

# USSA ALPINE PROGRAM

## Competitor Classification

### Junior Racing

Age Classification is based on your age as of December 31, 2009.

MID	20 and older (born 1989 and earlier) **	J3	13, 14 (born 1995-96)
J1	17, 18, 19 (born 1990-92)	J4	11, 12 (born 1997-98)
J2	15, 16 (born 1993-94)	J5	10 and younger (born 1999 and later)

### Collegiate Racing

FWS supports racing at the collegiate level. For information, contact the FWS office, the USSA/WR office, the USSA/Alpine (USSA/Alp) office, the FWS ACC Collegiate Rep or your local college.

### Membership

All Far West competitors, coaches and officials involved in USSA junior racing must be members in good standing of FWS, and members of USSA, in order to participate in any USSA or FIS races.

FWS members will receive ONE consolidated bill from USSA for USSA and FWS dues. Members will receive a digital USSA card, indicating USSA and FWS membership status.

Be aware that USSA and FWS each charge a late penalty for memberships not received by October 15; this does NOT apply to new members. Memberships will not be processed until complete, including all paperwork and fees (including penalties where applicable).

Mid-J3 athletes who have not completed membership requirements by the deadline will not appear on the November USSA points list and, consequently, will be seeded 990.00 in all USSA races until the December list. Points cannot be reinstated or confirmed in between lists; this rule has always applied to FIS and has been adopted by USSA. Additionally, there will be NO retroactive posting of results acquired between lists and NO recalculation of race penalties with updated points for top athletes in a competition.

Athletes must be able to present their current USSA card, indicating appropriate age class and membership status, to race organizers in order to compete in any USSA race.

### USSA and FWS Membership Requirements and Fees

**\*\*\*Late fees apply to both USSA and Far West Memberships starting on October 15<sup>th</sup> on all renewals. New members will not be assessed late fee penalties\*\*\***

#### J4/5 Competitors:

Access to entry-level/non-scored competitions for athletes ages 12 and younger. This is the only membership available to this age group as USSA does not allow scoring of athletes 12 and under.

All Far West J4/5 competitors are required to have:	<b>Before Oct. 15/after Oct. 15</b>
1. USSA Alpine Youth Competitor membership	\$70/\$95
2. Far West Skiing membership	\$35/\$60

#### MID-J3 Competitors

All Far West Mid through J3 competitors must have:	<b>*Competitor</b>	<b>**Non-Scored Student</b>
	<b>Before Oct. 15/after Oct. 15</b>	<b>Before Oct. 15/after Oct. 15</b>
1. USSA Alpine competitor membership	\$140/\$165	\$90/\$115
2. Far West Skiing membership	\$50/\$75	\$35/\$60

\*Access to all levels of competition within the USSA Alpine Ski Racing "development pipeline," including eligibility to qualify for national and regional events where qualifying is required. Membership includes access to the USSA Alpine Points List.

\*\*Designed for students 13 and older, primarily for interscholastic and intercollegiate racing only. *NOTE: does NOT include participation in USSA Alpine Points List or retroactive points posting.*

## Membership Continued

### Officials

Includes access to clinics, certification programs and educational materials supporting event officiating.

All officials in the Far West are required to have:

**Before Oct. 15/after Oct. 15**

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| 1. USSA Alpine Official membership                             | \$60/no late fee if this is the only membership held |
| 2. Far West Skiing membership (if officiating at junior races) | \$35/\$60  |

### Alpine Coach

- Alpine Coach includes both USSA Alpine Officials membership and USSA Alpine Coaches membership. This includes access to U.S. Ski Coaches Association (USSCA) coaching clinics, certification programs and educational materials for both coaching and officiating at events. *NOTE: Required for access to coaching credentials (including lift tickets) at all USSA competitions. Issuance of credentials to appropriate working coaches is the responsibility of the event.* USSA Alpine Coach membership

**Before Oct. 15/after Oct. 15**

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|                               | \$135/\$160 |
| 2. Far West Skiing membership | \$35/\$60   |

### Race Organizers

All race organizers in the Far West are required to have:

