



## PARA AO 2009-2010 Report

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### Pennsylvania (PARA) Alpine Officials 2009-2010 report

Submitted by Rob Lipton, Alpine Officials Chair

The 2009-2010 Alpine Ski Racing season in PA was very successful. There was abundant natural snow and when it wasn't snowing the weather was right for making snow. Excellent conditions were enjoyed by the competitors at the PARA races. With such a good weather all races were run as calendared.

There were the usual negligible differences that surface during every PARA racing season. The most significant one was whether to allow Single Pole Slalom at SL calendared events. As the season progressed, and after some clarification and gate judge and alpine official education, we learned in PARA that Single Pole SL would indeed work.

So not to confuse the field an additional protocol for SL races was instituted at each SL event. This protocol required that both course setters be required to set either a Single-Pole SL or Double Pole SL at each race; no mixed sets at the same race was allowed. This requirement worked out well and ultimately there was little controversy over SL events handled this way.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention the greatest breakthrough in gate technology (The Brush Gate). Although, many seasoned ski racing professionals were skeptical of these types of gates(including myself), all you needed to do, to become a believer of this type of gate technology, was to work a SL race. These gates have cut down on 90% of the gate maintenance and the time associated with those numerous holds for gate repairs. If your club doesn't have them, **get them!** You won't be sorry.

Also this year, all scored races were to be held on homologated venues. There was a renewed emphasis on all Technical Delegates reviewing these reports as well as making sure that the emergency medical procedure was shared with the Team Captains at the morning meeting before each race.



### **Educational Opportunities:**

- PARA provided three general membership Alpine Official's Updates, geographically dispersed throughout the state; Locations were Liberty, Seven Springs and Blue Mountain (78 participants attended). The senior TD's also held several AO updates to the membership of individual ski clubs throughout the season (estimated 40+). Special thanks to John McGregor, Dick Sawyer and Dan Chayes for their continued help in educating the alpine officials in PARA. Also Bill Filling for his workshops in timing and calculation.
- Once again several of our PARA TD's officiated at ski races out of state in the Eastern Region of USSA.
- Effective this year (2009-10) I have asked the members of our PARA AO Appeals Committee to forward names of Alpine Officials for upgrades to their certification status. They represent each region in PARA and are also the most active "senior" of our Alpine Officials.
- The Alpine Officials community was updated throughout the season by using PARA AO Website <http://scis.nova.edu/~rlipton/para/default.htm> to disseminate information from USSA and to store the most recent versions of all USSA forms. This website was also used to view which PARA technical delegates and referees were scheduled to staff each race.
- Race results were posted on Live-Timing so that results could become readily available to coaches and parents.

### **Upgrades and Promotions *(By the Numbers)***

- **322 Alpine Officials Registered in PA**
- **22 Exams Administered –**
- **17 Referee (13 Passed)**
- **2 Timing & Calculations**
- **2 Chief of Race**
- **1 Chief of Course**



**There are 54 PARA Alpine Officials who have been recommended for promotion to level 1 or level 2 for 2009-2010 year (see list at end of report)**

<b>Classification</b>	<b>Number of Requests</b>
<b>CC</b> : CHIEF OF COURSE	1
<b>CO</b> : COMPETITION OFFICIAL	33
<b>CR</b> : CHIEF OF RACE	1
<b>DM</b> : DATA MANAGEMENT	2
<b>JA</b> : JURY ADVISOR	6
<b>RA</b> : RACE ADMINISTRATOR	2
<b>RF</b> : REFEREE	6
<b>TC</b> : TIMING AND CALCULATIONS	3

**Level 3 PARA AO Upgrades Requested 2009-2010 (see list at end of report)**

<b>Classification</b>	<b>Number of Requests</b>
<b>CC</b> : CHIEF OF COURSE	
<b>CO</b> : COMPETITION OFFICIAL	4
<b>CR</b> : CHIEF OF RACE	
<b>DM</b> : DATA MANAGEMENT	
<b>JA</b> : JURY ADVISOR	3
<b>RA</b> : RACE ADMINISTRATOR	
<b>RF</b> : REFEREE	1
<b>TC</b> : TIMING AND CALCULATIONS	
<b>TD</b> : TECHNICAL DELEGATE	

