



Western Region Alpine Competition Committee Meeting

Date: Wednesday, June 17, 2026

Time: 10am Mountain Time

MINUTES

1. Welcome and call to order at 10m Mountain Time by Devin Gill, Chair
2. Roll call and review of committee membership – Lucy Conklin, Secretary
Members: Devin Gill, Bridger Call, Troy Price, Lucy Conklin, Dan Henry, Connor McDonald, Beat Hupfer, Mike Ginsberg, Tommy Eckfeldt, Tim Hinderman, Justin Rackley, Karl Wardrop, Roger Root, Hilary Lindh, Brennan Rubie
Staff: Kayla Wieczorek, Carma Burnett, Erin Renna, Claudia Yamamoto, Will Brandenburg, Ali Hollum, Jeff Pickering, Chip Knight
Guests: Sean Hines, Branko Zagar, Charlotte Gourlay, Kristin Waddle, Jon Souter, Jim Hudson, Matt Hoffman, Ray Tulloch, Chris Lindsay, Kylese Markt, Andrew Becker, Magnus Andersson, Lindsay Dowd, Forrest King-Shaw, Roger Bay, Niccolo Angriman, Glayds Weidt, Aaron Atkins, Kent Towlerton, Danasue Kusakabe, Molly Attolico, Rob Cravens, Jess Kelley, Lindsay Dowd, Kristin Cooksey, Bill Brooks
3. Review and approval of agenda and/or additions
addition to new business: Investment policy statement (IPS)
M/S/A: Mike Ginsberg/Justin Rackley/Unanimous
4. Review and approval of minutes from May 11, 2026
M/S/A: Karl Wardrop/Beat Hupfer/Unanimous
5. U.S. Ski and Snowboard Staff Updates –
 - a. Alpine Development Director - Chip Knight
Conditioning camps in Park City right now. Thank you to Will Brandenburg for hitting the ground running. Appreciate the work.
Brad Saxe – head RDP coach for Nation plus WR lead, like Seth's roll.
Goal: trying to move athletes in the top 500 to the correct events for development.
Calendaring – Nor Am calendar is close, December dates to remain the same as was presented at Congress. Sun Peaks following that for tech. January – women in Whiteface, men in Stowe. Couple tech races in Burke.
February – trying to return to Whiteface for SG's, Canadians will schedule tech block after that. Finals in Kimberly in March.
U18 Nats at Schweitzer, US Nationals – trying to be at Mammoth in late March, early April which would bring DH back to Nationals.
U16 Nationals – Vail cannot host, trying to bring to Winter Park first week in April



6. Western Region Committee Reports and Proposals

a. Executive Committee Report – Devin Gill

i. Bill Gunesch Contract to remain on for the month June to help with the transition.

ii. Congress Wrap Up – Lucy will include with the minutes.

b. Treasurer Report – Troy Price

Thank you to Ali for continuing to track down the final finances. Troy, Bill and Ali are working with Will for the transition on the budgeting.

Balances:

Checking: \$147, 863; Savings: \$164, 829; Morgan Stanley: \$161, 785

c. Site Selection Committee – Will Brandenburg

i. Under new business

d. Development Committee – Bridger Call

What the committee is: Reconstitute the members, function and goals.

Provide a balanced group as a sounding board.

Will has been working on a development document that will be shared for review by the committee when it is further finalized.

7. Western Region Program Updates

a. Western Region Director – Will Brandenburg

Goal is to not get too far ahead of self, doing a lot of listening. Enjoying the first month greatly. A ton of work has been put into the calendar, which is under new business. Items are still shifting. Development committee will need to look at quotas and the flow for athletes: home series (60% of the starts), reach series (20%), podium series (20%).

Ton of conversation with Pick and Randy on what we do, how we do it, what has worked and what needs to be changed in youth athletics. Document to be proposed to the development committee in the fall with camp dates, selection methods, etc. Goal to align with the change of youth athletics and the NGB development system.

FIS points base in the WEST – goal to lower that across the Western Region.

Athletes are not behind, but weaker points base. Goal to get Nor Am Tech back in the WEST in 2028.

