

**2018 IMD ACC Meeting Notes  
September 12, 2018  
Conference Call**

Present:

Carma Burnett, Todd Brickson, Steve Bounous, Scott McGrew, Gordon Perry, Troy Price, Mark Wedeking, Gail Barber, Scott Mathers, Fletcher White, Tyson Henrie, Tami Strong, Drew Southworth, John Buchar, Stephen Schowengerdt, Ben Roberts, Branko Zagar, Shannon Carrell, Angie Brown

12:00pm Meeting called to order by IMD ACC Chairman, Gordon Perry.

## **Reports**

### **Western Region Update- Gordon Perry**

Gordon welcomed Angie Brown as the WR Alpine Manager and Mike Prado as the WR Head Coach. He did a slight re-cap of the September Western Region Call. He stated there were no action items with the exception of the new quota distribution, which will be discussed later in the agenda. The WR Meeting Minutes are available on the WEST website.

### **Website Update- Steve Schowengerdt**

Steve stated that the IMD Alpine website would have a link to Live Timing this year as well as a section for Race Administrators and Timing. Those sections should be up and running at the October meeting.

### **US S & S Membership Update- Carma Burnett**

Carma reminded the group of the Safe Sport component to the US Ski and Snowboard licensing requirement and encouraged this group to let their coaches know that it's a lengthy process. In addition, coaches under the age of 18 are not subjected criminal background checks and if working with minors, they must work under a fully licensed coach. In addition, the non- scored student membership is back for a fee of \$75.

### **SkillsQuest Update- Scott Mathers (attached)**

### **US S & S Club Update-Tami Strong**

Tami has sent the Club Certification material to IMD and it will be posted on the IMD Alpine website. In addition, the Club Handbook has been updated and will be available to clubs soon. She encouraged clubs to look into the Bronze Level certification. The process is relatively easy and very informational.

### **Code of Conduct Committee Update- Carma Burnett**

Carma is working on the first draft of the Code of Conduct and will send it to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will take the draft to its final form and then will need to have legal counsel review the document.

### **USCSA Alliance Update- Carma Burnett**

Ron Bonneau, Head Coach for the College of Idaho has offered to help IMD promote USCSA Skiing as an option for older athletes. The committee consists of Steve Bounous, Nate Schwing Kevin Keane, Gordon Perry, Jason Hey and Sarah Getzelman. This committee will report back at the fall call.

## **Development Committee Update-Troy Price**

This group decided:

- The U10 racers in the North will mirror the U10 Racers in the South and use 60” poles for slalom.
- The selection boards for IMD Champs will select alternates in the event of any pulled athletes from the board.
- There will be a new seeding system for seeding the U14 SG qualifiers (attached)
- IMD will conduct paneled slaloms in the North and South at the Slalom Qualifiers (Bogus Basin and Sundance). The IMD Championships will also have a paneled slalom. The Development Committee will present a proposal regarding the protocol on the October call.

This group discussed:

- The IMD Championship proposal (attached). Please read it through carefully and submit your comments to Troy Price and the Development Committee.
- The WR FIS Quotas and IMD believes the top 50 YOY approach is the best. This ensures our best WR athletes are coming together and racing head to head.
- IMD is using Google Docs for shared files. All clubs need to go in and update their current club information ASAP.

FALL AO Clinic Dates:

Snowbasin- 11/17

Sun Valley- 11/18 or 11/19

Bogus Basin- 12/2

Rowmark Ref Update- 1/7

Snowbird Timing and Date- TBD

Jackson Hole Ski Club- TBD

Fall Conditioning Dates- TBD

Todd Brickson, John Buchar, Kevin Chaffee and Gordon Perry will set up a date.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:08pm

