

2025 USSS Eastern Region ECC Summary

Executive Summary

Changes Implemented This Year

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Challenges & Issues

- Region continues to emphasize SG training for u14
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Recommended Changes for Next Year

- Region plans to add weather contingency day to regional championship events
- Region advocates for not using live timing for u12 and younger races
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Board Approvals

Proposed Rules & Procedure Changes

- 1 small change to CanAm scoring to match Canada
- Other motions detailed below either tabled for future discussion or failed

Budget Requests

- n/a
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Detailed Report

Committee discussed 4 proposals

- In years where u14 finals are prior to u14 championships allow top 3 male and female racers from u14 finals to qualify for u14 championships - **motion failed**
- Proposal to add a team event to u14 Eastern Championships - **motion tabled to the fall for discussion**
- Proposal to score Skills Quest separately at CanAms and not include the event in CanAm overall scoring. This would match Canada's scoring approach. - **motion passed**
- Proposal to support rule change to course setting matrix for u10/12 to have maximum number of combinations in SL mirror u14. This proposal did not get endorsement from the committee. Following the meeting the individual that brought the proposed rule change has modified the proposed rule change to only include u12. They intend to propose the rule change at the USSS Congress.

Beyond the above proposals the major discussion points for the committee were encouraging divisions to find as much access as possible for u14s to gain exposure to SG and trialing not using live timing for u12 and younger races.

- Anecdotal experiences from those at the u14 Championship event indicated that during the SG training there were many athletes not ready for the speed.
- Again anecdotally, those that did not use live timing for a youth race found the racers, parents, and coaches more engaged in the race.

Committee has a working group to attempt to draw data driven conclusions about the longitudinal effects of its changes to competition structures and recommended training emphasis. For example was a cohort of top performing u14 athletes still the top cohort when they became FIS level? Did changes such as open divisional championships broaden the top level as the athletes made their way to FIS?