

Eastern Alpine Competition Committee Report
to
Pennsylvania Alpine Racing Association Annual Meeting

Preliminary Post Season Schedule

Mar 6-10 Jr FIS Finals – U18+
Mar 6 – 8 Eastern High School Championships – Cannon
Mar 12 – 15 U16 Finals
Mar 16 – 20 U16 Championships – Whiteface
Mar 13 – 15 U14 Championships – Stowe ??
Mar 14 – 17 USSA Finals – Gore – U18+

Changes for Post Season Events

U16 Championships will continue to have two SG races. The first race will be used for calculation of the overall results. Both events will be scored for USSA points.

U14 Championships will consist of SL, GS, SG and Skills Quest. This will be a four-day event.

The Am-Can (U16 event for top competitors from U16 Championships) is being eliminated from the schedule.

The Eastern Development Committee is now responsible for U16 athletes. The Eastern Children’s Committee oversaw all U16 events and selection processes prior to this change. Changes in PARA Quotas to U16 events are undetermined at this time.

There was some limited discussion about changing USSA Finals and allowing U16s to participate.

Equipment Rules for 2015

Review of the current equipment rules is on the agenda for the Nat’l Development Committee during the National Meeting. There is some discussion of not having the FIS ski equipment specifications apply to scored USSA competitions. Also under review are equipment requirements for U16s competing in scored competitions, “Jr slalom gates”, aka the 60” gate, and specifications for helmets. Outcome at this time is unknown.

Possible “mid-Atlantic” post season events.

Given the constant push for more quota spots to U14 and U16 events from VT and NH there is some exploration of the possibility of developing a “mid-Atlantic” championships series with athletes from TRI, NJSRA, PARA and SARA participating in a series of races “parallel” the existing U14 and U16 regionals and finals.

USSA Affiliate Agreement

See separate report presented by J. McGregor and D. Chayes

Respectfully Submitted
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