



## Western Region Alpine Competition Committee Meeting

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**Date: Monday, May 11, 2026**

**Time: 18:00 Mountain Time**

### MINUTES

1. Welcome and call to order – Devin Gill, Chair 18:00 MST
2. Roll call– Lucy Conklin, Secretary  
Members: Devin Gill, Bridger Call, Troy Price, Lucy Conklin, Dan Henry, Jheren Svoboda, Beat Hupfer, Mike Ginsberg, Kristin Waddle, Tommy Eckfeldt, Jessie Lepel, Tim Hinderman, Justin Rackley, Karl Wardrop, Sparky Anderson, Roger Root, Hilary Lindh  
Staff: Kayla Wiczorek, Carma Burnett, Erin Renna, Claudia Yamamoto, Ali Holum, Jeff Pickering, Randy Pelkey, Brad Saxe, Bill Gunesch, Will Brandenburg, Chip Knight  
Guests: Fletcher White, Rob Cravens, Bo Maciejko, Conor Lynch, Jess Kelly, Jeremy Ueland, Roger Bay, Catherine Harnden, Brent Grygiel, Aaron Haffey, Jamie Landwehr, Cameron Smith, Nico Monforte, Jo Abbott, Lindsay Dowd, Margaret Slagen, Heather Jochl, Riley Berman, Ron Kipp, Branko Zagar, Sean Hines, Becky Stone, Nick Sabin, James Garrison, Forrest King-Shaw, Magnus Anderson, Adam Fischer, Eric Gararayoa, John Rust
3. Review and approval of agenda and/or addition  
**M/S/A:** Carl Wardrop/Beat Hupfer/Unanimous
4. Review and approval of minutes from April 22, 2026  
**M/S/A:** Carl Wardrop/Troy Price/Unanimous
5. U.S. Ski and Snowboard Staff Updates
  - a. Chip Knight, Alpine Development Director  
Introduction and welcoming of Will Brandenburg as the WR Director  
Chip's report is in the FTP Site Reports Folder.
6. Western Region Committee Reports
  - a. Executive Committee Report – Devin Gill  
Approved contract of Bill Gunesch to keep him around until June, with possibility to extend, to create a smooth transition and help close out the 26 season.  
Executive and Devo committee thanked for their extra work this spring.  
Congrats to Troy on being named the Outstanding Official of the year.
  - b. Treasurer Report – Troy Price
    - i. Use of funds reviewed (sent out with agenda)  
Troy pointed out that Bill Gunesch was the treasurer of the WR prior to becoming the WR Director. Troy thanked Bill for his years of service in the Region as a volunteer and as a staff member.



- c. Site Selection Committee – Bridger Call and Bill Gunesch
  - i. 2027 calendar
    - Draft 4 Calendar blocks reviewed and discussion regarding March around U14, U16, FIS block and World Cup Finals. Moved blocks around a bit prior to motion.
    - M/S/A:** Mike Ginsberg/Beat Hupfer/Unanimous

- d. Development Committee – Bridger Call
  - WR Proposal regarding Divisional FIS
  - M/S/A:** Mike Ginsberg/Beat Hupfer/Unanimous
  - Motion to Calendar divisional FIS races as part of the Western Region FIS Calendar.
  - Discussion: concern about not having college in a division to help with penalty. Cuts cost down of travel. Divisions can bring in pace. Can only run two of a category on a homologation so creativity is required and working together. Concerns about the ASC proposal regarding not being allowed to leave the Region.
  - Bridger thanked the Development Committee for all of their assistance in prep for congress regarding calendaring and the proposals.
  - Development Committee Membership reviewed: Bridger Call Chair, Jess Kelly, Gladys Weidt, Jamie Landwehr, Nils Ericksson, Lindsay Dowd, Andrew Becker, Jen Danza, Connor McDonald, Aaron Haffey, Hilary Lindh, Jeff Pickering, Randy Pelkey, Brad Saxe, Devin Gill and now Will Brandenburg

## 7. Western Region Program Updates

- a. Outgoing Western Region Director Wrap up – Bill Gunesch and 2026 highlights
  - Please see attached report.
- b. Incoming Western Region Director – Will Brandenburg
  - is only the 5<sup>th</sup> WR director hired, 3 are in the room.
  - Thanked Bill for being a friend, mentor, colleague and boss.
  - Will is a product of the WR and looking forward to continuing the charge within the region. Standing ovation for Bill Gunesch.
  - Bill pointed out you have two bosses, the US Ski and Snowboard side and the WR ACC and it's important to work for the WR athletes, coaches and programs.
  - Thankful for the opportunity to have been able to work with and lead the WR as a whole.



