



Western Region Alpine Competition Committee Meeting

Date: Wednesday, October 15, 2025

Time: 10am Mountain Time

Join Zoom Meeting

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AGENDA

1. Welcome and call to order – Devin Gill, Chair
2. Roll call and review of committee membership – Lucy Conklin, Secretary
 - a. Confirmation of Divisional Alternates for 2026 season
3. Review and approval of agenda and/or additions
4. Review and approval of minutes from September 17, 2025
5. U.S. Ski and Snowboard Staff Updates
6. Western Region Committee Reports and Proposals
 - a. Executive Committee Report – Devin Gill
 - b. Treasurer Report – Troy Price
 - i. Budget approval
 - c. Site Selection Committee – Bill Gunesch
 - d. Development Committee – Bridger Call
 - e. Online Reg Task Force – Lucy Conklin
7. Western Region Program Updates
 - a. Western Region Director – Bill Gunesch
 - b. Western Region Youth Development Coach – Jeff Pickering
 - c. Western Region/Tri Regional Coach – Brad Saxe
 - d. Western Region/Tri Regional Women's FIS Coach – Seth McCadam
 - e. Western Region Coach – Randy Pelkey
 - f. Western Region Manager – Ali Holum
8. National Committee Reports –
 - a. Collegiate Report – Sparky Anderson
 - b. U16 and Older Working Group – Jess Kelley
 - c. U14 and Younger Working Group – Lindsay Dowd or John Rust
 - d. Coaches Education Working Group – Ben Roberts or Forrest King Shaw
 - e. Regional Subcommittee – Bill Brooks



- f. Officials Update – Roger Root
 - g. TDAG – Rob Cravens or Troy Price
 - h. Health of Sport – Kristen Cooksey
 - i. Who is the 2nd Regional Rep to Health of Sport?
- 9. Old business –
 - a. Athlete rep nomination
- 10. New business –
 - a. Elite Automatics Proposal
 - b. U16 NPS Selection Race Proposal
 - c. WR U14 Regional Slalom Pole Proposal
- 11. Motion to adjourn
- 12. Next meeting: April 2026 via zoom



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2. Any Western Region athlete who is not already an Elite Automatic, and who finishes within 6% of the fastest Western Region athlete at a Western Region Cup race, will become Elite Automatic for the remainder of the season. USST athletes, foreign athletes and college athletes are not considered when determining the fastest Western Region athlete

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2. Any Western Region athlete who is not already an Elite Automatic, and who finishes within **5%** of the fastest Western Region athlete at a Western Region Cup race, will become Elite Automatic for the remainder of the season. USST athletes, foreign athletes and college athletes are not considered when determining the fastest Western Region athlete

Comments:

The selection data and the “% of winner” data can be found [here](#). The 2026 selection data will not be final until early Nov after NAT #10 is published.



1. Elite Automatics are named so that athletes competing at high levels outside the region are not required to fill their calendar with additional WR races. They are automatically entered into the Elite Series. With the reduction of elite depth within the region's ranks fewer athletes need this status to help manage their race calendar. However, Elite status remains an athletic goal and achievement and should be awarded when athletes perform well.
2. The purpose the the "% of winner result" is to catch those athletes who make a signifant jump in performance, whether during the prep or during the season. Over the past two seasons 22 men and 4 women have earned this result. A 5% result would have advanced 11 men, and a 4% result would have advanced 6 men. No women would have advanced.

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Use an existing U16 event from one of the region's five divisions as a current H2H U16 competition for selections to the U16 NPS. For the 2025-26 season utilize the Sean Nures at Snow King, Dec 20-23.

The selection board would include three scores: total GS & SL WC points from the 2025 U16 Regional Championship, total GS & SL WC Pts from the 2025 U16 National Championship, and total WC Pts from the current season's H2H competition. In all cases WC points will be only assigned to WestReg athletes with YOB 2010 and 2011. An athlete's best two of the three scores will be counted for a total score.

The four visiting divisions will receive a minimum quota of 5W/5M. Any quota expansion will be agreed between divisional managers and the OC.

Foreign U16 athletes competing as members of a Western Region club will be counted for WC points. However, they must qualify for the U16 NPS per national policy.

Comments:

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