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USSA Eastern Region

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The USSA Eastern Region is one of three USSA regions established under the authority of the USSA Alpine Sport Committee (ASC) and responsible for the regulation of the sport of Alpine Ski Competition within the geographical area of the Eastern United States. It consists of 8 state associations (divisions): Maine (MARA), New Hampshire (NHARA), New Jersey (NJSRA), New York (NYSSRA), PARA(PA, MD, DE, D.C.), Southern (SARA: NC,VA,WV), Tri-State (TSASRA: CT,MA,RI) and Vermont (VARA). The Eastern Alpine Competition Committee establishes the regional policies, procedures and operating rules for the Eastern Region. The region is charged with the design and conduct of all International Ski Federation (FIS) races and Junior Championship competitions in the East for each season. USSA Staff will: field teams at Nor-Am Cup races and all US National Championship events, conduct a series of development projects for regional athletes, name the Regional Training Group, and assist athletic development within the pipeline of USSA and the Regional Alpine Development Programming.

Mission Statements

USSA:

The Mission of the USSA is to provide strong leadership that establishes and supports athletic excellence in accordance with USSA core values.

USSA East:

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

EACC:

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

Eastern Region Governance

The Eastern Alpine Competition Committee is a committee of the Eastern Ski Association (ESA) composed of a chair, vice-chair, immediate past chair, children's racing committee chair, development committee chair, up to two at-large members, state chairs from the eight state associations (divisions), athlete representatives, alpine officials representative, and three non-voting members: historian, college representative and EASEF representative. The EACC is comprised of dedicated volunteers who strive to represent the interests of the alpine ski community within the Eastern Region, without regard to race, gender, religion, or national origin. Along with USSA Regional staff, they develop, manage and control competition schedules and advancement systems in the Eastern Region that are consistent with USSA and The Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act.

Specific actions of the EACC have included: the adoption of Eastern Region team selection procedures to various championships and a framework of qualification events, adopting the design and governing rules of all FIS competitions below the level of Continental cups in the region, assisting USSA staff in the creation of training opportunities for the regional training

group and conduct of a Junior Championship race program. They also represent the Eastern Region's views on the National Alpine Sport Committee.

The EACC:

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

EACC Operating Procedures:

For more information about the EACC's Operating Procedures, go to this link on the USSA East website: <http://alpine.usskiteam.com/alpine-programs/regions/eastern-region/about-us/governance>

USSA Eastern Region Staff

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

Development Director	Martin Guyer – South Burlington, VT	mguyer@ussa.org
Development Coach:	TBD	
Manager:	Patricia Nichols – Westford, VT	pnichols@ussa.org
Youth Coordinator:	Thomas Ashworth – Stowe, VT	tashworth@ussa.org

Membership

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

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

Competitors

Youth Athletes (Age: 13 and younger)

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

U14 (Age: 12 and 13)

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

Development Athletes (Age: 14 through 20)

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

Athletes racing in USSA scored competitions must hold a valid age appropriate USSA Competitor License and be a member of one and only one state racing association. Racing in FIS scored competition requires a valid USSA Competitor License, a valid International Ski Federation (FIS) License, available for purchase through USSA, and USA registered participants be a member of one and only one state racing association.

Exceptional Athlete Program (Ski-up Rule)

An exceptional athlete may come through the system every few years. The procedure for Skiing Up is a request made by a competitor, his/her parents and the competitor's coach to their State (Divisional) Chair for state approval. After regional approval by the Eastern Youth Coordinator and Director, the USSA Alpine Director provides final approval.

U16 (Age: 14 and 15)

U16 competition is the first step in seeded competition. Athletes must hold a valid USSA Competitor License to earn points in the USSA's point system and advance to state championships or other eastern region events. Athletes must be members of one and only one state racing association. U16s holding a valid U16 USSA Competitor License are eligible to compete in USSA scored competitions in the East.

U16s compete at the state level in qualifying series for selection to regional events, culminating in the Eastern U16 Championship and Eastern U16 Finals. Top performers at these events will qualify for U16 National Championships and the Am- Can Races (a series of races contested between the Eastern Region, Eastern Canada). Qualification procedures for these events are available on our website or from state organizations. The regional staff will facilitate on and off snow camps for top performing U16 athletes throughout the year and assist with U16 projects organized at the state level.

U19 (Age: 16, 17 and 18)

Through qualifying race series and USSA point systems, athletes advance to regional championship races: Eastern USSA Finals, Eastern FIS Finals, U19 National Championships and the US Alpine Championships. Top-performing U19 athletes may compete in FIS ENL, NJR, FIS Open, Super Series, and Nor-Am Cup Series. Top performing U19 men may also be invited to attend the U19 National Project series. Athletes are eligible to compete out of region and internationally but must follow the entry procedures found in the USSA Competition Guide and the Competition Management section of this document. The regional staff will facilitate on and off snow camps for top performing athletes throughout the year and some will be invited to National, Tri or Bi-Region Projects, bringing together the top performing athletes from the three regions (East, Rocky/Central, West). Based on US Ski Team Criteria, eligible athletes are invited to join the National Training Group (NTG) or the US Ski Team.

