



Pennsylvania (PARA) Alpine Officials 2018-2019 Report

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Ski Racing Season Highlights:

This year's report will mark my 16th year in which I have had the privilege of serving as the PARA Alpine Officials chair-person. This year I updated my PARA Alpine Officials website Paraa.org. This website mirrors all of the documents posted on the usskiandsnowboard.org website that is used by Alpine Officials and a ROC to host a sanctioned U.S. Ski & Snowboard's Alpine Competition. If you haven't viewed it, check it out and let me know what you think.

The 2018-2019 alpine ski race season was off to a slow start. The weather didn't turn cold until the third week of January. The already compressed race schedule became even more compressed with as many as three to four races occurring each weekend-day in January and February. This number of ski races, occurring "simultaneously" stretched to the limits the availability of qualified alpine officials.

The good-news is that we have recruited two new Technical Delegates in PARA. Scott (Skippy) Stewart and John Delong. They are a welcome addition to our senior Alpine Official ranks in PARA.

[Admin SkiRacing](#) was used again this year to register competitors by the PARA race venues. There were no reports of problems. The ROCs have indicated confidence in the vendor and will most likely be used in the future.

Our PARA's Alpine Officials, with help from the PARA alpine racing community, performed exceptionally well. I am proud to be part of a group of dedicated volunteers who give freely of their time and effort to our athletes. I am truly appreciative of every one of you who perform their Official Alpine duties no matter the weather, temperature, negative circumstances, etc.

Alpine Officials by the Numbers:

During the 2018-19 season, there were 347 Alpine Officials in PARA. This is an increase of ten **Alpine Officials** in PARA from the previous 2017-18 year. At least 204 had attained at least one AO certification; which is a decrease of five from the 2017-2018 year. Fourteen alpine officials have all nine specialty certifications. This is the same number as last year. There are 14 active certified Technical Delegates in PARA. Of the 14 certified Technical Delegates, 13 TD's (*two more than last year*) officiated the PARA's race calendar as Technical Delegates.



There are: (As of 4/21/2019)

204 (-9) alpine officials with a **competition official certification**,

132 (-2) alpine officials with a **referee certification**,

148 (-10) alpine officials with a **jury advisor certification**,

36 (-2) alpine officials with a **chief of course certification**,

36 (-2) alpine officials with a **chief of race certification**,

38 (+8) alpine officials with a **race administrator certification**

50 (+4) alpine officials with **timing and calculation certification**.

Again... we have a dedicated alpine official community in Pennsylvania, and I am very proud and honored to represent them. Thank you for everything you do for alpine ski racing ... without you, there would be no ski racing in PARA.

Educational Opportunities:

PARA provided four general Alpine Officials workshops, geographically dispersed throughout the state*. They were held at Blue Mountain (East, North East Wisp (Western), and at Roundtop (Central). There was a total of 95 participants (27.37% of current PARA AO members) who attended one of these three Alpine Official workshops. These three **Divisional AO workshops** were held throughout the state and were facilitated by Sam Ganow and myself.

PARA also sponsored **an Eastern Regional workshop** staffed by Dan Chayes, Sam Ganow and Matt Howard. There was an in-depth session on timing and calculation. Other relevant AO topics were also covered.

An emphasis on the US SKI & SNOWBOARD 2018-19 Alpine Officials Fall Update document was presented; highlighting those rules specific and common to alpine ski racing in PARA. Other current and relevant information on the upcoming US SKI & SNOWBOARD ski racing season was also covered in these sessions. Alpine Official Exams were offered to those who requested them.

There were also club level workshops (Elk, Whitetail, etc.) provided throughout the state. Note: these workshop participants were not counted in the 95 who attended PARA AO divisional workshops. These workshops were designed to educate the parents of the racers on the basic rules of Alpine ski racing. The Competition Officials exam document was covered, and a CO designation was awarded to all current US Ski & Snowboard members who attended these clinics.

As previously outlined the PARA AO Website Paraao.org is used by the Alpine Officials' community to retrieve the most recent versions of all US Ski & Snowboard forms and documents and to find out about other pertinent updates, rule changes, clarifications and other timely information useful to our AO community. The revised race



schedule for the past year is posted on the first page of the website. I also have our PARA webmaster (Carrie Scheetz) post all relevant documents to the PARA website. All pertinent AO information or links to that information can be found on the [Para Website](#)

Alpine Ski Race Statistics:

PARA hosted forty-four (44) U10 – U21, Master, Senior, (Men & Women) Races, training days and 1 Super G camp that was 2-days in length. This year, no race or training days were canceled. Six race days were rescheduled.

Total of 44 race/sanctioned training days (*three more less than last year*) was completed

Month & Year	Number of Race Days Men and Women events counted as one race
December 2018	1
January 2019	9
February 2019	26 +2 days (SG Camp)
March 2019	6

Forty-four (44) Scored – Non-Scored Races:

- 11 - Scored
- 14 - Non-scored/training
- 19 - Both

For the 2018-2019 Ski Season, PARA has 11 Active Technical Delegates who worked at least one race.

1 TD Officiated 7 races	3 TDs Officiated 3 race
2 TD Officiated 6 races	2 TDs Officiated 2 race
1 TDs Officiated 5 races	3 TDs Officiated 1 race
1 TDs Officiated 4 races	

Upgrades and Promotions:

347 Alpine Officials Registered in PA

18 Exams Administered (some exam takers were not members of PARA)

4 – Failed = 77% pass rate!

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| 5 - Referee exams | 2 Chief of Race |
| 3 Jury Advisor exams | 1 Race Administrator |
| 7 Timing and Calculation exams | |



There are 54 PARA Alpine Officials recommended for promotion to a level 1 or 2 for the 2018-2019 year

Classification	Number of Requests
CC: CHIEF OF COURSE	2
CO: COMPETITION OFFICIAL	19
CR: CHIEF OF RACE	5
JA: JURY ADVISOR	6
RA: RACE ADMINISTRATOR	3
RF: REFEREE	7
TC: TIMING AND CALCULATIONS	8
TD: TECHNICAL DELEGATE	4
Total	54

There are three Level 3 PARA AO Upgrades Requested 2018-2019

Classification	Number of Requests
TD Level 3	
5940747 Bruce Wickersham	2
5168166 Curt Schramm	
CO Level 3	
5882584 Eric Updegrove	1
Total	3

Respectfully Submitted - April 21, 2019
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