

WESTERN REGION FIS SERIES

The Western Region of the USSA is comprised of five divisions: Alaska, Northern (Montana), Intermountain (Utah, Wyoming and eastern Idaho), Far West (California and Nevada), and Pacific Northwest (Oregon, Washington and western Idaho; referred to as PNSA). The Western Region (WR) offers the first level of FIS competition to the Far West's top racers. From these regional races competitors can qualify for national events such as Nor Am's, National FIS Series and U.S. Alpine Championships.

Far West uses a variety of selection methods to determine eligible athletes for each FIS race series. Quotas and general procedures are listed for each series in this section. Selection rules including those regarding Western Region Automatics, discretionary selections, MID eligibility and the Selection Committee are included in the "Far West Selection Methods" area of the Rules Governing Far West Competitors section.

Entry

Entry to all Western Region FIS and Western Region Elite FIS races must be submitted by the Far West Administrator (NOT individuals or coaches) on official FIS entry forms.

Racers will be charged the full entry fee for the event regardless of the number of races they participate in, provided that all races in the series are held. For events involving downhill's, a separate fee will be calculated for the downhills and for the remainder of the races in the event; racers will be allowed to enter either or both portions of the series. A racer, who is unable to compete in all races in an event due to injury or illness, documented by his/her physician, will receive a refund for those races from which he/she is removed from the board. It is the racer's responsibility to notify his/her coach of injury or illness; it is the coach's responsibility to remove the athlete from the seed board at the team captains' meeting for the affected race(s).

Western Refund policy for cancelled events:

- a. For events cancelled prior or during the first scheduled team captains meeting there will be a complete refund of all paid entry and speed training fees.
- b. For technical events canceled by the jury on the day of competition there will be an entry refund of 1/2 of the organizers portion (\$10.00), 1/2 the regional portion (\$6.00) and the USSA Head tax of \$6.00.
- c. For speed event(s) canceled anytime during the official program dates by the jury there will be an entry refund of 1/2 the regional head tax (\$6.00), the \$6.00 USSA head tax and the training fee if no training was conducted. The organizer retains the organizers portion provided the organizer and ski area make all possible efforts to hold the event, as assessed and reported in the event evaluation report by the Jury members (3) consisting of the Technical Delegate, the Referee and the Assistant Referee.

Western Region Elite FIS Series

The Western Region Elite FIS Series consists of four (4) events. The series starts with a January Technical Series (Utah Tech) for men and women, consisting of two (2) SL and two (2) GS and is a US Nationals qualifier. The second Elite FIS Tech Series is two (2)GS and two (2)SL in Snow King, Wyoming, also a J2 National Qualifier.. The Spring Series features two (2) SL, two (2) GS and two (2) SG races in early April at Mission Ridge, WA. The Elite FIS Series concludes with two (2) DH in mid-April at Mt. Bachelor, WA.

January WR Elite Tech Series #1, Park City/Snowbird, Utah – January 7-10, 2010

This FIS event consists of two (2) SL and two (2) GS for Men and Women.

This event is a US National Qualifier

Quota and Selection: MEN: Automatics plus the division quota of 13
WOMEN: Automatics plus the division quota of 13

1. Two-column USSA points board using the December 2009 list 5; selected in the ITS method using SL points first, GS second
2. Mids may not appear as alternates.

3. Far West Division will select 80% of the men and women Quotas and hold 20% of the Quotas (men and women) slots in reserve for discretionary selection. If no discretionary spots are used, the next alternates will be placed in these spots. To be selected by the J1 and J2 Development Committee of 5, representing different teams.
4. Alternate list of thirty (30) men and thirty (30).
5. All athletes, including alternates, must respond by the prescribed deadline listed at www.fwsking.us

February WR Elite Tech Series #2, Snow King, Wyoming – February 4-7, 2010

This FIS event consists of two (2) SL and two (2) GS for Men and Women.

This event is a J2 National Qualifier, and US National Qualifier.