U21 (Age: 19 and 20)

Through qualifying race series and USSA point systems, athletes advance to regional championship races: Eastern USSA Finals, Eastern FIS Finals, and US National Championships. Top-performing U21 athletes may compete in ENL, NJR, FIS Open, Super Series, and Nor-Am Cup Series. Athletes are eligible to compete out of region and internationally but must follow the entry procedures found in the USSA Competition Guide and the Competition Management section of this document. The regional staff will facilitate on and off snow camps for top performing athletes throughout the year and some will be invited to National, Tri or Bi-Region Projects, bringing together the top performing athletes from the three regions (East, Rocky/Central, West). Based on US Ski Team criteria, eligible athletes are invited to join the NTG or the US Ski Team.

Seniors (Age: 21 and over)

Seniors provide the point base for state and regional series, competitiveness within the Eastern college racing circuits, and top-level competitive involvement with the U.S. Ski Team. Many of the top-seeded athletes in this age group are involved in college racing. USSA and FIS races (Eastern Series Races, University and the Nor-Am Series) provide this group of competitive athletes with national and international comparisons.

Masters

At age 18, athletes may begin racing in USSA Masters races. Athletes holding a valid USSA Masters License may compete in Masters competitions but will not score USSA points.

Athletes holding a valid USSA Masters License and a USSA Competitor License have the option of participating at both the master and senior levels of competition and are eligible to score USSA points in any USSA scored competitions. For more information on the USSA Masters Program, please visit their website: <http://ussa.org/alpine-programs/masters> or refer to the *USSA Alpine Masters Handbook*, sent to all Master's License holders. (Athletes must be 21 years old to be able to compete in the Master's Regional, or National Championships)

USSA East Regional Programs

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

Goals:

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

Objectives:

1. To have fun and further develop a passion for ski racing.
2. To effectively progress an athlete's personal development.
3. To integrate into the Alpine Development system and contribute to it's success.
4. To bring the top performing Eastern athletes together.
5. To utilize the best coaches available.
6. To use best practices in the design of the projects and programs.
7. To promote the principles of athleticism in all projects.
8. To promote competent athletes in all four events.
9. To promote sportsmanship, individual responsibility, teamwork, and life skills through athletic achievement.
10. To develop superior fundamental skiing skills.
11. To present a comprehensive ladder of training opportunities for regional athletes in partnership with divisional regional and national program components.
12. To develop a comprehensive picture of the best regional racers across all age groups.
13. To contribute to sound athletic, particularly competitive, programming for individual athletes through cooperative efforts with home programs and coaches.
14. To provide a competition program that progressively presents competitive tests that validate the training model.
15. To procure the necessary tools for the athletes and coaches to achieve their best.
16. To develop athletes, coaches, parents and officials as good partners through education and communication.
17. To make the program as cost effective and affordable as possible.

Principles:

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

Project Coaches:

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

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

Project Coaches will:

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

Project Conduct:

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

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

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

Any disciplinary action taken shall comply with the USA Ted Stevens Amateur Sports Act and the USSA Code of Conduct, and any other applicable USSA rule in place. All actions involving "protected competitions", as defined by USSA, are subject to the due process provisions contained in the Bylaws of United States Ski and Snowboard Association. One or more of the following actions may be imposed:

1. Removal from the team, competition trip, or training camp.
2. Suspension from training and/or competition.
3. Elimination of coaching, travel and/or other benefits.
4. Turning the offending party or parties over to the local or state authorities if the offense is a violation of existing laws.
5. Any action taken shall be applied fairly and equitably to all parties involved.

State/Divisional Projects:

USSA East Staff will support an added layer of programming at the state (Divisional) level. Staff from within the state, the State Youth Coordinator and/or the State's Children's Committee, will organize this programming with athletic support from USSA Regional staff and financial support from the Regional budget. With this level of programming, athletes, clubs and families will benefit from increased exposure to other athletes, coaches and venues. Athlete selection methods, programming, venue and other logistics are determined by the state.

Competition Management

The Eastern Region has quotas for the various national events, US Alpine Championships and U19 National Championships, as well as at FIS series in the other regions of USSA. The EACC has established procedures for filling these quotas. In addition, there is a USSA quota to Nor-Am, FISU and Canadian and other International FIS races with nationally established procedures for qualification. To be considered for any of these events, racers must declare

their interest in the events according to the Eastern Region Intent to Compete procedure. Only current-season USSA members who have the proper FIS and state memberships and are Eastern Region athletes as defined in the USSA bylaws will be eligible for the Eastern quotas. Eligibility for some quotas has prerequisites. Racers who wish to be included in some or all of these quota selections must meet these prerequisites. Racers are responsible for knowing what these requirements are and for meeting them. They include but are not limited to being current in financial standing for National, Regional, Tri-Regional, and State projects. Entry fees are the responsibility of the individual competitor or team captain of a Regional Development project and must be paid according to the policies of the state/division or region hosting the event.

FIS Race Series - Quotas, Eligibility, Intents and Selection

NorAms:

Quotas :

Quota numbers are 60 for the USA and 60 for Canada. See the USSA Alpine Competition Guide for details.

Eligibility:

For the December NorAm technical events, men must have 80.00 or fewer FIS points in any event and women must have 100.00 or fewer FIS points in any event; for all other NorAm events athletes must have 120.00 or fewer FIS points in any event in order to apply for selection. Development nominations are exempt from these limitations.

