

# MAJOR USSA COMPETITIONS

## Western Region Intent to Compete Form

The Western Region requires that all eligible competitors for Nor Am's, U.S. National Alpine Championships, U.S. National J2 Olympic Championships, Canadian FIS, and out-of-region FIS races must complete an "Intent to Compete" and return it to Lester Keller at the USSA office by the designated deadline(s). Intents will be due on the first of each month for the following month's competitions and must be electronically submitted by the primary club coach or club director for all club members. It is recommended that this be a collaborative effort by the athlete, parent(s) and coach(es) to plan the athlete's competitive season. Further information may be found in the *Western Region Policies and Procedures* manual, available at [www.ussa.org](http://www.ussa.org) or [www.fvskiing.org](http://www.fvskiing.org).

## U.S. Alpine Championships

Once each year the top racers in the United States come together for about eight days to compete for the national titles of alpine ski racing. Racers from the U.S. Ski Team, top collegiate racers and the best regional racers are in attendance. For many young racers, this is the opportunity to prove themselves against our country's best. Far West competitors can only enter these races as part of the Western Region quota (13 men, 10 women). An "Intent to Compete" must be into the USSA/WR office by the deadline.

## Nor Am Cup

The Nor Am Series is the premier race series in North America, including the new Super Series for events in the U.S. These Continental Cup races are the final step for the U.S. athletes to the World Cup; Skiing's top level of international competition. Top racers from the U.S., Canada and other countries compete in the U.S. and Canada for the Nor Am titles.

Far West competitors can only enter these races as part of the Western Region quota, which are four (4) men and four (4) women. Racers must notify the Western Region office, via the "Intent to Compete" form, by the specified deadline(s) if interested in participating in these events. The selection boards for Nor Ams will include all qualified Western Region athletes, but athletes who have not indicated an interest in an event will be skipped when the team is named. Under USSA rules, a racer must appear on the FIS list that will be valid for a Nor Am event to be eligible for participation in the event. Twenty percent (20%) of the quota, at least one (1) slot, will be reserved for discretionary selection. This (these) slot(s) may be filled by the Western Region Director for development purposes.

## Other FIS Races

Access to Canadian FIS, Central FIS, Rocky FIS and Eastern FIS races is as a part of the Western Region quota only. Age-eligible athletes who are members of USSA and FIS who want to be considered for selection to any of these races must indicate that desire on the "Intent to Compete" form and submit on or before the applicable deadline.

Consult the current *USSA Alpine Competition Guide* for further details and history on all FIS events.