



2016-17 Alpine Handbook

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Introduction

This handbook is intended to assist race organizers and coaches for the various Intermountain race series. Some information on Western Region FIS races and Intermountain projects are included. The handbook includes Intermountain and USSA rules as they pertain to the different race series, lists various required procedures for races and suggests additional procedures, which may be helpful for race organizers to follow. In addition to this handbook, you should refer to the following:

1. 2017 Alpine Competition Guide
2. USSA Alpine Official's Manual
3. 2016 – 2017 Review & Update – Alpine.

All are available on the USSA website.

This handbook also covers the selection procedures for Intermountain quota teams and the Intermountain Championships and Tri-Divisional Championships.

The first section of this handbook lists recent Intermountain and USSA rule changes. This is followed by a section that lists procedures common to all Intermountain race series. A separate section follows devoted to the details of each race series. A chapter on selection procedures for quota teams and the Intermountain Championships is also included. Additionally, Please familiarize yourself with the **USSA Alpine Competition Regulations (ACR)** located in the Alpine Competition Guide for additional information.

For additional information, please contact the Intermountain Office or the Intermountain ACC Chairman.

The Intermountain Office will normally be open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Governance

The business of the IMD shall be accomplished through the Discipline Competition Committees with oversight by the Board of the IMD. There are 3 recognized disciplines in the Intermountain Division: Alpine, Nordic and Freestyle. Each Discipline Competition Committee shall be established by the Board of the IMD, which may also establish policies relating to them and their sanctions, but the elected committee members shall be elected by the member clubs in the IMD.

The Alpine Competition Committee (ACC) shall be responsible for the development, encouragement, and participation of competitors with the various IMD/USSA competitive programs. They shall be responsible for the review and approval of applications for Division competitive events. In addition, the ACC is the policymaking entity relating to all Alpine content.

2016-2017 IMD Board of Directors

The IMD Board of Directors will consist of a President and the Discipline Committee Chairs in addition to an athlete representative. The Treasurer and Secretary are non-voting members.

Mike Hammer- President	Bridger Call- Alpine
Gordon Lange- Nordic	Jessica Hogg- Freestyle
Jaime Dupratt- Athlete Representative	Shannon Carrell, Treasurer (non-voting)
Carma Burnett, Secretary (non-voting)	

2016- 2017 BOD Executive Committee

Mike Hammer- President	Bridger Call- Alpine
Gordon Lange- Nordic	Jessica Hogg- Freestyle
Jaime Dupratt- Athlete Representative	

2016-2017 Appeals Committee

The Appeals Committee has a Chairman that is named by the President. The Alpine Officials Chairman and an Athlete Board member shall sit on this committee.

Troy Price- Chairman	Steve Schowengerdt	Jaime Dupratt
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2016-2017 Judicial Committee

Todd Brickson-Chairman

Gordon Perry

Scott McGrew

The Intermountain Alpine Competition Committee is the policymaking entity for Intermountain Alpine. Each IMD Club will get representation on the IMD ACC. A Chairman is elected by the ACC and serves a two-year term. In the second year of the Chairman's term, a Vice-Chairman will be elected with the intention of becoming the Chairman. The IMD ACC Chairman and Vice Chairman will represent IMD at the Western Region ACC.

2016-2017 IMD ACC Members

Bridger Call, Chairman, Jackson Hole

Todd Brickson, Rowmark

Steve Bounous, Snowbird

Jesse Hunt, Park City

Troy Price, Dev. Committee Chairman

Scott Mathers, Alta

Becky Stone, YSL Chairman

Markus Stock- Ski Team Sunny

Jamie Dupratt, Athlete Representative

Keith Brower, Brian Head

Steve Schowengerdt, Alpine Officials Chairman

Gordon Perry, Vice Chairman, Ogden Valley

Scott McGrew, Sun Valley

Mark Wedeking, Bogus Basin

Matt Sylvester, McCall

Mike Hammer, IMD President

Matt Brown, Summit

Ignacio Birkner, Cache Valley

Mike Collaer, Pebble Creek

Corey McGrath, Teton Valley

Tyson Henrie, Sundance

ACC Committees

2016-2017 Code of Conduct Committee

Mike Hammer

TBD

Carma Burnett

2016-2017 Development Committee

Chairman- Troy Price

U14- North- Kevin Keene (JH)

U12/10- North- James Tautkus (SV)

YSL- North- Mark Wedeking (BB)

U14- South- Jason Lance (PC)

U12/10- South- Tyson Henrie (SD)

YSL- South- Becky Stone (SB)

2016-2017 Grant Committee

Scott McGrew

Jesse Hunt

Bridger Call

Todd Brickson

Steve Bounous

2016-2017 Officials Committee

Troy Price Steve Schowengerdt Bridger Call Becky Stone

2016-2017 Calendaring Committee

Jesse Hunt Bridger Call Scott McGrew Mark Wedeking
Gordon Perry Steve Bounous

Coaches Advisory Committee

The Coaches Advisory Committee is comprised of one coach from each major program in the division. This group will meet three times to discuss pertinent issues.

Meeting 1 Fall Conference Call (after WR call)
Meeting 2 Spring Conference Call (prior to April 20th WR meeting)
Meeting 3 Friday evening prior to the IMD ACC meeting.

Intermountain Convention and Meeting

USSA Congress	Park City, UT	May 8-13, 2017
IMD Convention	Jackpot, NV	May 24-25, 2017

Divisional Awards

Alan Hayes Intermountain Scholar Award, Nick Lewis Intermountain Coach of the Year, Steve Schowengerdt Volunteer of the Year & IMD Official of the Year are IMD's yearly awards. Nominations for Intermountain Scholar, including a high school transcript, a skiing biography, and letters of recommendation from teachers and coaches are due May 15, 2017. The IMD Scholar must be a senior in high school and is designated for athletes who regularly participate and compete in IMD. The same deadline applies to nominations for Intermountain Coach, Volunteer and Official of the Year. Awards will be given at the Intermountain Convention.

Intermountain Alpine Junior Team

The 2016-17 IMD Junior Team will be named at the beginning of the 2016-17 season. The team will be in place until the new team is named the following December and will be comprised of 6 boys and 4 girls who were active IMD racers the previous season and will be active IMD U-21 or U-19 racers for the following season. IMD athletes that qualify but will not be returning to IMD to compete for the following season (move to the USST, US Academy, went to college, retirement, etc...) will be named as honorary team members, and the selection process will continue until the 6 boys and 4 girls are named. The 10 members will each receive a \$500 IMD Grant to help with their race expenses for the season. The qualification process will use a WC points method scored from the USSA National Points from the May points list as follows: The best point holders in each event will be scored by using new world cup points (100 points for the lowest points in an event, 80 for second lowest, etc... down to 1 point for the thirtieth lowest). Then each athlete's best three scores out of four

from DH,SL,GS, SG points lists will compose his/her total score.

2016-17 IMD Junior Team

Women

1. Haley Cutler- SVSEF
Jessica Reinhart- Honorary- Colby
Isabella Wright- Honorary- Aspen Valley
2. Madison Ostergren- Snowbird
3. Hannah West- Rowmark
4. Katie Hensien- Rowmark

Men

1. Alexander Birkner- Cache Valley
2. Luke Mathers- Snowbird
3. Yuri McClure- SVSEF
4. Dominik Brazerol- Park City
5. Gray Larson- Utah Alpine Ski Club
Will Snyder- Honorary- Out of Division
Jay Fitzgerald- Honorary- Gonzaga
Austin Savaria- Honorary- Montana State University
6. Duncan Fuller- SVSEF

Intermountain Division Information

Memberships in Intermountain Division

- Every IMD club must be a member club of USSA
- Every Club must pay IMD Division Club Dues of \$30
- Every person racing in a USSA Sanctioned race conducted by a club affiliated with IMD must be a current member of USSA, as specified in the USSA Competition Guide.

Each person must be a member of IMD, with the following fees, per the USSA registration form:

- Before October 16: U16 & Older Competitor - \$50.00
- Before October 16: U14 and Younger Competitor - \$20.00
- After October 15: U16 & Older Competitor - \$65.00
- After October 15: U14 and Younger Competitor - \$35.00

Alpine General Membership - \$15.00 (non-competitor)

Recent Rule Changes

- Intermountain Junior Team Requirement- Members of the IMD Junior Team need to have 1 IMC start or volunteer for 1 day at an IMD project. There may be special case consideration made for athletes who are unable to fulfill that requirement.
- IMD will eliminate 2nd year U14's from the Spring Development Project.