Intents and Development Requests.

NorAm race intents will be submitted via the USSA Intents website: <http://ussa.org/alpine-programs/regions/intents>. Please refer to the site for instructions. Intents will be due 28 days prior to the first team captains' meeting. There is a calendar on each page of the website with Intent Deadlines clearly marked on the day. Confirmation is due by 16 days prior to the first team captains' meeting.

Intents may be filed for multiple race series for any given dates within a period. However, confirmation can only be for one series during a time period. There should be no pulls after 16 days except for injury.

Selection:

Ranking lists for NorAm events will be constructed for selection purposes based on the FIS points valid at the time of intent closure.

Intended athletes' coaches will be notified electronically as soon as the ranking boards are done. Quotas for the events will be posted on the confirmation page. Coaches will have by the date published on the intent site to confirm or pull athletes. Unconfirmed athletes will be pulled.

Please intend your athlete on the NorAm page if you wish them to be considered for a development spot.

Selection is through a National System. Regions do not have regional quotas.

FISU Events

Quotas and Eligibility: See the USSA Alpine Competition Guide for details on the USSA

Intents:

FISU race intents will be submitted via the USSA Intents website: <http://ussa.org/alpine-programs/regions/intents>. Please refer to the site for instructions. Intents will be due 28 days prior to the first team captains' meeting. There is a calendar on each page of the website with Intent Deadlines clearly marked on the day. Confirmation is due by 16 days prior to the first team captains' meeting.

Intents may be filed for multiple race series for any given dates within a period. However, confirmation can only be for one series during a time period. Intents may be made for full series participation only. There should be no pulls after 16 days except for injury.

Selection:

Ranking lists for FISU events will be constructed for selection purposes based on the FIS points valid at the time of intent closure.

Intended athletes' coaches will be notified electronically as soon as the ranking boards are done. Quotas for the events will be posted on the confirmation page. Coaches will have by the date published on the intent site to confirm or pull athletes. Unconfirmed athletes will be pulled.

Selection is through a National System. Regions do not have regional quotas.

Canadian FIS Races

Quotas: as posted on confirmation sheet. 15/ gender for FIS races. Super Series see below.

Eligibility:

Racers must have 120 or less USSA points in any event to race in Canadian competitions or they must be participating in a nationally or regionally approved development project

Intents:

Canadian FIS race intents will be submitted via the USSA Intents website: <http://ussa.org/alpine-programs/regions/intents>. Please refer to the site for instructions. Intents will be due 28 days prior to the first team captains' meeting. There is a calendar on each page of the website with Intent Deadlines clearly marked on the day. Confirmation is due by 16 days prior to the first team captains' meeting.

Intents may be filed for multiple race series for any given dates within a period. However, confirmation can only be for one series during a time period. There should be no pulls after 16 days except for injury.

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

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

Selection:

Ranking lists for Canadian FIS events will be constructed for selection purposes based on the FIS points valid at the time of intent closure.

Intended athletes' coaches will be notified electronically as soon as the ranking boards are done. Quotas for the events will be posted on the confirmation page. Coaches will have by the date published on the intent site to confirm or pull athletes. Unconfirmed athletes will be pulled.

International Intents (excluding Canada)

Quotas : (see Northern Hemisphere Precisions for any changes)

FIS 10 men, 10 Ladies

NJR 5 men, 5 Ladies

Eligibility:

Racers must have 120 or less USSA points in any event to be intended for these races and have an international FIS inscription. See the USSA Alpine Competition Guide for details.

Intents:

International race intents (non-Europa Cup) will be submitted via the USSA Intents website: <http://ussa.org/alpine-programs/regions/intents>. Please refer to the site for instructions. Intents will be due 28 days prior to the first team captains' meeting. There is a calendar on each page of the website with Intent Deadlines clearly marked. All intents are considered confirmed.

Selection:

Intents received 28 days prior to the first Team Captains Meeting of the series will be seeded according to FIS points valid at the time of intent closure. Entries received within the 28 day window will be added to the entry in the order they are received. Copies of entries will be sent to coaches. All intents and entries will be recorded and updated.

Additional quota information and notices are posted on the cover sheet of the monthly spreadsheet. Park City - alpinedomestic@ussa.org - must be notified immediately if an athlete that has been intended for an international series is not going to attend.

Out of Region Intents

Quotas: 10 Men, 10 Ladies

Eligibility: Racers must have less than 120 USSA points in any event to be considered to race out of region. (Host regions may relax this requirement).

Intents:

Intents for out of region FIS races, will be submitted via the USSA Intents website: <http://ussa.org/alpine-programs/regions/intents>. Please refer to the site for instructions. Intents will be due 28 days prior to the first team captain's meeting. There is a calendar on each page of the website with Intent Deadlines clearly marked on the day.

Intents may be filed for multiple race series for any given dates within a period. However, confirmation can only be for one series during a time period. There should be no pulls after 16 days except for injury.

Intents may be made for full series participation only. Eastern Quotas may not be used for partial entry to any out-of-region FIS series. The Regional Develop Director may allow the following exemptions as listed above (see Canadian Intents).

Selection:

Ranking lists for out of region FIS events will be constructed for selection purposes based on the FIS points valid at the time of intent closure.

