



Pacific Northwest Ski Association

A Division of U.S. Ski & Snowboard

2025 PNW Presidents Report

Submitted By: Karl Wardrop

The PNW Division year was very good with healthy competitions and financial stability. Our member clubs hosted many successful events throughout the season. Thank you to the race organizing committees from both Nordic and Alpine that held quality events and qualifiers. Some of these events were used to select athletes to represent the PNW Division at regional, national and even international events.

Of special note Buddy's (our U12 Alpine division championship) was held at Look Out Pass. This was a new resort for this event. Western Regional Jr Champs were at Mission Ridge with athletes from all over the West. PNW Division held a strong SL camp last summer at Timberline. In addition, Mission Ridge and their team held the third U14 SG training camp that was well attended with good reports. Mt Bachelor worked hard to bring the first Nordic event to the athletes in December. Then they provided excellent training facilities to the US National Nordic team this spring. A highlight was a signing event with the team including Jessie Diggins.

Financially we continue to be strong and in a good place. More on that in the treasures report. We continue to use funds to update and build our B-net inventory. This is designed to add safety to our events around the Northwest and is supported by our partner PNWSEF.

We also want to thank the many Ski Resorts that help so much in providing space, grooming, set-up and tickets for our events. We receive support from our PNW Ski Area Association with the Elite Pass sales for those alpine athletes that qualify. Ski area visits were up again this year. Ski area concern over weekend events in January and February continues from the resort side. Claudia and I will continue to work with the ski area management teams to keep ski racing front and forward in their minds.

Huge thanks to folks stepping off the board this year. Rob Cravens has served 4 years on the board and crushed it as lead of the nominating committee and managing our B-net procurement program. Todd Grover represented the Nordic group and is also on the board for PNWSEF, our fund-raising arm. Mike Burns is a Technical Delegate for the Nordic group and serves as a sounding board for that group.

A contingent from PNW attended the USSS congress meeting in Park City a couple of weeks ago where PNW Division was represented by several working group members and the leaders of two committees. Of note alpine U14 and below events will only be able to post results electronically (like Live Timing) after each run, not during the run. This is to help our athletes and parents to use their phones a little less. The event hosts can go back to using score boards, but it's not required.

Thanks to the many folks that I've met at events or had the opportunity to talk with over the year. Your feedback and advice are critical to the success of the PNW Division



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2024-2025 Executive Director Annual Report **Submitted by: Claudia Yamamoto**

What a fantastic season! So much snow to kick off the year – skiing powder in December – day after day after day. Kind of what every skier dreams of.

All that snow was great for PNW racing. Almost every race in the division was run as scheduled. The exceptions were losing the men's 2nd run of the 1st NW Cup GS and moving U14 Qualifier #2 GS from Ski Bowl to Mt. Hood Meadow.

Financially PNW Division remains in a very strong position. That is something we can all be proud of. We are retaining athletes at all levels, something many other divisions/regions across the U.S. are struggling with. Congratulations to all the clubs for the great job they are doing with their programs. Without your work, there would be no athletes.

We continue to partner with the Pacific Northwest Ski Education Foundation for support of many projects across the division. Projects supported by PNWSEF include the ImPact Concussion Program, B-Net Program, U14 Speed Camp, Coach Education, and Nordic Jr National Entry Fees & Wax. In addition, the foundation gives out over \$15,000 in athlete grants to help offset the costs incurred competing, and 3 college/trade school scholarships. PNW is the only division in the Western Region that has the support of a 501(c)(3) fundraising arm.

The Pacific Northwest Ski Area Operators Association continues to support the Elite Pass. The program was started in the late 70's and has been a huge financial help to athletes racing across the Northwest. For many athletes, reaching Elite Pass status is a steppingstone in their racing career. We are so thankful for this wonderful program for the athletes of PNW.

Two fun projects for the office this year were working with designers to have special made PNW socks for the PNW SL Camp souvenir and designing the PNW Championship team jacket. Both were well received, and we look forward to creating this year's design.

The office was quiet this past season – in a weird way. I attribute this to the clubs communicating clearly and concisely with their members. And many of our members are using the PNW web site to gain information. The more lines of communication our members have, the better they understand the sport and all the moving pieces.

Thank you all – volunteers, officials, coaches, parents, athletes. The PNW Division is strong because of all you do.



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PNW NCC Annual Report 2024-25

Fall NCC Meeting

This past Fall the NCC opted to meet in person to conduct our fall meeting, share best practices among clubs and also conduct an L100 clinic and assessment. The event kicked off with a Saturday mid-day L100 coaches clinic which was well-attended, particularly by coaches from the Seattle area. The weekend was next an opportunity for clubs to share best practices with programs or aspects of their program that they were most proud of. Spokane Nordic presented on their club and middle school program, Plain presented on fundraising and Mount Bachelor talked about their athlete wellness program. After this was complete, the normal NCC business was conducted on Saturday morning.

Many thanks to Kongsbergers Ski Club for hosting us at their facility at Cabin Creek.

