for each age class and gender, using the same method as Western Region. An athlete must finish in all the events held during the championships. Overall award is determined by summing an athlete's Race Points from all three events. The racer with the lowest sum of Race Points is the winner. If only two events are contested the overall award will be determined using both. If only one event is contested, no overall is awarded.

**Entry Fees & Head Tax**

Entry fee is determined by host division. The Tri-Divisional Championship event is subject to U.S. Ski & Snowboard National $10.00 head tax and a $4.00 WR head tax. Divisions are allowed to charge a head tax if they so choose, and the Northern Division does charge a divisional head tax on these events if held in our division.

**Northern Division A- U16 Race Series – with U14 Speed and U14 Tech Scoring Opportunities**

The ND A-U16 race series is a race series open to all A- U16’s and older, who hold a U.S. Ski & Snowboard competitors license. This series consists of several qualifying tech series for U16’s and older and Big Sky speed race series for 2021, one U16/U14 2GS/1SL qualifier. Over the Hill Gang Championship (OHG) serves as this age group’s U.S. Ski & Snowboard Championship event in late March and will also be open this season to all U16’s and older. All events beginning in January and one specifically for U16’s (and U14’s) at Discovery will serve as the qualification series for the WR U16 Junior Championships.
**Western Region U16 Junior Championship**

The Western Region U16's rotate between the Western Region divisions.

2021 Far West  
2022 Northern  
2023 Alaska  
2024 IMD  
2025 PNSA

A divisional rotation and bid evaluation process exists for this event. The event has been held at many different ski resorts throughout the five western divisions. In 2021 the championship will be held at Mammoth Mountain, CA.

**Quotas (See below)**  
The base field size for this event reduced **this season** to 85 total athletes from both genders. The quotas are established through calculations via the "Corrock and Price Method" described above and reduced this season due to COVID. There is no set quota by gender. The field size is held constant at 85 **for this season** but the number of women and men, as a percentage of that total field will fluctuate as a function of both population and performance on a divisional basis. Foreign athletes count against a division's quota.

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

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

Beginning in 2019, the Super-G training run at the U16 Junior Championship has been replaced with a 2nd Super-G race. The 2nd contested Super-G race is used as the championship event and included in the overall award, unless only one SG is held. Both SG's at the U16 Championships will utilize the championship seeding method, however each race will be drawn separately to determine the running order.

**Automatics to the U16 Junior Championship (suspended for 2021 due to COVID)**  
Western Region athletes who participate in national competition projects in Europe that conflict with divisional qualification to the regional U16 championship may be automatic to the Western Region U16 Junior Championship and will be randomly seeded after the first seed. For example, if the first seed contains 20 athletes, the automatics will be 20a, 20b, 20c, etc. These automatics will not count against divisional quotas. However, if an athlete qualifies within their division they will be seeded by the normal procedure and count towards the division's quota.
Selection Procedures
This is the regional championship event for U16s from the five divisions of the Western Region. Participation is restricted to U16 (by year of birth) competitors. There is no foreign quota for this event. Foreign U16 competitors living in the U.S. may attend as part of the quota of the division in which they are competing. Foreign competitors must hold the proper membership with U.S. Ski & Snowboard and their division, along with qualifying under their division’s rules. U14s are not allowed to participate in this event under any circumstances. Each division is responsible for establishing qualification procedures for filling its quota.

Course Setters and Jury Members
Course Setters, and Jury members must be members of U.S. Ski & Snowboard. The Western Region Director, working with the Divisional Manager, Divisional AO chair and the ROC of the host division, appoints the technical delegate(s) (TD) for these events. The TDs must be of national level 3 TDs or higher.

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

Head Tax
The U16 Regional Junior Championship event is subject to U.S. Ski & Snowboard $10 head tax and a $4.00 WR head tax. Divisions are allowed to charge a head tax if they so choose, and the Northern Division does charge a divisional head tax on these events if held in our division.

Awards
The awards for U16 Junior Championships will be for at least the top three finishers in each event and the overall winner of the series. The overall award is determined by summing an athlete’s World Cup Points from all three events. The racer with the highest sum of World Cup Points is the winner. If only two events are contested the overall award will be determined using both. If only one event is contested no overall is awarded.

A tie in calculating the overall winner will be broken as follows:
- By highest World Cup Points in a single race
- By the second highest World Cup Points in a single race
- By the lowest race points in a single race
- By the second lowest race points in a single race

Advancement Opportunity
Refer to the U16 National Championship section

U16 Regional Championship Quotas for 2021

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Northern Division Western Region U16 Junior Championship/Tri-Div Selection Process:

One selection board will be utilized for selections to Wr U16 Junior Champs and Tri-Divisionals. This new selection process is valid for this season only due to COVID.

- To be eligible for U16 Western Region Junior Championships competition or U16 Tri-Divisionals, a competitor must hold a current U.S. Ski & Snowboard competitor license.
- Selections (this season only due to COVID) will be made using the ITS Method (page 36 U.S. Ski & Snowboard Competition Guide) based on scoring using every run as well as the overall finish with New World Cup Points and using one less than half of all qualifying tech events in each specific event. (SL, GS) and one of those results in each event must include a combined time. For SG, the best two results using new world cup points will be used. Results as described here will be put in this specific order of event columns : SL, GS and SG from the U16 Qualifiers to be used for final selections.

- The U16 Selection Boards will be arranged in descending order of new world cup points in column order of slalom, giant slalom, and super G. The order that athletes land on the boards in each of these columns determines their seeding order at each of those events for WR U16 Championships or Tri-Divisionals. Athletes selected to the WR U16 Championship cannot defer to the Tri-Divisional Championship. Athletes will not be allowed to attend both events.
- Alternates will be selected until the quota is filled for each event.
• Ties in a discipline will be broken by the competitor’s next best combined result until none available, then best single run result will be used until tie is broken. If still tied, lowest national points in that event at the time of selections would be used to break the tie.

• Athletes have specific requirements to remain on a selection board. For U16’s, the requirements to remain on a selection board are current Northern Division Forms on file and at least one start in a ND qualifier in each event; SL, GS and SG. Athletes not meeting these requirements will be purged from the boards. The ACC may allow an athlete to remain on selection boards with an ACC approved petition for extraordinary circumstances when the above stated minimum requirements have not been met. Additionally, should a Northern athlete not be able to meet these minimums due to participation in a National Devo or Western Region project at the time of the Northern Division Qualifiers, the ND ACC will address each athlete’s situation and his/her competitive participation in ND qualifiers to date.

• Petitions to remain on the selection board due to any other extraordinary circumstance must be made in writing to the divisional manager and ACC Chair and ND Board President within 48 hours of the missed event preferably by the coach of the athlete or parent/legal guardian. If applicable, an approved medical release must be signed and dated by a medical doctor, stating the reasons why the athlete was unable to participate in the event. This medical release must be submitted within 5 business days of the missed event. The ACC will make a final decision on all petitions prior to finalization of the selection boards.