***For a total of 7 individual requests for upgrades***

**Ski Racing Statistics:**

**PARA Calendared Thirty four (34) J1-J5, Master, Senior, (Men & Women) Races**

<b>Month &amp; Year</b>	<b>Number of Races</b>
December 2009	2
January 2010	17
February 2010	15



**Races Continued:**

- 8 Were scored**
- 16 Were non-scored**
- 10 Were both**

**For the 09-10 Ski Season, PARA has 12 Active Technical Delegates who worked at least one race.**

1 TD's Officiated 6 races
2 TD's Officiated 5 races
1 TD's Officiated 4 races
1 TD's Officiated 3 races
4 TD's Officiated 2 races
3 TD's Officiated 1 race

**I am currently compiling a list of PARA Referees and Technical Delegates who will need an update in the 2010-2011 Season to continue to be credentialed in these areas.**

**As soon as it is completed, the list will be posted on the PARA and AO PARA website.**

**Failure to update will result in loss of your USSA Referee's AO credential. (Please contact me if there is an error in this listing)**

**Respectfully Submitted April 15, 2010**

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PARA Alpine officials 2009-2010 Level 3 or higher

USSA	First	Last	CC	CO	CR	DM	JA	RA	RF	TC	TD
5522503	John	Reihner					3				
5228325	Scott	Book					3				
5331293	Stefan	Antal					3		3		
5168166	Curt	Schramm		3							
5167176	Ben	Roth		3							
4538955	Rolf	Mair		3							
4719993	Jim	Dibiase		3							

PARA Alpine Officials 2009-2010 Level 1, 2 and 3 Promotions

USSA ID	Officials Name	CC	CO	CR	DM	JA	RA	RF	TC	TD
5691118	Allison Ace		2							
5104757	Robb Alarcon		2							
5331293	Stefan Antal					3		3		
6277951	Allen Armstrong		1							
5941349	Galen Balinski		1							
5124482	Jeffrey Beinhaur		2							
5955794	Derek Berger		1							
5228325	Scott Book					3				
5580022	Lisa Clayton		1							
4436721	Amato Depaulo				2					
4719993	James Dibiase	1	3	1		2		2		
5956438	Paige Dix		2		1		1			
6287351	Hugh Dunn					1		1		
4805552	William Dunstan				1		1			
6316792	James Eagen		1						1	
5067210	Mark Fiorini		2							
5081781	Sarah Geiger				1		1			
4651188	J Sloane Gillespie					1		1		
4435483	Trevor Gilotti		1			1		1		
5259338	Steven Green			2						
5247861	David Gumpper		1							
5290572	Scott Hanna					1		1		
5983630	Jack Harnick		2							
5436530	Nell Harnick		2			1		1		
5123922	Taylor Harrison		2							
5019138	Christopher Havens		2							
5253190	Paige Havens				1					
4556502	Ronald Hawkes							0		
5968771	Christian Hoehner		1							
5789862	Kenneth Karsten							0		
5908512	Jonathan Lamb		1							



USSA ID	Officials Name	CC	CO	CR	DM	JA	RA	RF	TC	TD
5869573	Eric Lipton		1			1		1		
4538955	Rolf Mair		3							
4743225	Kent Mcglinchy					1		1		
6250400	Tim McKinney		2							
5614474	Michele Meucci		1							
5706932	Mark Milby		2						1	
5146782	Leigh Moore				1					
4975223	Dane Morris					1		1		
2832558	Patrick Neville		2							
5242029	Kelsey Newell		2							
5531116	Robert Ost		1					2		
5436332	Cody Powell					1		1		
5872791	Paul Reed			1				1		
5834544	Petra Reed						2			
5522503	John Reihner					3				
5307384	Thomas Reihner		1							
5167176	Benjamin Roth		3							
5150164	Loren Schaeffer		1							
4895165	Peter Scheetz				1		1			
5168166	Curt Schramm		3		1	2	1		1	
5229265	Ryan Schramm		1			1		1		
6255538	Sandra Stefanic				1		1		2	
5062302	Susan Steinbach					2		2		
5062294	William Steinbach							2		
5614508	Joseph Sulpizio					1		1		
6286883	Gary Wilhelm					1		1		
5771746	Daniel Wishard		1							
5377619	Fred Wright		2							