PNW Cup

With a good snow year, all races went off as planned in the PNW Cup, three weekends of which also served as Junior National Qualifiers. The series kicked off with a classic sprint and skate interval start at Mount Bachelor in December (combined JNQ), before moving north in early January to Teacup/Mt. Hood Nordic for an event combined with an OISLAN (high school) race on Saturday and a second start on Sunday. At the start of February races returned to the Methow Valley before moving to Spokane a couple weeks later and wrapping up at Cabin Creek at the start of March. Attendance was strong across the board, with long standing events matching recent high-water marks for attendance.

Junior National Team

From three weekends of the PNW Cup plus the now traditional stop at the Super Qualifier at Soldier Hollow, Utah, the 2025 Junior National Team was selected. This year's JNs were also at Soldier Hollow and PNW performed well. The following athletes achieved All-American results (top 10 individual, top 5 relay):

Reed Scott (Kootenai) Classic Interval Start, Classic Relay
Caroline Menna (Plain) Classic Interval Start, Freestyle Mass Start, Classic Relay
Quinten Koch (Plain) Classic Interval Start, Freestyle Sprint, Classic Relay
Johanna Dake (MBSEF) Freestyle Sprint,
Aaron Pooler (Spokane) Freestyle Sprint,
Silas D'Atre (Plain) Freestyle Sprint,
Addie Loewen (Plain) Freestyle Mass Start, Classic Relay
Will Mowry (MBSEF) Classic Relay
Sisu Clark (Methow) Classic Relay
Jayvin Lemieux (Teacup) Classic Relay
Aven Harris (MBSEF) Classic Relay

The team was supported by four age group coaches, Team Leader Heidi Loewen, five members of the wax staff, and two support staff whose main task was feeding all 50+ people. The support staff and Heidi made a huge difference in keeping trip costs down – significantly lower than every other division we've queried.

Other PNW Performances

Other notable results among PNW Nordic alumni include:

NCAAs:

Annie McColgan (UVM/Bend) 2nd place CL 7.5km, 12th FR 20km

Jordan Grialou (Bowdoin/Methow Valley) 23rd CL 7.5km, 34th FR 20km

Greta Leitheiser (St. Scholastica/Bend) 24th CL 7.5km, 36th FR 20km

Bridget Burns (Michigan Tech/Spokane) 39th CL 7.5km, 30th FR 20km

Zach Jayne (Utah/Bend) 8th CL 7.5km, 10th FR 20km

World Juniors:

Neve Gerard (Utah/Bend) 12th 10km FR, 38th FR Sprint

World Cup:

Walker Hall (Utah/Methow Valley) 51st Engadin, 48th Cogne and 75th Falun World Cups
(Also 2nd and 3rd at US Senior Nationals in January)



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Director of Alpine Annual Report June 2025

2024-2025 Season Review:

This past season was about the opposite to the 23/24 season in terms of snowpack and conditions, with one small caveat. We had plenty of snowfall, but it seemed to be above 5,000 feet all year. Lower elevation resorts struggled, while resorts above the freezing level had some of the earliest openings of the past 15 years. Overall, it was fantastic to be able to execute our race series as scheduled without the need to push back or relocate any events.

I was pleased also to see some resorts that have not hosted a PNW race in many years, get back into the fray. I hope to continue to move in this direction, seeking out more resorts that have race worthy venues and leaning on our resources as a division to help them improve their ROC's, safety, and infrastructure so that we can have more options for race siting in the future.

Thanks to all our fantastic Pacific Northwest Resorts that honor the PNW Elite Pass and work with their Club partners to host PNW events. Ski racing in the PNW would not be possible without their support. Thanks to all our host club's this season for putting in the hard work to put on a ski race.

WR FIS Racing:

While overall FIS numbers are declining slightly in the Western Region, PNW FIS licenses are trending positively the past few seasons. Girls and boys numbers are up since 2022. We had 96 total FIS licenses in the 24/25 season, however only 89 of them started a FIS race, and interestingly, it was all boys who did not start a FIS while holding a FIS license. Contrasted with our total U18 and older USSS licenses of 121, a reasonably high percentage of total U18's and older are choosing to race FIS. See Jamie Landwehr's report for more detailed analysis of the numbers.

The WR Devo and Elite Series was an overall success this past season, however, sometimes too much snow is an equally challenging problem in our sport, as we lost a very disproportionately high number of Super G starts, 8 in total. This meant that some athletes never got a FIS SG opportunity this past season depending on their schedule. Speed will always be the most challenging to pull off, but it is important ever effort is made to give our athletes who accel in speed the chances to race it and score. Sometimes, it is out of our hands.

In-Division FIS opportunities seem to be trending positively, with a higher number of PNW hosted WR FIS races over the past several seasons. This is fantastic thing for our athletes, and I want to urge race organizers who already host or want to host FIS events, to put in the hard work with their resort partners, homologations of race runs, and bid on events. Lessing travel distances brings costs down, and racing on more familiar terrain also gives some home hill advantage.

Championship Events and Projects:

- **Western Region U14, U16 and U18/U21 Championships:**

All the WR Championships events went off smoothly, with some great performances from PNW athletes at all levels. See the Age Class Subcommittee Chair's reports for summaries and links to in-depth reports.

- **PNW/FW U14 Spring Select:**

Rotating to the PNW for the first time since we started this joint project with the FarWest Division, SPAC and Steven's Pass played host to our guests from the south. New U14 Chair, Katy Loewy's report goes into detail on the overall success of the event, coaches and athlete's takeaways and feedback, and gives some great ideas for the future of this event. Next season, it will rotate back to FW if we choose to continue this bi-divisional project.