• The ND ACC may pick up to 20% of the U16 Junior Championship quota using its discretion. Should the quota be less than four, the 20% discretion would be rounded up to 1 spot.

• The selection board put together by the ND Manager and approved by the ND ACC is the official selection board. The ND ACC and ND Manager will announce the U16 Junior Championship Team including seeding and Tri-Divisional Team after the selection board, seeding and selections are approved by the ND ACC.

• U16 Athletes will not be allowed to attend both U16 WR Championships and Tri-Divisionals. Seeding U16 Wr Championship athletes and for all Tri-Divisional athletes will be determined by the final order from the boards in each event column approved by the ACC, although the ACC may use its discretion in seeding athletes in cases of injury, illness or out of ordinary circumstances. Seeding order will be completed prior to the due date for athlete payment to attend U16 Championships and Tri-Divisionals; furthermore, each athlete will be notified of his or her seeding positions at the time they are asked for their commitment to attend the Championships. This seeding will only change due to illness, injury, extraordinary conditions and must be approved by the divisional manager

**ITS Method – page 36 U.S. Ski & Snowboard Comp Guide**

The order of each event is arranged into separate vertical columns, best on top, last on the bottom. The columns are arranged normally from left to right: DH, SL, GS, SG. Selection is accomplished by taking the top row of names (DH, SL, GS, SG) then going to the second person in the first column. Continue across the columns. If a name comes up a second (or more times) it is skipped. Always skip across from left to right, not down for repeats.

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Western Region Junior Championship (U19 and U21)

The championship format for the Western Junior Championship includes three events contesting SL, GS, and SG for U19 and U21 athletes. In 2021 the event will be held Schweitzer Mtn, ID. Foreign U.S. Ski & Snowboard members who are full time members of a western club will not be counted against divisional quotas. Foreign athletes must enter through their ski federation.

**Quotas** (see below)
The divisions fill the field. The divisions establish their own procedures for making their selections. The quotas are established through calculations via the “Corrock and Price Method”. The Western Region Director controls a development quota of up to 3 men and 3 women for the series.

There is no set quota by gender. The field size is held constant at 85 for 2021 but the number of women and men, as a percentage of that total field will fluctuate as a function of both population and performance on a divisional basis.

**Seeding**
Per FIS rules

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

**Advancement Opportunity (suspended for 2020-2021 due to COVID-19)**
1 man and 1 woman will be selected to the U.S. National Championship from the Western Junior Championships based on overall ranking, if not already qualified by national quotas or the regional selection system described above.

**Alan Hayes Divisions Cup**
Dr. Alan B. Hayes (1945 – 2019) was a successful computer engineer, influential in the development of the computer mouse and the solid-state hard drive. Alan was also a very passionate and generous supporter of ski racing and advocate for the Western Region. He cared deeply about the success of western athletes at either end of the result list. Alan was passionate about the Western Region JUNIOR Championship, an event that gave many athletes the opportunity to enjoy success.

The Alan Hayes Divisions Cup is a perpetual trophy of a large Western Region belt buckle that will move around the five western divisions each year, awarded to the winning division from the Junior Championships. It will be awarded for the first time, this year, at Jackson Hole, WY, March 17 – 22, 2020.

**Scoring**: The NCAA 40 Point Team Scoring method will be used; 1st = 40, 2nd = 37, 3rd = 34, 4th = 31, 5th = 29, 6th = 27, 7th = 25, 8th = 23, 9th = 22, 10th = 21 ...30th = 1. Each division counts their best three scores in each event. Unused scores will not be purged. A division’s total is the
sum of points earned from all events contested at the Junior Championship  If a tie exists between divisions’ totals, the tie will be broken by the number of top-3 podiums each division received.  If a tie still exists, the division with the most 1st place podiums will be ranked first.

**WRJC Quotas for 2021**

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Northern Division Western Region U19-U21 Championship Selection Process:

- The Regional Selection Board Procedure will be used (see U.S. Ski & Snowboard Competition Guide page 37)
- A six column board using both (SL, GS) technical and SG speed events will be used.
- For this season only (due to COVID), the world cup portion of the board will be based on the sum of New World Cup points based on (Tech) scoring every run as well as the overall finish within each event (SL, GS) using one less than half of all qualifying events. One result within each event must include a combined time. For SG, the best two results using new world cup points will be used. The columns will be in descending order of world cup points in order of SL, GS, and SG.
- The seeding point portion of the board will be based on the current published U.S. Ski & Snowboard National Points list at the time the board is computed and will also be in SL, GS, SG order.
- Athletes have specific requirements to remain on a selection board. To be eligible, a competitor must compete (start) in ND U19-U21 Qualifier races in at least one technical and one speed discipline. All athletes are required to have Northern Division Forms on file by December 1st of that season. Athletes not meeting those qualifying minimums or without forms on file will be purged from the board. The ACC may allow an athlete to remain on the selection boards with an ACC approved petition for extraordinary circumstances when the above state minimum requirements have not been met. Additionally, should a Northern athlete not be able to meet these minimums due to participation in a National Devo or Western Region project at the time of the Northern Division qualifiers, the ND ACC will address each athlete’s situation and his/her competitive participation in ND qualifiers to date.
- Petitions to remain on the selection board due to any other extraordinary circumstance must be made in writing to the divisional manager and ACC Chair and ND Board President within 48 hours of the missed event preferably by the coach of the athlete or parent/legal guardian. If applicable, an approved medical release must be submitted within 5 business days of the missed event. The ACC will make a final decision on all petitions prior to finalization of the selection boards.
- Ties on either board will be resolved by the athlete’s position on the other board in that discipline.
- The selection boards will be arranged in the order of slalom, giant slalom, SG.
If an out of high school U21 wants to be placed on the boards, a Northern Division Intent to Compete form must be submitted on WR online intents for Northern Division by February 15th.

The ND may pick up to 20% of WR Jr. Champs quota using its discretion. Should the quota be less than four, the 20% discretions would be rounded up to one spot.

The selection board put together by the ND Manager and approved by the ND ACC is the official selection board. The ND ACC and ND Manager will announce the U19-U21 WR Championship Team after the selection board and selections are approved by the ND ACC.