- c. Western Region Coaching Staff
  - i. Western Region, Tri Regional Women's FIS, Seth McCadam – no report
  - ii. Western Region, Tri Regional FIS, Brad Saxe Review of athlete take aways.  
Excited to see that Matias was named to the C team after not being named to the RDP, that's progress. Regional Development Program dovetails well with the WEST programming, provided strong support at the Nor Am level. This program is evolving. Just finished 8 days of skiing at Mt. Hood, nationwide list and working on fundamental skills. One named athlete, Jack Schrady, to the men's RDP. Prep calendar is posted.
  - iii. Western Region FIS Coach, Randy Pelkey  
Report was attached to agenda.  
Thanked Bill for all he has done for the Region and welcomed Will.
  - iv. Western Region Youth Development Coach, Jeff Pickering  
Report attached to agenda.  
Primary goal is athlete development grooming. 10 U16 projects throughout the year. Further project information reviewed.  
Thanked Bill for being a mentor, friend and leader.
  - v. Western Region Manager, Ali Holum  
Season was crazy, spent the winter rolling with the punches. Managed intent site and race entries, project planning and management. Heavily involved in RDP program and Rocky Region. Been working with Troy on HT, received over 90% of the income. Thank you to the Divisional Managers.  
Thank you to Bill for your patience and guidance. Looking forward to working with Will going forward.
8. National Committee Reports – Proposals coming into each WG
  - a. Collegiate Report – Sparky Anderson  
RMISA calendar reviewed and added to the WR Draft 4 calendar
  - b. U16 and Older Working Group – Jess Kelley  
ASC proposals reviewed and feedback provided
  - c. U14 and Younger Working Group – Lindsay Dowd, John Rust, Bo Maciejko (chair)  
ASC proposals reviewed and feedback provided
  - d. Coaches Education Working Group – Ben Roberts or Forrest King Shaw  
Nothing to report
  - e. Regional Subcommittee – Bill Brooks  
Thank you to Bill Gunesch, great mentor. Welcome Will. No further report.
  - f. Officials Update – Roger Root and Lucy Conklin (Chair)  
Lucy reviewed the proposals with the group.



Roger reviewed the AO only proposals – Digital devices yes, task force no, and changes to the certification matrix.

Race packets are not being sent in enough, if no packet = no sanction agreements next season.

Thank you to Bill. Thank you to Jeff and Margo for helping move events all winter.

- g. TDAG – Rob Cravens or Troy Price  
True North award to Kathy Badger from the East. 1899 sanctioned events, RA for 7 clubs.
  - h. Health of Sport – Kristen Cooksey  
reviewed proposals and feedback provided.
9. Old business –
- a. Athlete rep nomination - none
  - b. U16 and Older WG nomination – Andrew Becker nominated as the new U16 and older WG starting with the end of 2026 Congress.
10. New business –
- Calendar – Bill will work with Will on getting the bid packets out this next week. Two weeks will be provided to return bids. Calendar committee will meet to finalize and selections will be announced at the June meeting.
11. Motion to adjourn **M/S**/Carl Wardrop /Mike Ginsberg at 8:30MST  
Thank you to Bill Gunesch for all of his work, leadership and all of your years with the Region
12. Next meeting: June date TBD



# **Western Region ACC Congress Meeting**

2026 Report

- **Milano Cortina Olympic Team**

- Breezy Johnson, JHSC/RM      Gold – Downhill
- Jackie Wiles, WPAC      Bronze – Team Combined
- AJ Hurt, TPT
- Bryce Bennett, TPT
- Bella Wright, SBSEF
- Katie Hensien, RM/CMAC
- Keely Cashman, TPT
- Mary Bocock, RM
- Ryder Sarchett, SVSEF

- **World JR Championship Team**

- Elisabeth Bocock, RM      Silver – Giant Slalom
- Julia Cunningham, TPT
- Mathias Wilson, SBSTA

- World Cup Points – Athletes developing in past 10 years (yob 2001 & later)

## Women

• Allison Mollin, 2004	WR & TPT	104	
• Mary Bocock, 2003	WR & RM	81	Olympic Team
• Elisabeth Bocock, 2005	WR & RM	53	
• Liv Moritz, 2004	RC & SSCV	20	