Budgeting – looking to go financial need, scholarship/financial aid option going forward.

b. Western Region Youth Development Coach – Jeff Pickering

Excited about the process going forward and work with Will. Being open-minded has sparked excitement, Pick thanked Will.



Mt. Hood next week, 20 athletes, conditions looking salty. Thank you to Ali for assistance with the project.

6.18 Regional staff meeting to finalize Southern Hemisphere projects.

- c. Western Region Manager – Ali Holum
only have 3 races outstanding on their head tax. No further report.
- 8. National Committee Reports – if any new items
 - a. Collegiate Report – Sparky Anderson,
no report
 - b. U16 and Older Working Group – Jess Kelley
no further meetings since Congress
 - c. U14 and Younger Working Group – Lindsay Dowd, Bo Majecko- Chair
no report
 - d. Coaches Education Working Group – Ben Roberts
no report
 - e. Regional Subcommittee – Bill Brooks
no report
 - f. Officials Update – Roger Root
no report
 - g. TDAG – Rob Cravens or Troy Price
no report on TDAG items
 - h. Health of Sport – Kristen Cooksey
no report
- 9. Old business – none
- 10. New business –
 - a. [2027 Calendar](#)
 - i. 2028 U14 Regionals at Northstar
 - ii. 2028 U16 Regionals at Jackson Hole
 - iii. Calendar and sites reviewed:
 - December – UOP event to be reviewed as a possible 3 run SL
 - January – Speed format at Schweitzer Reviewed as a possibility of moving to a format similar to that used in Europe: DHT 1 in clothes, DHT2 in suits, adding a DH and changing category.
 - February – dates may shift a day or two based on FISU calendar
 - Feb and March – Divisional FIS racing, removed category limits
 - March – U18 project Gold Series, selection of forerunners for WCF; U16 prep project for Nationals. These are economical due to housing secured and free training. Both projects will lead to athlete slip crew at WCF at SV



April – speed @ Bachelor, goal to bump by one day to accommodate project gold athletes to make it to Bachelor.

Last chance series at end of April at Sun Valley, will include training and lodging block options, town is quiet.

July 2026 will include two meetings with Tristan, head of FIS coaches working group, to discuss calendar categories, qualifiers and quotas.

M/S/A approval of site selection of 2027 Calendar:

Troy Price/Beat Hupfer/Unanimous

b. IPS to be sent out with minutes for review and confirmation at the Fall meeting.

11. Motion to adjourn at 10:58 mountain time: **M/S/** Mike Ginsberg/Justin Rackley

12. Next meeting: August/September

Investment Policy Statement (IPS)

Western ACC Inc.
Long-Term Endowment Portfolio

Account held at Morgan Stanley

Effective Date: June 17, 2026

Approved By: Alpine Competition Committee

Review Date: Annually in May

1. Purpose

The purpose of this Investment Policy Statement is to provide a disciplined framework for managing the endowment assets of Western ACC Inc. The primary objective is long-term growth of capital to support alpine ski racing and athlete development for generations to come.

2. Mission Alignment

The endowment exists to support athlete development, coach education, officials training, and programs that strengthen alpine ski racing throughout the Western Region.

3. Investment Objective

The sole investment objective of this portfolio is long-term growth. The organization accepts short-term market volatility and temporary declines in portfolio value in pursuit of higher long-term returns.

4. Time Horizon

The investment horizon is perpetual. Assets are expected to remain invested for decades, allowing the portfolio to withstand market cycles.

5. Risk Tolerance

Western ACC Inc. maintains an aggressive risk tolerance. The Board recognizes that equities may experience significant fluctuations and accepts this risk in exchange for superior long-term growth potential.

6. Strategic Asset Allocation

Target Allocation: 100% Equities. U.S. Equities: 85–95%. International Equities: 5–15%. No fixed income allocation. No cash allocation other than incidental operating balances.

7. Permitted Investments

Broad-market index mutual funds and ETFs, including U.S. total market, S&P 500, and international equity funds with low expense ratios.