Quota and Selection: MEN: Automatics plus the division quota of 13
 WOMEN: Automatics plus the division quota of 13

1. Two-column USSA points board using the January 2010 list 7; selected in the ITS method using SL points first, GS second
2. Mids may not appear as alternates.
3. Far West Division will select 80% of the men and women Quotas and hold 20% of the Quotas (men and women) slots in reserve for discretionary selection. If no discretionary spots are used, the next alternates will be placed in these spots. To be selected by the J1 and J2 Development Committee of 5, representing different teams.
4. Alternate list of thirty (30) men and thirty (30) women.
5. All athletes, including alternates, must respond by the prescribed deadline listed at www.fwsking.us

WR Elite Spring Series, Mission Ridge, WA – April 9 – 14, 2010

This FIS event consists of two (2) SL, two (2) GS and two (2) SG races scheduled for Men and Women

Quota and Selection: MEN: Automatics plus the division quota of 13
 WOMEN: Automatics plus the division quota of 13

NOTE: This is a new method. Please read carefully.

1. A three column points board using the March 2010 list 10, selected in the ITS method of using SL points first, GS second and SG third.
2. Far West Division will select 80% of the men and women Quotas and hold 20% of the Quotas (men and women) slots in reserve for discretionary selection. If no discretionary spots are used, the next alternates will be placed in these spots. To be selected by the J1 and J2 Development Committee of 5, representing different teams.
3. Mids may not appear as alternates.
4. Alternate list of thirty (30) men and thirty (30) women.
5. Athletes, including alternates, must respond by the prescribed deadline listed at www.fwsking.us

WR Elite DH's, Mt. Bachelor, OR – April 15-18, 2009

This FIS event consists of two (2) DH races scheduled for Men and Women

Quota and Selection: MEN: Automatics plus the division quota of 13

WOMEN: Automatics plus the division quota of 13

1. One column USSA points board using the March 2010 list 10; selected using DH points only
2. Mids may not appear as alternates.
3. Far West Division will select 80% of the men and women Quotas and hold 20% of the Quotas (men and women) slots in reserve for discretionary selection. If no discretionary spots are used, the next alternates will be placed in these spots. To be selected by the J1 and J2 Development Committee of 5, representing different teams.
4. Alternate list of ten (10) men and ten (10) women.
5. Athletes, including alternates, must respond by the prescribed deadline listed at www.fwsking.org

Western Region FIS Series

Participation in this series by Western Region Automatics is limited and subject to Western Region Rules. The Far West will be hosting 2 Western Region FIS 4 day series, 1 in December, and 1 in March. Far West athletes are NOT eligible to race in corresponding events within the WR during this time period, If Far West athletes choose to FIS race they must participate within their Division, or be racing out of the region or country. All WR FIS series events within the FW will have a divisional quota larger than normal FIS races. Each event may be handled different. Consult the Western Region Handbook for details.

WR FIS Open, Mammoth Mountain– December 15-18, 2009

This FIS series, consists of two (2) SL and two (2) GS races..

Quota and Selection: WOMEN: 60

MEN: 60

1. Two-column USSA points board using the November, 2009, list 4; selected in the ITS method until the quota is filled using SL points first, GS second
2. All athletes must be FIS registered. An alternate list of fifty (50) athletes will be established.
3. All athletes, including alternates, must respond by the prescribed deadline listed at www.fwsking.us

WR FIS Speed Series, J2 National Qualifier, Mammoth Mtn., Ca – Jan 26 – 31, 2010

January 26-27 are training days, races officially begin on January 28th.

This FIS event consists of two (2) SG and two (2) DH for Men and Women, Mid-J2.

This event is a J2 National Qualifier.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE HAS BEEN A CHANGE BY WESTERN REGION SINCE OUR MANUAL WAS PRINTED.

Quota and Selection: MEN: Automatics plus Divisional Quota of 25

WOMEN: Automatics plus Divisional Quota of 25

1. Two-column USSA points board using the December 2009 list 6; selected in the ITS method using DH points first, SG second
2. Mids may not appear as alternates.
3. Far West Division will select 80% of the men and women Quotas and hold 20% of the Quotas (men and women) slots in reserve for discretionary selection. If no discretionary spots are used, the next alternates will be placed in these spots. To be selected by the J1 and J2 Development Committee of 5, representing different teams.
4. Alternate list of fifty (50) men and fifty (50) women.
5. All athletes, including alternates, must respond by the prescribed deadline listed at www.fwsking.us

WR FIS Sierra Crest Cup, Northstar/Sugar Bowl, Ca – March 20-23, 2010

This FIS series, consists of two (2) SL and two (2) GS races for Men and Women, Mid-J2.

