



2016-17 USSA Alpine Precisions

Following is a list of precisions to the USSA rules that were printed in the 2017 Alpine Competition Guide. This document will be updated during the season if necessary.

Equipment Regulations

An updated equipment chart can be found at ussa.org/alpine-programs/officials/rules

1. For the 2016-17 season, the FIS ski length tolerance of +/- 1cm will be honored in USSA competition for all age categories.
2. For the 2017-18 season, the minimum radius regulation for women's GS skis at the USSA U19 and older levels will be 30 m.

Guidelines for Equipment Control and Protest

The document “**Guidelines Regarding Equipment Control and Equipment Protests at USSA non-FIS Events**” was found to include a conflict with the most recent version of the USSA equipment chart referenced above. That document has been updated in the Master Packet of Forms with the following strikethrough.

5. Unless clear violation of equipment rules exists, e.g. no helmet, attached helmet camera, missing or broken ski brakes, missing or broken basket on ski pole, ~~GS skis in a SG~~, etc., the Start Referee must not refuse an athlete's right to start. An athlete in a USSA non-FIS event is also allowed to personalize their helmet with the application of bling, stickers, helmet camera mount, etc.

U12 and U14 SG Training Run

An updated course setting matrix can be found at ussa.org/alpine-programs/officials/rules

Rule U1256.4 has been clarified and confirmed as follows:

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, which must be documented in the jury minutes, a controlled free-ski run may be authorized in lieu of an official training run. If

racing with U16 athletes, U1256.4 applies: U14 and younger athletes must be provided a training run as provisioned in this rule.

U.S. Nationals Quota

New selection quota to U.S. Alpine Championships as follows:

USA Quotas (in order)

	Men SL/GS/SG	Women SL/GS/SG
1. USST	All	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. Collegiate ²	13	10
5. NorAms ³	9	9
6. U19 NPS ³	9	
7. Western ¹	14	12
8. Rocky/Central ¹	14	12
9. Eastern ¹	14	12
10. Development ⁴	Up to 10	Up to 10

¹ Maximum total team size, all events: 18 men, 15 women

² Collegiate athletes who intend for the U.S. Alpine Championships will be ranked by an NTSM of FIS points in SL and GS. Athletes must be ranked in the top-100 USA athletes on the FIS points list used for selection in SL or GS. An athlete in the top-100 in SL or GS is eligible for all events.

³ Top-3 USA athletes, who are not already selected above, ranked at the intent deadline by an NTSM of World Cup points in SL, GS, and SG in the respective series.

⁴ Up to 10 per gender to accommodate development nominations. Development quota should not be used to add events for specialists.

U.S. Junior Nationals Quota

Selection quota established for the U.S. Junior National Championships as follows:

USA Quotas

- All USA junior athletes from the U.S. Alpine Championships

	Men	Women
• Western	5	5
• Rocky/Central	5	5
• Eastern	5	5
• Development	Up to 10	Up to 10

Any unused regional quota spots revert to Development

U16 National Performance Series

Selection procedures established for the U16 National Performance Series as follows:

- U16 NTG athletes
- 9 boys and 9 girls ranked nationally using 2016 U16 Nationals results
 - YOB '00s will be purged and WC points are reassigned to YOB '01 and '02
 - Athletes will be ranked by total WC points in the events to be trained and/or contested
 - The top 9 athletes will be selected from that list
 - Ties will be broken by the most WC points in an event to be trained and/or contested. If a tie still exists, the next most WC points will be considered until the tie is broken. If necessary, all events will be considered.
- 4 boys and 4 girls per region
- Up to 3 boys and 3 girls national development

Foreign USSA members must be ranked top-5 nationally among YOB '01 and '02 from the 2016 U16 Nationals, using total WC points in the events to be trained and/or contested in order to participate in the project. Foreign athletes will not count against national or regional quotas.

Top-performers at the U16 NPS can qualify to compete in the 7 Nations Cup. Participants on that trip will automatically qualify for the U16 National Championships.

U16 National Championships

Athletes will be selected to the U16 National Championships through performance at the U16 NPS or at the U16 and U14 Regional Championships.

Selection:

1. A ranking list will be made by adding the (new) World Cup points of the best two results in different events from SG, GS, and SL at the respective U16 Regional Championships. If one or more Regional Championships competitions are canceled, the ranking will be made by adding the (new) World Cup points of the best result per event from the remaining contested competitions across SG, GS, and SL.

Quotas:□

- 7 Nations Cup athletes
- YOB 2001 3 men and 3 women per region from the YOB ranking
- YOB 2002 3 men and 3 women per region from the YOB ranking □
- YOB 2001 and 2002 5 men and 5 women from the overall ranking □
- YOB 2003 and 2004 U14 athletes must have 1 win and another top-3 in SL, GS, and SG at the respective U14 Regional Championships to qualify.

U16 Eastern Region Championships Seeding

The U16 Eastern Championship events will be a seeded USSA event--as per USSA rules with addition of special seed quota after bib 15. This special seed will be composed of up to two athletes per division. If divisions have 2 athletes in the first 15, they will not have any athletes in the special seed. If the division has one athlete in the first 15, they will have one athlete in the special seed. If the division does not have any athletes in the first 15, they will have 2 athletes in the special seed. The athletes will be chosen from the divisional ranking list sent by the division (first ones on the list not in the top 15). The special seed will be drawn randomly. After the special seed all athletes will be ranked by USSA points.

Helmets for Masters Ski Racing

FIS helmet rules for Masters were changed at the recent FIS Council meeting, allowing racers to compete without FIS stickered helmets in FIS Masters competition.

With this change in the FIS rules, USSA has adjusted the requirements for USSA masters helmets so that it is the same as last season. It is recommended that Masters use helmets that meet the new FIS standards for all USSA GS, SG and DH. Helmets must bear a "CE" mark and conform to one or more of the following helmet standards: CEH.Din 1077, ASTM F2040, SNELL S98 or RS98. Helmets which meet the new FIS standard have a sticker affixed that states "Conform to FIS Specification RH 2013" affixed by the manufacturer.

To compete or to forerun in all other regular USSA races, stickered FIS helmets are required.

Master Packet of Forms

Please be sure to use the current Master Packet of Forms for all race/distribution documents. Several forms and instructions have changed since the previous season. They can be found [here](#).

USSA Result Submission

All alpine race results - including USA-FIS, USSA Scored, Non-Scored and Masters - must be submitted to alpineresults@ussa.org.

In order for the auto-system to accept the results, they must be:

1. In XML format
2. Submitted individually (1 race file per email transmission) with USSA-assigned race code/codex # as email subject.

It is the Technical Delegate's responsibility to verify that the results are sent and also that they are correct when posted.

All physical copy requirements for results must also be followed for all race types. Please refer to Master Packet of Forms (#5. USSA Race Result Document Packets and #6. FIS Race Result Document Packets).