Western Region Race Series and Events
(From the Western Region Policies and Procedures 2020-2021)

Western Region Selection and Intent Procedures for National and International Races

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

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

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

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

Regional Intent to Compete Declaration Method

Intents will be used to construct regional selection boards for:
- US Continental Cup NorAm competitions (national quota)
- Canadian FIS competitions (national quota)
- Canadian National Championships (national quota)
- Rocky-Central FIS competitions (regional quota)
- Eastern Region FIS competitions (regional quota)
- FISU competition (national quota)
- Foreign competition outside North America (national quota)

Intents will be submitted on https://usskiandsnowboard.org/sport-programs/regions-divisions/intents. Please refer to the website for the instructions. Intents will be due 21 days prior
to the first team captain’s meeting. There is a calendar on the website with Intent Deadlines clearly marked on the day.

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

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

New for 2020-2021: Only those athletes who intend 21 days prior to the first TC meeting will be ranked on the selection board. Confirmed athletes who want to attend the event must go to Athlete Event Registration at my.usskiandsnowboard.org (or to a different portal if instructed) and pay race entries. Payment must be received by the 16-day confirmation deadline or athletes will be pulled. Coaches who wish to attend the event must go to Athlete Event Registration and click on the ATTEND button. This will provide your contact information to the Race Administrator for announcements, updates and TC meetings.

For Northern quotas for Western Region FIS events, Northern Division Manager will post selections on the Northern tab following the closing of the boards for that event. Confirms/Pulls must be made within a 72 hour time frame once announced. Unconfirmed athletes will be pulled. Non-college athletes must secure their spot at that time with a $200 deposit (except this season due to COVID), which will be used towards that trip should they attend and forfeited should they pull.

**Northern athletes U.S. Ski & Snowboard Intent to Compete out of Division/Region**

For those athletes (U16’s and older this season) wanting to race out of division U.S. Ski and Snowboard events, (provided the dates do not conflict with our own series or qualifiers) emails must be sent to the Divisional Manager and ACC Chair 30 days in advance of the event. Permission then needs to be obtained by our manager as well as from the other division/region and organizer. The Divisional Manager has to arrange that.

**Western Region Race Series**

**Western Elite FIS Series**

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

**Western Region Elite FIS TECH events & SG Series Quotas:**

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**Northern Selections to the Elite FIS Series**
Northern Division is regulated by the region to modify quotas in the following manner:
- 50% of any divisional quota must be allocated and offered to the age group that is qualifying to a championship event. Each division is responsible for establishing procedures for filling its quota to the Western FIS races. Each division may fill 20% of its quota (minimum one man/one woman) for an event on a discretionary basis. Divisions may restrict all or a portion of their quota for an event to juniors. Northern Division constructs their selection boards for Western FIS races, excluding Championship events, using U.S. Ski & Snowboard National points in the ITS method as found on page 36 of the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Competition Guide. The most recent National points list valid at the time selections are done will be used for selection boards. If an event series is a qualifier for a National event, then the procedure listed below under National Qualifiers shall apply for selections. The selection boards are constructed in a timely manner after the intent to Compete deadline has passed. Twenty percent of the quota may be filled at the discretion of the ND ACC. Director’s quota submissions for either series will not be restricted by age, but must be submitted on official recommendation form to the ND ACC. (see form at end of this manual). If the quota is expanded beyond the Director’s Quota spots, the selections will continue down the alternate list. If someone is pulled off the board the next selection will be the next athlete in line regardless of age. The selection boards are constructed in a timely manner after the intent to compete deadline has passed.

**Western Region Open FIS Series**
The Western Region Open FIS Series is the second tier of FIS racing within the region. This is the introductory series where athletes from the five western divisions begin FIS racing and develop FIS level experience. For 2019-2020 there are no NJR (national junior race) competitions scheduled in the region. The two blocks of Open FIS racing are an early season opportunity in December and during the championship season in March.

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

See the [WR Calendar on the WR site](#) for dates and locations.

**For the Western Region FIS Big Sky & Mammoth DH’s 2020-2021**

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Northern Division Selection Procedures for Western Open FIS Series Races
Northern Division is regulated by the region to modify quotas in the following manner:
• 50% of any divisional quota must be allocated and offered to the age group that is qualifying to a championship event.
Each division is responsible for establishing procedures for filling its quota to the Western FIS races. Each division may fill 20% of its quota (minimum one man/one woman) for an event on a discretionary basis. Divisions may restrict all or a portion of their quota for an event to juniors.

Northern Division constructs their selection boards for Western FIS races, excluding Championship events, using U.S. Ski & Snowboard National points in the ITS method as found on page 39 of the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Competition Guide. The most recent National points list valid at the time selections are done will be used for selection boards. If an event series is a qualifier for a National event, then the procedures listed below shall apply for selections. Twenty percent of the quota may be filled at the discretion of the ND ACC. The selection boards are constructed in a timely manner after the intent to compete deadline has passed.

Nationals Qualifiers Quotas
The Tech Elites and WR Speed series (WR Open FIS) in Big Sky is a qualifier for National Jr. events. ND will fill their quota for the Big Sky Tech Elites and Open Speed series with at least 50% of age eligible athletes. Quotas for the WR Big Sky FIS Tech Elites and WR Open Speed FIS races will be made using National points and the ITS method as found on page 36 of the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Alpine Competition Guide. The most recent National points list valid at the time selections are done will be used for selection boards. Director's quota submissions for either series will not be restricted by age, but must be submitted on official recommendation form to the ND ACC. (see form at end of this manual). If the quota is expanded beyond the Director's Quota spots, the selections will continue down the alternate list. If someone is pulled off the board the next selection will be the next athlete in line regardless of age. The selection boards are constructed in a timely manner after the intent to compete deadline has passed.

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

Regional Directors' Quota
The Western Region Development Director will have a quota of up to 15 men and up to 15 women for all races in the Western Region Junior Championship, Western Region Open FIS
Series and Elite FIS Series. This quota will be used for development purposes and/or field enhancement. Only divisions that use discretionary selection to fill 20% of their divisional quota to an event for development purposes may nominate additional athletes for inclusion in this quota.

The respective divisional office in conjunction with the divisional ACC chair or other individuals designated by the division to perform this function may make nominations.

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

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

**Additional Quotas During Covid-19**
The U.S. Ski Team quota for these events will be all members of the A, B, C, and D teams. Out-of-region and foreign quotas for these events are as follows:

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

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

**Host Quota – Suspended for 2020-2021 due to COVID**
The host club(s) for a series will each have a quota of 1 man and 1 woman in every race of the series. The quota is limited to age eligible racers who have the proper membership and are members of the host club. A host club quota slot may be split between multiple athletes. Unused quota slots of visiting divisions revert to the host division.

**Field Size Limitations**
If a race is oversubscribed, the Western Region athletes will be pulled from the race beginning with those with the highest points in order of a) athletes on quota expansions beyond normal quotas, b) subjective selections, i.e. regional director’s quota when used as a development tool, c) divisional selections, and finally d) regional automatics. No Western Region athlete will be pulled from a second race in a series until all western athletes have been pulled from one race in the event. Covid-19: The field size is limited to 100 total athletes at all divisional, Regional FIS
and Championship events. Foreign quotas must be honored at FIS events. If necessary, the process described above will be used to reduce field size to a maximum of 100 athletes.