## Men

• Ryder Sarchett, 2003	WR & SVSEF	37	Olympic Team
• Cooper Puckett, 2003	RC & SSWSC	5	

## • US Alpine Championship

- Jack Schrady, SBSTA GS 1<sup>st</sup>  
JR Podium

## • U18 National Championship – Top 5

- Elodie Olsen, SVSEF SG 1<sup>st</sup>
- Samantha Milne, SVSEF SG 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Elodie Olsen, SVSEF SL 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Anthony Ditullio, BSSEF SL 4<sup>th</sup>

## • U16 National Championship – Top 5

- Taryn Moe, JHSC SG 5<sup>th</sup>
- Canyon Osborn, CMAC GS 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Taryn Moe, JHSC GS 4<sup>th</sup>
- Ivy Wilson, TPT GS 5<sup>th</sup>
- Cree Gilmour, RM SG 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Cedar Knight, SBSEF SG 5<sup>th</sup>
- Cree Gilmour, RM GS 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Nate Brown, RM GS 4<sup>th</sup>
- Nate Brown, RM SL 1<sup>st</sup>
- Cree Gilmour, RM SL 4<sup>th</sup>
- Dominic Ditullio, BSSEF SL 5<sup>th</sup>

- U14 Whistler Cup
  - Kaeli Bertell – SL 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Kaeli Bertell – Overall 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - Owen Seymour – SL 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Owen Seymour – GS 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Owen Seymour – Overall 1<sup>st</sup>
- Nations Cup – 1<sup>st</sup>

[Report](#)



# 2026 Calendar

# Western Region

Scheduled Calendar		
Date	Resort	Disciplines
1	12/15 Big Sky	2GS/2SL
2	12/16 Mammoth	2GS/2SL
3	1/5 SugarBowl	2GS/2SL
4	1/14 SnowKing	2GS/2SL
5	1/26 NS / TPT	2GS/2SL
6	2/1 Schweitzer	2SG/2DH
7	2/17 UOP / SB	2GS/2SL/2SG
8	3/3 Targhee	2GS/2SL/2SG
	3/12 Palisades	U16 RC
9	3/17 Mission	2GS/2SL
	3/17 Bachelor	U14 RC
10	3/28 Sun Valley	2GS/2SL
11	4/4 Palisades	2GS/2SL
12	4/10 Bachelor	2SG/2DH

cancelled  
changed  
  
  
moved  
changed  
  
  
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cancelled

Calendar Changes		
Date	Resort	cancelled
		1SL
		2GS/2SL
	SB / NS	
	Mammoth	
		2SG1/GS
	3/16 SugarBowl	2GS
	3/19 Sugarbowl	
	4/6 Big Sky	
	4/12 Mammoth	2SG/2DH

## Scheduled FIS Races

DH	4
SL	20
GS	20
SG	8
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## Cancelled FIS Races

DH	2
SL	3
GS	5
SG	4
	<hr/> 14

**WR FIS Race Data**

# 2026 Participation & Membership

# Western Region

## Active FIS Participation – Women (USST purged)

<b>Athletes</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>U18</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>U21</b>	<b>FIS JRs</b>
Total	63	47	110	22	4	2	28	138
Tech	63	47	110	22	4	2	28	138
Speed	50	32	82	9	0	2	11	93
<b>Starts</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>U18</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>U21</b>	<b>FIS JRs</b>
Total	1394	1075	2469	490	143	46	679	3148
Avg Starts	22	23	22	22	36	23	24.25	23
Max	39	42	42	42	40	26	42	42
Tech	1174	907	2081	447	143	25	615	2696
Avg Tech	19	19	19	20	36	13	22	20
>35 Starts	1	1	2	3	2	0	5	7
Speed	220	168	388	43	0	21	64	452
Avg Speed	4	5	5	5	0	11	6	5

### **FIS Start Data**

# 2026 Participation & Membership

# Western Region

## Active FIS Participation – Men (USST purged)

<b>Athletes</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>U18</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>U21</b>	<b>FIS JRs</b>
Total	63	47	110	21	16	8	45	155
Tech	63	47	110	21	16	7	44	154
Speed	44	36	80	18	10	4	32	112
<b>Starts</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>U18</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>U21</b>	<b>FIS JRs</b>
Total	1335	1107	2442	619	659	207	1485	3927
Avg Starts	21	24	22	29	41	26	33	26
Max	41	46	46	54	73	43	73	73
Tech	1113	948	2061	551	596	149	1296	3357
Avg Tech	18	20	19	26	37	21	29	22
>35 Starts	0	6	6	7	10	2	19	25
Speed	222	159	381	68	63	58	189	570
Avg Speed	5	4	5	4	6	15	6	5