- IMD will revise the U14 quota to the Spring Project to 15m/15w. We will also allow a quota of 5m/5w that are 2nd year U12's to be invited. The 2nd year U12's will be selected from IMD Championships.
- The U14 WC qualifying point system will be expanded to 60 athletes receiving WC points
- IMD will no longer organize transportation to IMD Team travel events. This includes all Development Projects, U14 Regional Championships and U16 Regional Championships.

Communications from Intermountain Division

IMD will communicate to all of the clubs and parents via telephone, emails, in person and through Google docs. Please set yourself up to share files.

Club/ Team Registration

It is mandatory for all IMD Teams to become IMD Club members and pay the team registration fees before the team can enter their athletes in IMD USSA sanctioned races. A club contact list will be sent out in September and clubs will be responsible for updating the list and submitting payment. IMD Club fees are \$30 prior to October 15th and \$60 after October 15th. Club registration will be sent out via Google docs.

USSA Background Screening

USSA is a youth sports organization with over 75% of its athlete members 17 or under. In keeping with the standards of many youth sports organizations, schools and recreational programs in America today, USSA has implemented a strict policy on abuse, molestation and sexual harassment and animal cruelty. To support this policy, USSA has also implemented a background screening process to help ensure that the environment in its athletic programs at every level is as safe as possible.

This process will include all USSA employees, member coaches and officials.

Foreign Competitors/ U19 and Older

Foreign competitors, training in IMD, will be allowed to participate in Intermountain races under the following conditions:

- 1.They are registered with USSA and Intermountain and have paid the appropriate licensing fees.
2. In order for foreign competitors to be considered for IMD Teams, athletes must pay their divisional dues directly to IMD and declare their intent to be considered for these teams.

Clubs must submit a roster of ALL foreign competitors to the IMD office no later than Jan. 1st. The roster must include U16 and younger competitors.

2016-17 Alpine Points List Dates

List	USSA Close	USSA Valid	FIS Close	FIS Valid
Base List	Aug. 1		6-Jun	
List 1	Aug. 1	Aug. 1	1-Jul	1-Jul
List 2	Aug. 7	Aug. 11	Aug. 7	Aug. 11
List 3	Sept. 4	Sept. 8	Sept. 4	Sept. 8
List 4	Oct. 2	Oct. 6	Oct. 2	Oct. 6
List 5	Oct. 23	Oct. 27	Oct. 23	Oct. 27
List 6	Nov. 13	Nov. 17	Nov. 13	Nov. 17
List 7	Dec. 4	Dec. 8	Dec. 4	Dec. 8
List 8	Dec. 25	Dec. 29	Dec. 25	Dec. 29
List 9	Jan. 15	Jan. 19	Jan. 15	Jan. 19
List 10	Feb. 5	Feb. 9	Feb. 5	Feb. 9
List 11	Feb. 26	2-Mar	Feb. 26	2-Mar
List 12	19-Mar	23-Mar	19-Mar	23-Mar
List 13	9-Apr	13-Apr	9-Apr	13-Apr
List 14	30-Apr	4-May	30-Apr	4-May

Intermountain Division Quota Teams to Western Region Races

IMD Quotas: WR Calendar

Event	Dates	Location	Quota	Discipline	Notes
WR Open	12/10-13/16	Snowbird	50M/50W	2 SL/ 2 GS	50% quota for 1 st year U19
Elite Tech Series	1/17-20/17	Squaw Valley	13M/14W	2 SL/ 2GS	plus autos, expansion goes to next 5 U19's
WR Speed Qualifier	1/27-2-2/17	Schweitzer	35M/35W	2SL/2SG	Standard Board with quota expansion/ U19
WR Tech Qualifier	2/19-22/17	Snowking	35M/35W	2 SL/ 2GS	Standard Board with quota expansion/ U19
WRJC	3/9-14/17	Schweitzer	35M/24W	2 SL/ 2GS/ 2 SG	Standard board
U14 Regionals	3/16-19/17	Alpine Meadows	26M/18W	SL/GS/SG	WC point board
U16 Regionals	3/16-19/17	Big Sky	26M/32W	SL/GS/SG	WC point board
WR Open	3/23-26/17	Sun Valley	50M/50W	2SL/2GS	Standard board
Elite Spring Series	4/3-8/17	Mammoth	13M/14W	2 SG/ 2 DH	plus autos
WR Speed	4/11-16/17	Mammoth	35M/35W	2 SL/ 2 GS	Standard Board

Intermountain Division receives quotas for Western Region FIS races. All Intermountain Teams sent to Western Region FIS races will be selected and entered through the Intermountain Office. IMD will create selection boards for all WR FIS races and will post them on the WEST page on the USSA website (<http://ussa.org/alpine-programs/regions/western-region>). Boards will be available within 2 weeks of a race series. We will make every effort to use the most up to date USSA points list. Coaches will be asked to pull and confirm all athletes prior to the 10 day deadline. Intermountain will enter all IMD athletes. Each club with athletes will be invoiced for entry fees at the conclusion of the race. Transportation, lodging and lift tickets will be the responsibility of each individual club. The IMD office will assign head coaches for each gender for out of division WR FIS races.

Western Region U16 and U14 Championships

The U16 Championships will require shared lodging, on-hill and off-hill activities and staff. Transportation for the U16 championships will need to be coordinated between the clubs. The U14 Championships will have a named staff and divisional hotel but clubs/families will travel on their own. Families may arrange for their own lodging or take advantage of a divisional room block. Athletes are required to attend on the hill and off the hill activities and team meetings.

ALL ATHLETES USING AN IMD QUOTA SPOT WILL SUBMIT AN ELECTROINIC TEAM AGGREEMENT/CODE OF CONDUCT VIA THE INTERMOUNTAIN WEBSITE.

IMD Coaching Staff

Coaching staffs for Intermountain projects must be finalized 7 days prior to the first Team Captain's Meeting. According to Western Region rules, an organizer will provide complimentary lift passes for coaches listed on the back of the entry form. The Intermountain Team will be entitled to one coach per gender plus one coach for each 10 competitors. In the event that IMD has more traveling coaches than allowed by the organizer to receive a comp ticket, the extra lift tickets will be purchased. After the event, the purchased tickets will be totaled and then split by the entire coaching staff minus the Head Coaches ticket. Each club represented on the project will receive an invoice for the extra charges after the project is complete. Head Coaches for IMD projects will receive a \$50 per day per diem and staff coaches will receive a \$38 per day per diem.

Coach's nominations for the U16 and U14 Championships must be made 14 days prior to the first Team Captain's meeting. The IMD Director will decide the coaching staff for the U16 and U14 Championships. Please submit nominations to the Intermountain Office via e-mail (carma@ussa-imd.org)

IMD Coaching Philosophy

All IMD Teams sent to Western Region races, with the exception of U16 and U14 Championships, will have a named coaching staff that will work with IMD athletes on the hill at the events. The coaching staff will also work together at the Team Captain's meeting and represent all IMD athletes. At the conclusion of the event, individual teams will pursue separate agendas off the hill. Each event will have a named Head Coach for the men and women's races at out of division WR FIS races. IMD will provide divisional radios for the entire staff to use. In the event that a team sends multiple coaches, only some of them will be provided with radios. All teams represented will receive at least one radio. All radios must be returned to the Head Coaches prior to leaving the race venue.

Intermountain believes that the effectiveness of its competitors depends on the cooperative environment that has been fostered between all of the clubs.

We believe that a competitor's success depends upon his/her ability to function effectively within the team that he/she is a part of at any given event and with the coaches for that team.

We believe that a coach's success depends upon his/her ability to work successfully with athletes regardless of their club affiliation or potential for success.

To that end, Intermountain will organize its teams to regional events and development projects as semi-integrated groups with all athletes and coaches working together on the hill to maximize the results of every athlete in the event. The affiliation of all athletes and coaches at these events will be Intermountain. IMD Coaches understand that as a member of the Intermountain coaching staff for a project, they have an obligation to cooperate with the remainder of the staff in executing the program that is agreed to, and that they have an obligation to all of the athletes involved in the project, particularly those that do not have a coach from their club on staff.

Head Coaches for IMD Quota Teams

IMD will pay Head Coaches a per diem of \$50.00 per day for all Head Coaches on assigned out of division IMD projects. The division will require teams to nominate staff for the Head Coaching positions. Coaches will be assigned on a first come first serve basis.

