

PARA Eastern Alpine Competition Committee Representative Report

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Schedule, -- Draft --

Dec 5-8	J4 Regional Tech Camp, Sunday River ME
Dec 13-16	J3 Regional Tech Camp, Sunday River, ME
Jan 25-28	J3 Eastern Regional Race Series
Feb 8-10	J3 Regional Speed Camp, Sunday River, ME
Mar 5-8	J3 Finals, NH
Mar 14-17	J3 Olympics, ME
Mar 19	J4 Whistler Cup Shoot Out, Okemo
Mar 20-22	J4 Future Stars, Okemo
Feb 23-26	J2 Eastern Championships
Mar 2-8	Eastern Alpine Championships
Mar 13-19	J1/2 Finals
Mar 13-15	Eastern High School Championships, Cannon NH

Eastern Cup / FIS

There was significant discussion to fill Men's Eastern Cup (FIS) Technical events by qualification (automatics) and development quota requests and eliminate the existing state quotas to Eastern Cup Tech Events for men only. Entry in a second tier "Development Series" of races would be by state quota, automatics and development quota. Racers would qualify out of the "Development Series" and "into" Eastern Cup Tech Events. Existing entry procedures for all Women's Eastern Cup events and Men's speed events will remain unchanged. Look for possible changes either this fall or next spring.

Children's Issues

Future Stars event will remain in a "non-race" format with a focus on participation, team and skill building. It will retain its "festival" format.

Observations from

- J3 Elite Tech Camp -- There is a fundamental lack of ankle flexion in junior skiers.
- Canadian K2 Championship Slalom -- Very small group of skiers who could arc above the gate and consistently pole plant.

Administration

NY, once one primary user for Active.com for on-line registrations has moved away from that site and will likely do their own in-house on-line membership for 08/09. Several areas in NY/NH used AplineReg.com with good success. AplineReg includes an option for refunds and cancellations. Several states are considering simply using paypal to process memberships.

USSA may have on-line membership options for the 08/09 season. More information will be available after the USSA Congress in mid-May.

There was significant discussion about the continued increase in race entry fees. Needless to say we (PARA) have the most expensive race entry fees in US. While \$30 to \$60 entry fees are seen in NY/ME/VT this fee *includes* a lift ticket.

The Eastern Office is looking at trying to bring Sean Goodwin on-board on a full time basis with his responsibilities divided equally between competition manager, club visits / club interface issues and coaches education.

Quotas

No quota changes for the 08/09 Season, unless necessitated by changes to the Men's EC Tech events

Homologations

USSA is continuing with the push to in the near future to have all sanctioned events run on inspected (homologated or registered) trails. Further details will not be available till after the 2008 Congress in mid-may. If you're a race organizer and you have a trail in need of homologation please drop a note to dan at chayas dot org

Race Schedule Information Sheets

The process for receiving and completing sanctioning agreements will change. Regional Chairs & Event Organizers will be contacted when more specific information is available.

Respectfully Submitted

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