

## PARA Race Organizers, Alpine Officials, and Coaches,

Please review the following mandatory requirements for all US Ski & Snowboard (USSS)–sanctioned alpine events within PARA. Consistent enforcement of these standards is essential to ensure athlete safety, regulatory compliance, and proper staffing at every race.

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### Coach Access Requirements

All alpine race coaches representing athletes at a USSS-sanctioned event **must hold a current USSS Coach membership in either “Active” or “In Progress” status**. Only coaches with one of these two statuses may be granted access to the race venue or any restricted areas.

Coach status can be verified using the USSS public member lookup tool:

<https://www.usskiandsnowboard.org/public-tools/members>

Coaches listed as **Inactive, Expired, Pending**, or without a valid Coach membership **may not** be credentialed or admitted to the venue.

Here is a helpful checklist for coaches to use if they are seeing an inactive status:

#### Coach Certification Activation Checklist:

- 1 - Check you have a current coach membership (SafeSport and Background Screening Complete)
- 2 - Check you have a current gold subscription to the Sport Education <https://academy.usskiandsnowboard.org/>  
[Directions on how to upgrade subscription](#)
- 3 - [Safety requirements](#) have been completed/submitted (avalanche awareness, first aid, CPR, concussion)
- 4 - For a new non-certified [coaches coaching fundamentals](#) has been completed (will put coaches in an "in progress-active" status, which allows them to register for sanctioned competitions). Upon completion of coaching fundamentals, coaches have the ability to register for a level 100.
- 5 - For an already certified coach (100+), 10 continuing education credits need to be completed for 2024-25, or the credit exemption needs to be submitted
- 6 - For an already certified coach, they have hit the renew button on their certification.
  - For Coaches who didn't have what they needed to complete Continuing Education during the 2024-25 season, Sport Education is offering a one-time alternative to credit submission to support coaches' transition into the 2025-26 season. This option will appear in each certification's Renewal Requirements section. This alternative will provide coaches with the tools & information they need to ensure that they are able to meet the Continuing Education Credit renewal requirement during the 2025-26 season.

[Click on Your Name > My Account >Certifications Under Your Listed Certification >More Details> Scroll Down to Renewal Requirements>Add Submission for 2024-25 Credit Exemption Acknowledgment. Hit the renew button on your certification](#)

- Hit the green renew button on your certification - [Renew Your Coach Certification Directions](#)
- **You will also need to earn or apply 10 continuing education credits (5 hours of education) during this 2025/26 season before June 30th 2026.**
  - [Continuing Education Framework](#)
  - [Self Report on credits](#)

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## **Alpine Official (AO) Requirements**

All Alpine Officials assigned to PARA or USSS-sanctioned events **must have a current (2026) Alpine Officials Workshop** recorded in their USSS membership record.

This requirement applies to all AO positions, including:

- Technical Delegate
- Referee
- Chief of Race
- Chief of Course
- Jury Advisor
- Race Administrator
- Timing & Calculations
- **Course Setter**

Officials without a current workshop on file **may not serve in any AO capacity** until their record is updated.

If your USSS record appears incorrect or incomplete, please contact me as soon as possible at [AOchair@paracing.org](mailto:AOchair@paracing.org).

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### **Final 2026 AO Workshop – Last Opportunity**

For Alpine Officials who have **not yet completed a 2026 AO Workshop Clinic**, PARA will host **one final session**:

**Date:** January 7, 2026

**Time:** 7:30 PM – 10:30 PM

**Format:** Zoom

**Host:** PARA

To register, please log in to the Admin Ski Racing website:

<https://adminskiracing.com/user/login>

<https://adminskiracing.com/event-register/1074/register> (Event URL)

This is the final opportunity hosted by PARA to meet the 2026 workshop requirement for officiating this season.

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