Selection and Payment of Intermountain Team Projects

Lists for Intermountain Teams will be completed two weeks prior to the event whenever possible. IMD Boards will be posted on the USSA West website. Coaches need to confirm their athletes and athletes/teams need to send payment within 2 weeks of the conclusion of the event. Payments will be made after the conclusion of the event in case there are any race cancellations. IMD will make every effort to recoup funds from race organizers in the event of cancellations, injury or pulls. In the event IMD is not able to recoup money from organizers, the athlete/team is responsible for payment. Athletes who have delinquent bills from a prior year will not be allowed to use an IMD quota spot on future IMD projects.

IMD will accept: team checks, personal checks or credit cards.

IMD Quota Teams Code of Conduct

Team Rules

Members of Intermountain teams are required to abide by the USSA code of conduct.

Additionally, team members:

- are prohibited from using or possessing illegal drugs;
- are prohibited from using or possessing alcohol; the exception being athletes who are 21 and older. Athletes who are of legal drinking age must refrain from buying, possessing or using alcohol in or around IMD Team housing and in the proximity of IMD athletes who are under the age of 21.
- are required to attend all team meetings unless excused by the head coach;

- will observe the curfew established by the coaching staff;
- will reside in the room to which they are assigned by their home Head Coach or by IMD when applicable, and share responsibility with their roommates for damages or rule violations that occur in the room when it is not possible to establish individual responsibility;
- will remain with the team on IMD cooperative housing project except with the knowledge and permission of the coaches and Intermountain Director.
- will observe any additional rules established by the coaches.
- under 18 are prohibited from using or possessing tobacco. Those 18 and older may not use tobacco in the team vans or housing, in the race arena, or in the presence of team members under 18.
- Will pay all fees in a timely manner.

Discipline Guidelines & Violation Definitions

Violation Definitions

Major violations of Team Rules are:

1. Any violation involving drugs or alcohol.
2. Major curfew violations (more than 1 hour), theft, vandalism, or assault.
3. Any action resulting in arrest.
4. Any other offense determined to be particularly out of line by the Head Coach for the trip in consultation with the Intermountain ACC Chairman.

Minor violations of Team Rules are:

1. Any violation that is not a major violation.

Possible Disciplinary Action for Major Violations

Any sanctions imposed by IMD shall comply with the USSA Code of Conduct. Possible sanctions include the following:

1. Suspension from the team and loss of future team participation.
2. Suspension from training and/or competition.
3. Elimination of coaching, travel and other benefits.
4. Turning the offending party or parties over to the local or state authorities if the offense is a violation of existing laws.

(The number of offenses will be accrued over the career of the athlete.)

1. First offense: The sanction for the first offense will be in effect on the next IMD quota trip for which the athlete is qualified in addition to any further sanctions imposed by the athlete's home program (in the case of independent athletes, by the athlete's parents). The Intermountain ACC Chairman and IMD Director are to be notified by the program or parents of the sanctioned athlete within 72 hours of the disciplinary action.
2. Second Offense: The sanction for the second offense will be in effect for one calendar year from the infraction. The Intermountain ACC Chairman and IMD Director are to be notified by the program or parents of the sanctioned athlete within 72 hours of the disciplinary action.
3. Third Offense: The athlete will be permanently ineligible for all Intermountain and Western Region quotas as well as for out of region FIS and out of division USSA races.

In addition to the sanctions any athlete who is arrested may be left in the custody of the police until his/her parents arrange for his/her release and return home.

Athletes involved in a major rule violation who do not admit guilt at the time of the infraction will have the failure to admit guilt at that time count as an additional major violation of the rules for purposes of determining the sanction that will be applied.

Discipline Guidelines for Minor Violations

1. Sanctions for minor violations will be determined by the Head Coach for the event in consultation with other members of the coaching staff for the event, and may range from assignment to appropriate work details to suspension of some or all team services. Course reports, assistance with inspection, and the right to compete will not be revoked for minor violations.
2. Minor violations after the last race of an event, or recurring minor violations may result in a requirement that the racer travel and house with his/her parents for the next Intermountain quota event for which he/she qualifies. This decision will be made by majority decision of the Head Coach for the event at which the violation took place, the Program Director of the athlete's home program (or a parent for an independent racer), and the Intermountain ACC Chairman.

Appropriate Paperwork for Intermountain Quota Teams

All U19 and older competitors who are interested in going on Intermountain Quota Teams to WR races must have a current Team Agreement on file. U16 and U14 athletes will be required to fill out a Team Agreement after being named to the IMD Regional Championship Team for their respective age class. U16 and U14 athletes will also be required to submit a Team Agreement prior to attending the Tri-divisional Championships. Additionally, any athletes attending a Development Project must submit a Team Agreement prior to attending. The 2016-17 Team Agreement can be submitted electronically via the IMD website. All current athlete paperwork may be looked up on the IMD website. Please go to "Directories" and then click on "Competitor Directories".

Intermountain Division Races/Series

Headtax and Entry Fees

Maximum entry fees and headtax rates are:

Series	Entry Fee	USSA Head Tax	WR Head Tax	IMD Head Tax	Organizer Portion
IMC/U16/Open	\$37.00	\$10.00	\$4.00	\$8.00	\$15.00
Super-G	\$39.00	\$10.00	\$4.00	\$8.00	\$17.00
U14	\$34.00	\$10.00	\$4.00	\$5.00	\$15.00
Super-G	\$36.00	\$10.00	\$4.00	\$5.00	\$17.00
North/South (ALL)	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$1.00	\$4.00	\$15.00
YSL	\$14.00	\$0.00	\$1.00	\$3.00	\$10.00

A \$10 training fee may be added to SG and a \$30 training fee may be added to DH

Entries and Entry Fees

USSA and Intermountain rules limit participation in Intermountain races. Participants must meet membership and license requirements established by the division and the national organization as well as age and other requirements established by the division for each race series. Details are included in the section for each race series. Organizers may be responsible for the membership and license fees of any unlicensed participants in their race.

Intermountain establishes maximum entry fees for each race series, which organizers may not exceed. Intermountain will reimburse organizers head tax for athletes they choose to comp that are one of the top 5 point holders in the race. It is up to each individual organizer whether or not they will comp entry fees the top 5 point holders in an IMC race.

Elements Common to all Races

Out of Division Racers in IMD Race Series

Racers from out of division are welcome to IMD race series as long as the field size permits the additional athletes. All requests must come from the other Division Directors to the IMD Divisional Director. A maximum of 10w/10m can be requested by any one team. Out of division racers can not qualify for IMD Championship events and may not race in races where there is are qualifying pre-requisites for that race.

Race Announcement

A race announcement should be sent to the IMD office to be distributed to all teams three weeks prior to the race. The race TD should also receive copies of the announcement.

The race announcement should include information on the event — number of races, discipline, and training dates for Downhill and Super G, start times and data on the course that will be used. The entry deadline and the email address should be included. The names of the TD and the Chief of Race should be listed along with the time and location of the first Team Captains meeting. For non-scored races, please include lift and ticket window opening times. It is also recommended that a women's and men's referee be assigned and that the protest period is at the end of each run.

All initial Team Captain's meetings must not be scheduled prior to 7:00 pm to allow for travel time. The location and time for awards, relative to the end of each day's race, should be included.

The Organizing Committee and the Jury

In addition to forming the Race Committee, it is the responsibility of the race organizer to supply certain officials — the Chief of Race, Chief of Course, Chief of Timing and Calculations, Race Administrator, the Start and Finish Referees and forerunners. The Intermountain Director appoints the TD. The Referee and (for speed events) the Assistant Referee are appointed by the TD at the Team Captains meeting, normally from the coaches present for the race. USSA rules and the terms of the USSA liability insurance policy require that all of these officials and the course setters be participant members of USSA as a Coach or Official or be qualified members of foreign federations recognized by FIS. (If a foreign FIS Federation lists a coach on their entry form, the Federation is certifying that the coach has the knowledge and ability to fulfill the duties of a Team Captain, including serving on the Jury or setting a course). Under USSA rules, all coaches must have a Professional Coach license

for course access and in order to be eligible for a complimentary coach's pass. A list of Intermountain members meeting these requirements will be sent to you along with the roster of licensed racers.