### FIS Start Data

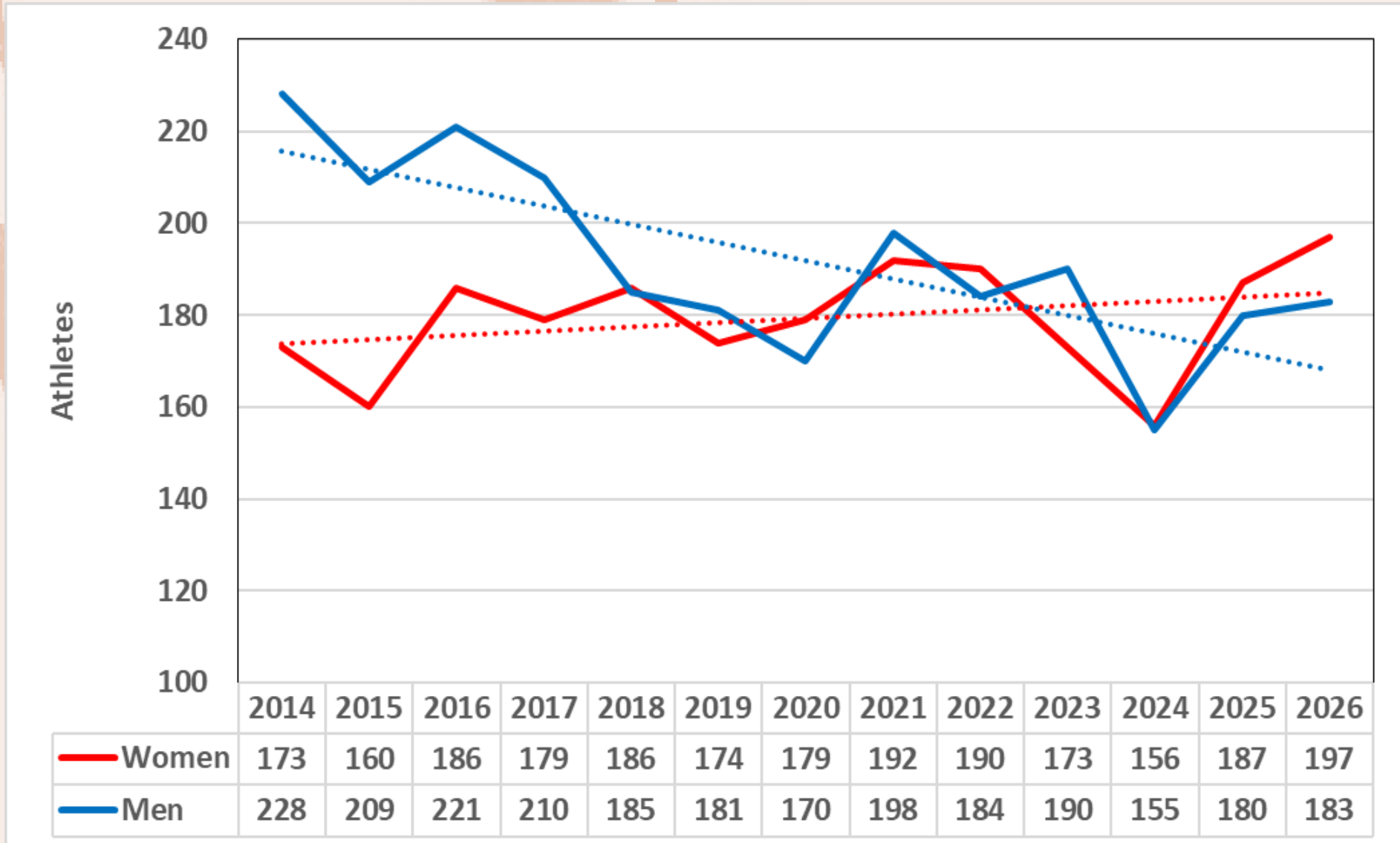
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# Western Region