Intended athletes' coaches will be notified electronically as soon as the ranking boards are done. Quotas for the events will be posted on the confirmation page. Coaches will have by the date published on the intent site to confirm or pull athletes. Unconfirmed athletes will be pulled.

U19 National Project Series - National Quota

Quota: 10 Men

Eligibility:FIS Juniors (U19,U21)

Intents: Intents for the junior quota for the U19 National Project series races, will be submitted via the regional page where the event is held on the USSA Intents website: <http://alpine.usskiteam.com/alpine-programs/regions/intents>.

Please refer to the site for instructions. Intents will be due 28 days prior to the first team captain's meeting. There is a calendar on each page of the website with Intent Deadlines clearly marked on the day.

Intents may be filed for multiple race series for any given dates within a period. However, confirmation can only be for one series during a time period. There should be no pulls after 16 days except for injury.

Selection:

This is a National quota selected by NTSM of the events being contested.

Eastern FIS Series

Intents:

All athletes who have been registered by their coaches/representative with the Eastern Office will be on the Eastern Athlete Ranking List. All Eastern athletes who are on the Eastern Ranking list by 28 days prior to the team captains meeting for an event will be intended for all Eastern FIS series races if they meet eligibility -EXCEPT the Canadian sited Super Series events. To intend for the Canadian sited Super Series races, the procedure is as listed above for Canadian Races and are done on the National Intent Site.

Confirmation and Development Requests:

All deadlines for confirmation, and development requests for the 2016 season are published on the Eastern FIS Dates Document (EFDD) that is found on the Coaches page of the USSA Eastern website.

Super Series

This elite FIS scored series is used to select athletes to US Nationals (see Championship Section for Qualifying Races. Awards go to the top-three overall winners and the top-three U19 competitors at each event. Entry fees will be waived for named USST members. Eastern Region (EASEF) will support the top five lowest point holders with FIS rank inside the top 350 in the contested event at all USA sited Super Series events.

Quotas: After all Foreign entries have been accepted, the spots remaining from the original 140 will be filled by the USA and CAN. (USA includes quotas for West:10, R/C:10 and Development: up to 5)

Eligibility: On the Eastern FIS ranking list.

Rankings: Fields for the USA Super Series events will be filled as follows: Using a new list for each series all Eastern athletes on the Eastern FIS Ranking List will be ranked using a NTSM of FIS points in the events being contested at the series.

Intent and Confirmation Process:

1. All Eastern athletes who wish to participate in Eastern FIS Series races and be ranked on the Eastern FIS athlete ranking list need to be registered by their coaches/athlete representative with the Eastern Office. If your athlete is currently not on the rankings list and would like to be entered, please contact the eastern office - pnichols@ussa.org

2. All athletes on the Eastern FIS ranking list are automatically intended for all Eastern USA Super Series races as long as they are on the list 28 days previous to the first Team Captains' Meeting for the Series. (Intents close at 28 days).
3. **Final date** for intent for all **foreign athletes on travel letters** who are associated with Eastern programs will be 28 days previous to the first Team Captains' Meeting for the Series. These athletes may be intended through the foreign athlete entries portal on the coaches' page. (<http://alpine.uskiteam.com/alpine-programs/regions/eastern-region/coaches>). If you have requested an entry for your athlete from a foreign federation, if you could let the Eastern office know, it would be helpful.
4. Links to ranking/confirmation lists will be emailed to FIS program coaches 28 days prior to the first TC Meeting for the series.
5. On the "Confirm start" date on the EFFD, you will receive an email link from the Eastern Office to a Google spreadsheet that includes all athletes on the Eastern FIS Eastern Athlete ranking list, out of region confirmed entries/quota spots, foreign athletes on travel letters associated with Eastern Programs who have been intended and any foreign federation entries that have been received at that point. There will be a cut off line letting you know what athletes are in the race at that time (Green highlighted line). At this time you need to confirm or pull your Eastern athletes by the confirmation close list date, which is 16 days from the first Team Captains' Meeting. If an athlete is not confirmed, they will be considered a pull and removed from the list so make sure to confirm your athletes below the line also. Please pull any foreign athlete you represent at this time if they are not going to attend the event. Foreign athletes will not be pulled from the entry list if they have not confirmed, but please remember these athletes are occupying quota spots that could be filled by other athletes if they end up not racing and we cannot determine final numbers for USA athletes until we know final quota numbers for foreign athletes.
6. During the confirmation period the Eastern Office will try to adjust the highlighted "IN" bar
7. On the "publish date" found on the EFDD, which is 16 days from the first Team Captains Meeting, the list will be finalized in the Google spreadsheet and athletes whose names appear above the green line will have their information uploaded into the Admin Ski Racing website for payment. An email will be sent reminding you to look at the list and it will also give you a link to the website to allow for payment. Eastern Athletes will have until 1 week before the Team Captains' Meeting to pay for the race series or they will be pulled with no recourse for getting back on the entry. Only athletes whose names appear above the green line will be able to access the race and pay for it.
8. Three days before the confirmation close date, requests for development spots will be opened for 4 days. If your athlete did not get in the race you may request a development spot through online forms located on the Eastern website coaches page. (<http://alpine.uskiteam.com/alpine-programs/regions/eastern-region/coaches>)
 - a. See the entries and requests box. An email will be sent as a reminder that development requests are now open. Just as a reminder, if you did not confirm your athlete during the confirmation period, they will not be considered for a development request spot.