The organizer is also responsible for supplying forerunners (who must be USSA members) for the race (USSAICR section 2.1.6), the start and finish officials (USSAICR 2.2.2), and an adequate number of qualified Gate Judges (USSAICR 2.7).

Course Setters

Course setters are nominated by the Team Captains and appointed by the Jury. USSA and Intermountain rules require that course setters be USSA Professional Coach members. This applies to course setters of the race organizer as well as those from visiting programs. Qualified coaches from out-of-division teams participating in Intermountain races can be offered the opportunity to set, provided that they are also willing to assist with Jury duties. Course setters are required to have a level 1 Referee certification.

Coaches' Passes

The race organizer is required to supply complimentary lift passes to the licensed coaches of registered Intermountain teams and visiting out-of-division teams. The organizer may place reasonable limits on the number of coaches per team by noting the limits in the race announcement. At minimum, the organizer should meet the Western Region quota of one coach per gender plus one additional coach for each ten racers or portion thereof. (A team with a single racer would be allowed two coaches, a team with one boy and one girl would be allowed three coaches, a team with 11 total boys and girls would be allowed four coaches, etc.)

The organizer has no obligation to supply passes to, or allow course access by, persons who do not appear on the roster of licensed coaches valid for the race, unless they are licensed coaches of visiting out-of-division teams.

Race Event Forms

Race event forms are provided by USSA. - "Report by the Referee" forms and gate judge cards will be distributed by - USSA for events for properly sanctioned and on the USSA calendar. Additional required race forms and information for the 2016/2017 season can be found in the Master packet of forms that is available for downloading from the USSA's web site at (www.ussa.org). The path on USSA's website to find these and other resources is: <http://alpine.usskiteam.com/alpine-programs/officials/resources>

Race Results Submission

Race Results must be emailed to both USSA and IMD following an event. A hard copy (text version) of the results should be emailed to the IMD Director and to the IMD Web Master and to imdboards@ussa-imd.org following each day's events. A copy of -the TD report, signed by the TD, and the Race Transmittal sheet must be either electronically scanned and emailed or mailed to the IMD office with in two days following the event. The Head Tax Accounting sheet and Head Tax check must also be mailed to the Intermountain Office within two days of the completion of your race series. **DO NOT SEND HARDCOPIES OF THE FULL RACE RESULT PACKETS TO THE IMD OFFICE.**

For USSA the - XML result file must exported from the result software and e-mailed to (alpineresults@ussa.org) for each race codex for electronically scoring in the USSA system, This applies to scored and non-scored events. -

Result headers must include the names of the Jury, the course data including start and finish elevations and vertical drop, USSA/FIS Homologation number, number of gates/turning gates, the course setters and forerunners for each run. Results for SG and DH must also include the measured (gate to gate) course length. Racer USSA numbers are required, and DNFs, DNSs and DSQs must be shown. The BIB number and year-of-birth of each racer is requested on all USSA results. The results must be signed by the TD and minutes of protest meetings must be signed by each jury member. ALL RESULTS MUST HAVE A CLUB DESIGNATION FOR EVERY ATHLETE. Club abbreviations have to be standardized for all races. Please refer to the club contact list for the correct abbreviation.

Non-scored races must be sorted per age class.

For a detailed explanation for the submission of the full USSA race result packets, see document 50 “USSA Race Result Document Packet” that can be found in the Master Packet of Forms on the USSA website.

A Timing and Data Technical Report (TDTR) form must be completed for each scored competition and for each non-scored championship event and submitted with the result packet to USSA.

Standardized Club Abbreviations

IMD Standardized Club Abbreviations			
Alta Race Team	ALTA	Park City SEF	PCST
Bogus Basin SEF	BB	Peak Ski Racing Academy	PSRA
Brian Head ST	BH	Pebble Creek	PBC
Brighton Ski Team	BR	Rowmark Ski Academy	RM
Cache Valley	CV	Snowbird SEF	SB
Groundswell Athletics	GA	Summit	SUM
Jackson Hole Ski Club	JHSC	Sun Valley SEF	SV
McCall WSC	MWSC	Sundance	SD
Ogden Valley WSF	OV	Tamarack MSET	TAM
Park City Farm Team	PCFT	Teton Valley SEF	TVSEF
Park City Mountain	PCM	Utah Alpine Ski Club	UASC

Headtax

All Intermountain races, except for Masters and Collegiate are subject to head tax. The headtax is based on the number of competitors who start in each race. First run DNSs are not taxed (if they are not charged entry fees). All DNFs, DSQs and second run DNSs are taxed. Please refer to the headtax chart on page 9.

Three separate checks for the USSA, Western Region and Intermountain headtax need to be submitted to the Intermountain Office (IMD headtax) and the USSA Office (WR and USSA headtax) along with the results.

Helmets

All U14 and older competitors must have an updated helmet for GS and Super-G. Helmet sticker will be checked at the start of all U14 and older events

Snow Control

Any change in schedule due to snow conditions or for any other reason needs an ACC vote. If a race is in jeopardy of being cancelled, the Race Organizer needs to make it public 2 weeks before the event. In the event that the race is cancelled, it must be done 10 days before the scheduled competition for speed events and 7 days before the scheduled competition for tech events.

2016-2017 IMD Alpine Race Schedule/TD Assignments

December	Name	Discipline	Series	TD
13-14	WR Open Series, Snowking	2GS/2SL	Western Reg.	N/A
17-20	Eric Hays, Park City	2GS, 2SL	Open U14+	Evans
January	Name	Discipline	Series	TD
6-8	U14 Qualifier, Park City	2GS/SL	U14	Price
6-8	IMC/U16 Qualifier, Snowking	2GS/SL	IMC, U16	Borrenpohl
7-8	South Series GS, Brighton	2GS	South Series	Streicher
14-15	North Series GS, Snowking	2GS	North Series	Hammer
17-20	WR Elite Tech Series, Squaw Valley	2GS/2SL	Western Reg.	N/A
20-22	Wes Barron Speed Series, Jackson Hole	3SG	Open	Revello
21	Youth Ski League, Park City	GS	YSL	Goldschmidt
21	Youth Ski League, Sundance	GS	YSL	Streicher
23-25	Soldier Mountain DH	2DH	Open	TBD
27-2	Open Speed Series, Schweitzer	2SG/2DH	Western Reg.	N/A
February	Name	Discipline	Series	TD
3-5	Snowbasin U14 Qualifier	3SG	IMD U14	Gill
4-5	North Series Slaloms, Brundage	2SL	North Series	Uldrich
4-5	South Series Slaloms, Snowbird	2SL	South Series	Sund
4	South YSL, Brighton	GS	YSL	Streicher
4	South YSL, Sundance	GS	YSL	Goldschmidt
10-12	IMC/U16 Qualifier, Sun Valley	GS/2SL	IMC, U16	Schowengerdt

19-22	Western Region Elite, Snowking	2SL/2GS	Western Reg.	N/A
25	South YSL, Snowbird	SL	YSL	Stone
25	South YSL, Ogden Valley	SL	YSL	Sund
24-26	U14 Qualifier, Snowking	2SL/1GS	IMD U14	Burnett
25-26	South Series Slalom/Giant Slalom, Sundance	SL/GS	South Series	Borrenpohl
25-26	North Series Slalom/Giant Slalom, Sun Valley	SL/GS	North Series	Gill

March	Name	Discipline	Series	TD
3-5	Bogus Basin IMC, U16 Qualifier, Bogus Basin	3SG	IMC U16 +	Revello
9-14	WRJC, Schweitzer	SG/SL/GS	Western Reg.	N/A
11-12	YSL Finals, Brian Head	SL/GS	YSL	Price
16-19	U14 Championships, Alpine Meadows	SL/GS/SG	IMD U14	N/A
16-19	U16 Championships, Big Sky	SG/SL/GS	IMD U16	N/A
17-19	IMD Championships, Park City	SL/GS/SG	North/South	Burnett
17-19	IMD Finals, Snowbasin	SL/GS	North/South	Gill
23-25	Tri-Divisional U14 Champs, Snowbird	SL/GS/SG	U14/ U16	Borrenpohl
23-26	WR Spring Open Series, Sun Valley	2SL/2GS	Western Reg.	N/A

April	Name	Discipline	Series	TD
1-2	Spring Fling, Grand Targhee	Duals/Kombi	North/South	Burnett
3-8	WR Spring Series, Mammoth	2SL/2GS/2SG	Western Reg.	N/A
8-12	Snow Cup/Last Chance, Snowbird	SG/GS/SL	IMC U14 +	Schowengedt
11-16	WR Spring Speed Series, Mammoth	2DH/2SG	Western Reg.	N/A

*** Development Speed Project- Jan 20-22, Grand Targhee, Development Camp- April 8-10, Grand Targhee

. Technical Delegate Subsidy

All TD's are entitled to a \$75 per day stipend when working races. In an effort to help race organizers, IMD will reimburse the RO for the \$75 per day expense. Intermountain will reimburse clubs for the \$75.00 per day T.D. fee IF the T.D. requests the stipend. All stipend reimbursements will only be for

race days and training days. Travel days are not reimbursed. Re-imbursement forms will not be accepted after May 1, 2017.