PNW Events:

- **The NWC Series:**

- NWC #1 – SPAC – Jan. 10-12 TECH
- NWC #2 – MBSEF – Sun Cup, Feb. 9-14 SPEED
- NWC #3 – SARS – Feb. 28-Mar 2 TECH

While this series has become mostly a U16 series, it is proving to be a fantastic race series for those athletes. We're seeing positive trends in PNW athletes qualifying for U16 Nationals and the RTG. See Mike's report for an in-depth dive on the numbers. As we look at our PNW U18 and older athletes, the question we have been trying to answer for the past number of years is where they belong developmentally, and how do we keep them racing through the end of high school. It seems clear to me that the vast majority of U18's and older are true Devo level athletes, and even the WR Devo Series is not appropriate or beneficial for them. Jamie and the U18/U21 working group is discussing this very thing, and there doesn't seem to be a clear answer. One thing is for sure, it does not make sense to send athletes across the west, racking up both athlete and club payroll costs, to have PNW athletes be 20 seconds off the leader per run. This does not help the athlete move up the ranks as they won't score, and it certainly doesn't give them confidence or provide a fun ski racing experience. I think there is fun outside of the race venue, hanging with friends, traveling to cool resorts, skiing big mountains,

but this seems like very expensive vacation, rather than athlete development. The NWC Series is truly the best place for them to race, but how do we keep them racing together if they are afraid of getting beat by a U16?

The NWC Start rule to be placed on the board for the WRJC was removed this past season, and it did not seem to have a big effect on participation. I think we are struggling with participation in the NWC series by the U18's and older for different reasons. Athletes are choosing to race down at even the High School level as they are dominating there, but as soon as they face adversity at the next level up, they don't seem to have what it takes to stick with it.

Besides the above philosophical debate with myself, the 24/25 NWC season was very successful. This series is fantastic for the athletes who attend it, both from a scoring standpoint and a development standpoint. Congratulations to the overall winners this season. Please see Mike and Jamie's reports for more details on the NWC series.

- **PNW U14 Series:**

- #1 Jan 19-20 @ Mt Spokane (GS/SL) 98 W / 77 M
- #2 Feb 7-8 @ Ski Bowl/ Mt Hood Meadows (GS/SL) 105 W / 75 M
- #3 March 7-10 @ Mission Ridge (SG) 92 W / 69 M

We are trending down in numbers at the U14 license level the past few seasons in a row, which is a bit alarming. Despite this, the racing level is high, and we are qualifying more athletes than we ever have to the WR U14 Championship. This is in part due to increasing the number of second year U12 licenses we have in PNW, which helps us bump up our quota. Our athletes are performing well at higher level events too, Ike Brumder (MBSEF), Paxton Harris (MRT) and Neena DeGennaro (MRT) all qualified for Whistler Cup, and Neena had a 2nd Place in SL, while Paxton scored a 4th Place in GS.

- **PNW U14 Speed Camp:**

Thanks again to MRST for hosting and to PNWSEF for funding this project. This continues to be an outstanding invention for the development of our athletes in the U14 class. There is discussion about how quickly this camp fills up and the first come first served method. Some clubs have 20 athletes get in while some have none get in. This is worth discussion. It does seem to be a clear advantage to be able to attend this camp on the same venue in which the qualifier will be raced a week or so later. I do like this methodology, but I think we need to make sure there is equity for all U14's who intend on racing the qualifier.

- **Buddy Werner Champs:**

This season the BWC rotated to the East, and Lookout Pass was selected as the site. This was special to see LPRT host this historic event. Thanks to them and to Lookout Pass Resort for their incredibly hard work in preparing for and running this event. See YSL Chair, Lindsay Davisson's report for more details on the BWC.

PNW Calendar 2025-2026:

The new competition calendar is shaping up well, with a couple working options. At Convention, the 25/26 Calendar Blocks will be approved by the ACC and bidding will be opened, with a due date of 7 days after the WR Calendar goes final. As this occurs, I will inform all club's that they have 7 days to get their bids in. ROC's should use the new bid form, which is now a Google Form, very similar to the Western Region form. The Calendaring Committee will review all bids thoroughly and as quickly as possible and present the sited calendar to the ACC for approval. Once approved, the calendar will get put onto the PNW website. The Fall Meeting will allow for any final changes to the calendar if necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

Justin Rackley
PNW Director of Alpine/ACC Chair



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2024-25 Coaches Education Subcommittee report

- Chair - Ben Roberts – South
- Carson Ruud – West
- Ted McNamera – East

The PNW Coaches Education Subcommittee was created this year as a structural shift from the previous Coaches Committee. The revised subcommittee will begin our active existence with the 2024-25 season.

The main tasks we completed during the 2024-25 season were writing the subcommittee description and designating the current subcommittee members. Ted McNamera has agreed to serve on the subcommittee for a single year, his seat will need to be filled for the 2026-27 season. I would like to thank Danasue Kusakabe and Carson Ruud for initiating and doing the work to create an in-person coaches education opportunity for the coaches attending the U14 Speed Project.