- b. Development selections will be posted to the confirmation list 3 days after the close of confirmation. These athletes will be able to pay on line after selection. If any development selection athlete is unable to attend to the race after they have been selected they need to let the Eastern Manager know immediately after their name has been posted..
9. After the first payment window, all Eastern athletes who have not paid, development selections excluded, will be purged from the entry list with no recourse to get back on the list and the green entry line will be readjusted on the Google spreadsheet and 15 alternates named. The additional athletes who have been added to the list will now be uploaded into the Admin Ski Racing website and they along with development quota athletes will have until 1 day before the TC meeting to pay . The alternates will not be able to pay online. If your athlete is not going to be able to attend please let the eastern office know immediately so that we can notify the alternates.
10. Foreign athletes will be able to pay through the Admin Ski Racing website up to 24 hours before the TC Meeting.
11. Since the organizers must have a final and complete list not later than 24 hours before the first draw (ICR 215.1) the final entry will be reflected on the Google spreadsheet and live timing the evening before the team captains meeting. The entry will include 15 Alternates.
12. Please check the final entry as it is possible that the Eastern Office will have had to remove some athletes due to late arrival of entries by foreign federations. If you have paid and are removed from the entry due to this reason, you will be notified and your payment refunded.
13. At team captains' meetings this year the only pulls from the board should be:
 - a. Foreign athletes intended by federations that do not show
 - b. Out of region athletes that do not show
 - c. Athletes injured in the last 24 hours or athletes who have been notified by their schools they are on academic probation. (Please notify the Eastern office as soon as possible when you become aware of this situation.)
14. At team captains meetings this year the only adds will be an athlete that was listed on an alternate list or a USST member. If foreign athletes not on travel letters arrive at a Team Captains' meeting, the Eastern Office must be contacted.
15. If athlete numbers exceed 140, pulls proceed by reverse NTSM ranking of the USA athletes.
16. Athletes pulled off the board at TC Meetings or pulls in the last week will not have their entry refunded unless they are injured, on academic probation, or cannot attend due to a force majeure. The processing fee is not refunded.
17. Foreign athletes attending Eastern programs repeatedly pulled off the board this year have their Federations notified.

Note: Payment from Admin Ski Racing will go directly to the ROC. USSA East is not collecting any funds. Do not contact Admin Ski Racing regarding refunds. Please contact the Eastern Office or the race organizer.

Super Series in Canada

Quotas: After all Foreign entries have been accepted, the spots remaining from the original 140 will be filled by the USA and CAN.

Eligibility: USA FIS athlete

Intent and Selection:

All intents and selection for these races are as listed above for Canadian Races and are done on the National Intent Site.

FIS Open Procedures

Quotas: As per FIS for foreign, 10 West, 10 R/C, up to 10 Development

Eastern Eligibility: All Eastern Athletes on Eastern FIS ranking List

Selection: A three-event NTSM list using USSA points list in SG, GS and SL for multi-event and speed series will be used to rank all athletes. SL or GS only events will be ranked using current USSA points in the event contested. The Eastern Region will determine the appropriate number of athletes to compete based on the venue and event being contested.

Intent and Confirmation Process:

1. All Eastern Athletes with valid FIS licenses on the Eastern athlete ranking list are intended for all Eastern FIS Open races as long as they have been entered on the Eastern FIS ranking list prior to 28 days before the first Team Captains meeting.
2. Final date for intent for all foreign athletes on travel letters who are associated with Eastern programs will be 28 days prior to the first Team Captains' Meeting for the Series. These athletes may be intended through the foreign athlete entries portal on the coaches' page. (<http://alpine.uskiteam.com/alpine-programs/regions/eastern-region/coaches>)
3. See 4-17 in Super Series procedure above.

Open Races with Reserved Quotas:

Ladies: Sugarbush 2 SL (Dec. 5-6, 2015) and Whiteface 2 GS (Dec 11-12, 2015): 20 YOY 1999 (10: using 2015 U16 Nationals scoring, 10: based on a 3 way NTSM of USSA points.)

NJR and ENL Series

Quotas: Foreign as per FIS rules, West 10, RC 10, Development - up to 5

State/Divisional Quotas:

Maine	5	New York	5
Vermont	5	New Jersey	2
New Hampshire	5	Southern	2
Tri-State	5	Pennsylvania	2

For the NJR races: There will be a quota of 10 for U21s in order to maximize the opportunity for U19s to qualify for U19 Nationals.

Eastern Eligibility: All age and gender eligible Eastern Athletes on Eastern FIS ranking List

Selection: A three-event NTSM list using USSA points list in SG, GS and SL for multi-event and speed series will be used to rank all athletes. SL or GS only events will be ranked using current USSA points in the event contested. The U21 and U19 quotas for the NJR races will be done by an age specific ranking lists.