Race Series and Qualifying Procedures

IMD World Cup Point Selection process to Intermountain selected Championship events

IMD will use the World Cup Points scoring 100-1 to select U16 Regional Championships and Intermountain Championships. The U14 Regional Championship and Tri-Divisional Championships will use a modified World Cup point scoring 200-1 system. In all qualifiers, **where there are more than two races in a single discipline, IMD will use the best two results.** In the event that there are only 2 races in a single discipline, IMD will use the best result in that discipline and double it. If there is only one race in a discipline, IMD will use the 1 result and then double it. In the event of tie-breakers, IMD will use the **very best** WC point result in ANY discipline, if there is still a tie, IMD will use the **second best** WC point result in ANY discipline and continue the process until the tie is broken. For the Western Region Junior Championships, IMD will use a USSA seed point board. The board will read SL, GS, SG, from left to right.

2016-17 Age Classes

SR Ages 21 and older (born 1995 or earlier)

U21 Ages 19 and 20 (born 1996 or 1997)

U19 Ages 16-18 (born 1998, 1999 or 2000)

U16 Ages 14 and 15 (born 2001 or 2002)

U14 Ages 12 and 13 (born 2003 or 2004)

U12 Ages 10 and 11 (born 2005 or 2006)

U10 Ages 8 and 9 (born 2007 or 2008)

U8 Ages 7 and younger (born 2009 and later)

Western Region Junior Championships Qualifying

IMD will select the WRJC team based on USSA points. There will be no participation requirement in IMC races in order to qualify. Up to 20% of the quota may be used for discretion. All competitors vying to be on the IMD WRJC team must have a valid USSA, FIS and Intermountain Competitors license.

Selection Procedure

All athletes that are U21's and U19's will be ranked according to their USSA points in SL, GS and SG. Selection proceeds left to right starting with the athlete with the lowest points in slalom. If a racer is already picked then that racer gets skipped and you pick the next one.

USSA Seed Point Board		
SL	GS	SG
A	X	D
F	A	E
X	F	G
B	E	C
M	N	A
G	O	L

Selection for a 12 person, 3 event team would be: A,X,D,F,E,G,B,C,M,N,O,L

The Western Region Junior Championship Team will be named no later than March 2, 2017. All team members will receive a team jacket in order to represent our Division to the best of their abilities. The 2017 Western Region Junior Championships is a FIS event and will be on March 9-13, 2017 at Schweitzer Mountain.

The Intermountain Cup U16 Qualifying Series

IMC races will consist of USSA scored races. IMC races in this series are nationally scored and are seeded on the basis of the USSA Points List valid for the race. All competitors competing in the IMC races should have a valid USSA license. World Cup points, awarded to the top 30 finishers in each race are used to determine individual discipline and overall champions for the entire season as well as selection to the U16 Regional Championships and Tri-Divisional Championships. The IMC DH title will be selected from the WR Speed Series and will not count towards the overall IMC standings.

Entries

Intermountain Cup Slalom, Giant Slalom and Super G races are open to all Intermountain A, U21, U19 and U16 competitors. Certain races are designated as qualifiers.

Northern Division may enter eight boys and six girls in Intermountain Cup races. The entries will be made by the Northern Division Director. These entries do not need to be cleared with the Intermountain Office or ACC Chairman.

Other out-of-division racers, and foreign competitors not on the list of properly licensed competitors must be approved by the Intermountain Office or ACC Chairman.

Entry Deadlines

The entry deadline is 72 hours before the first draw. If an organizer feels there will be too large of a field to handle all entries, the organizer may make the entry deadline 4 days prior to the first Team Captain's meeting. This will ensure that clubs do not bring kids who might not be able to race. The entry deadline must be published in the race announcement. Race organizers may refuse entries from teams and individuals that do not meet the entry deadline.

Entry Fees

Maximum entry fees for Intermountain Cup races have been established by the ACC

Organizers are required to make full entry refunds to racers who are removed from the ranking board prior to the draw. Refunds for racers who are on the start order but do not start, are at the discretion of the organizer. In general, where a team has made a conscientious effort to make a correct entry, the organizer should only charge for racers who actually start. Organizers who intend not to make refunds for DNSs should indicate this in their race announcement. If an organizer does not refund the entry fees of first run DNSs, then headtax must be paid on these racers.

Headtax

USSA races are subject to head taxes.

Team Captains Meetings

The organizer should schedule the first Team Captains meeting at 7:00pm to allow for travel. Teams that are unable to attend a Team Captains meeting for any reason should arrange to be represented

by someone who will be at the meeting. It is the responsibility of all teams and independent racers to be aware of the decisions that are made at the meetings. Clubs or athletes represented by a Team Captain from another club must acknowledge in writing receipt of a copy of Team Captains' Meeting Minutes and Program.

USSA rules require that all racers be represented at all Team Captains meetings. The organizer should call the roll at every meeting and exclude any unrepresented racers from training and racing.

Start Order

Intermountain Cup USSA races are seeded on the basis of the current USSA Points List.

Penalty Calculation

IMC Series races are seeded on USSA points. IMC races are nationally scored races and the penalty must be calculated using the USSA points list. It is the responsibility of the race organizer to remind the Technical Delegate that the computer generated penalty calculation needs to be checked manually against the valid USSA points list.

Bryce Astle IMC Awards

The Intermountain Cup Overall Title will be awarded to the individual with highest point total using the best 2 results in each discipline and then combined. All athletes will be considered in the total regardless of whether or not the athlete competes in all 3 disciplines. The highest total point holder will be awarded the overall. The Intermountain Downhill Title will be awarded based on World Cup Points earned at the WR Schweitzer Downhill. The award ceremony will take place at the Snow Cup series.

U16 World Cup Points

World Cup points are awarded to the top 30 in the U16 Qualifying races. The best two results in each discipline will be used and then combined into one list for selection to U16 Regional Championships and Tri-Divisional Championships. Any non-IMD athletes will be purged prior to assigning World Cup points. Foreign athletes must declare membership with an IMD club in order to earn World Cup points

IMD will use the IMD World Cup Point Selection process to Intermountain selected Championship events.

Racers must complete and returned an Intermountain Team Agreement prior to attending the U16 Regional Championships or Tri-Divisional Championships

Trophies

One set of trophies (1st-3rd place) is required for the IMC U16 Series races.

Intermountain U16 Regional Championship Team

Intermountain will field a team of 26 men and 32 women to the U16 Regional Championships at Big Sky on March 16-19. IMD team members will room with their peers and be involved in all team activities during the event. Teams will travel on March 14th. IMD will provide a staff of 10 coaches to help with the entire team. All IMD staff members regardless of what team the coach and athlete are from will treat all athletes equally. All team members will receive a team jacket in order to represent our Division to the best of their abilities.

Athlete seeding at this event will be based on USSA Seed Points in each discipline. Intermountain is given a pre-set number of spots within every seed in which we can place our skiers.

The U16 Championship Team will be named no later than March 6th.

Intermountain Tri-Divisional Championship Team

Intermountain will field a team of 19 men and 20 women to the Tri-Divisional Championships at Snowbird on March 23-25. Alaska Division's quota is 5 men / 5 women and Northern Division's quota is 6 men / 5 women. This event will consist of 1 SL, 1GS and 1 SG . Athlete seeding at this event will be based on USSA Seed Points in each discipline. Intermountain is given a pre-set number of spots within every seed in which we can place our skiers.

The selection method this series is the IMD World Cup Point Selection process to Intermountain selected Championship events with the following added provisions:

- Athletes will be selected after the U16 Regional Championships selection has been announced, by continuing down the same selection board.
- Ties within Overall Rank are broken by using the best result; then continue with the 2nd best, 3rd best, and so on until the tie is broken.
- Alternates will be selected until the quota is filled.
- Up to 20% of the U16 quota may be used as discretion and determined by the IMD Director

Awards

A set 1st place- 5th place awards are required per gender per age class. In addition, an overall award per gender per age class is required.