Looking ahead to the 2025-26 season our main task is to follow through on the duties outlined in the subcommittee description and set the tone for the group moving forward. Some of this will begin with the discussions started at the 2025 Spring Convention. Our primary tasks:

- Schedule two meetings of the subcommittee
- Coordinate with Claudia on coaches education resource needs for the PNW website.
- Determine a pathway for the creation of coaches education events and resources specific to the needs and initiatives of PNW.
- Determine what coaches education resources and events are needed to support PNW coaches, clubs, and initiatives.
- Discuss effective communication pathways for effective scheduling of USSS Coaches Certification assessments in the PNW.

We will start with these tasks and go from there. Thank you for your support and engagement in coaches education.

Ben Roberts



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Officials Committee Report for Season 2025

Committee Members: Roger Root, Bill Brooks, Gillian Esson.

Duties: The education and training of officials; Maintaining and updating the records of PNSA Officials; Assigning of Technical Delegates; Providing support and assistance to race organizers; Help coordinate the PNSA Concussion testing program; Review document packets and TTDRs for alpine races held in PNSA.

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Clinics this season:

Update clinics: The majority of update clinics were virtual. The virtual updates used Zoom as the communication platform. Each session started with a presentation that covered the mandated material. The larger updates included breakout rooms for focused discussions. The feedback from the participants was positive. PNW also hosted an online update for USCSA officials. This update met the requirements for US Ski and Snowboard officials (except Technical Delegates and Race Administrators) along with a review and discussion of USCSA rules and issues. (Note: Most USCSA events are not US Ski and Snowboard sanctioned events.)

New Certification Clinics: The division hosted three zonal clinics for new officials. These, in person clinics, were held in Snohomish WA (Seattle area), Portland, OR and Coeur d'Alene, ID (Spokane WA area). Each of these zonal clinics included Race Administration, Chief of Race, Timing and Calculation and Referee classes. The Seattle area clinic was at the Snohomish County PUD, Portland by the Multnomah Athletic Club and the Coeur d'Alene clinic by the University of Idaho. These sites provide high quality meeting rooms which have multimedia capability, white boards and conference table style seating. These amenities allow us to take full advantage of the available educational materials.

This spring the division hosted three Zoom meetings for instructors. One each for Race Administration, Referee/Jury Advisor and Timing and Calculation. The participants are still working on a list of suggestions and strategies to improve the clinics. One recommendation from the Referee/Jury Advisor group will definitely be instituted next season. There will be separate classrooms and instructors for the Referee candidates and Jury Advisors.

Statistics:

Season	Alpine Officials (Excluding coaches)	Coaches Only
2025	156* (23 TDs)	430**
2024	144 (24 TDs)	420
2023	181 (26 TDs) (42 Women)	396 (120 Women/276 Men)
2022	182 (28 TDs) (37 Women)	354 (103 Women/251 Men)
2021	172 (25 TDs) (45 Women)	352 (104 Women/248 Men)
2020	173 (30 TDs) (44 Women)	351 (103 Women/247 Men)
2019	175 (29 TDs)	338
2018	181 (29 TDs)	285
2017	169 (25 TDs)	266
2016	163 (35 TDs)	234
2015	166 (27 TDs)	240

* Includes 5 X (Foreign) members; ** Includes 10 X members

B-Net: In the fall of 2024 the division purchased approximately 60 new Barry Nets and approximately the 35 SPM nets, plus straps and extra poles. for a total of almost \$56,000. The division received a \$5,000 grant from the Pacific NorthWest Ski Education Foundation to help defray the cost.

This spring the division participated in the purchase of 157 Barry nets. 107 went directly to the division’s cache. The remainder went to two clubs.

Level 1 TDs: PNW has four TD candidates working their way through the requirements.

Observations:

- AdminSkiRacing was the race registration platform used by most of the ROCs. There are some ongoing problems with their system and the division along with the region are looking at options.
- Virtual Team Captains’ meetings were the norm and seemed to work well.
- The use of electronic communication platforms, like WhatsApp, has become almost universal and functioned very well. Posting start orders,

programs and other information on these platforms.

- We were able to complete a number of shadow assignments for new referees this season.

Breaking News from US Ski and Snowboard Congress: The bi-seasonal update for most Alpine Officials has been eliminated. Beginning this fall, all Alpine Officials will need to attend an update each season. Thus, all of our officials will need to attend an update this coming season to be current.

PNW Plan for Season 2026

- Offer update clinics virtually with continued emphasis on focused agendas for specific certifications. The plan is to offer a greater number of update clinics and be more proactive in notifying officials and clubs of who is due for an update.
- Add additional update and certification opportunities in the Spring
- Offer more frequent Zoom meetings for other AO groups such as Race Administrators and Chiefs of Timing and Calculation pre-season and during the season and in the off season.
- Offer several Zoom meetings during the off season for specific groups to share knowledge and build community.
- Create a questionnaire for new officials to complete after their first year working events.

Season 2026 Clinic Dates

- The tentative dates for certification clinics are: November 2, 2025 Seattle and November 9, 2025 Portland and November 16, 2025 in Coeur d'Alene.