IMD Fall Call will be 1 week after the WR Fall Call

Next Spring Meeting- May 22-23- Wendover, NV

Submitted by: Carma Burnett

## **IMD Champs Proposal**

**Make the IMD Champs only a U12 (U10's included that qualify) Category Championship**

- U10's can race in the North/South Series but can qualify as a U12 in the U12 Division for IMD Champs
- We can still have a U10 trophy category for awards but they will be mixed in the random computer draw for start so this allows any U10's to qualify for the Champs
- Increase the quota for IMD Champs to 50 Boys/50 Girls from the South and the North – 200 in total
- Since the Alpine racing world is gravitating towards the Parallel Slalom events and it is also part of a good slalom progression for this age, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Day at Champs should be a Parallel Paneled Slalom. Each racer takes a run on each course with the times combined from both courses. No brackets at this age but still have the head to head competition. Rank them according to the GS or Slalom race in the previous two days so racers are racing comparable speeds with other racers
- Troy mentioned they could still do a Bracketed Dual Event at the Spring project
- Make the IMD Finals the U10 “Finale” for those U10's that didn't qualify for the IMD Champs– Will we need a quota for U10's to race here?
- Moving the U10's to IMD Finals makes the race bigger for the hosting team and more worth putting on the race. There were not that many U12's or U14's that raced there this year.
- Eliminate the stubbie slalom race in the North (use them in training only) and incorporate the Parallel Paneled Slalom – The North teams have agreed to the weekend with the two slaloms to have one Tall Pole slalom race and one Parallel Paneled Slalom race in getting ready for the IMD Champs
- This helps with the need to be more consistent within the Intermountain Division in the North and South Series races

IMD Skills Quest Committee - ACC Fall Call Report  
September 2018

IMD Skills Quest Committee Members -

Scott Mathers, Lindsay Mann, Ben Roberts, Craig Haaser, Troy Price

### **IMD Skills Quest Philosophy and Values**

***Create a fun and competitive environment for athletes to focus on fundamental skill development and recognize the benefits of Skills Quest as a resource for athletes, coaches, families and IMD programs to develop faster skiers.***

IMD skills quest programming will:

- Be athlete centered.
- Be a positive and supportive environment.
- Be a resource for athletes, coaches, parents, and programs
- Be transparent with accessibility to information. (criteria, scores, video, etc)
- Be focused on the specific priorities of the IMD while aligning with regional and national development foci to set IMD athletes up for success as they climb the development ladder.
- Be logical and data driven--there is a clear path from IMD skills quest efforts to skills and attributes of successful alpine athletes.
- Incentivize and support athlete skill development and quality coaching towards long term positive outcomes.

IMD Skills Quest Equipment Considerations

- IMD Skills Quest Competitions - GS skis "required"\*
- IMD Skills Quest Practice Events at Races - Slalom or GS Skis depending on discipline being raced that day.

\*We encourage IMD coaches and athletes to practice Skills Quest tasks on Slalom, GS and SG Skis. *"Skillfulness" is demonstrated by the coordination of "separated" body movements to effectively manage the edge angle, pressuring and rotation of any type of ski.* Considering that U10/U12 racers are a target group, we need to have some flexibility in these "requirements" as some athletes may only have one type of race ski.

### **Implementing Skills Quest into North/South Series Races**

The Skills Quest Committee recommends that 3 IMD North and 3 South Series races include a Skills Quest Station set up on one race day in a manner for athletes to pass through during the day. Each event would have one SQ task. Three SQ tasks covering Edging, Pressure and Rotation completed by the end of the season.

### **IMD Skills Quest Scoring and Evaluation**

Lindsay and Troy are working on score sheets for events and a working google sheet to track athlete results and progression on the IMD Website.

### **IMD Skills Quest Video Library**

Ben Roberts is pursuing a video library of age appropriate demonstrations by athletes.

**IMD Skills Quest Clinics - Primary Objectives:**

- Improve participating coaches understanding and use of the Skills Quest Phase 2 and 3 programming to progressively develop skiing skillfulness in their junior ski racing athletes.
- Improve participating coaches consistency in Skills Quest Phase 2 and 3 demonstrations and scoring.

Skill	Phase 2	Phase 3
Pressure the Skis	Pole Jumpers	Pole Jumpers in Tuck
Edge the Skis	Outside Ski Turns	One Ski Skiing
Rotate the Skis	Straight Run- Sideslip-Edge Set	Pivot Slips
“Balance”	Freeski w Pole Use	Freeski w Lane Changes

U10/U12/U14 coaches are the target audience Limit to 10 coaches per clinic leader. Coaches are encouraged to participate on GS skis.

*We are pursuing with USSA that these clinics would provide Skills Quest Evaluator Accreditation to any Level 200 Coach in attendance and USSA Continuing Education Credit for any coaches who attend.*

*We are pursuing clinic leader compensation and expenses and lift tickets for coach participants to be paid by IMD. A goal is to have these clinics no charge for coach participants.*

The Western Region is providing \$1,200 to IMD for athlete Skills Quest events during the 2018 - 2019 season.

*We would like to post this clinic opportunity on the IMD webpage. Registration format and details need to be worked out.*

**Dates and Locations**

November ?

Sun Valley

Will Brandenburg (Confirmed)

January ?

South IMD?

Will? Sasha Rearick? Both?