The Tri-Divisional Championship Team will be named no later than March 6th. IMD will enter all athletes who have qualified for the Tri-Divisional Championships.

Coaches must confirm their athlete's intent to compete via the google doc provided by the IMD Director

Open Series Races (2nd Year U14's and older)

The races in this series are open to all 2nd year U14's and older competitors in the North and the South. These races are nationally scored and will be seeded off the USSA points list valid for this race. This race is not used for selections and may have a point cut-off in order to manage the field size.

Entries

Participants in the "Open" race must have a USSA Alpine Competitor or U14 license. The "Open" race is open to all properly licensed 2nd year U14's and older class competitors.

Second year U14's, with a valid USSA license, are eligible for the Eric Hayes in December, the Jackson SG's and the Snow Cup races in April.

Entries for out-of-division racers and foreign competitors must be approved by the Intermountain Director.

Entry Deadlines

The entry deadline is 3-4 days prior to the first Team captain's meeting due to the possibility of the fields being unmanageable. The deadline will be posted on the race announcement.

Race organizers may refuse entries from teams and individuals that do not meet the entry deadline. When an organizer accepts a late entry, the racer may be seeded at the end of the field.

Entry Fees

Maximum entry fees for the "Open" races have been established by the ACC

Organizers are required to make full entry refunds to racers who are removed from the ranking board prior to the draw. Refunds for racers who are on the start order but do not start, are at the discretion of the organizer. In general, where a team has made a conscientious effort to make a correct entry, the organizer should only charge for racers who actually start. Organizers who intend not to make refunds for DNS's should indicate this in their race announcement. If an organizer does not refund the entry fees of first run DNS's, then headtax must be paid on these racers.

Headtax

These races are subject to headtaxes.

Team Captains Meetings

The organizer should schedule the first Team Captains meeting at 7:00 to allow for travel time. Teams that are unable to attend a Team Captains meeting for any reason should arrange to be represented by someone who will be at the meeting. It is the responsibility of all teams and independent racers to be aware of the decisions that are made at the meetings. Clubs or athletes represented by a Team Captain from another club must acknowledge in writing receipt of a copy of Team Captains' Meeting Minutes and Program.

USSA rules require that all racers be represented at all Team Captains meetings. The organizer should call the roll at every meeting and exclude any unrepresented racers from training and racing.

Penalty Calculation

The penalty must be calculated using USSA points. It is the responsibility of the race organizer to remind the Technical Delegate that the computer generated penalty calculation needs to be checked manually against the valid USSA points list.

Trophies

One set of trophies (1st-3rd) is required for the "Open" race.

The Junior Intermountain Cup U14 Qualifying Series

The races in these series are scored and are seeded using the TRS (totally random sort) method. Even though this race series is scored, IMD strongly feels that for this age group a TRS sort will benefit the athletes and their development rather than seeding athletes based on their USSA seed points. The philosophy is to provide athletes with an established point profile as they become U16's. There are many athletic and social benefits to using the TRS method as they develop skills during their years in our Junior IMC series.

World Cup points, awarded to the top 60 Intermountain U14 finishers in each race, are used in the selection of the U14 Regional Championships and Tri Divisional Championships Team.

Course Requirements

The USSA Alpine Competition Regulations specify course standards for races that are open to all U14 competitors. These standards may be reviewed in the Alpine Competition Guide.

U14's are required to participate in an official SG training run.

Slalom

Slalom gate size shall be 27mm diameter and 72in. off the snow (FIS Type B). Please refer to the USSA Course Setting Matrix for course setting guidelines.

Course data, including course name, start and finish elevations and vertical drop in meters, and gate counts must be included on results for all Junior Intermountain Cup races. The start and finish elevations should be established from topographical maps or lift profiles, not with an altimeter. For Super Gs, the actual gate-to-gate length of the course, measured with a wheel, measuring tape or GPS, also needs to be included on the results.

Entries

Participants in Junior Intermountain Cup races must have a USSA U14 license or a Competitors license. U14 Qualifying races are open to all properly licensed U14 class competitors

U12s may not apply for authorization to participate in U14 Series races.

U16 and older racers may participate if they have USSA points over 200. The U16 and older class will not have their own age class.

Out-of-division racers and foreign competitors must be approved by the Intermountain Director

Entry Deadlines

The entry deadline is 72 hours before the draw, including the draw for the first Super-G training. Race organizers may refuse entries from teams and individuals that do not meet the entry deadline. When a late entry is accepted, the racer may be seeded at the end of their age group.

Entry Fees

Maximum entry fees for U14 Series races have been established by the ACC

Organizers are required to make full entry refunds to racers who are removed from the board prior to the draw. Refunds for racers who are on the start order but do not start are at the discretion of the organizer. In general, when a team makes a conscientious effort to make a correct entry, the organizer should only charge for racers who start. Organizers who intend not to make refunds for DNS's should indicate this in their race announcement. If an organizer does not refund entry fees of first-run DNS's, then headtax must be paid on these racers.

Headtax

These races are subject to headtaxes.

Team Captains Meetings

The organizer should schedule the first Team Captains meeting at 7:00pm to allow for travel time. Teams that are unable to attend a Team Captains meeting for any reason should arrange to be represented by someone. It is the responsibility of all teams and independent racers to be aware of

the decisions made at the meetings. Clubs or athletes represented by a Team Captain from another club must acknowledge in writing receipt of a copy of Team Captains' Meeting Minutes and Program.

USSA rules require that all racers be represented at all Team Captains meetings. The organizer should call the roll at every meeting and exclude unrepresented racers from training and racing.

U14 World Cup Points

World Cup points are awarded to the top 60 in U14 Series races using the "NEW" 200-1 World Cup Points System for the U14 Regional Championships and the Tri-Divisional Championships is as follows:

U14 World Cup Points System

Place	Points	Place	Points
1st	200	31st	30
2nd	175	32nd	29
3rd	155	33rd	28
4th	140	34th	27
5th	128	35th	26
6th	118	36th	25
7th	110	37th	24
8th	103	38th	23
9th	96	39th	22
10th	90	40th	21
11th	84	41st	20
12th	79	42nd	19
13th	74	43rd	18
14th	70	44th	17
15th	66	45th	16
16th	63	46th	15
17th	60	47th	14
18th	57	48th	13
19th	54	49th	12
20th	51	50th	11
21st	49	51st	10
22nd	47	52nd	9
23rd	45	53rd	8
24th	43	54th	7
25th	41	55th	6
26th	39	56th	5
27th	37	57th	4
28th	35	58th	3
29th	33	59th	2
30th	31	60th	1

Trophies

One set of trophies (1st-5th place) is required for U14 Series races.

Intermountain U14 Regional Championships Team

Intermountain will field a team of 26 men and 18 women to the U14 Regional Championships at Alpine Meadows on March 16-19. IMD team members will travel with their parents but need to participate in all team activities during the event. IMD will provide a staff of 8 coaches to help with the entire team. All IMD staff members regardless of what team the coach and athlete are from will treat all athletes equally. All team members will receive a team jacket in order to represent our Division to the best of their abilities.

Athlete seeding at this event will be based on USSA Seed Points in each discipline. Intermountain is given a pre-set number of spots within every seed in which we can place our skiers.

The U14 Championship Team will be named no later than March 1st.

Intermountain Tri-Divisional Championships Team

Intermountain will field a team of 49 men and 47 women to the Tri-Divisional Championships in Snowbird, Utah on March 23-25. Alaska Division's quota is 6 men / 9 women and Northern Division's quota is 15 men /14 women. This event will consist of 1 SL, 1GS and 1 SG.

The selection method this series is the IMD World Cup Point Selection process to Intermountain selected Championship events with the following added provisions:

- Athletes will be selected after the U14 Regional Championships selection has been announced, by continuing down the same selection board.
- Will use the new 200-1 IMD World Cup Point system (shown above) rewarding points to the Top 60 per gender per event.
- Will use a ranking of the Total Score of the best 2 of 3 in all 3 events (SL, GS, SG).
- Ties within Overall Rank are broken by using the best result; then continue with the 2nd best, 3rd best, and so on until the tie is broken.
- 2017 Qualifiers are Park City- Tech, Snowbasin- Speed and Snowking- Tech
- Alternates will be selected until the quota is filled.