Respectively submitted:

Roger Root
PNW AO Chairperson



To: PNW ACC

From: John Rust, RULES & TECHNICAL SUB-COMMITTEE, Chair

RE: 2024/25 ACC Report

2025 Highlights from Congress (PNW members are encouraged to review Congress Minutes)

1. 9.4.2 SL – Alternate Colors •
2. 9.5.1 U14 Flex Pole Proposal 2025 •
3. 9.5.2 U12 and younger No Live Timing • (this might be U14 and under)
4. 9.5.3 U10.12 SL Additional Requirements Rule • (I don't think this passed)
5. 9.5.5 SG GS Kombi Course Setting
6. 7.1.2. U16 and Over Working Group • 9.3.1 Geographic Affiliation •
7. 9.3.2 Out of Region Quotas • 9.3.3 USA CAN Quota 7.1.7 •
8. 9.3.4 CAN USA FIS Quotas •
9. 9.4.1 U18 Start Limits • 9.4.3 U18 Start Limit Removal •
10. 9.4.4 U18 Start Limit NorAm Exemption (I do not think this passed - rule above supercedes it)
11. 9.3.1 Geographic Affiliation •
12. 9.3.2 Out of Region Quotas •
13. 9.3.3 USA CAN Quota 7.1.7 •
14. 9.3.4 CAN USA FIS Quotas
15. 7.1.4. Collegiate Working Group
16. 7.1.5. Coaches Education Working Group •
17. 9.6.1 Level 100 – In Progress
18. 7.1.6. Performance Task Force – White paper [Performance Task Force - Alpine Development Playbook V. 1.1.pdf](#)
19. 9.6.1 Level 100 – In Progress •
20. 9.7.1 Coaches Ed Tracking • New Proposal - Annual Updates
21. 7.2.2. National TD Working Group • 9.8.1 TD Daily Allowance Increase
22. Other Rules that may be coming from FIS
 - a. FIS - Cut Proof required all disciplines - likely to pass
 - b. FIS - Airbags for speed - likely to pass
 - c. FIS points - average best 3 results (rather than 2) - piloting in the 20025/26 season

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Old Business:

Document: PNW ACC Motion Form 2023_TermLimits_McCadam - Discussion: Having been on the EC for a long time, it's a good idea, but should stagger with 1 new per year, so there isn't a whole new crew at one time. Institutional knowledge is good, but clarification of each zone is represented. Rotation on the Board of Directors in general requires 2 years before moving into the head chair. There might not be enough people within the division and on our ACC already to make that requirement. We should be careful not to limit someone from coming in who would be good as a chair who hasn't been on the ACC already. It was pointed out that this is related to the Age Class chairs. Does this need to be approved by the PNW board, or can the ACC decide this? Karl will look this up. This is a big change, and we should discuss it further and vote on it in the spring. - Next Steps: Karl to confirm the need for the PNW board to approve this or not. Continue to review this before bringing it to official motion.

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2025 U12 Working Group

Lindsay Davisson, Chair – West

Dusty Hanchett – West

Garrett Lodge – East

Athlete Numbers:

576 U12 & under licensed athletes - 273 female, 303 male

321 U12 licensed athletes – 162 female, 159 male

2025 Buddy Werner Champs were at Lookout Pass this year. There was positive feedback about the event despite some weather challenges. 113 men and 109 women registered for the three-day event. The event schedule was:

- Friday: Men's GS, Women's Skills Quest
- Saturday: Women's GS, Men's Skills Quest
- Sunday: SL for both genders

On April 21, we held a virtual U12 coaches meeting. Eighteen coaches attended.

Topics discussed included:

- Using stubbies during SL races for U10 and younger age group – there was continued positive feedback for this idea.
- Buddy Werner Champs went well and there was a good response to the social events Lookout Pass offered. The timing of race on the calendar was discussed as it can conflict with spring break, but ultimately the group felt the timing was ideal as it coincides with the end of the training season for most clubs. The Oregon zone will host the event in 2026.
- There were some team scoring calculation challenges at BW Champs that resulted in a desire to look closely at the wording in the PNW Competition Guide. Coaches were invited to read through the guide and submit any concerns they might have prior to the 2025 convention date.

The U12 group will be submitting a motion addressing the wording in the U12 section of the PNW Competition Guide to clarify some areas that caused confusion.

Overall, the season was a success – lots of good opportunities for races and plenty of snow in the division.

Respectfully submitted,

PNW U12 Working Group

Lindsay Davisson

Dusty Hanchett

Garrett Lodge



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2025 U14 Annual Report

Katy Loewy, MRT

2024-25 Season:

This past season there were 239 licensed U14's compared to 264 in 23/24 and 301 22/23 season. The population is dwindling a bit.

The 239 athletes broke down as follows:

- 59 Females YOB 2011
- 73 Females YOB 2012
- 50 Males YOB 2011
- 57 Males YOB 2012

U14 Qualifiers:

- #1 Jan 19-20 @ Mt Spokane (GS/SL) 98 W / 77 M
 - I was not at this race but it sounded like it went smoothly,
- #2 Feb 7-8 @ Ski Bowl/ Mt Hood Meadows (GS/SL) 105 W / 75 M
 - Co-hosted with MRT/MHSEF, races went smoothly
- #3 March 7-10 @ Mission Ridge (SG) 92 W / 69 M
 - Dividing by gender works well to keep the schedule clean. I know this can be difficult for travel logistics but seems to be the best way to host speed races and reduce the number of school days missed.