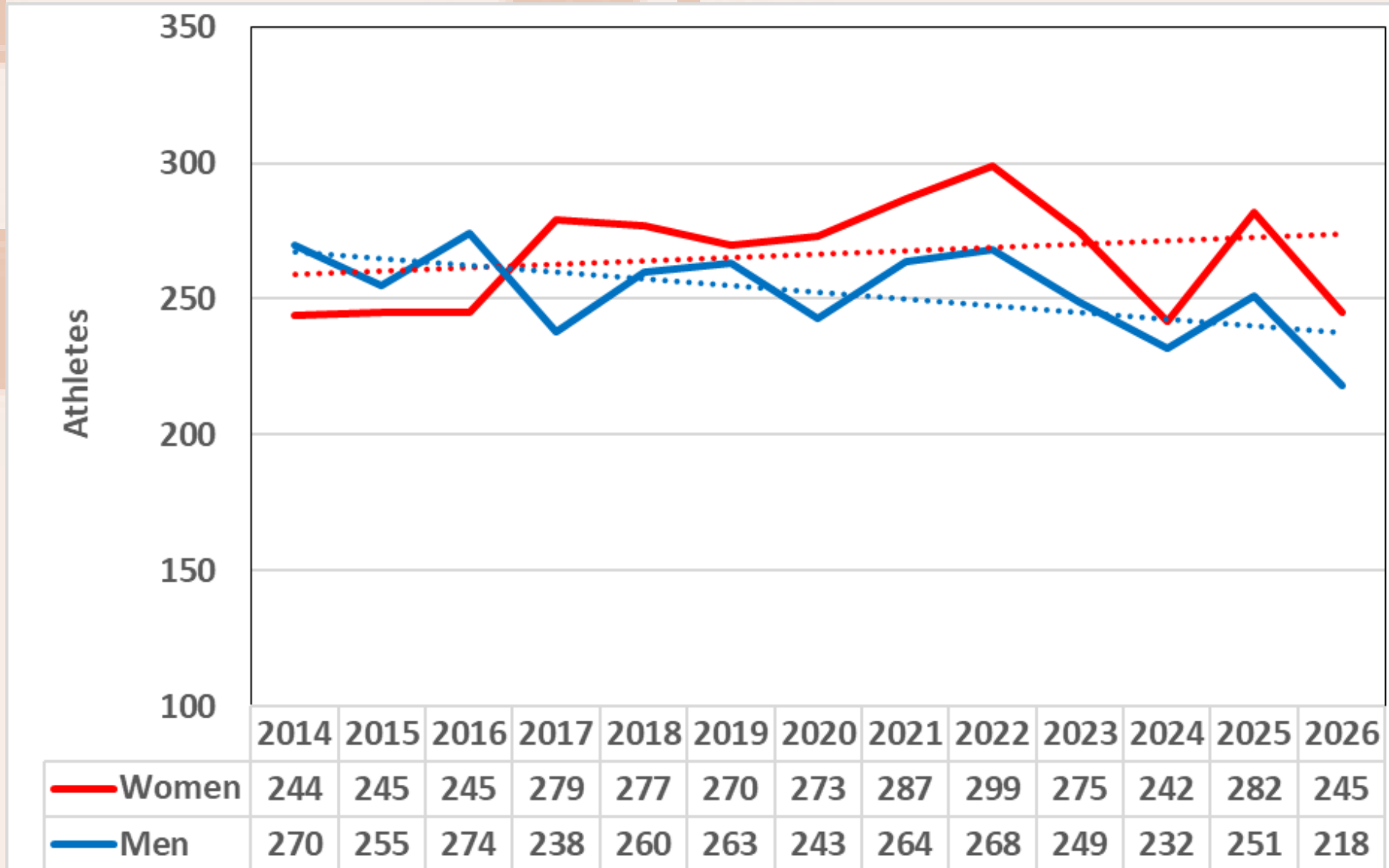
## FIS Juniors (U21/U18)

	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Active USSA Membership	413	390	345	421	419
Active FIS Membership	276	274	273	311	293
Active USSS Racing only	137	116	72	110	126
	33%	30%	21%	26%	30%
FIS Speed Participation	217	192	209	170	205
FIS Speed Starts	1200+	1300+	980	1164	1022

