

**Eastern Alpine Competition Committee
Rutland Vt
April 25 '09**

The following items were of note

The "Draft Schedule" for the Eastern Youth Events is

Eastern J3 Finals	March 4-7
Eastern J3 Olympics	March 13-16
Eastern J4 Future Stars	March 21-23
Canadian K2 Championships	March 27-April-3
J4 Can-Am	April 10-11

Overall number for participant number for the J4 Future Stars Camp has been increased from 150 to 166, each states quota has increased by 2. PARA's quota to this event is now 16.

The format of the J4 Future Stars Festival will change to now include one day of a "team format" competition, a day of Slalom racing and a day of GS racing. The SL and GS will be two run events with the first run seeded from the State Lists and the 2nd run bibbo based on flip 30. Results from these two races will be used to select the Can-Am Team.

The "state rotation", for J3 Olympics and J3 Finals has been removed. The Eastern Office may now calendar these events at appropriate venues and will attempt to include a SuperG. If necessary the SuperG will be replaced by an additional GS.

J3 ERS (Eastern Race Series) will eliminate the SuperG event and will include GS and Slalom only. Planned scheduling will place this event on Jan 23-24

J3 Elite Speed Camp will include approximately 40 athletes, based on Eastern Office selection. Three-day event, Monday-Wednesday, tentatively planned for Feb 8-10.

J3 racers who have earned seed points many now use these points at scored competitions taking place after the J3 Olympics. To confirm a previous understanding, only SARA, PARA, NJ and TRI may host scored competitions open to 2nd year J3 to earn points prior to the completion of J3 Olympics.

Programs need to continue to focus on building strong fundamentals and reinforcing the need for the racers to be to arc the ski above the gate. Clear discrepancies were visible at the Can-Am event where Canadians set courses with increased offset.

There was some (limited) discussion about the possibility of eliminating the need to include a delay gate in J3-J5 Slalom events.

VARA (Vermont) provided direct athlete support of almost \$22K this past winter. In previous years this number was 30% higher.

NHARA (New Hampshire) has in place a system to evaluate job clubs are doing hosting races. The evaluation includes hill preparation, timing, RA and the quality of gate judges.

Several States continue to procure B-Net for use throughout the State and manage it successfully. Transportation and scheduling present the largest challenges. TRI owns close to 200 Rolls, VT 190+,

Budget constraints at the National Level have eliminated support from USSA for the Eastern Regional Coach, Brad Bradford. The ACC voted to provide direct support though EASEF for an Eastern Regional Coach who would also provide a delivery mechanism for Coaches Education and program visits.

Eastern High School Championships will be hosted March 12-14, '10 in North Conway NH.

The request for Denton to be a recognized club with in the structure of New York was approved.

Respectfully Submitted

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Note: Eastern Children's Committee Meeting and Development Forum on April 24 were attended and notes are intermingled.