U14 Speed Camp:

- Feb 19-21 @ Mission Ridge
- Speed camp continues to fill quickly! Some teams have 20+ athletes who get in and some don't get any. It's been a first come first serve model but it might be worth looking at other options or ways to prioritize kids who plan to race the qualifier, etc.
- Camp has great reviews and helps prep athletes for the speed race qualifier. Thank you MRST for hosting and PNWSEF for continuing to support with funding!

U14 Champs:

- March 26-30 @ Mammoth.
- PNW had 15 M & 15 W qualify and attend the series. Great representation from our division! The athletes and staff worked well together, and we had some solid results. Cell phone policy was updated for this project and was very useful for logistics - weather issues and schedule changes were posted in a group WhatsApp, and an athlete experienced a medical issue and was able to call his parents and coach. Lodging was spread out (separate buildings) and it made it much easier to communicate and make changes on the fly.
- [Link to full report HERE](#)
- From this series, we had 3 athletes qualify for Whistler Cup

Whistler Cup:

- April 8-13 @ Whistler Mountain
- Ike Brumder (MBSEF), Paxton Harris (MRT) and Neena DeGennaro (MRT) all qualified for and competed at Whistler Cup. Scott Stern (MRT coach) joined the staff as PNW staff representative. Neena had a second-place finish in SL and Paxton had a 4th place finish in GS. Great results from the PNW athletes.

Evergreen Cup Finals:

- April 4-6 Evergreen Cup Finals @ Stevens Pass
 - About 40 U14 W & 35 U14 M competed, some top 10 finishes by U14s especially on the women's side

NW Cup Finals

- April 17-20 NWC Finals @ Bachelor
 - 19 U14 W & 19 U14 M competed - qualified from U14 champs & Evergreen Cup Finals

FW/PNW U14 Project:

- March 28-30 @ Stevens Pass
- Based on Brad Bjorklund's report it seemed like the project went well. Overall positive feedback and good learning/training.
- **Some additional feedback from his report:** I did discuss the longevity and/or future of this event with the other PNW coaches and asked them to respond directly to you with comments and suggestions. Sharing feedback that was provided; 1. Coaching staffs are stretched too thin with many coaches needed for local races, and WR championships 2. The event needs bigger support and buy-in from PNW program directors. 3. Overall timing of the event might be better if it was mid-week rather than a 3-day weekend. 4. Make it a race rather than just training. Many athletes and coaches requested this. I think the athletes who attended really got a lot out of it and I received positive feedback from several parents in person and through our WhatsApp group chat. I think the athletes who did participate had an advantage the following weekend for the EC/U14 Finals as they had trained on the venue and could anticipate race conditions.
- [Full Report From Brad HERE](#)

Proposals to consider:

- Looking at the race and project schedule for the 25-26 season, the more we can do to limit mid-week racing the better at this age group.
- Look at options for registration for U14 speed camp @ mission - allow opportunity for athletes from as many clubs as possible. Prioritize those who plan to race the qualifier?
- Schedule for U14s can get stacked between qualifiers, Evergreen Cup races, championship events, projects, etc. This age group seems to require a higher level of planning to make sure we aren't stacking events on top of each other or back-to-back.
- I would love to push for U14s to use tall SL gates instead of short. We have a big range of height/sizes with this athlete population and in my opinion, it would be much safer to use taller gates and standardize this for U14 qualifiers.



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2025 PNW U16 Annual Report YOB 2009-2010

2025 U16 Working Group:

- Chair – Mike Graves – West
- Nils Eriksson – South
- Alan Lauba – West

PNW Division USSS Licensed U16s:

2025 – 160 (82 girls, 78 boys)

Prior years:

- 2024 - 172 (86 girls, 86 boys)
- 2023 - 153 (72 girls, 81 boys)
- 2022 - 169 (98 girls, 71 boys)
- 2021 - 151 (85 girls, 66m)
- 2020 - 136
- 2019 - 137
- AVG - 153

Season Summary:

It was a good start to winter with snow early for training and racing. Only one boy's GS race was lost due to the weather in January. The PNW U16 group had strong results throughout the season. The end-of-season NWCup Finals and Goldenrose races provided great racing, good point opportunities and brought world class skiing to the PNW. Regional and National selections and results of PNW U16s continue to trend upward.

Regional & National results:

Western Region Championships at Schweitzer Resort, ID

Performance highlights:

Podiums:

- Curtis Finley 1st in SG
- Canyon Osborne 1st in SL, 3rd in GS
- Cooper Rust 2nd in GS

17 PNW top ten finishes

U16 WR Champs coaching staff had a big positive impact:

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Website: www.pnwdivision.org email: pnw@pnwdivision.org

MRST	Carson Ruud - Head Coach
WPSC	Josie Knight
CMAC	Alan Lauba
SARS	Ted McNamara
MHA	Ben Roberts
MRT	John Rust
MBSEF	Keenan Seidel

U16 Nationals at Sugarloaf, ME

- 2025 attended by 6 boys, 3 girls – **9 PNW racers**
- 2024 attended by 3 PNW racers

Race Starts:

The PNW calendar provides a good balance of race starts for the 2025 season. Good snow conditions accommodated a full calendar of scheduled races.