Quota and Selection: MEN: 60
WOMEN: 60

1. Two-column USSA points board using the February 2010, list 9; selected in the ITS method until the quota is filled using SL points first, GS second
2. Mids may not appear as alternates.
3. Far West Division will select 80% of the women Quota and hold 20% of the Quota slots in reserve for discretionary selection. If no discretionary spots are used, the next alternates will be placed in these spots. To be selected by the J1 and J2 Development Committee of 5, representing different teams.
4. An alternate list of fifty (50) men and fifty (50) women will be established
5. All athletes, including alternates, must respond by the prescribed deadline listed at www.fwsking.us

WR FIS Open, Mt Hood Meadows - April 8-11, 2010

This FIS series, consists of two (2) SL and two (2) GS races for Men and Women, Mid-J2.

Quota and Selection: MEN: 25
WOMEN: 25

1. Two-column USSA points board using the March 2010, list 10; selected in the ITS method until the quota is filled using SL points first, GS second
2. Mids may not appear as alternates.
3. Far West Division will select 80% of the women Quota and hold 20% of the Quota slots in reserve for discretionary selection. If no discretionary spots are used, the next alternates will be placed in these spots. To be selected by the J1 and J2 Development Committee of 5, representing different teams.
4. An alternate list of fifty (50) men and fifty (50) women will be established
5. All athletes, including alternates, must respond by the prescribed deadline listed at www.fwsking.us

Divisional Open FIS

The Divisional Open FIS series has replaced the ENL series. The quota's will be the same size as the ENL series and outside of the division entries will be controlled by the WR director, to ensure maximum participation of FW athletes. This series will allow resorts to put on FIS races without the vertical or penalty restrictions that go along with ENL races, but if a mountain is only eligible for FIS ENL through it's homologation they are still eligible to bid on the FIS Open series. This series will serve as the Western Region Junior Championship qualifiers and are also a part of the Grand Prix Series.

FIS WR Open/Far West 2SL, Sugar Bowl, CA – January 2-3, 2010

This FIS series, which is open to all Far West athletes (including Western Region Automatics), consists of two (2) SL races for Men and Women. These races are designated qualifiers for the Western Region Junior Championships.

Quota and Selection: MEN: Sixty (60)
WOMEN: Sixty (60)

1. One column USSA points board using the December 2009, list 5 selected in the ITS method until the quota is filled using SL points.
2. Twenty percent (20%) of the divisional quota may be filled through discretionary selection. To be selected by the J1 and J2 Development Committee of 5, representing different teams.
3. An alternate list of up to fifty (50) men and fifty (50) women will be established
4. All athletes, including alternates, must respond by the prescribed deadline listed at www.fwsking.us

Team entries must be submitted in Excel format (on Far West Website) with the athletes' FIS number, name (last, first), year of birth, FIS points, USSA number and USSA points to the Far West office no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the first team captains' meeting. **Each team shall remit payment to the Far West office in the form of one (1) check.**

FIS WR Open/Far West SG, Mammoth, CA – January 23-24, 2010

This FIS series, which is open to all Far West athletes (including Western Region Automatics), consists of two (2) SG races for Men and Women.. These races are designated qualifiers for the Western Region Junior Championship.

Quota and Selection: MEN: Sixty (60)

WOMEN: Sixty (60)

1. One column USSA points board using the December 2009, list 6; selected in the ITS method until the quota is filled using SG points.
2. Twenty percent (20%) of the divisional quota may be filled through discretionary selection. To be selected by the J1 and J2 Development Committee of 5, representing different teams.
3. An alternate list of up to fifty (50) men and fifty (50) women will be established
4. All athletes, including alternates, must respond by the prescribed deadline listed at www.fwsking.us

Team entries must be submitted in Excel format (on Far West Website) with the athletes' FIS number, name (last, first), year of birth, FIS points, USSA number and USSA points to the Far West office no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the first team captains' meeting. **Each team shall remit payment to the Far West office in the form of one (1) check.**

FIS WR Open/Far West GS, Northstar/Squaw Valley, CA – February 22-23, 2010

This FIS series, which is open to all Far West athletes (including Western Region Automatics), consists of two (2) GS races for Men and Women.. These races are designated qualifiers for the Western Region Junior.

