

Report on the ECC April 23 Meeting

PARA representative elected at the April 16, 2021 meeting, attended the Eastern Development Committee, ECC, and ACC meetings.

Topics of discussion:

Season Reviews: Divisions coped with COVID 19 Mandates

Broad appeal of virtual TCM's, electronic communication, and the elimination of late entries

Later season start in some divisions allow clubs to organize training around development goals rather than race schedules.

Health of the Sport Committee is recommending several changes including field size limitations, season length, and cost controls.

Field Size: Should the field sizes continue to be limited to 100 athletes?

Broad consensus that 100 while coming with significant advantages, not appropriate for Children's Racing in the East.

Racing Start Date: Proposals are being floated to push back the start of season to as late as Jan. 15.

Concerns were voiced that pushing back the season to mid-January would affect "Classic" Christmas races, affect U16 opportunities to establish point profiles, and reduce opportunities to race without the pressures of qualifying for a Division championship.

PARA and TriState expressed concern that a mid-January start would compress season to six weeks including two holiday weekends.

Cost Control/Mid-Week Racing: Growing concern about the cost of lift tickets and race entry fees. Some resorts only allowed mid-week racing and there is a desire to ensure weekend racing will return at younger ages.

Quotas for Eastern Championships: U14 Championship Quotas based 50% on population and 50% on performance. Without the 19/20 and 20/21 events, there is no performance data. Committee discussed options for handling missing data.

Pocket Guide: New version is available and clubs can submit for funding through the EASEF at <http://easef.org/contact-us/>

Development Committee points and motions related to ECC

Some concern that at U19/FIS, coaches have to address fundamentals that should have been solidified as early as U12.

Proposal was made to create an Eastern Team.

Motion was made to recommend to Congress that juries may use Jury and eyes of jury, in place of gatekeepers when appropriate.

Motion to recommend to Congress a rule change to allow for Single Gate Super G.

Conclusions

- COVID 19 sparked creativity and has accelerated changes related to everything from athlete coaching and management to race organization and administration.
- ECC members broadly support allowing divisions the flexibility to manage competition within the bounds of the rules and regulations to meet each division's unique needs and circumstances.

Submitted
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