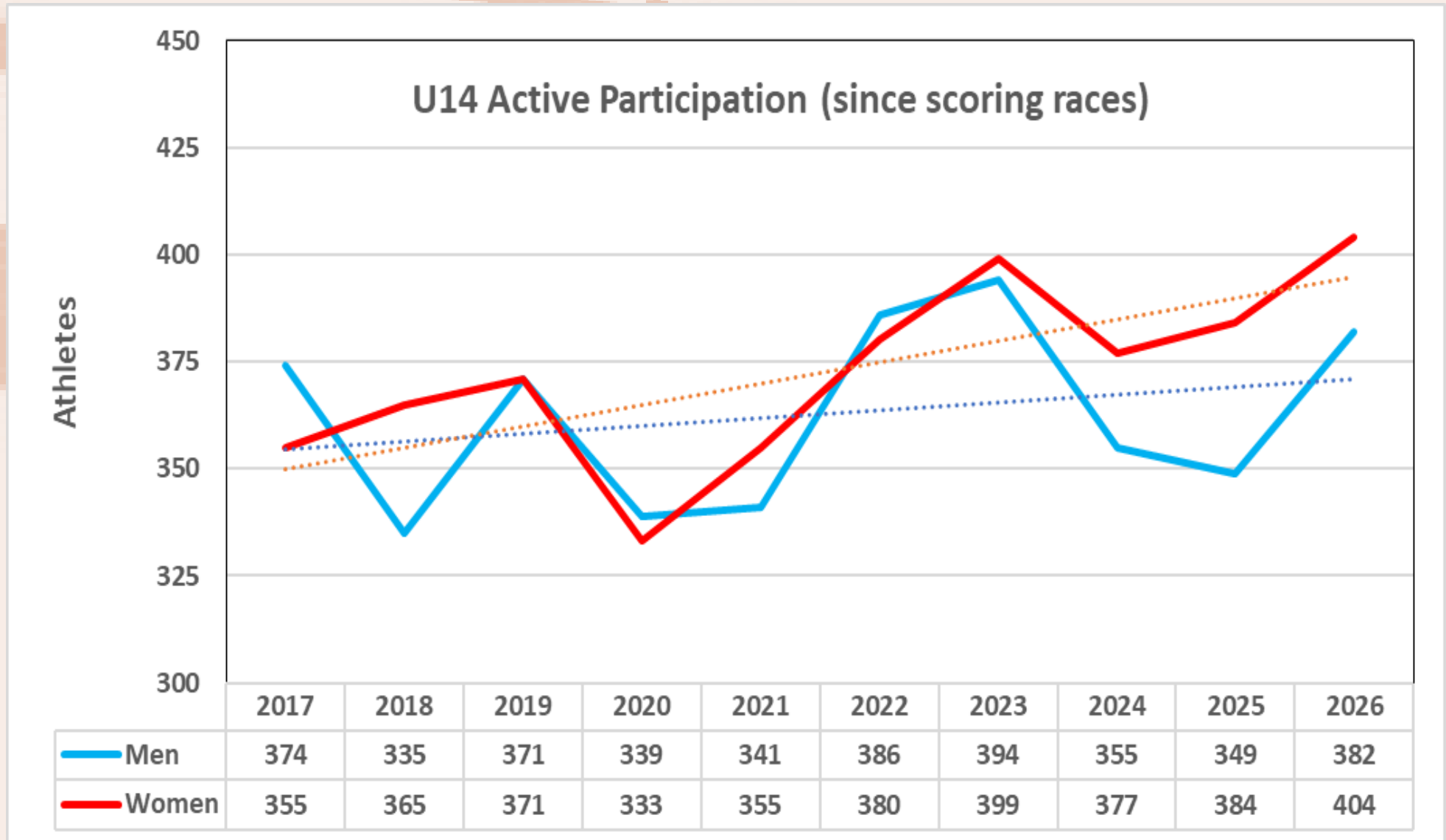
## U19 Active Participation (since age change)



