

FAR WEST SKIING

Mission Statement

The Mission of Far West Skiing is to:

1. Promote participation and enthusiasm in alpine competition in the Far West from entry level, club level and elite level to retain competitors and support skiing as a lifelong sport
2. Provide financial support to athletes, coaches and development projects
3. Maintain a structure that will support the needs of Far West clubs, athletes, coaches and general membership
4. Promote the skiing development of young athletes from all clubs in the Far West with the objective of winning races at all levels

Administration

The Far West Skiing Board of Directors is responsible for conducting and overseeing the business of Far West Skiing. The administration of alpine competition in the Far West is the responsibility of the Far West Skiing Alpine Competition Committee (FWS ACC), a committee of and responsible to the Far West Skiing Board of Directors (FWS BOD). Various subcommittees of the FWS ACC, each headed by a chairperson, actively oversee the different competition areas. The subcommittees work out proposals and policies, which are discussed and fine-tuned by the FWS ACC for presentation to the FWS BOD.

The FWS ACC and BOD meet at least three times a year, in the spring, summer and in the fall. Each year the FWS ACC will evaluate the *Far West Skiing Alpine Competition Manual* and propose changes for the following season. Once approved by the FWS BOD and USSA ACC, the *Far West Skiing Alpine Competition Manual* and its rules will take effect in the fall; no changes to the manual or the rules contained in it will occur during the competition season.

Programs in the Far West are designed and implemented by an active volunteer organization of dedicated and knowledgeable people. Further, the Far West has input to regional and national programs and policies through representatives on the USSA Board of Directors, the USSA Alpine Sport Committee and its various subcommittees.

FWS maintains a seasonal office to support the needs of Far West competitors, coaches, officials, volunteers and clubs. The FWS office coordinates Far West issues, such as: dissemination of information to clubs and programs regarding race schedules, racer qualification, selection to traveling teams, coaches' and officials' clinics; support of FWS ACC and BOD; FW traveling team arrangements; Far West Ski Team, etc.

For a detailed list of the responsibilities of the FWS office and the USSA/Western Region (USSA/WR) office, refer to the *Appendix* in this manual.

NOTE: Unless otherwise specified, the rules contained in this competition manual apply to all participants of amateur alpine competitions in the Far West conducted for MID-J5 age class athletes. MID-J5 racers will be referred to as "juniors" for the purpose of this document. Rules contained in this manual supersede all other published materials, including previous editions of this manual and the Far West section of the current *USSA Alpine Competition Guide*.