Awards

A set 1st place- 5th place awards are required per gender per age class. In addition, an overall award per gender per age class is required.

U14 Selection to the U16 National Championship

U14's may advance to the U16 National Championships, if they win an event and place in the top 3 of another event at the U14 Regional Championships. Both 2003 and 2004 YOB's are eligible.

The North and South Series

The races in these series are non-scored and are seeded using the TRS (totally random sort) method. The North races are open to U8-U12 racers and South races are open to U10-U12 racers. U14 and older racers who wish to compete in North and South races must have 300+ USSA points.

U10-12 Development in Slalom

Gate Usage in North and South events:

U10's in the North (U8) must use **USSA approved stubbies** in all SL events using an outside gate in all vertical combinations. Stubbies should not be altered from manufacturers specifications.

U10's in the South should use **27mm diameter and 152cm (60 in.)** height above snow USSA approved gates.

It is recommended that Race Organizer provide additional gate judges for all stubbie events. One gate judge per a max of 5 stubbies

U12's should use 27mm diameter and 152cm (60 in.) height above snow USSA approved gates.

Please refer to the USSA Competition Guidelines

Course Requirements

These races must be run on courses that meet the USSA standards for U12 and younger competitors. Please refer to the Alpine Competition Guide for current specs.

Slalom

Please refer to the USSA Course setting matrix.

Race Announcements

For non-scored races include ticket window and lift opening times.

All participants in Intermountain races must be at least six years of age on December 31st of the competition season.

Entry Deadlines

The entry deadline is 72 hours before the draw.

Race organizers may refuse entries from teams and individuals that do not meet the entry deadline. When an organizer accepts a late entry, the racer may be run at the end of their age group.

Entry Fees

Maximum entry fees for North and South Series races have been established by the ACC.

Organizers are required to make full entry refunds to racers who are removed from the ranking board prior to the draw. Refunds for racers who are on the start order but do not start, are at the discretion of the organizer. In general, where a team has made a conscientious effort to make a correct entry, the organizer should only charge for racers who actually start. Organizers who intend not to make refunds for DNSs should indicate this in their race announcement. If an organizer does not refund the entry fees of first run DNSs, then headtax must be paid on these racers.

Headtax

These races are subject to headtaxes.

Team Captains Meetings

The organizer should schedule the first Team Captains meeting at 7:00pm to allow for travel time. Teams that are unable to attend a Team Captains meeting for any reason should arrange to be represented by someone who will be at the meeting. It is the responsibility of all teams and

independent racers to be aware of the decisions that are made at the meetings. Clubs or athletes represented by a Team Captain from another club must acknowledge in writing receipt of a copy of Team Captains' Meeting Minutes and Program.

USSA rules require that all racers be represented at all Team Captains meetings. The organizer should call the roll at every meeting and exclude any unrepresented racers from training and racing.

Start Order

All North and South races use TRS seeding by class for both runs. U8's will race in the U10 class at North races.

TRS seeding involves a random draw within class for the first run. For the second run, the first run start order is reversed within each class. First run DNFs and DSQs participate in the second run in their normal start position.

Trophies

One set of trophies is required for the U14 and older class, the U12 class and the U10 class. A set of 5 awards are required per gender per age class.

Northern Division will be invited to send teams to each of the events.

The Intermountain Championships

The Intermountain Championship consists of a Slalom, Giant Slalom and Dual. The quotas will consist of: U10- 10 per gender for both North and South, U12- 40 per gender for both North and South. Northern division will have a quota of 15m/15w. U8's are not allowed to compete in the IMD Championships. IMD will use the IMD World Cup Point Selection process to Intermountain selected Championship events. Qualifying races will be the North Series and the South Series. Alternates will not be selected. Selections will be based on the best two results in slalom and the best two results in GS and then combined into one list, ties within Overall Rank are broken by the best result, 2nd best result, 3rd best result, and so on. If there is a tie for the last quota spot, all tied athletes will qualify for the event.

Qualifiers for the Intermountain Champs will be: North- the McCall Slaloms, the Jackson GS's and the Sun Valley Slalom and GS. South-the Brighton GS's, the Snowbird Slaloms and the Sundance Slalom and GS. Invitations are issued the following week after the final qualification race of the season. Only the invited athletes may attend that event. There are no substitutions or additional

IMD Duals Protocol

- 1. Dual Event** should take place on the 3rd day of the series to prevent being tired for the other events.
- 2. Seeding** for the qualifying rounds - random sort done by computer for each gender and age group.
- 3. Course Set** – 18 to 20 meters with a length of time around 20 seconds.
- 4. All athletes** will take 2 qualifying runs – 1 run on the blue course and 1 run on the red course. The fastest 1 of 2 runs for each athlete is used for advancing. Those times will be used for the seeding in the brackets as well. This gives the athletes 2 chances to get a time.
- 5. Final Brackets** - The top 8 of each gender and age group will advance to the final brackets – This makes the day shorter by having no more than 8 runs for the day. Seeding for brackets are

paired as: 1st vs 8th, 2nd vs 7th, 3rd vs 6th and 4th vs 5th.

6. Timing and Bracket Advancement – each athlete will have 1 run on the red course and 1 run on the blue course for each round. The individual run times from each course will be added together for each racer. The racer with the fastest combined time will advance. (IMD doesn't have access to controlled release start gates so it is necessary to use individual start to finish run times on each course instead of differential timing)

7. DNF/DSQ – in the instance of an athlete not finishing a run, a penalty will be applied of 1.5 seconds where that athlete will need to win over the opposing athlete in that round by that amount of time on the second run. If the opposing athlete also does not finish on the next run, the athlete that made the most gates to the point of the DNF will advance to the next round.

Causes for disqualifications are the following:

- false start
- changing from one course to another
- interfering with an opponent, voluntarily or not
- Not passing through a gate correctly
- stepping back is not allowed

Racers who qualify and compete in IMD Champs, can not compete the YSL Finals.

Development Projects

IMD will host a Speed Development Project at Grand Targhee on January 20-22 and a Spring Development Project on April 8-10 at Grand Targhee. The Speed Development Projects is open to 1st year U14's and the Spring Development Project is open to 1st year U14's and 2nd Year U12's that will be selected from Intermountain Championships.

Quotas

Speed Project- 40m/40w- All 1st year U14's will be listed. We will take the first 40 per gender to confirm.

Spring Project- 15m/15w- 1st year U14's will be selected from U14 rankings and 5m/5w selected from 2nd year U12's based on performance at the IMD Championship.

The purpose of this camp is to create a fun environment where top-level athletes can unite. Providing an opportunity to push each other to new levels as they execute a variety of challenges and tasks. Athletes will be assigned to a group, where they will develop strong team skills and connections with fellow IMD athletes.

South Youth Ski League Series

The races in this series are not scored and are seeded by age groups. U8/U10/U12 (6-11 year old) racers are eligible for YSL races. Within groups, the start order will be determined by random draw. Printed results are required for these races, and the TD must complete a report; copies of which are to be sent to the Intermountain Office, the Intermountain Alpine Officials Chairman, and the Chairman of the Intermountain YSL Committee. The races are giant slaloms with one to two entry-level slalom courses, and all YSL races will be a one run race.

YSL Race Start Guideline

The Development Committee strongly recommends the following race start guideline for YSL racers:

U8 = 3-5 starts

U10 = 4-8 starts

U12 = 7-12 starts

YSL Eligibility

Once an athlete receives a top 5 placement within the U10 or U12 age class in the South Series they will no longer be eligible to race in the YSL Series

South Race Groups and Schedule

The YSL has been divided into four groups, to decrease the field size at each race, keeping the days shorter. This also allows for different medal winners, with different competitors at each race. The schedule is set up by the YSL committee every fall via a YSL Committee conference call.

2017 Race Schedule

Jan 21	-	Sundance GS - Brighton, Solitude, Snowbird, Alta, Sundance, Brianhead, Cache Valley
Jan 21	-	Park City GS - Summit, Park City, Rowmark
Feb 4	-	Brighton GS - Brighton, Solitude, Snowbird, Alta, Rowmark, Brianhead, Cache Valley
Feb 4	-	Sundance GS - Sundance, Park City, Summit
Feb 25	-	Ogden Valley SL - Brighton, Solitude, Park City, OVST
Feb 25	-	Snowbird SL - Snowbird, Alta, Summit, Rowmark, Brianhead, Sundance, Cache Valley
Mar 11-12	-	Brian Head SL/GS- All Teams The Finals!!

