

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

Post Season & Championship Events

4-6 March Eastern High School Championships
10-15 March U16 Championships, 2xSL, GS, 2xSG, Sugarloaf
12-15 March U16 Finals, SG, GS, SL, Okemo
18-20 March U14 Championships, SG, GS, SL, Skills, Sunday River
25-28 March U14 Can-Am Sugarloaf
26-29 March U16 Can-Am, Tremblant

U16 Championships now includes two Slaloms, as there is concern that not enough emphasis is being placed on slalom skills at this age group.

Equipment rules and regulations

Attached you will find the latest version of the proposed equipment rules for the 2015/16 season. This is a DRAFT Version

We will likely see a revision to the course setting requirements for non-scored competitions.

“Jr Gates” – more details after congress

Affiliation Agreement

The final version of the Affiliation Agreement adopted by the USSA Board in May 2015 was a slightly changed from the version presented at the PARA meeting in May 2015. The change being an edit to clarify that only the “red-lined” sections of the USSA Affiliate Bylaw Template need be include in the each Affiliates bylaws.

PARA needs to review and update their existing bylaws to include the red-lined sections of the bylaw template. We will be required to have 20% of the voting members of the board meet the criteria of “Athletes”, individuals who have held a USSA competitor license and competed in USSA competition within the last 10 years. The current bylaw template is Version 18 May '14

Eastern ACC Operating Procedure changes

The quota committee was eliminated; each “state” had one vote on the quota committee. The Development Committee and Children’s Committee will now recommend quotas to the ACC. PARA has no voting representation on either committee.

PARA had 1,376 racers compete in scored competitions. PARA’s contribution to EASEF was \$6,880 for the 14/15 season. In addition to supporting Eastern programs EASEF provides direct athlete support. EASEF grant request forms are available on www.EASEF.org

Dan Chayes, PARA Eastern ACC Representative.
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**Alpine FIS and USSA
Equipment Rules 2014-15
2016 draft 2 - 13 April 2015**

	OWG, WSC, WC, WJC, all COC including NAC		FIS/ENL		USSA U18 (16 years old) and older*		USSA U16 (15 and 14 years old)		USSA U14 (13 and 12 years old)** the following are recommendations except as noted		Masters***
	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Boys	Girls	
Minimum Ski Length	DH	218 cm	213 cm	205 cm	210 cm	205 cm	not restricted	not restricted	not restricted	not restricted	see note below
	SG	210 cm	205 cm	200 cm	200 cm	200 cm	183 cm	183 cm	175 cm	170 cm	
	GS	195 cm	188 cm	190 cm	183 cm	180 cm	175 cm	max 188 cm	max 188 cm		
	SL	165 cm	155 cm	165 cm	155 cm	165 cm (155 cm for U18 men)	155 cm	130 cm	130 cm		
Minimum Ski Radius	DH	50 m	50 m	50 m	45 m	45 m	not restricted	not restricted	not restricted	not restricted	see note below
	SG	45 m	40 m	45 m	40 m	33 m	30 m	23 m	23 m	21 m	
	GS	35 m	30 m	35 m	30 m	23 m	23 m	17 m	17 m	17 m	
	SL	no rule	no rule	no rule	no rule	no rule	no rule	not restricted	not restricted	not restricted	
Profile Width Under Binding	DH	max 65 mm	max 65 mm	max 65 mm	max 65 mm SG/GS	not restricted DH	not restricted DH	not restricted DH	not restricted DH/SG	not restricted DH/SG	see note below
	SG	min 63 mm	min 63 mm	min 63 mm	min 63 mm	min 63 mm	min 63 mm	min 63 mm	max 65 mm GS	max 65 mm GS	
	GS	50 mm	50 mm	50 mm	50 mm	50 mm	50 mm	50 mm	not restricted	not restricted	
	SL	43 mm	43 mm	43 mm	43 mm	43 mm	43 mm	43 mm	43 mm required	43 mm required	
Maximum Binding Stack Height <i>Measurement includes ski + plate + binding</i>		50 mm	50 mm	50 mm	50 mm	50 mm	50 mm required	50 mm required	50 mm required	50 mm	
Maximum Boot Height <i>Measurement from sole to top of foot bed</i>		43 mm	43 mm	43 mm	43 mm	43 mm	43 mm required	43 mm required	43 mm required	45 mm	

* In USSA U18 (16 years old) and older racing, athletes may use equipment that conforms to either the rules as outlined for USSA racing or as outlined for FIS/ENL racing. Athletes are encouraged to use equipment that conforms to FIS/ENL to enhance their adaptation to those specifications.

** U12 and younger athletes should limit skis based upon the recommendations in the Course Setting matrix. U12 - 2 pairs (SL, GS), length skill/size appropriate. U10 - 1 pair (multi-event), length skill/size appropriate.

*** USSA Masters rules conform to the FIS Masters equipment rules. USSA recommends that competitors in USSA Masters events compete on equipment designed for the particular discipline (DH, SL, GS, SG), but does not make any recommendations in regards to ski length, radius or profile width.

*** For FIS Masters Competitions, equipment rules in regard to ski length (except SG), radius and profile width are recommendations. The minimum ski length for SG skis is compulsory for MAS races. No length, width or ski radius restriction for ladies above 55 and men above 65 years of age. The FIS recommendations for ski length, ski radius and profile width can be found in the current *FIS Specifications for Competition Equipment*.

Athletes may use equipment as specified for the next older age group.