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

**Divisional Selection Procedures**
Each Division is responsible for establishing procedures for filling its quota to the Western Region FIS races. Each division may fill 20% of its quota (min 1 man/1 woman) for an event on a discretionary basis. Divisions may restrict all or a portion of their quota to juniors. When a WR FIS Open Series race is used as a qualifying competition for any National Championship event, the region encourages that:

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

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

The entry deadline for western divisions is the normal 7 days; however, the divisional managers will be communicating on entries 28 days in advance to facilitate quota management. In the case of over subscription, the field size management system described above (Field Size Limitations) will be used to reduce the field to the FIS maximum allowable number of competitors.

**Entry Fee for Western Elite FIS, Western FIS races, Western Region Junior Championships**

- FIS Entry Fees for all Western Region FIS races will be limited to a maximum of $48 per Slalom or GS start, and $52 per Super-G or Downhill start.
- Training fees for speed events will be limited to a single charge of $40
- Organizers may require a series entry fee. This may be split when speed events are scheduled with technical events in the same block.
- Organizers will be obligated to refund entries only in the case of injury and illness, as long as the athlete is pulled from the seed board.
- An organizer may, but is not obligated to accept entries at the first Team Captain’s Meeting. The date that entries are due must be on the race announcement. A penalty may be applied that is 50% of the entry fee to be paid if they are not paid in full 7 days prior to the first Team Captain’s Meeting of the series.

**Entry Fee/Head Tax for U14 and U16 Junior Championships**
The maximum entry fee for the Western Region U16 and U14 Junior Championships is $40 per Slalom & GS start and $44 per Super G start. It is a division’s discretion whether or not to charge divisional head tax. Northern does charge a divisional head tax if these events are held in our division.

TD Expense Reimbursement
The OC of a Western Region FIS event may request reimbursement for TD expenses up to the daily FIS TD Per Diem allotment. A copy of the FIS TD’s Expense Report must accompany the OC’s request for reimbursement. The OC is still responsible for all other TD expenses including meals, accommodations and travel.

Coaches Passes
The organizer will provide complimentary lift passes for coaches listed on the back of the FIS entry forms received at least 7 days before the first team captains’ meeting of the event according to FIS rules. Event organizers will provide complimentary lift passes at regional championships for coaches listed on the entry submitted from the divisional managers.

Coaches for the regional/divisional quota teams and college teams must be members of U.S. Ski & Snowboard and must hold U.S. Ski & Snowboard coaches’ memberships. Each team will be entitled to 1 coach per gender plus 1 coach for each 10 competitors or portion thereof. Racers will not be eligible for coaches’ passes. Coaches who are not included on the entry forms, who are in excess of a team’s quota, or who do not meet the membership requirements, will be able to purchase tickets at the racers’ price.

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

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

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

WR Snow Control Protocol
Western Region uses an impartial system to evaluate competition sites ensuring adequate snow for competition, and producing a clear approval or disapproval of the site. The intended venue must be competition ready a minimum of 7 days prior to the first team captains’ meeting.

Western Region Team 2020-2021
Western Region Training Group (RTG)

A FIS Regional Training Group will comprise 15 U19 male and 15 U19 female athletes for a total of 30 athletes. The FIS RTG will include 5 men and 5 women from the first year U19’s, and 10 men and 10 women from the 2nd year and 3rd year U19’s. The RTG will be named in the spring of each year based on past season performance and the future plans of each athlete. All WEST Team nominees are members of the FIS RTG. The regional coach will establish a performance contract with training group members that outlines training goals for the preparation period. The selection process uses a double selection board that credits head-to-head results from Western Region races as well as National Point ranking. A separate double board of the same event will be ranked first. 1st year U19 athletes will receive place points from the results at the Western Region U16 Championships and selected from their own double board. The national points side of the board will use points from List 20. If a tie exists in national points, the racers ranked higher on the Place Pts side of the board of the same event will be ranked first. 2nd and 3rd year athletes will receive Place Pts from every FIS race on the Western Region Calendar. An athlete’s best two results in each discipline will be added together and placed on the board. The national points side of the board will use points from List 19. For a racer to be included on the National Pts board, a racer must have completed in an Elite Series FIS race in that discipline during the current season. If a tie exists in national points, the racer ranked higher on the Place Pts board of the same event will be ranked first.

U16 Regional Training Group

The U16 Regional Training Group is named each spring based on past season performance and future plans of the athlete. 16 male athletes and 16 female athletes will be named for a total of 32 athletes. Up to four 1st-year men and up to four 1st-year women will be named. A minimum of 12 men and 12 women will be named from 2nd-year U16 athletes.

COVID-19 1st-year U16 athletes will be subjectively selected by the Western Region Junior Development Coach and the region's Development Sub-Committee based on recommendations from each division's ACC.

2nd-year U16 athletes will be selected from a Double Selection Board (setting up the board) using World Cup Points from the U16 Western Region U16 Championship, and National Points from List 20. The columns of the double board are modified to include in order GS, SL & SG for place points, and GS & SL only for national points (no SG points column). If a tie exists in national points the racers ranked higher on the Place Pts board of the same event will be ranked first.

The Open SG at the U16 Championship will not be considered for Place Points. Foreign athletes who are active members of Western Region clubs will be included and are eligible for RTG selection.

For RTG Criteria see Western Region Policies and Procedures Appendix

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

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

**Criteria**
WEST Team 2021 eligibility and criteria can be found in Western Region Appendix

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

**Benefits**
- All team nominees will receive benefits until the team is officially named in October.
- WEST Team members will have priority for participation in regional preparation period projects.
- Team members will have priority for discretionary selection to regional quotas for races that are part of their competition plan.
- Team members will be excused from any regional and/or divisional participation requirements that conflict with sound athletic preparation. The regional coach and home program coach will collaborate on the plan, which is to be reviewed by the regional director and appropriate divisional representative. Deviations from the plan that would impact participation must be discussed with, and approved by, the Regional Director.
- Team members will receive a uniform signifying their membership on the team.
- Team members will receive financial support from the Western Region ACC at important preparation and competition projects.
- Team members will also receive complimentary entry fees and lift tickets for the Western Region Elite FIS series.

**PG WEST Team- Covis-19 – Suspended for 2020-2021**
Western Region offers a PG Team as part of the WEST Team for U21/U19 athletes who have graduated from high school and are members of the D-Team or on track to making Development Team (D Team) criteria. Currently, only a men’s PG Team is offered.