Quota and Selection: MEN: Sixty (60)

WOMEN: Sixty (60)

1. One column USSA points board using the February 2010, list 8; selected in the ITS method until the quota is filled using GS points.
2. Twenty percent (20%) of the divisional quota may be filled through discretionary selection. To be selected by the J1 and J2 Development Committee of 5, representing different teams.
3. An alternate list of up to fifty (50) men and fifty (50) women will be established
4. All athletes, including alternates, must respond by the prescribed deadline listed at www.fwsking.us

Team entries must be submitted in Excel format with the athletes' FIS number, name (last, first), year of birth, FIS points, USSA number and USSA points to the Far West office no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the first team captains' meeting. **Each team shall remit payment to the Far West office in the form of one (1) check.**

Western Region Championships

The Western Region Championships are held for each age class, J1, J2 and J3, in each of the three regions in the U.S. J1/2 compete in 2 SL, 2GS, 2 SG. J3s race SL, GS and SG.

Western Region Junior Championships (FIS) 2 SL, 2GS, 2 SG, Schweitzer, Idaho– March 5-10, 2010

The Western Region J1/J2 Championships are calendared as a FIS junior regional championships' event. The U.S. first and second place finishers of each race and the combined will be automatics for the Western Region Elite FIS Series in the following season.

Quota and Selection: MEN: Twenty (20)
WOMEN: Seventeen (17)

NOTE: This method was adopted beginning with the 2008/09 season. Please read carefully. For an example please see the RSBM section later in this document.

There is open qualifying amongst all J1s and J2s; no one is protected. Selections will be based on the RSBM as follows:

1. Up to a six column, double-sided board, with best USSA race result earned in designated Far West qualifier races by discipline on the left side and USSA points from the designated points list by discipline on the right side of the board
2. Far West qualifier best USSA race result will be determined as follows:
 - a. Far West Open FIS SL, GS and SG series in January and February
 - b. An athlete will be able to use the best USSA race result from the contested qualifying races in each discipline.
 - c. USSA race result is determined by adding race points and penalty points.
 - d. If there is a tie in any given discipline, the tiebreaking proceeds as follows:
 - i. The tied athletes are listed from lowest to highest by their second best USSA race result from the tied discipline.
 - ii. If that does not break the tie, list the tied athletes in order from lowest to highest USSA points in the discipline from the USSA points lists used for the selection
3. The board will be set up from left to right:
 - a. Left side - Best USSA race result earned from the Far West qualifier races in each discipline in order of: SL, GS, SG (WR FIS Open/FW). A column will not appear if the race series is cancelled.
 - b. Right side - Points from the USSA points list in order of: SL, GS and SG. If a race series is cancelled for a particular discipline, the USSA points column for that discipline will still appear on the board.
4. USSA points from the February 2010 list 8 will be used
5. Far West Division will select 80% of the men and women Quotas and hold 20% of the Quotas (men and women) slots in reserve for discretionary selection. If no discretionary spots are used, the next alternates will be placed in these spots. To be selected by the J1 and J2 Development Committee of 5, representing different teams.
6. An athlete needs to have a valid "F" number at the time of the event to be included in the best USSA race results columns.
7. Boards will be set up only including eligible athletes, removing foreign, out of division, mid and J3 athletes
8. To appear on the USSA points side in each discipline of the selection board, an athlete must compete in at least one race of each discipline
9. Alternate list of ten (10) men and ten (10) women.
10. All athletes, including alternates, must respond by the prescribed deadline listed at www.fwsking.us

USSA J3 Junior Olympics, Mt. Bachelor, OR - March 18-21, 2010

The USSA J3 Junior Olympics is a championship event for racers ages 13 and 14 from the five divisions of the Western Region. Each of the three regions of USSA conducts its own J3 Olympics. The event consists of SG, GS and SL races. Only year-of-birth J3-age competitors are eligible to participate. "Special J3" athletes are not eligible for selection to this event. For "X" numbered athletes to participate in selection procedures they must be Far West members, notify the Age Class Chair and ACC Chair and follow all Far West rules and regulations. Refer to the *Foreign Athlete Selection Procedures and Far West Registration Regulations*.

