

# **1 - PACIFIC NORTHWEST SKI ASSOCIATION**

## **Introduction**

Ski competition in the Pacific Northwest, including Oregon, Washington, and Western Idaho is organized and conducted by the Pacific Northwest Ski Association (PNSA). PNSA and its' competitions are organized under the guidelines of the International Ski Federation (FIS) and the United States Ski and Snowboard Association (USSA).

The Pacific Northwest Ski Association was originally developed out of the need for uniformity in all phases of ski competition. PNSA works with USSA in establishing the eligibility and qualifications of competitors, setting standards and certifications for coaches and officials, and organizes clinics and training programs for all skiing and snowboard disciplines. As a division of USSA and the USSA Western Region, PNSA plays a key role in all U. S. ski and snowboarding competitions. PNSA's competition program is the first step for ski and snowboard competitors to national and international amateur sports competition. PNSA is a non-profit organization and operates for the benefit of all PNSA and USSA members in the Pacific Northwest division.

### **PURPOSES**

1. To develop and maintain Alpine, Nordic, Freestyle Skiing and Snowboarding programs in the Pacific Northwest.
2. To promote ski and snowboard competitions among young men and women, and to encourage the formation of ski and snowboard clubs and training programs in the Pacific Northwest.
3. To develop an annual competition calendar of USSA and FIS events to be held in the Pacific Northwest, and to oversee those same events, thereby, assuring a fair and enjoyable experience for all USSA and PNSA competitors.
4. To work with USSA in providing competitors with a fair and understandable method of athletic advancement to PNSA, Regional and USSA national competitions.
5. Encourage physical fitness, intellectual development, and social growth through a commitment to excellence in all PNSA athletic events and educational programs.

### **ADMINISTRATION**

The administration of alpine, nordic, freestyle skiing and snowboarding competition in PNSA is the responsibility of the Director's of the competition committees that represent the interests of each athletic discipline. These Directors, in turn, are responsible to the PNSA Board of Directors. Each Director of the various skiing and snowboarding disciplines appoints a chairman of the competition committee who appoints various subcommittees to implement policy in their technical areas.

PNSA's athletic programs are designed and implemented by professional coaches and administrators as well as an active group of dedicated and knowledgeable volunteers. In addition, PNSA has direct input to the policies, procedures, and guidelines of the United States Ski and Snowboard Association (USSA) through PNSA'S representation at various committee and subcommittee levels of the national organization.

PNSA maintains a year-round office to support the needs of PNSA competitors, coaches, officials, volunteers, and clubs. The office disseminates important information regarding race schedules, racer qualification and selection to traveling teams, coaches and officials clinics, etc. The office is available to help all PNSA clubs and individuals.