The PG Team is fully-managed by the Western Region FIS Development Coach, working closely with the D-Team and national development. The team trains and travels together throughout the prep period and competition period. PG Team members are based out of a common western resort for training and conditioning. They retain their affiliation with their home club or academy, and are members of the W.E.S.T. Team. See WR Appendix for PG Team criteria.
Western Region Selection Board

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

Setting up the Board
The board has two parts. The first part is composed of rankings by the old World Cup points ranking system (1st = 100 points, 2nd = 80 points, ..., 30th = 1 point) earned in the identified selection races specific to the event. The second part of the board is based on National points from the list valid on the selection date.

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

World Cup Points (Place Points)
World Cup Points are used to determine Place Points. In calculating WC points, results will be purged of all foreign and non-Western Region competitors. Results will also be purged of USST athletes and athletes who are not of the birth years targeted for the selection. All remaining Western Region competitors will be included when calculating place points. The top 30 competitors will receive place points (100, 80, 60, 50, 45, 40, 36, 32, 29, 26, 24, 22, 10, 18, 16, 15, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2 and 1). In the case of a tie for one of the top 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.)

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

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

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

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<td>G D Q E</td>
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Selection for a 12 person, four-event team would be: 
A, B, E, D, X, C, G, Q, F, Z, R, M

Selection for a seven person, slalom and G.S. team would be: 
B, E, X, D, Q, Z, M

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

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

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

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

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

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

Eligibility
Only those competitors who have participated in the January Wild West series, the Bryce Astle Tech Series and the Speed Series SG races in a particular event are eligible to be included on the selection board in that event. Competitors who are unable to attend the qualifying races because of participation in a conflicting USST, NPS, or WR project will not be ineligible as a consequence. Members of W.E.S.T. have an exception; see the section describing the regional team.
**Quota**
The Western Region quota is 8 men and 8 women. The quota is filled using the Western Region Selection procedure described above with the following modifications:

- 3 event board will be constructed using GS, SL, & SG in that order.
- If DH is to be contested, a speed NTSN board will be constructed using NAT points from the current list at the time of the selection, SG & DH points in that order. This board will be used when considering discretionary selections.
- 33% of the quota, rounded up (or at least one slot) will be reserved for the discretionary selection. This (these) slot(s) may be filled by the Western Region director for development purposes. If they are used, the discretionary slots will be filled at the time the team is named.

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

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

*See WR appendix for national quotas to the U.S. Alpine Championship in Western Region’s Policies and Procedures*

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

The 2021 U.S. Alpine Junior Championships (U21 and U19 athletes) will be hosted at Copper Mountain, CO. The junior championship will consist of Slalom, GS, SG and DH events. Quotas have changed for 2021.

**Eligibility**

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

**Quota**

Western Region has a regional quota of 8 women and 10 men to the Junior Championship. 11 women and 13 men will be selected by the double selection board method described above.

**U16 National Championship (YOB 2005, 2006)**

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

**Selection**
1. A ranking list will be made by adding the World Cup points of the best two results from SG, GS and SL at the WR U16 Junior Championship.
2. Using the ranking list from the WR U16 Junior Championship, the top two 2005 athletes and the top three 2006 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.
3. Using the ranking list, after purging those already selected, the next four athletes from both YOBs combined will be selected. Ties will be broken by using the single best result. If a tie still exists, the next best result would be used, and this process will continue until the tie is broken.
4. There are development spots available if needed, these would be a quota expansion. Requests must come from the regional staff and coaches to the regional director.

**Quota**
1. YOB 2005 - 2 men and 2 women per region from the YOB ranking
2. YOB 2006 – 3 men and 3 women per region from the YOB ranking
3. YOB 2005 and 2006- 4 men and 4 women from the overall ranking

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

**Western Region’s Portion of Event Entry Fees - AKA 'Head tax" and Entry Refunds**
The Western Region receives a portion of the entry fee for all nationally scored and non-scored U.S. Ski & Snowboard events, FIS, and FISU races run in the divisions of the Western Region. The region does not receive head tax for a first run DNS. No entry fee portion is due Western Region for named U.S. Ski Team members. The region will collect a $4.00/per first run start head tax on all divisional races scored to the national Points list and a $1.00/per first run start head tax on all non-scored divisional races. The region will collect head tax of $12/first run start for any FIS race in the Western Region. Divisions may charge a divisional head tax for FIS Races that are held within their division, so please refer to your division manual on this matter.

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(1) $6.00 is remitted to Western Region
(2) $40.00 training fee is refund if all training runs are canceled.
(3) Refer to divisional manual regarding divisional head tax and refunds on WR events.

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| Athlete Pull     | $10.00       | $4.00       | $26/$30     | $40/$44           | $15.00         |
| Athlete DNS      | $10.00       | $4.00       | $0.00       | $14.00            | $0.00          |
| Race canceled prior to 1st TCM | $10.00 | $4.00 | $26/$30 | $40/$44 | $15.00 |
| Canceled on race day - tech | $10.00 | $2.00(1) | $13/$15 | $25/$27 | n/a |
| Canceled on race day - speed(2) | $10.00 | $2.00(1) | $0.00 | $12.00 | $0.00 |

(1) $2.00 is remitted to Western Region
(2) $15.00 training fee is refunded only if the training run is canceled.
(3) Refer to divisional manual regarding divisional head tax and refunds on WR events.

- The region will collect a head tax of $12/first run start for any FIS race, ($4/per first run start for FISU) in the western region and reimburse the organizer for up to $800 (tech) $1200 (speed)
per series per TD. Divisions may charge a divisional head tax on FIS events, so refer to divisional manual. The organizer is still responsible for all other TD expenses including meals, accommodations and travel.

**WR Entry refunds for canceled events:**
1. For events canceled prior to the first scheduled team captains meeting there will be a complete refund of all paid entry and speed training fees.
2. For technical events canceled by the jury on the day of competition there will be an entry refund of $10.00, $6.00 and the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Head tax of $10.00. The region's portion, $10.00, is remitted to the region. Any unpaid head tax is refunded to the athlete.
3. For speed event(s) including speed training, canceled anytime during the official program dates by the jury, there will be an entry refund of $10.00, $6.00 and the U.S. Ski & Snowboard head tax. The organizer retains the organizer’s portion provided the organizer and ski area make all possible efforts to hold the event, as assessed and reported in the event evaluation report by the jury members consisting of the TD, the referee and the assistant referee. The region’s portion, $10.00, is remitted to the region. Any unpaid head tax is refunded to the athlete.
4. For any athlete that is listed on the official results as a DNS all national and regional tax must be refunded. The athlete forfeits the remainder of the entry fee, including the training fee at a speed event.

**ND Entry refunds for Northern Division canceled events:** Northern follows the instructions above for canceled events using the same $3.50 ratio for divisional head tax.