Course Requirements

Races in these series are open to all U12 and younger competitors and must be run on courses that meet the USSA standards. Please refer to the Alpine Competition Guide for specs. **IMD states that no combinations or delay gates be set at this race series.**

The course name, start and finish elevations, vertical drop, and gate counts must be included in the results.

Every YSL course will be a one run race, with alternating red/blue gates, recommended open GS on a moderate slope. In recognition of the YSL series serving as our introduction to the sport, course sets should be simple in nature and be set to the ability of the athlete. We request that there are no combination gates or delays set.

The start area for the race should be picked with consideration for the safety of the young, inexperienced racers (i.e. terrain that allows standing and the placement of equipment). "GS type" helmets that conform to competition equipment specifications are required for all competitors in all Intermountain YSL races. Slalom helmets are not acceptable.

Entries

These races are open to all U8, U10, and U12 USSA members. Participants in these races must have a USSA Alpine Youth membership and an Intermountain Youth license. Competitors must be at least six years of age as of December 31 of the competition season in order to participate in any Intermountain race.

Racers from Pebble Creek Ski Team are allowed to enter YSL races in either the North or the South section.

Team entries should include only those racers who are expected to participate. It should not be a roster of the entire team. Entries must include name, sex, date of birth and USSA ID numbers. Teams are required to supply two parent volunteers for gate judging at each race they attend, when requested.

Entry Deadlines and Race Announcements

Entry deadlines are as specified by the organizer in the race announcement, generally 1 or 2 days before the race. Entries received after the entry deadline may be refused by the organizer or, if accepted, the late registering racers may be run at the end of their age group. All athletes will be entered by teams, starting with the first race. For non-scored races include ticket window and lift opening times.

Entry Fees

The maximum entry fee for races in the South is \$14.00 per start. Organizers are encouraged to charge entry fees only for those racers who actually start in the race, but they may charge a full or partial entry for all entered racers if they note this in the race announcement. An athlete cannot change their team status or claim an independent status midway through the race season without written permission of their previous team and the YSL Chairman. All independent race entries received by race organizers should be emailed to the YSL Chairman for approval, before being entered into the race.

Headtax

These races are subject to headtaxes.

Coaches' Passes

The organizer must supply comp lift passes for the licensed coaches of registered Intermountain teams (see the reference in Elements Common to all Races), but the organizer has no obligation to supply comp lift passes to, or to allow course access by, other individuals, including the parents of independent racers who may be acting as coaches for their children. No unlicensed individuals are allowed on course.

Team Captains Meeting

Team Captains meetings must be held. Team Captains meeting should be scheduled on the morning of the race to give the Race Organizer and the Jury an opportunity to meet with the coaches. Such meeting is an inseparable and a mandatory part of the competition and is important for communication of Jury instructions, support of the ROC, as well as conveying ROC requests and information. It is also a critical element for risk management and liability-related matters.

Start Order

These races are seeded by age groups, with the youngest group starting first. The age groups are: U8 (age 6-7), U10 (age 8-9), U12 (age 10-11). These ages are based on the age of the athlete as of December 31st. Racers who are not at least six years of age by December 31st of the competition season may not participate in Intermountain races. The start order will be U8 girls followed by U8 boys, U10 girls, U12 girls, and lastly U10 boys followed by U12 boys.

Within groups, start order is determined by TRS draw. Late entries, if accepted, may be run at the end of their age group.

In exceptional circumstances, the Jury may change the start order of the classes and/or the sexes. It is common to allow athletes whom missed their start an opportunity to race at the end of their age class.

Athletes whom miss their start should be inserted at the end of their age class/gender.

Results

Results should be sorted by class and should show finish position and times only. A penalty is not calculated for these races.

Awards

Awards (first to tenth) will be awarded for boys and girls in each age group. Organizers are **REQUIRED** to provide awards for 1st to 10th and it is suggested a ribbon for all participants.

North Youth Ski League Series

The races in this series are not scored and are seeded by age groups. U8/U10/U12 (6-11 year old) racers are eligible for YSL races. Within groups, the start order will be determined by random draw. Printed results are required for these races, and the TD must complete a report; copies of which are to be sent to the Intermountain Office, the Intermountain Alpine Officials Chairman, and the Chairman of the Intermountain YSL Committee. The races are slalom and giant slalom.

Course Requirements

Races in these series are open to all U12 and younger competitors and must be run on courses that meet the USSA standards for U12's and U10's and U8's. Please refer to the Alpine Competition Guide for current specs. **IMD states that no combinations or delay gates be set at this race series.**

The course name, start and finish elevations, vertical drop, and gate counts must be included in the results.

The start area for the race should be picked with consideration for the safety of the young, inexperienced racers (i.e. terrain that allows standing and the placement of equipment).

“GS type” helmets that conform to competition equipment specifications are required for all competitors in all Intermountain YSL races. Slalom helmets are not acceptable.

Entries

These races are open to all U12/U10/ U8 USSA members. Participants in these races must have a

USSA Alpine Student membership or a USSA Alpine Youth membership and an Intermountain Youth license. Competitors must be at least six years of age as of December 31 of the competition season in order to participate in any Intermountain race.

Racers from the Pebble Creek Ski Team are allowed to enter YSL races in either the North or South section.

Team entries should include only those racers who are expected to participate. It should not be a roster of the entire team. Entries must include name, sex, date of birth and USSA ID numbers. Teams are required to supply two parent volunteers for gate judging at each race they attend, when requested

Entry Deadlines and Race Announcements

Entry deadlines are as specified by the organizer in the race announcement, generally 1 or 2 days before the race. Entries received after the entry deadline may be refused by the organizer or, if accepted, the late registering racers may be run at the end of their age group. For non-scored races include ticket window and lift opening times.

The maximum entry fee for races in the North is \$14.00 per start. Organizers are encouraged to charge entry fees only for those racers who actually start in the race, but they may charge a full or partial entry for all entered racers if they note this in the race announcement.

Headtax

These races are subject to headtaxes.

Coaches' Passes

The organizer must supply comp lift passes for the licensed coaches of registered Intermountain teams (see the reference in Elements Common to all Races), but the organizer has no obligation to supply comp lift passes to, or to allow course access by, other individuals, including the parents of independent racers who may be acting as coaches for their children. No unlicensed individuals are allowed on course.

Team Captains Meetings

Team Captains meetings must be held. Team Captains meeting should be scheduled on the morning of the race to give the Race Organizer and the Jury an opportunity to meet with the coaches. Such meetings is an inseparable and a mandatory part of the competition and is important for communication of Jury instructions, support of the ROC, as well as conveying ROC requests and information. It is also a critical element for risk management and liability-related matters.

Start Order

These races are seeded by age groups, with the youngest group starting first. The age groups are: U8 (ages 6-7), U10 (ages 8-9), U12 (ages 10-11). These ages are based on the age of the athlete as of December 31st. Racers who are not at least six years of age by December 31st of the competition season may not participate in Intermountain races. Girls will run first, boys will run second, in every race.

Within groups, start order is determined by TRS draw. Late entries, if accepted, may be run at the end of their age group.

The start order for the second run may be identical to the first run start order. First run DSQs and DNFs are included in the second run (in their normal start position). Second run start orders need not be printed if the same start order is used for both runs.

In exceptional circumstances, the Jury may change the start order of the classes and/or the sexes.

Results

Results should be sorted by class and should show finish position and times only. A penalty is not calculated for these races.

Awards

Awards (first to tenth) will be awarded for boys and girls in each age group. Organizers are REQUIRED to provide awards for 1st to 10th and ribbons for all participants.

The Intermountain South YSL Finals

The Finals is a two-day event consisting of Slalom and Giant Slalom races. The event is open to all South YSL eligible competitors in the division, but a racer may not participate in both the YSL Championships and the Intermountain Championships.

The YSL Finals will come up for bid at the spring IMD Conference.

The Intermountain YSL Committee (South YSL)

The Intermountain Youth Ski League Committee consists of interested individuals from programs involved in YSL racing and a representative of the Officials Committee.

The committee:

- prepares guidelines for organizers and TDs for these races to help them understand the requirements for hosting a YSL race and the rules under which the races are run,
- recommends rule changes or new rules for the series to the ACC, and
- provides a communication path for programs that participate in and host YSL race