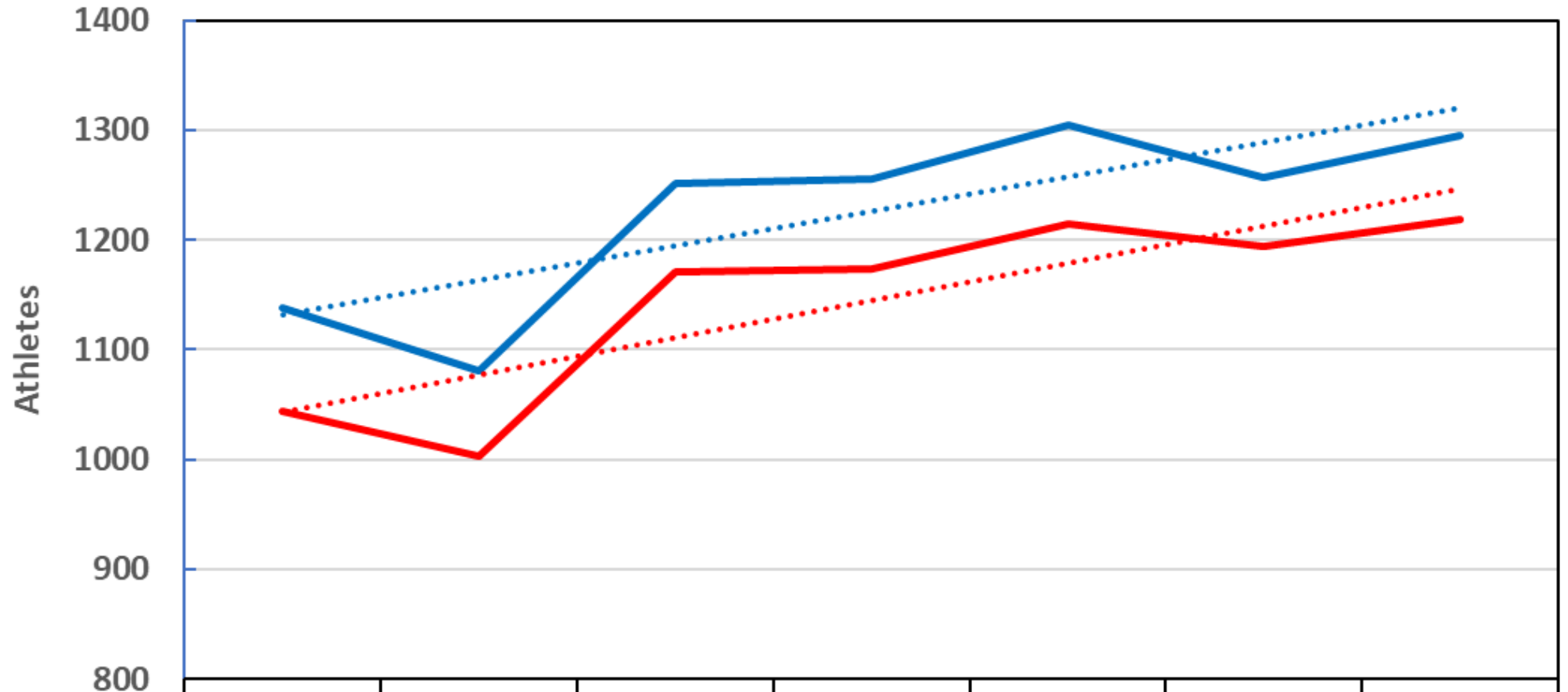
## U16 Active Participation (since age change)



## U14 Active Participation (since scored racing)



## U12 & YSL Membership (since Covid)



— Women	1044	1003	1171	1174	1214	1194	1218
— Men	1138	1081	1252	1255	1305	1257	1295

## 2026 FIS Project

- April 2025 – GS/SG - Palisades
- July 2025 - Conditioning – Truckee [Report](#)
- August 2025 – DH/SG/GS – La Parva [Report](#)
- Sept 2025 – SG/GS/SL – Valle Nevado [Report](#)
- Dec 2025 – Speed / Forerunning – Copper / Beaver Creek
- Dec 2025 – Speed - Europe
- 2026 WR FIS Coach Report – Pelkey [Report](#)
- 2026-27 WR FIS Prep Plan – Pelkey [Prep Plan](#)

## 2026 U16/U14 Projects

- April 2025 – U14 Flight School – Palisades [Report](#)
- July 2025 – U16/U14 SL – Mt. Hood [Report](#)
- Sept 2025 – U16 SG/GS/SL – Valle Nevado [Report](#)
- Nov 2025 – SL/GS – Sun Valley cancelled
- Feb 2026 – Speed – Soldier Mtn cancelled
- April 2026 – U14 Flight School – Palisades cancelled
- 2026 WR Youth Coach Report [Report](#)

## 2027 WEST Team Nominations

### 2027 WEST Team Nominations

(objective  
criteria)

#### Women

	Name	YOB	Div	Club
1	CUNNINGHAM Julia	2007	F	TPT
2	WIRTH Lucy	2007	I	JHSC
3	TURNER Vivian	2007	I	RM
4	MILNE Samantha	2008	I	SVSEF
5	SMITH Ruby	2008	I	SVSEF
A1	MIKELL Sara Jane	2006	I	PCSS
A2	HANLEY Brynn	2008	F	TPT
A3	GUAY Dyllan	2007	I	PCSS
A4	HUEY Ava	2009	I	SVSEF
A5	WILSON Olive	2008	F	TPT

