

Tentative Dates for Post Season Events – dates and location subject to change

U14 Championships 14-17 March at Stowe
U14 CanAm 28-31 March, Tremblant

U16 Regionals 6-11 March, Maine
U16 Finals 28-Feb - 3 March, Cranmore
U16 AmCan 21-24 March, Sugarloaf

Other Dates

Eastern High School Championships March 8, 9 & 10th
November 11, Sunday, Eastern Regional AO Clinic / PARA

U16 Issues – Age Change

U16 Finals will be a non-scored event, seeding will be in state rotation.

U16 Regionals will be a scored event, seeding will be in state athletes may be imported for SuperG w/ points.

The training day for SuperG may be eliminated at U16 Regional Championships (pending a rule change) Format for U16 Championships will be 2xSG, SL & GS, five days total, with men & women running GS on separate days. U16s competing in Regional Championships should/must have prior speed experience.

U16 Championships will be scheduled for venues that have an active FIS SuperG venue. (Sugarloaf, Sunday River, Whiteface, Burke)

SuperG training day will be kept in place for U16 Finals.

The ability to qualify to U16 Regional from U16 Finals will be eliminated. If a method can be established to prevent competitors from "sandbagging" then a very limited number of spots may be available for participants to jump from U16 Finals to U16 AmCans.

U16 competitors may earn points, and these points may be used for seeding at "open events". **States may not use USSA points for selection to U16 post-season events.**

U16 & U14 events have been moved forward in the calendar with the addition of AmCan & CanAm events.

Event formerly known as "J3 ERS" has been eliminated. There is possibility of combined US / CAN GS/SG event "in-season". Selection would be based of prior season events.

Misc.

There is a possibility of seeing a prerequisite for competition in FIS events, the general proposal is one must be within the top 1,000 ranked athletes in USSA points in order to get a FIS license. The "east" will try and push this implementation off for one year, but there is a significant amount of momentum from key personal in the western region for this to happen. It's likely we can get an exception to this for "state quota entries" to DEVO FIS.

U14's must use 27mm gates which are 60" or taller.

Sprint downhill, several hills in the west are planning on hosting downhill's in a two run format. For USSA Downhill, SuperG skis are legal.

USSA National Head Tax will increase, from \$6 to \$10. EASEF "contribution" will remain at \$5/racer start. Total "tax" for Scored events will be \$15.00. EASEF contribution of \$1/racer start for non-scored events remains. The last increase for National head tax was in 2004.

No "goodie bags" will be allowed at Eastern Youth championships. There was great concern the focus and evaluation of the event was more based on the contents of the goodie bag than the quality of the competition. Competitors may receive t-shirts at post-season events.

Coaches who are not currently certified (Level 100, 200...) will be required to take an on-line training and test prior to being issued their license, "Fast Start coaching Course". Continuing education credits are required for all Certified coaches.

There will be no U16 participants at the Piche race in NH. There is a good possibility NY will host an event for the U16s that would have participated in the NH event.

Primary medical insurance is now a prerequisite for USSA Membership.

Athlete Membership Structure (Alpine)

Scored Competitor – age 12 and over, \$150, anyone participating in the "pipeline"

Non-Scored Student – age 14 and over, \$100

Alpine Youth – age 12 and under, \$80

Alpine Official \$60

Alpine Coach / Official \$135

USSA is working on an integrated system for "on-line" race registration. Participation in this service will be optional for ROCs, not mandatory.

Quotas

Revisiting quotas for U16 Regionals and U16 Finals as well as U14 Regionals. PARA is likely to see a small decrease in U16 Regionals but possibly a small increase in U16 Finals.

Rotation will be established for unused regional post-season events, U16 & U14 Regionals and Finals.

Respectfully Submitted

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