Quota and Selection: MEN: Twenty-six (26)
WOMEN: Twenty-three (23)

The quota is filled using "World Cup Points" (WCP) scored in the J3 JO qualifying events. There are three weekends contesting SL, GS and SG. Each competitor's top five (5) WCP scores from the nine (9) qualifying races count, regardless of discipline. If any of the qualifiers are canceled, one half of the races are scored (odd numbers are rounded up). In the event of a tie, the athlete's best result using WCPs is used even if it was previously applied in their original qualifying score. If a tie still exists, the next athlete selected will be the racer with the lowest race point result in any of the Wild West Series events.

Additionally, all western athletes selected to the Regional selection as candidates to Topolino will be automatics to the J3 Junior Olympics, if they attend. They will be considered to be the Regional Director's quota and be seeded between the first and second seeds (unless they have also qualified via their divisional route and are seeded as part of the first seed by the division). These are personal slots and do not expand the quota of the racer's division. They are meant to be a guarantee of access in the event that the racer's ability to qualify to the Junior Olympics is compromised by attending a national development opportunity.

The Far West J3 JO Team is seeded by the Far West J3 JO coaching staff, given the following criteria:

1. Racers ranked by their total WCP from the Far West J3 JO qualifying list (20%)
2. Racers ranked by their USSA points for the discipline (30%)
3. Racers ranked by their WCP from the J3 JO qualifiers for that discipline (50%)
4. Coaches' discretion, no more than 2 slots per races, per gender.
5. All athletes, including alternates, must respond by the prescribed deadline listed at www.fwsking.us

The U.S. winners of each discipline race and the combined at the USSA Junior 3 Olympics will be named to the USSA Junior Olympic Team and are Regional Automatics for the Western Region Elite FIS Series in the following season (if age-eligible). The Western Region has a quota of three (3) J3 men and three (3) J3 women to the Whistler Cup at Whistler, British Columbia, Canada, which is filled by selecting the winners from the J3 Junior Olympics.

In May 1995, the Western Region imposed a \$30.00/athlete surcharge on racers from Northern, Intermountain, PNSA and Far West competing in the USSA Junior 3 Olympics when the event is not held in Alaska (four of five years); this will help defray the cost of travel for the Alaskan Olympians when the J3 JOs are sited in the "lower 48."

Far West Payment and Refund Policy

Selected FIS or Junior Olympic/Festival athletes will have 72 hours to accept their selection, at which time payment in full is due. Payment is validation of entry, not verbal or written communication. Athletes must have a valid Credit Card Authorization Form on file with the Far West office to guarantee entry. No verbal credit card authorizations will be accepted. Credit card authorization forms are good for the 2009-2010 season and only need to be submitted once, unless a change of credit card. Parents, athletes, coaches or programs may pay for athletes with a credit card.

Late entries (within twelve days of the first team captains' meeting) will be assessed \$16.00 per race day (the full FIS entry fee). Entries within seventy-two (72) hours of the first team captain's meeting will not be accepted through the Far West Office. Late entries or race withdrawal refunds may not be guaranteed if outside the prescribed entry time limits. Regional rules must also be followed in these cases. Athletes not in good standing with Far West as of travel day of all division quota events are subject to immediate sanctioning. Good standing is defined as current USSA and Far West Division membership and no outstanding debts owed the division. Race series withdrawal will be assessed a \$250 non-refundable deposit.

Seven days or greater 75% or recoverable costs, whichever is less

Zero to six days must be accompanied with written explanation to ACC Chair.

Refunds will be made on case by case basis, and will only be recoverable costs if any.