#### Men

	Name	YOB	Div	Club
1	WILSON Mattias	2006	F	SBA
2	ZARETSKY Charles	2006	F	TPT
3	SCHRADY Jack	2006	F	SBA
4	MEUCCI Max	2006	I	PCSS
5	MORTON Carter	2007	N	BSSEF
A1	STANDTEINER Florian	2007	F	TPT
A2	DITULLIO Anthony	2008	N	BSSEF
A3	SULLIVAN Porter	2006	F	SBA
A4	SHERMAN Zeke	2007	I	PCSS
A5	HOWELL Tyler	2006	I	PCSS

2026 Development

Western Region

2027 WEST & RTG Teams

2027 WEST Team

2027 FIS RTG

2027 U16 RTG



## 2026 Western Region Awards – Women

### Results

#### WESTERN REGION CHAMPIONS - 2026

	ATHLETE	PTS	CLUB
<b>OVERALL</b>			
	1 WIRTH Lucy	122	JHSC
	2 MILNE Samantha	117	SVSEF
	3 TURNER Vivian	101	RM
<b>GIANT SLALOM</b>			
	1 WIRTH Lucy	48	JHSC
	2 SKYTТА Sophie	40	SBA
	3 MILNE Samantha	34	SVSEF
<b>SLALOM</b>			
	1 TURNER Vivian	77	RM
	2 WIRTH Lucy	74	JHSC
	3 BLYTH Maisie	37	GBR
<b>SUPER-G</b>			
	1 MILNE Samantha	50	SVSEF
	2 WILSON Olive	40	TPT
	3 LARSH Talise	26	SB

#### KYLE WARREN JR CHAMPIONS - 2026

	ATHLETE	PTS	CLUB
<b>OVERALL</b>			
	1 WIRTH Lucy	140	JHSC
	2 MILNE Samantha	138	SVSEF
	3 TURNER Vivian	123	RM
<b>GIANT SLALOM</b>			
	1 WIRTH Lucy	55	JHSC
	2 HANLEY Brynn	51	TPT
	3 MILNE Samantha	48	SVSEF
<b>SLALOM</b>			
	1 TURNER Vivian	85	RM
	2 WIRTH Lucy	85	JHSC
	3 MIKELL Sara Jane	51	PCSS
<b>SUPER-G</b>			
	1 MILNE Samantha	50	SVSEF
	2 WILSON Olive	40	TPT
	3 LARSH Talise	26	SB

2026 Western Region Awards – Men**WESTERN REGION CHAMPIONS - 2026**

	<b>ATHLETE</b>	<b>PTS</b>	<b>CLUB</b>
<b>OVERALL</b>			
	1 ZARETSKY Charles	112	TPT
	2 SCHRADY Jack	80	SBA
	3 MIKELSSON Bosse	70	SWE
<b>GIANT SLALOM</b>			
	1 SCHRADY Jack	45	SBA
	2 ZARETSKY Charles	44	TPT
	3 HEPSOEE Torius	35	NOR
<b>SLALOM</b>			
	1 MIKELSSON Bosse	50	SWE
	2 DEMAGGIO Caiyu	40	BW
	3 BARNWELL Gunnar	37	TPT
<b>SUPER-G</b>			
	1 ZARETSKY Charles	50	TPT
	2 ROSSI Ulrich	29	SVSEF
	3 WHELAN Oscar	27	TPT

**KYLE WARREN JR CHAMPIONS - 2026**

	<b>ATHLETE</b>	<b>PTS</b>	<b>CLUB</b>
<b>OVERALL</b>			
	1 ZARETSKY Charles	150	TPT
	2 SCHRADY Jack	100	SBA
	3 MEUCCI Max	95	PCSS
<b>GIANT SLALOM</b>			
	1 ZARETSKY Charles	55	TPT
	2 SCHRADY Jack	50	SBA
	3 WILSON Mattias	45	SBA
<b>SLALOM</b>			
	1 MEUCCI Max	55	PCSS
	2 SCHRADY Jack	50	SBA
	3 WILSON Mattias	45	SBA
<b>SUPER-G</b>			
	1 ZARETSKY Charles	50	TPT
	2 ROSSI Ulrich	29	SVSEF
	3 WHELAN Oscar	27	TPT

**Results**

# Looking Ahead – Our Challenge

# Western Region