1. All Eastern athletes age and gender eligible who appear on the Eastern athlete ranking list will automatically be intended for these races as long as they have been entered on the Eastern FIS ranking list prior to 28 days before the first Team Captains meeting

2. Final date for intent for all foreign athletes on travel letters who are associated with Eastern programs will be 28 days prior to the first Team Captains' Meeting for the Series. These athletes may be intended through the foreign athlete entries portal on the coaches' page. (<http://alpine.uskiteam.com/alpine-programs/regions/eastern-region/coaches>)

3. See 4-17 in Super Series procedure above.

a. step 9 is altered as follows:

After the first payment window, all Eastern athletes who have not paid, **development and State/Divisional selections** excluded, will be purged from the entry list with no recourse to get back on the list and the green entry line will be readjusted on the Google spreadsheet and 15 alternates named. The additional athletes who have been added to the list will now be uploaded into the Admin Ski Racing website and they along with development quota athletes will have until 1 day before the TC meeting to pay. The alternates will not be able to pay online. If your athlete is not going to be able to attend please let the eastern office know immediately.

4. State/ Divisional Quotas should be submitted to the Eastern office no later than 24 hours after the close of confirmation

ENL Races with Reserved Quotas:

Men: Sunday River 2 GS, 2 SL (December 19-22, 2015): 20 YOB 1999 (10: using 2015 U16 Nationals scoring, 10: based on a 3 way NTSM of USSA points.)

For the December Super Series and ENL Series that overlap for the men, the five next best non-qualified athletes to the Super Series to the ENLs will be comped. If those athletes do not attend the ENL races athletes next on the list do not get comped.

Development Quota Selections for Eastern Races:

Based on written information received prior to posted deadlines for an event or series the regional competition staff will rank development quota requests. Coaches must provide the most current results and other pertinent data relating to the athlete's progress in order to be considered. All Eastern Development Requests must be made via online forms on the eastern region website. (<http://ussa.org/alpine-programs/regions/eastern-region/coaches>) Selection and notification will occur by 12 days prior to the event. Please note for Development Quota Selections the athlete must have been confirmed for the race by the confirmation deadline. The Eastern Development Director reserves the right to make discretionary picks of up to 20% of the development quota for the race.

Other Selection Methods

National Team Selection Method (NTSM)

The National Team Selection Method will be used as a basis to select teams and to arrange invitation lists based on ranking by points when two or more events are to be considered. NTSM is fully described in the USSA Comp Guide available on the USSA website. .

USSA Scored and Non-Scored Competitions

The standard deadline for fully paid entries for all USSA races to be received by the race organizer is five days prior to the start of the first event or official training. Entries received after the deadline and/or not accompanied by payment of full entry fee, can be considered late entries. Late entries may be charged up to 150% of the entry fee. Competitors may withdraw entries without forfeiture of any entry fees paid until 5:00 p.m. two days before the race or the start of official training. After that time, the race organizer is obligated to refund entry fees only if the entrant can prove that his or her inability to compete was due to force majeure

(circumstances beyond the racer's control). Many race organizers utilize online race registration. Please contact state and local organizations directly for information about how to enter online. The Regional Development Director must approve athletes wishing to compete out of region.

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

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

Other Competitions

High School Racing

High school ski racing programs are governed by the individual state High School Athletic Associations, with possible additional options developed by regional and local athletic directors and/or school committees. The role of USSA in high school racing is to provide assistance, instruction, and an avenue for these racers to move into the "pipeline" of USSA sanctioned races. It is not the intent of USSA to establish or direct policies toward any high school racing programs. To increase USSA visibility in many of the high school ski racing programs and introduce racers to different USSA levels of competition, the High School Racing chairs have created a USSA Eastern Regional High School Championship - March 4-6, 2016 at Attitash Bear Peak . This Championship allows high school teams representing all states within the Eastern region, plus out of region guest teams, to compete against other state teams. This particular competition is open to all members of a state high school team who have qualified through state selection procedures. Team quota (state) is limited to ten boys and ten girls.

College Racing

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

Championship Series - Eastern and National

US Alpine Championships

U.S. Alpine Championships Hosted at Sun Valley, ID– March 22-27, 2016

Qualifying Races:

Super Series races up to and including Mount Sutton

Points List for Selection Board: FIS List 10

Quotas:

US Nationals: 14 men, 11 ladies; Maximum team size: 18 men, 15 ladies.

Eligibility:

Regional Selection to US Nationals

No Restrictions.

Selection Methods:

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

Automatics:

National Selection to the US Alpine Championships

Women ('98 and '99 YOB athletes only) – Nor-Am Cup points achieved in any event during the 2015/16 season.

Men (YOB 1998) - NorAm Cup points scored in any event during the 2015-2016 season.

Men (YOB 1999) - NorAm Cup GS or SL result achieved during the 2015-16 season, or NorAm Cup DH or SG result within the top 50% of the finishers during the 2015-2016 season.

Setting up the Board

The board has two sides. The first side is a ranking using the New World Cup Points for results earned in the Super Series races up to and including Mount Sutton. The second part of the board is based on FIS points from **FIS list 10**.

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

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

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

Selection Procedure

Selection proceeds from left to right on each row starting with New World Cup points and ending with seed points. When a racer who has already been picked is encountered in a column, the column is skipped and selection continues with the next column in the same row. When the last column in a row is reached, selection continues with the first column in the next row.

For example, consider the following selection board:

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

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

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

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

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

Discretionary Selections

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

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

Alternate Selections

Alternates are selected by continuing the procedure described above.