8. Prohibited Investments

Margin trading, short selling, leveraged ETFs, options, cryptocurrency, concentrated individual stock positions exceeding 5% of assets, and investments creating unlimited liability.

9. Rebalancing

The portfolio shall be reviewed annually and rebalanced as necessary to maintain target equity allocations.

10. Benchmarks

Performance shall be measured against a blended benchmark of 90% S&P 500 Index and 10% MSCI ACWI ex-USA Index, with emphasis on rolling 5- and 10-year results.

11. Roles and Responsibilities

The Western Region ACC approves this policy. The Treasurer monitors compliance and reports performance. Investment advisors, if retained, shall act as fiduciaries.

12. Policy Review

This IPS shall be reviewed annually or upon significant changes in organizational objectives.

Approval:

ACC Chair _____

Treasurer _____

Date _____

Balance as of June 16, 2026, = \$161,785.51

Goal of \$500,000

Congress proposals wrap up

FIS – airbags for World Cup and NorAm

FIS – weekly points lists, National TBD.

Proposal 1 U.S. National Quotas –

1. USA Quotas (in order) 1. U.S. Ski Team - All
2. Current-year Olympic, World Championship, World Junior Championship team members
3. Any athlete with a current top 100 world rank in a contested event
4. NorAm - 10
5. Western - 18
6. Rocky/Central - 18
7. Eastern - 18
8. Development - up to 10

Proposal 5 – SG Training run

Official training for U12 and U14 SG must include at least one SG training run prior to the first competition. Official training for U12 and U14 SG events is an integral part of the competition and all athletes are required to participate. In exceptional cases, a jury decision can authorize a controlled free ski run in lieu of an official training run. The jury decision can only be made after a discussion with all representatives as the Team Captains Meeting and must be documented in the Jury minutes. If racing with U16 athletes, U1256.4 applies: U14 and younger athletes must be provided a training run as provisioned by this rule. **The official training run for U12 and U14 SG may be timed, but the times are not to be published.**

Proposal 7 Will become U1255.04 Irregular interval maybe used for non-scored U14 and under GS competitions.

Proposal 9 U10 and under athletes may use a soft-eared helmet for PSL or GS that meet the current standards for ski racing, following current helmet language in the ACR. The rule's working group is tasked to word smith.

Live - Timing updates to U612.4.1

Any event, U14 only or U14 and younger, is not allowed to post "real-time" results or times on an internet-based timing/result platform during the race. Competitor lists: e.g., Club entries, Start Lists, Results, Referee Reports, may be posted, and standings/times should be updated at the conclusion of each run, prior to the end of the protest period. The use of a scoreboard and/or announcer is strongly encouraged.

Proposal 14 3 run SL passed for scored and non-scored, based on ICR rules, U rules will include:

- to allow all VD
- minimum of 50 seconds
- Must be calendared in advanced
- Alternative TRS seeding methods are allowed
- Word smithing to be completed by the rules working group

Proposal 16 Gate Judges in SL

U669.3 The Jury along with the support of the Organizing Committee may opt to not use Gate Judges for DH, DH Training, SG, SG Training, GS, and **SL** provided they take measures to cover the entire course with sufficient Jury members, Jury advisors, eyes of the Jury, and connection coaches

Passed

Affirm that the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Rules Working Group, under the direction of U.S. Ski and Snowboard Competition Services, is allowed to add or edit the U.S. Ski and Snowboard ACR in order to meet the requirements of current FIS rules

Proposal 18 Devices for exams – AO

The examination is open-book, and familiarity with available resources is required. Examinations must be administered only at scheduled clinics. It is NOT A TAKE-HOME EXAM! The use of computers to “search” rule books is strongly discouraged, yet use of digital materials is allowed.

AO Certification matrix – see attached

AO Nationwide list of clinics will be posted on the U.S. Ski and Snowboard site. Out of division attendees will be posted on the U.S. Site also for ease of AO chairs tracking.

Recommend Updates to the USSS Mission Statement

Recommend the use of “growth and health” of our sports to be included in the USSS mission statement.