**Northern Division Travel Policies**
- All Northern Division U14’s and older member athletes need to file their paperwork with the divisional manager by December 1, 2020. College athletes on an official Roster are required to have Medical Info and Indemnification on file. Coaches must sign Team Agreements. Documents must be legally signed, not digitally.

**Required Paperwork by December 1, 2020 in order to appear on any ND selection board:**
- Financial agreement providing either a valid credit card number or $1,000.00 deposit to be held in a Northern Division Account and signed by an athlete if over the age of 18.
- Signed Northern Division Team Agreement
- Signed Northern Division Medical Release
- Signed Indemnification

**It is the athlete’s responsibility to maintain a current address, e-mail address, and phone number with the Northern Division Manager**

- All athletes are required to be in current financial standing with the Division in order to continue to participate in divisional projects at out of division races. They must be affiliated with a Northern Division Club in good standing both nationally and divisionally. They must also be in good standing financially with their affiliate club in order to participate in any U.S. Ski & Snowboard or FIS Competition. Northern Division requires a credit card number (Visa or MasterCard only) to be used by the
Northern Division Manager when payments for Northern Division projects and races are not submitted in a timely fashion. An athlete may substitute a $1,000.00 deposit in lieu of a credit card number that will be held in a Northern Division account.

- Entry to all Western Region FIS and Western Region Elite FIS races must be submitted by the Northern Division Manager. Racers are required to participate in the full event and will be charged the full fee for the event regardless of the number of races they participate in, provided that all races in the series are held.
- It is understood that in order for an athlete to continue to receive Northern Division support at regional events their accounts must hold a zero balance. If payments are not made by the first day (including travel days) of a project/race series, the Northern Division Manager will charge the credit card or use the $1,000.00 deposit provided to the division in the financial agreement.
- If an athlete does not stay financially current with the division, the division will not offer any athlete support in the form of coaching, including representation at team captains meetings and additionally, the athlete will be totally self-sufficient and on their own for food, lodging, video, waxing, etc.

Northern Division Individual and Team Awards

Jim Barrier Gold Cup

The Jim Barrier Gold Cup is Northern Division’s premier race series. This is a continental cup type competition for the top racers in the Northern Division. Races counting for Gold Cup points are the A-U16 qualifiers and the OHG and are open to all SR, U21, U18 and U16 competitors. Recognition of these athletes will be at the Over the Hill Gang race. (OHG)

Jim Barrier Gold Cup History

Born in 1940, Jim Barrier grew up skiing for Flathead County High School. During the years 1956-1959, he was the #1 ranked alpine racers in Montana. He tried out for and was picked to be one of four alpine skiers to compete as a member of the US Olympic Ski Team at the first Winter Olympic Games held in the United States, 1960 Squaw Valley, California. He finished 16th in the GS, but fell in the slalom. He did not compete in the DH.

Jim Barrier earned a four year skiing scholarship at MSU, but broke his leg in the fall of his freshman year. He joined the US Army, and skied for the Army. After discharge, he was a ski coach at Schweitzer. He convinced PNSA to hire him as the Divisional Coach, introducing the first junior ski racing seeding system in the United States. In 1966, 1967, and 1968, he also worked with Bob Beattie and Gordon Easton as Assistant Men’s Coach for the United States Ski Team. After the Olympics, he was hired by the Head Ski Company to develop a fiberglass ski made by Dura Fiber, which was called the Head XR-1. After Head Ski fell on hard times, Jim became president of Dura Fiber Ski, which also fell on hard times. His experience in business and manufacturing led him to a successful career in business working for Kaiser Electro Precision and Kaiser Aerospace. Jim died of cancer in 2000.
Bill Kenney Cup

The Bill Kenney series runs parallel to the Gold Cup Series. This is a continental cup type competition for U21-U16 competitors in the Northern Division. The Bill Kenney Race Series is open to all Northern Division competitors enrolled in grades seven through twelve meeting point qualifications.

Little Hollow Team Cup

A club (team) award should be given at each Northern Division race. The award is for quality and not quantity. It is intended to promote junior racing, club spirit, and unity. All qualifiers, open races and OHG shall be used on calculating team scoring. At season’s end the top three overall clubs will be recognized and awards presented at the Over the Hill Gang race. Club points will be calculated as follows:

**Men:** The top three ranked men from each club will be scored from each U14-Sr event throughout the season using overall results, with 1st place earning 1 point, 2nd place 2 points and so on. If a team has less than three racers finish, a penalty of number of athletes in the event will be added for each missing member. Lowest scoring team wins.

**Women:** The top three ranked men from each club will be scored from each U14-Sr event throughout the season using overall results, with 1st place arning 1 point and 2nd, two points and so on. If a team has less than three racers finish, a penalty of number of athletes in the event will be added for each missing member. Lowest scoring team wins.

Total rank points are equal to the sum of club men’s and club women’s points combined. The weekend series’ club award will be given to the club with the lowest club points.

Total rank points will be accumulated over the season. Season club awards will be presented to the clubs accumulating the first, second, and third lowest club points. These will be recognized at the Over the Hill Gang race. (OHG)

Little Hollow Cup History:

**Bud Little:**

Amos Rogers Little II (Bud) skied on the Dartmouth ski team from 1936 through 1939. Also on the team was Bud’s friend Dick Durrance, America’s fastest skier in the very first Winter Olympic Games featuring Alpine Ski Racing. Bud won the slalom at Lake Placid while at Dartmouth and won the Western Maryland Downhill while in medical school at John Hopkins University. Bud served as a doctor in the U.S. Air Force during WWII. He moved to Helena in 1946 to become a well-known local physician. Bud raced in the Divisional Championships in Montana in 1946, 1947, and 1948. He was President of the Northern Division in 1950 and 1951. Bud was Chairman of the Alpine Championships held in Whitefish in 1949 and 1950. He was the spark plug for a lot of racing in Montana in the late 1940’s and early 1950’s.
Bud served on the governing board of the National Ski Association (now U.S. Ski & Snowboard) from 1948 to 1973. Each year, U.S. Ski & Snowboard presents the Bud and Mary Little Award to a person who has distinguished him/herself in international skiing.

Bud was Chairman of the Alpine Selection Committee for the US Olympic Ski Team in 1960. As manager of the US Ski Team in 1960 he took the US Ski Team to Europe and Squaw Valley, California.

Bud was a member of the FIS Alpine Committee from 1960 to 1967. He served as Vice President of the FIS from 1967 to 1992.