Partial Slots

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

Selections in Exceptional Circumstances

When selections for a competition are made before the qualification races are completed, or if some or all of the races in these events have been canceled, the New World Cup points portion of the board will be based on any races that have been held. If a team is selected before any races have been held, then the selection will be based entirely on the seed point portion of the board.

U19 Nationals

U19 National Championships Hosted at Copper Mountain, CO – February 28 -
March 4, 2016

Qualifying Races:

Ladies: Super Series races at Sugarloaf (2 GS, and 2 SG) and the 2 Super Series SL races at Mt. Sutton

Men: SS series at Whiteface, (2 SG) NJR series at Burke (2 GS) and the NJR series at Proctor (2 SL).

Points List for Selection Board: FIS List 9

Quotas:

U19 Nationals: 20 men, 15 ladies

Eligibility:

Regional Selection to U19 Nationals

No restrictions other than age class

Selection Methods:

The Eastern Region uses a standard double board selection method for U19 National Championships.

Automatics:

National Selection to U19 Nationals

Women – Nor-Am Cup points achieved in any event during the 2015/16 season.

Men (YOB 1997 and 1998) - NorAm Cup points scored in any event during the 2015-2016 season.

Men (YOB 1999) NorAm Cup GS or SL result achieved during the 2015-16 season, or NorAm Cup DH or SG result within the top 50% of the finishers during the 2015-2016 season.

Setting up the Board

The board has two sides. The first side is a ranking using the New World Cup Points for results earned in the qualifying races. The races on the first side of the board for the ladies will be the Super Series races at Sugarloaf (2 GS, and 2 SG) and the 2 SL races at Mt. Sutton. The races on the first side of the board for the men will be the SS series SG races at Whiteface, the NJR series at Burke (GS) and the NJR series at Proctor (SL). For these Junior boards we will extract the U19s from the overall race results before assigning World Cup Points. The second part of the board is based on FIS points from **FIS List 9**.

A column is established for each event on each part of the board. There will be a 7 column board.. Columns will be listed in the order DH, SL, GS, and SG; which will be the order of selection. DH is included on the seed point side of board only. The New World Cup point portion of the board will be first, followed by the seed point portion of the board. For all competitions, the points selection board will include points only for those events contested at the championship. (AC excluded.)

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

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

Selection Procedure

Selection proceeds from left to right on each row starting with New World Cup points and ending with seed points. When a racer who has already been picked is encountered in a column, the column is skipped and selection continues with the next column in the same row. When the last column in a row is reached, selection continues with the first column in the next row.

For example, consider the following selection board:

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T	Q	B	M	T	D	C	Q

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

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

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

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

Discretionary Selections

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

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

Alternate Selections

Alternates are selected by continuing the procedure described above.

Selections in Exceptional Circumstances

When selections for a competition are made before the qualification races are completed, or if some or all of the races in these events have been canceled, the New World Cup points portion of the board will be based on any races that have been held. If a team is selected before any races have been held, then the selection will be based entirely on the seed point portion of the board.

U16 National Championships Hosted at Snow Bird, UT – March 29- April 2, 2016

East Quotas

YOB 2000 3 men and 3 women per region from the YOB ranking.

YOB 2001 3 men and 3 women per region from the YOB ranking.

YOB 2000 and 2001 5 men and 5 women from the overall ranking.

YOB 2002 5 men and 5 women using the Eastern U14 Championships selection procedure.

Selection Procedure

A ranking list will be made by adding the New World Cup points of the best two results from the 2SG, GS and 2SL at the respective U16 Regional Championships. The best two results must be from two different events.

Using the ranking list from the respective U16 Regional Championships, the top three athletes from each of the two oldest YOB competing will be selected. Ties will be broken by using the single best result. If a tie still exists, the next best result would be used, and this process will continue until the tie is broken. Ski Up athletes will not be included in this selection; they will be considered with the youngest YOB athletes.

Using the ranking list, after purging the top three athletes from each YOB, the next five 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. Ski Up athletes will not be included in this selection; they will be considered with the youngest YOB athletes.

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

U16 Eastern Championships Hosted at Sugarloaf, ME – March 10-15, 2016

State Quotas and Entries

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

Seeding

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

1. Seeds will run in order from one to five for all events. Seeds will consist of the same athletes for each event.
2. Second run start order for SL and GS events will be determined by normal USSA procedures; reverse top-30, then 31st on from first run times. If possible, first run DNFs and DSQs are allowed to run the second run, in bib order, at the end of the field. Determined by the jury.
3. Eastern athletes selected to and participating in the NTG and Eastern Regional U16 European Project (January / February 2016) are automatics to the U16 Eastern Championships and will be seeded in the first seed for each event, which will be expanded to accommodate these athletes.
4. Up to 3 spots per gender can be reserved by the Eastern Region Youth Coordinator and Development Director for a development quota to be used in exceptional circumstance. These selections will be announced before the first Team Captains Meeting.

Details

This USSA scored event consists of: 2SG, GS, 2SL. Boys and Girls. GS races will be held on

separate days. There is no SG training scheduled for this event. Overall champions will be named by adding the New World Cup points from the 2SG, GS and 2SL.

