

Below you will find some important information regarding US Ski and Snowboard initiatives. There is a recap of the [Pre Congress Teleconference](#) (hyperlinked) which took place in April. Below are some highlights of what was discussed.

Safe Sport ; Safe Sport is a Priority.

1. ALL Clubs need to prove they have 1 mill in Liability Ins either from their own vendor or from the CLIP program
 2. ALL Clubs need to be a registered and recognized entity with their state, 501(c).
 3. Background screening will be done every two yrs. It was previously required every 4 years.
 4. Safe Sport certification for anyone working with athletes is a must every two years, course provided by US Ski and Snowboard.
 5. The Fast Start coaching course will include Safe Sport education.
 6. Clubs must agree to safe sport guidelines
 7. Clubs must agree to and support US Ski and Snowboard Code of Conduct etc.,
- There are more mandatory club obligations. See this [link](#) for more info on US Ski and snowboard Safe Sport and this link for the recap of the teleconference.

New law - If someone fails to report abuse it is a violation of law.

Project 26 – New Alpine Development System

Patrick Riml is no longer the Alpine Director, [Jesse Hunt is the new Alpine Director](#).

"Project 26" is the US Ski and Snowboard new Alpine Development System which is said to be ongoing and evolving.

The basic premise of the project is that development is moving back to regions and clubs and athletes will move in and out of US Ski and Snowboard projects.

The Men's coach is [Sasha Rearick](#). The women's coach has not been hired.

"This program, to which Sasha will now be adding his immense experience and knowledge, has formed our new foundation of criteria for naming annual A-B-C Teams, as well as introducing an innovative methodology for inviting and managing athletes into the alpine development program. Future elements will dive down even further into age groups, as well as applying these initial learnings to other sports in which U.S. Ski & Snowboard works."

Currently the US Ski and Snowboard Eastern Region is without a Director, applicants are being reviewed. Any interested parties should contact [Chip Knight](#).

The US Ski and Snowboard Congress will be taking place May 1-5 in Park City. More Information may be found at this link. [CONGRESS](#) If you are interested in being “in the know” and up to date with what is going on in ski racing in the USA then this is the place to be.