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| 1. USSA Alpine Club membership-paid to USSA         | \$150 |
| 2. Far West Skiing Club membership-paid to Far West | \$75  |

### Far West Ski Teams/Clubs/Programs

All Ski Teams/Clubs/Programs in the Far West are required to have:

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| 1. USSA Alpine Club membership-paid to USSA  | \$150 |
| 2. Far West Skiing Club membership-paid to Far West  | \$75  |
| 3. Mandatory credit card - <i>By November 1 of each year, every team competing in the division must submit a valid credit card number to be placed on file at the FW office. This card will be given to each race organizer and will be used as the "deposit card" for each race during the year. After the completion of the race, organizers will attempt to collect unpaid entries and collect bibs for a ten day period. If they are unsuccessful, then they can charge the card for the appropriate amount. An accounting of the charges must be forwarded to the appropriate team administrator.</i> |       |

### Foreign/Lifetime/Family Membership

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| 1. Foreign Athletes: | \$35/\$60 |
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Far West dues are payable to the Far West office, not the USSA office. Refer to Foreign Athlete Selection Procedures and Far West Registration Regulations

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| 2. Family | \$75/\$150 |
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If a volunteer is not a member of Far West Skiing, they must complete the non-member USSA worker form.

USSA's insurer requires that an original signature "Waiver and Release of Liability" be on file for each competitor, coach, official and volunteer. Details on fulfillment packages and benefits are listed on the USSA membership forms. For forms or to have your questions answered, contact:

USSA Membership Department  
PO Box 100, 1 Victory Lane  
Park City, UT 84060  
Fax: (435) 649-2052  
Member service hotline: (435) 647-2666  
E-mail: [membership@ussa.org](mailto:membership@ussa.org)  
Internet site: [www.ussa.org](http://www.ussa.org)

## FIS Registration

Entry into FIS races is by selection only. Athletes selected and intending to compete must be age-eligible USSA, FIS and FWS members in good standing.

Any competitor 15 years and older, as of December 31, is eligible to apply to race FIS, which allows an athlete to participate, if selected, in FIS races in the U.S. and Canada. The form, entitled "Athletes Declaration for an International (FIS) License (CAN/USA)," must be completed annually and the original submitted to the USSA member services prior to racing in FIS events. This can be done through online registration at the same time as completing USSA and Far West Memberships.

FIS registration means the competitor will appear on the FIS list for the season. While all athletes competing in FIS races must be FIS members, many do not have to be registered with FIS.

The following athletes must be members of FWS, USSA and FIS, and FIS-registered:

- Competitors who compete on a regional, national or international level on a regular basis
- Athletes who will be Mids or J1s in the following season and wish to be included on the selection board for Western Region Automatics
- Western Region Automatics

Application for FIS registration is made annually through the USSA office on the "FIS Racer Registration for FIS Points List" form. The registration fee is \$80 if received before June 1 to appear on the July 2009 to May 2010 lists; **\$80 if received by August 15** to appear on the November 2009 to May 2010 lists; **\$150 after August 15**. Checks should be made out to USSA.

International FIS memberships are issued by USSA for verification of memberships according to FIS ICR 208. International memberships are required for entry, but do not guarantee entry, into FIS races outside of the United States and Canada; this rule does not apply to members of the U.S. Ski Team (USST) and USST/USSA Development Program groups who are entered in FIS races by the USST or USSA directly. U.S. racers who are not appropriately members/registered but enter, or attempt to enter, events under conditions where USSA requires such memberships may be subject to disciplinary sanction including revocation of USSA membership, forfeiture of results, etc.

Age-eligible athletes hoping to compete in FIS races in the southern hemisphere in our summer must submit to the USSA/Alpine office in Park City a completed multi-page form, available from USSA, along with personal itinerary, thirty (30) days prior to competition. A fee may be applied. Submission of an application does not guarantee issuance of a membership.

More information can be found in the current *USSA Alpine Competition Guide* under "Competitions outside of the U.S." For International Membership Guidelines and application forms, contact the USSA/Alpine office in Park City.