**Rogers Little:**

Rogers was born in Helena and raced in Montana and the Northwest as a junior and high school racer. He won two Northern Division Championships and was runner up at the Junior Nationals. He attended the University of Colorado on a full-ride skiing scholarship. He was mentored by Billy Kidd, and became a two time NCAA All-American as a junior and senior. He was on the US Ski Team from 1966-1972, and on the “A” team from 1970-1972. He won the Mt. Werner Classic at Steamboat Springs and the Vail Trophy Races and placed well in various World Cup races in Europe. He was named to the US Olympic Ski Team for the 1972 Sapporo, Japan, Winter Olympic Games, but tore his ACL in St. Moritz, Switzerland just before the Olympics. He was head coach at Winter Park, Colorado, 1972-73 and 1977-1981 and was President of the Rocky Mountain Division. He has been head coach at Great Divide for many years 1983. He is now an estate attorney in Helena.

**John Hollow, Jr.:**

John was born in Helena and raced in Montana before and during his high school years. He attended four Junior Nationals, finishing fourth in the downhill at Sugarloaf, Maine, and second in the three events combined. He was a SkiMeister competing in jumping, nordic, downhill, and slalom. He skied for the University of Colorado Ski Team from 1962-1964. While continuing college studies and the University of Montana, he coached the U of M Ski Team in nordic, jumping, downhill, and slalom. After a stint as a Navy Seal in Vietnam, he was Equipment and Travel Manager for the US Ski Team, 1970-71, and traveled with the team to Europe. Upon returning to Helena in 1980, he re-established Junior Alpine Racing at Great Divide where he coached for several years. He was President of the Northern Division for several years and was a Technical Delegate (TD) in the Northern Division for many years. He is an attorney in Helena.

**Other Little Hollow Racers:**

Bob Hollow raced with the first Northern Division Junior National Team at Winter Park, Colorado, which was coached by Martin Hale.
Peggy Hollow-Phelps raced at several Junior Nationals, skied on the University of Colorado Ski Team, coached at Winter Park and Great Divide.

Jim and Sue Little skied at various Junior Nationals, as well as the University of Colorado Ski Team.

There are several Little Hollow third generation racers who are currently, or have within the last ten years, skied in the Northern Division and at Western Region Junior Olympics. One of them, O’Brien Hollow, won the Northern Division Gold Cup in 1992 and went on to coach with the Missoula Ski Education Foundation.

AK ROCKET Award
Northern Division announced the establishment of the Austin King Memorial in 2016 ski season, hereafter known affectionately as the; “AK ROCKET Award”. The “AK Rocket Award” is awarded to a dedicated and passionate U14 or 1st year U16 alpine skier (ages 12, 13 & 14) that exhibits a dedication to the sport, determination to ski improvement, positive interdivision sportsmanship and support of fellow athletes for success.

Interested applicants should possess a strong commitment to the sport of alpine skiing.

The “AK Rocket Award” will be awarded annually, at the final Northern Division ski racing event of the year. (OHG)

Criteria for the award;
WHEN - Nominations can be submitted beginning February 1st and must be completed by March 15th.

WHO – Current registered U.S. Ski & Snowboard -Northern Division Alpine Athlete.

o The candidate’s introduction letter addressing their;
  ▪ Dedication to the sport.
  ▪ Determination to improve skiing.
  ▪ Positive interdivision sportsmanship and support of fellow athletes for success both on and off the hill.

o Along with;
  ▪ Relevant ski racing results.
  ▪ Other awards or recognition.
  ▪ Scholastic achievements.
  ▪ Community service and involvement.
  ▪ Letter of Recommendation from a teacher, coach, friend or mentor.

HOW - Please submit application; via e-mail to the Northern Division Manager, nodivmanager@centurytel.net, no later than March 15th.

YSL Overall Championship Trophies & Awards
These are awarded to Super Combined champions, team and individual, during the YSL Championship Series in the Northern Division. For individuals, all three events will be scored using Old World Cup points. The U14 and younger individual champions will be scored by placing on the results sheet from each of the three disciplines. (no DQ, DNS, or DNF) U16’s are allowed to compete in the event and will be awarded within their class, but their results will not count towards Overall individual or team scoring. The top three placing U14 or younger male and female athletes from the results sheets from each team will be scored for the team result, using the sum of their places from the day’s events for each gender and combining gender scores.

**Peter Maxwell Carnival Team Trophy**

In memory of Northern athlete, coach and official Peter Maxwell (August 11, 1986-March 10, 2014), Northern Division presented the first Peter Maxwell Carnival Team Trophy to the season’s overall highest scoring Youth Ski Team Big Sky Ski Education Foundation at the YSL Championships in 2015. These team scores are tallied throughout the season using the top 3 finishers from each team for each gender at every YSL event season long and awarded at the YSL Championships.

**ND Academic Awards**

Northern Division Academic Awards shall recognize those high school aged U16 and older athletes who have displayed exemplary academic success while training and competing in U.S. Ski & Snowboard events in the Northern Division. Awards will be presented at the Northern Division Championships to be held in late March/Early April. To be considered, athletes are responsible for submitting a copy of their official transcript to the Northern Division Manager by March 15th of the current year.

**Criteria:** any U16 -U21 high school aged athlete must have at least a cumulative 3.50 grade point average using a 4.0 scale.
2020-2021 Medical Release

Athlete
Name_________________________________________ Address____________________________________

City, State, Zip ___________________________________________ Birthday_______________

Email_____________________________________________ Cell Phone_________________________

Parent____________________________________ Parent Phone________________________

Cell Phone_____________________________ Parent Cell Phone ______________________________

Home Phone_________________________________ Home Phone______________________________

Work Phone_________________________________ Work Phone ______________________________

Email______________________________________ Email____________________________________

Insurance Coverage Name/Birthdate of Policy
Holder____________________________________
Company ______________________________________ ID#___________________________________
Policy #____________________________________ Expiration Date________________________

Name of Policy Holder ______________________________

Medical History
Allergies____________________________________________________________________

Medication__________________________________________________________________

Impact Baseline Test Date and Location
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Current Injuries or Other Medical Information

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

Athlete Signature______________________________________ Date____________________

Club_________________________________ Date____________________

Parent or Guardian
Signature_________________________________________ Date____________________

Please send to: Northern Division U.S. Ski & Snowboard, P.O. Box 217, Whitefish, MT 59937 or fax to 406.545.2289
2020-2021 Team Agreement

Team Rules: Members of U.S. Ski & Snowboard /Northern Division/Western Region teams attending competitions on quotas, traveling with or part of a competition, attending a camp or project organized by the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Northern Division/Western Region are required to abide by the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Code of Conduct.