PNW divisional races:

TOTALS	NW Cup	EG Cup/Open	Totals	Trend
SL STARTS	4	8	12	
GS START	4	3	7	+1
SG STARTS	3	3	6	+2
DH STARTS	2	0	2	
TOTALS	13	14	27	+3

Moving forward

Congratulations to these 8 PNW U16 athletes (2010 & 2011) selected for the 2025 U16 RTG (*RTG athletes have priority to all Western Region U16 development projects – i.e. Mt Hood SL Camp - July*)

- 2 OSBORN Canyon 2010 CMAC
- 3 CURTIS Finnley 2010 MBSEF
- 6 HART Brighton 2010 CMAC
- 12 BEUKEMA Zachary 2010 MRST
- 12 KUZEL Teagan 2010 SARS
- 13 HARRIS Paxton 2011 MRT
- 14 DEGENARO Neena 2011 MRT
- 15 BRUMDER Ike 2011 MBSEF
- 2024 – 6 selected
- 2023 – 3 selected

Possible discussion:

1. Selections rule clarification – scoring a single run

Signs of success

- Development plan revisit
- PNW Performance Objectives Taskforce
 - to further define some goals/objectives as it pertains to PNW athlete performance

Next Season:

Acknowledge the positive momentum currently in the division:

- Calendaring and Sighting
 - Choose dates and sites that support development
- Working together
- Hosting great races
- Providing opportunities, i.e Luke and Tommy
- Coaches' professionalism and education

Continuing work on:

- Projects, camps, training opportunities

Will PNW see increased retention?

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Graves – PNW U16 Chair



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2024/2025 - U18 &U21 Working Group:

- Chair - Jamie Landwehr - East
- Kent Towler - South
- Dave Lyon - West

Season Summary:

We had a great season in terms of conditions in the West and specifically PNW. The PNW's FIS eligible athletes competed at a variety of different levels ranging from Evergreen Cup and NWC races to WR Devo and Elite FIS events as well as championships.

This year was unique for PNW in that our athletes were able to compete in four different FIS series races that spanned all three zones and all four disciplines in the PNW – hopefully we will see more of this going forward.

Going into the 2025 season, we eliminated the NWC start requirement to be eligible for WRJC's. This proved to not have much of an impact on overall NWC participation as a few U18 and older pace skiers opted to compete in NWC races that were close too, or at home. We also had a nice turn out again for NWC finals and the Golden Rose which have become our best scoring races of the season.

However, most of the FIS races have become extremely accessible for PNW athletes – especially on the lady's side. The committee is not sure if we are serving our members best by repeatedly sending athletes to races where they end up 20 – 30 seconds out. Is this a PNW, WR, or club management issue? The (former) requirement to race in some of the NWC races provides more perceived value in the NWC series for the truly devo level athlete.

FIS travel was again managed by club for the season. We saw increased participation in terms of clubs working together on and off the hill. In many cases we had two to three groups of PNW clubs working together. Often times larger FIS clubs opt to travel and work independently which is fine too. We also appeared to have a slight increase in clubs taking on stragglers (athletes without home hill coaching) at events. Nice to see everyone supporting one another when they're able.

The FIS team travel worksheet and pre trip zoom meetings were a great idea and helped get us out the gate at the beginning of the season. We will try that again next year and possibly use it more.

Stats and Trends from 2022 – 2025.

Starts in PNW and WR

	<u>WR Tech</u>	<u>WR Speed</u>	<u>NWC tech</u>	<u>NWC Speed</u>
22/23	38	10	8	5
23/24	28	**6	9	5
24/25	28	*6	9	5

** *lost Schweitzer Speed Series in 2024*

**lost WRJC Super G's, Utah Super G, Spring Speed Super G*

Licenses and Races Started for PNW U18 and Older athletes

--Boys are pretty consistent – Girls are trending up.

	<u>22 Girls</u>	<u>23 Girls</u>	<u>24 Girls</u>	<u>25 Girls</u>	<u>22 Boys</u>	<u>23 Boys</u>	<u>24 Boys</u>	<u>25 Boys</u>
USSS Licenses	56	50	55	60	58	63	55	61
FIS Licenses	38	39	46	45	39	46	51	51
Started a FIS	26	36	38	45	27	42	39	44
Started a NWC	?	44	42	52	?	54	34	50

U18 National Selections (WR quota of 20 and 20)

	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Boys</u>
2022	4	1
2023	3 (only one attended)	4 (only one attended)
2024	3	2
2025	2	0



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The 2025 race season was another successful one for the Northwest College Ski Conference (NWCSC). NWCSC successfully hosted all four weekends (8 days) of qualifier races as planned, with 150-200 athletes in attendance each day. We returned to repeat venues including Lookout Pass (SL), Brundage Mountain (GS), and Snoqualmie Pass (SL), and ventured to Mt. Spokane (GS) for the first time in many years.

The conference currently has nine member universities. We also had two “guest” universities that regularly attend NWCSC races:

Member Schools	Guest Schools
University of Washington (44)	Rocky Mountain College (20)
Washington State University (21)	Montana State University (37)
University of Oregon (19)	
Oregon State University (17)	
University of Idaho (21)	
College of Idaho (12)	
Whitman College (24)	
University of British Columbia (19)	
Seattle University (1)	

Given strong participation from member and guest schools over the past few seasons, the conference is in excellent financial standing, and continues to make investments in new timing and other race equipment.