Twenty seven boys and girls will be selected by State Quota derived from the same State formula that was used for the championship event to represent the region at the U16 Am-Can Races (Tremblant, QC - Mar 26-29, 2016). Athletes may participate in both the U16 National Championships and the U16 Am-Can Races in years where the calendar allows. Events and seeding details for these events will be available on the USSA Eastern Website no later than the date of selections. The top ten second year U16 girls using U16 Eastern Championship overall scoring will be automatic entries to four December Eastern FIS races. The top ten second year U16 boys using U16 Eastern Championship overall scoring will be automatic entries to four December Eastern FIS races.

U14 Eastern Championships Hosted at Sunday River, ME – March 18-21, 2016

State Quotas and Entries

State's Quotas will be determined by Dec. 1 and published on the USSA Eastern Website. Quotas represent one state team to the U14 Eastern Championships. Up to 3 spots per gender can be reserved by the Eastern Region Youth Coordinator and Development Director for a development quota to be used in exceptional circumstance. These selections will be announced before the first Team Captains Meeting. The development quota will be in their own seed after the first seed.

Seeding

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

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

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

Details

This non-scored event will consist of a GS, SL, SG and SkillsQuest. The top 5 second year U14 athletes per gender will be invited to represent the Eastern Region at the U16 National Championships. Invitations will be made based on best overall result (combined times only) from the SL and GS using New World Cup points. Scoring is based on the best race result with ties decided by the next best race result, then best single run(s) if necessary. First year U14s athletes are not eligible for selection to the U16 National Project but are not purged from the race result rankings. Selected athletes may choose not to attend the U16 National Project. The Eastern Region will not fill any unused quota slots. The next 25 athletes with 5 alternates per gender will be invited to represent the Eastern Region at the U14 Can-Am Races (Sugarloaf, ME – March 25-28, 2016). Selections (to U14 Can - Am) will be made using the same list used to select athletes for the U16 National Project. Athletes must choose U16 Nationals or U14 Can-Am and must notify the Regional Director within 48 hours of completion of U14 Eastern Championships.

The top 2 from each gender first year U14s with the best scores from the U14 Championships Skills Assessment will be automatic selections to the designated Eastern Camps for the

following season. The top 2 second year U14s will be named as automatics to the Eastern U16 Camp(s)..

The top 2 from each gender first year U14s with the best scores from the U14 Championships Skills Assessment will be automatic selections to the designated Eastern Camps for the following season. The top 2 second year U14s will be named as automatics to the Eastern U16 Camp(s).

Eastern FIS Finals Hosted at Stowe Mountain Resort, VT – March 14-18, 2016

State Quotas* per Gender

Vermont 6	Tri State 5
NH 6	Pennsylvania 5
New York 5	New Jersey 5
Maine 5	Southern 4

Regional Automatic Quotas

U19: 40 Men, 30 Women
Development Quota: up to 5 Men, 5 Women

* Not interchangeable with any other event.

State quotas selection methods may differ between states. Contact your state association for more information or visit their website. After quotas are selected, any unused state/divisional quota spots in individual events will go unfilled.

Selection Procedure

This FIS event consists of: 2SG, 1GS, and 1SL. U19 automatics will come from the same ranking list used to determine the Eastern team to the U19 Nationals. Remaining spots after the State/Divisional quotas have been considered will be filled by a three event NTSM of athlete's on the Eastern FIS ranking list. GS races will have a full field of 140. The SG and SL races will be targeted to have 200 total athletes (men and ladies) with numbers reflecting the gender distribution on the Eastern FIS Ranking List. Final athlete numbers will be determined by the Eastern Office and the hosting site. Race winners at this series will be automatics to the following season's December FIS Opens. State Quotas are due in the Eastern Office 24 hours after the confirmation period closes.

Eastern U19-21 USSA Finals Hosted at Gore Mountain, NY – March 11-14, 2016

State Quotas (Combined both genders)

Vermont 59	Tri State 19
New Hampshire 29	Pennsylvania 12
New York 25	New Jersey 12
Maine 21	Southern 7

State quotas represent one team to the series. At least one week prior to the event, State Chairs communicate with USSA East and request to use any declined quota spots. These spots are not interchangeable with any other event.

Development Quota

An additional 30 + athletes may be added to the SG's of this event. Requests need to be in the Eastern office by March 1 via online forms.

Details

This USSA event consists of: SG, GS, and SL, filled through state quotas, by athletes who have not qualified for the Junior FIS Finals. Overall champions will be named based on total Old World Cup points scored in the series, ties will be broken by best single result, moving to the next single best result until ties are broken. There will be a non-mandatory SG training

day available the day prior to the SG race for all interested competitors.

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

U16 Eastern Finals Hosted at Okemo, VT – March 12-15, 2016

Quotas and Selection

State Quotas will fill the field of 155 competitors. Quotas will be published by Dec. 1 on the USSA Eastern Web site. Quotas represent one state team. Unused quota spots will be reallocated through a state rotation of SO, NJ, PA, ME, TS, NY, NH, and VT. State quotas are due in the Eastern Office 1 week before the event.

Seeding

Same as the U16 Eastern Championships, described above.

Details

This scored event will consist of a SG, GS, and SL with a mandatory SG training day held prior to the SG race. Three athletes per gender will be selected to race at the U16 Am- Can Races (Tremblant, QC - Mar 26-29, 2016) by adding the New World Cup points of the best two results from the first SG, GS and SL with ties decided by the next best race result.

Eastern Amateur Ski Educational Foundation - EASEF

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