Additionally, team members agree to:

- Return all forms (including financial agreement credit card or deposit) and pay in full the project fee by the published registration date for each project and inform the divisional manager and project leader of any changes to travel itineraries;
- Fully participate in the organized accommodations for championship events (Tri-Divisionals only exception), while opting out is allowed for other projects if communication is made to divisional manager at the time selections are announced;
- Attend all team meetings and training activities on time and fully prepared;
- Observe any curfew established by the coaching staff;
- Not use or possess illegal drugs;
- Not illegally use or possess alcohol;
- Not use or possess alcohol in the team accommodations, team vehicles, or in the presence of team members who are not of legal age;
- Reside in the room to which they are assigned and will share responsibility with their roommates for damages, cleaning charges, and rule violations that occur in the room when it is not possible to establish individual responsibility;
- Observe any additional rules established by the head coach of the project;
- Be filmed and photographed in divisional/promotional/websites within the Northern Division U.S. & Snowboard.
- Granting Northern Division the irrevocable, fully paid up, worldwide right and license to use, and to authorize third parties to use, in all media. Athlete name, likeness, picture, voice and biographical information for 1) news and informational purposes; 2) promotion of U.S. Ski & Snowboard and the specific competitions in which Athlete competes; 3) promotion of U.S. Ski & Snowboard through its fundraising mission; and 4) to support U.S. Ski & Snowboard educational and philanthropic efforts through the production of educational and training videos, DVD’s and other media.
- Will follow all COVID-19 Protocol and Guidelines

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

Agreement: I, the undersigned U.S. Ski & Snowboard Competitor, have reviewed these rules and the “U.S. Ski & Snowboard Code of Conduct”, and agree to abide by it and all applicable rules and procedures during my participation in any U.S Ski & Snowboard Northern Division/Western Region team training or competition project during the current season. I agree that a violation of the rules may result in my immediate suspension from a team, and in the loss of all team services including representation at Team Captains’ and Jury meetings, training, housing, meals, and transportation. I realize that I will receive no refund for the unused portion of these services. If suspended, I will be prepared to make whatever arrangements are necessary to continue to compete in the event and/or return home. I realize actions that are violations of the law may result in my arrest, and that it will be my responsibility in such a case to notify my parents or legal guardians and/or make such arrangements as may be necessary for my release and return home. This agreement shall be valid for all projects in the 2018-2019 training and competition season.

Athletes under 18 years of age must have the following section signed by both parents and legal guardians, if applicable. We, the undersigned, parents or legal guardians of the athlete below, having read and understood the above, agree to allow our child to participate in U.S. Ski & Snowboard Northern/Western Region training and competition teams. We understand and agree that if our child violates these rules and procedures, he/she may be immediately suspended from the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Northern/Western Region project with the loss of all team services and without refund of fees paid. We agree that in any case where our child’s actions result in his/her arrest, that sole responsibility for notifying us rests with our child and the local law enforcement officials, and that we, not U.S. Ski & Snowboard, Northern Division nor Western Region, are solely responsible for such actions as may be required to secure his/her release and return home. This agreement shall be valid for all projects in the 2020-2021 training and competition season.

Athlete ______________________________ Signature___________________________________ Date___________

Parent(s) or Legal Guardian Signatures________________________________________________ Date___________

Please send to: Northern Division U.S. Ski & Snowboard, P.O. Box 217, Whitefish, MT 59937 or fax to 406.545.2289
2020-2021 Hold Harmless and Indemnity Agreement

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

Athlete Signature_________________________________________Date___________

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

Parent or Guardian Signature ________________________________Date___________

U.S. Ski & Snowboard Insurance Policy

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

Agreement

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

Athlete Signature_________________________________________Date___________

Parent or Guardian Signature ________________________________Date___________

Please send to: Northern Division U.S. Ski & Snowboard, P.O. Box 217, Whitefish, MT 59937 or Fax to 406.545.2289
Financial Agreement with Northern Division
2020-2021 Travel Season

Northern Division U.S. Ski & Snowboard requires all U14 and older athletes to have either a credit card number or a $1000 seasonal deposit on file. This will only be used by the Northern Division Manager when payments for Northern Division projects and races are not submitted in a timely fashion. All four forms are required in order to be placed on selection boards for the season.

It is understood that in order for an athlete to continue to receive Northern Division support at regional events their accounts must hold a zero balance. If full payment is not made by the first day of a project/race series (including travel days), the Northern Division Manager will charge the credit card listed below or use my $1000.00 deposit that is included with this form.

The Credit Card number will **only** be used by the ND manager when a check has not been received in the Northern Division offices by the first travel day of the project.

**Credit Card Information:**

Name on Card: _________________________________________

Billing Address: _________________________________________

City___________________ State_______ Zip Code_____________

Phone number:___________________ E-Mail: __________________

Card Number:____________________________________________

Expiration Date: _______________________

With my signature, I agree to pay for any unpaid race expenses if payment has not been received by Northern Division U.S. Ski & Snowboard by the first day of the project, including travel days. By allowing the using my credit card that I have provided to Northern Division above, I also agree to the **addition of the 5% surcharge** to cover extra banking expenses incurred by Northern Division. Once the credit card is processed, I will receive a statement from the Northern Division showing the exact amount charged to my credit card listed above.

Signature: _____________________________________ Date: ______________

Athlete Signature(if over age 18) ___________________________ Date:____________
Nomination for Development Quota 2020-2021

Name of athlete: _______________________ Date of Birth: _____________________

USSA # ______________________ FIS# ___________________________

FIS Points  DH: _______ SL: _______ GS: _______ SG: _______

National Points DH: _______ SL: _______ GS: _______ SG: _______

Club/Program: _______________________

Indicate Event/Race Series Applying for: ______________________________________
(Example – WR FIS Elite)

Are there parts of the event series the athlete is already qualified for? If yes, please list:

Comments as to why this athlete should be entered on Development Quota:

Comments regarding this athlete’s career and potential, including recent best results:

Comments regarding this athlete’s failure to qualify according to procedures in place:

Nominated by: ______________________

Affiliation: _______________________

Phone: ____________________________

E-mail : _______________________

Northern Division “COMPED” Head Tax Worksheet
For competitions subject to Northern Division Head Tax and Northern Division Development Tax, use this sheet to
calculate the head tax due on the competition. If the organizer comps competitors with the best race points, they
do not pay Northern Division Head Tax on those competitors. They do pay the Northern Division development fund
tax. Adjust the “Total Entries” figure and list the compensated competitors on the bottom of this form.

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**COMPETITION DATE(S):** ______________________________________________________

**COMPETITION LOCATION:** ______________________________________________________

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**Total Head Count:**

**Number Compensated:**

HD Head Tax = $5.00 x Total Head Count
(Do not include compensated competitors, list those competitors below) $ __________

ND Development Fund = $2.00 x Total Head Count
(Must include any ND compensated competitors) $ __________

Send 1 copy of the start list, results, and this form to Sherri Hale, Northern Division Manager, P.O. Box
217, Whitefish, MT 59937, nodivmanager@centurytel.net, within 10 days following the competition.
Send to USSA as well.

Completed by ______________________________ Dated ______________

Telephone ______________________________

List of competitors compensated:

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