The NWCSC is entirely volunteer-run, with all volunteers and officials participating on an unpaid basis. Nonetheless, we have an excellent volunteer base, with veteran technical delegates, referees, and timing and calc officials training new volunteers (typically recent NWCSC alumnus) each season.

NWCSC continues to offer inclusive, competitive ski racing to college students in the Northwest region. We are looking forward to the 2026 season.

Respectively Submitted:

Emily Bascom

5/27/2025



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2025 PNW MASTERS REPORT to PNW ACC

Membership is stable nationwide and in the PNW. Masters' events were delivered this season (2024/2025) by SPARC, SARS and MBSEF. Thank you! PNW picked up a few new members from other divisions and new racers to the sport. The PNW website is working and forwarding interested athletes to us for info requests. We lost a few members who didn't renew. This is primarily due to injuries or moving on to eternally smooth courses, severely clear skies and fast times.

2025/2026 Nationals are scheduled for Mammoth. Eastern Region (Gore) did an amazing job 2024/2025 Nationals. Carolyn Phillips (PNW) continues to dominate the field in the U-85 age class.

Masters' participation is up in training opportunities with several PNW clubs. Shout out to Mission Ridge, SARS and MBSEF.

MBSEF delivered our PNW Masters finals series. 4-day event (SGt, SG/SG (National Speed Series), GS, SL). Weather and surface conditions were very good. Good participation. Masters' Tailgater BBQ. Thank you, Amy Tarnow, Nils/Kent the MBSEF crew.

National Masters committee meetings attended throughout the year via zoom calls. The National ASR Masters race registration system is still creating some challenges. Ryan Fuller (Central Division) is providing great leadership as the National Masters Chair. Ryan was the past Central Division Masters Chair.

PNW Masters financial accounts (checking and savings) are reported/accounted for monthly to PNW office.

Wy'East Cup is scheduled for June 21, 22, 23. GS and SL events, at Timberline, on the Mile. Willy Camp is hosting this event. Coaches can upgrade USSA membership to include Masters License at no charge. Good fun, lots of swag.

More PNW Masters are stepping up and supporting PNWSEF. Our PNW Masters funds brought in Jeff Pickering (WR Youth Development Director) to the 2025 PNW U14 Speed Camp (Mission Ridge). This proved to be money well spent! Jeff certainly raised the bar of our PNW coaches regarding speed training. PNW juniors will benefit from this for years to come. PNW Master's 2025/2026 Junior development funding will be \$2,000 again. We look forward to the discussions regarding the best use of these funds.

We lost some dear friends to the Masters community this year: Kyle Watson, Founder and guide for ADL Ski Club perished in an avalanche in Japan. Kyle's infectious spirit will be missed by all who knew him. Brian Roberts, MBSEF coach and Masters skier, perished in

an avalanche at Mt. Bailey. Brian loved skiing and ski racing, and his passion reached multiple generations. We also lost Tony Nunnikhoven, FIS TD and a one-of-a-kind cowboy who loved delivering Speed for Masters. He was successfully nominated to receive the West Haven and West Family awards at 2025/2026 USSS Congress. Masters recognized the need to support funding his family's travel expenses to receive these awards. Shout out to PNW, Far West, Northern, Central divisions for the incredible support. We covered airfare to and from Salt Lake City, Park City lodging and meals, and a welcome package.

So many times, I called Tony and found him on a venue somewhere in the WEST. "How you doing Tony?.....Well, I have 14 more to go and I'm sending them home to their Moma's".

Kyle, Brian and Tony RIP Friends! We will take it from here!

Respectfully Submitted,
Rob Cravens - PNW Masters Chair



FINANCIAL UPDATE

FY 24-25

Malcolm Ash,
PNW Treasurer

INCOME

INCOME	Actual	Budget
MEMBERSHIP DUES	73,655	65,600
HEAD TAX	76617	67,700
Interest	14,000	12,000
TOTAL	164272	145,300

GROSS PROFIT

	Actual	Budget
Total Income	494,606	537,800
Cost Of Goods (Pass throughs)	302,329	315,500
Gross Profit	192,277	222,300

NET PROFIT

	Actual	Budget
Total Income	494,606	537,800
Cost Of Goods (Pass throughs)	302,329	315,500
Gross Profit	192,277	222,300
Expenses	213,954	224,861
Other Income	<u>20,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>
NET INCOME	-1677	12,439

WHAT DID WE ACCOMPLISH

- Opened high interest earning accounts for reserves
 - Increased utilization of Bank Bill Pay system for efficiency
 - CPA & Treasurer have access via QBO of all activity close to real-time
 - Reduced number of Checks in the mail
 - Invested in B-net at about \$50k/year rate Invested in B-net spring 25 to avoid cost of tariffs.
This would have been the amount we spent during the 25-26 season on net
 - Requested additional project grant money from PNWSEF for the 25-26 season for B-Net & DH Camp at MBSEF - approved
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WHAT WE NEED TO DO IN 25 - 26

- Invest in new office equipment (office chair, floor pad, printer, phone...)
 - Travel a bit more to stay connected (Officers/Director)
 - Be ready to adjust expenses based on seasonal patterns
 - Increase resources used for education of coaches and officials
 - Invest in more SPM net, evaluate storage locations
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