

## Far West J4/5 Championships

Events:	SL, GS, SG (J4); SL, GS	1 run GS(J5)	
Who can race	All Far West J4/5's		
Awards	Trophies 1 <sup>st</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup> , J4/5, Allan Cup/Richmond Cup	Boys/girls Donation	Organizer

## J4/5 Year end awards - Based on 1/4th of the field

North Series

South/Central Series 1st-15th Far West Provided

## 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 downhill's 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: (please see the WR Manual for specific refund table)

- 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.
- For technical events canceled by the jury on the day of competition there will be an entry refund of ½ of the organizers portion (\$10.00), ½ the regional portion (\$6.00) and the USSA Head tax of \$6.00.
- For speed event(s) canceled anytime during the official program dates by the jury there will be an entry refund of ½ 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 events. The series starts with a Technical Series (Utah Tech) for men and women, consisting of two SL and two GS and is a US Nationals qualifier. The second Elite FIS Tech Series is two GS and two SL in Snow King, Wyoming, a J2 National Qualifier. The Elite Spring Series features two SL, two GS, two SG, and 2 Super Combined races in early April at Mission Ridge, WA. The Elite FIS Series concludes with two DH's in mid-April at Mt. Bachelor, WA.

### January WR Elite Tech Series #1, Park City/Snowbird, Utah – January 26-29, 2012

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 11  
WOMEN: Automatics plus the division quota of 10

1. Two-column USSA points board using the # 6 list, valid December 29, 2011 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 men and thirty women.
5. All athletes, including alternates, must respond by the prescribed deadline listed at [www.fwsking.us](http://www.fwsking.us),

### February WR Elite Tech Series #2, Snow King, Wyoming – February 18-21, 2012

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

This event is a J2 National Qualifier.

**Quota and Selection:** MEN: Automatics plus the division quota of 11  
WOMEN: Automatics plus the division quota of 10

1. Two-column USSA points board using the # 8 list, valid February 9, 2012 selected in the ITS method using SL points first, GS second.
2. 50% of the initial selections must be of the J2 age class since this is a J2 National Qualifier, refer to WR Manual.
3. Mids may not appear as alternates.
4. 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.
5. Alternate list of thirty (30) men and thirty (30) women.
6. All athletes, including alternates, must respond by the prescribed deadline listed at [www.fwsking.us](http://www.fwsking.us)

### WR Elite Spring Series, Mission Ridge, WA – April 6-11, 2012

This FIS event consists of two SL, two GS and two SG and two Super Combined races scheduled for Men and Women

**Quota and Selection:** MEN: Automatics plus the division quota of 11  
WOMEN: Automatics plus the division quota of 10

A three column USSA points board using the # 10 list, valid March 22, 2012 selected in the ITS method of using SL points first, GS second and SG third.

1. 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.
2. Mids may not appear as alternates.
3. Alternate list of thirty (30) men and thirty (30) women.
4. Athletes, including alternates, must respond by the prescribed deadline listed at [www.fwsking.us](http://www.fwsking.us)

### WR Elite DH's, Mt. Bachelor, OR – April 13-19, 2012

This FIS event consists of two DH and two SG races scheduled for Men and Women

**Quota and Selection:** MEN: Automatics plus the division quota of 11  
WOMEN: Automatics plus the division quota of 10

One column USSA points board using the # 10 list, valid March 22, 2012; selected using DH points only

1. Mids may not appear as alternates.

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. Alternate list of ten (10) men and ten (10) women.
4. Athletes, including alternates, must respond by the prescribed deadline listed at [www.fwsking.org](http://www.fwsking.org)

### **Western Region FIS Series**

**Participation in this series by Western Region Automatics is limited and subject to Western Region Rules. 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 Tech, Snow King– January 5-8, 2012**

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

**Quota and Selection: MEN: 25  
WOMEN: 25**

1. Two-column USSA points board using the # 5 list, valid December 8, 2011; 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](http://www.fwsking.us)

### **WR FIS Dev Speed Series, J2 National Qualifier, Mammoth Mountain January 12-17, 2012**

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.

**Quota and Selection: MEN: 25  
WOMEN: 25**

1. Two-column USSA points board using the # 6 list, valid December 29, 2011; selected in the ITS method using DH points first, SG second
2. 50% of the initial selections must be of the J2 age class as this is a J2 National Qualifier, refer to WR Manual.
3. Mids may not appear as alternates.
4. 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.
5. Alternate list of fifty (50) men and fifty (50) women.
6. All athletes, including alternates, must respond by the prescribed deadline listed at [www.fwsking.us](http://www.fwsking.us)

### **WR FIS Dev Tech Park City, UT, March 26-29, 2012**

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 # 9 list, valid March 1, 2012; 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 men and fifty women will be established
5. All athletes, including alternates, must respond by the prescribed deadline listed at [www.fwsking.us](http://www.fwsking.us)

### **WR FIS Dev, Sierra Crest Cup Sugar Bowl, Ca - April 8-11, 2012**

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 # 10 list, valid March 22, 2012; 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 thirty men and thirty women will be established
5. All athletes, including alternates, must respond by the prescribed deadline listed at [www.fwsking.us](http://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 its 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 2SG, Mammoth Mountain, CA – February 4-5, 2012**

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.

**Quota and Selection:** MEN: 60

WOMEN: 60

1. One column USSA points board using the # 7 list, valid January 19, 2012; 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 men and fifty women will be established
4. All athletes, including alternates, must respond by the prescribed deadline listed at [www.fwsking.us](http://www.fwsking.us)

Athletes will be registering through online registration or directly to the Far West Office. A completed registration includes entry paperwork and payment. All waivers will go directly to the hosting area.

### **FIS WR Open/Far West 2 GS and 2 SL, Squaw Valley, CA – February 24-27, 2012**

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

**Quota and Selection:** MEN: 60

WOMEN: 60

1. One column USSA points board using the # 8 list, valid February 9, 2012; 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 men and fifty women will be established
4. All athletes, including alternates, must respond by the prescribed deadline listed at [www.fwsking.us](http://www.fwsking.us)

Athletes will be registering through online registration or directly to the Far West Office. A completed registration includes entry paperwork and payment. All waivers will go directly to the hosting area.

## 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 8-13, 2012

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: 25

WOMEN: 19

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 # 8 list, valid February 9, 2012 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](http://www.fwsking.us)

### **USSA J3 Junior Jr Championships, Big Sky and Bridger Bowl, MT - March 15-18, 2012**

The USSA J3 Junior Championship 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 Junior Championships. The event consists of SG, GS and SL races. Only year-of-birth J3-age competitors are eligible to participate. For "X" numbered athletes to participate in selection procedures they must be Far West members, petition to the Age Class Chair and ACC Chair prior to the first qualifying event and follow all Far West rules and regulations. A maximum of 3 X numbers per gender will be allowed in per season. Refer to the *Foreign Athlete Selection Procedures and Far West Registration Regulations*.

**Quota and Selection:** MEN: 28  
WOMEN: 21

The quota is filled using "World Cup Points" (WCP) scored in the J3 Jr Champs qualifying events (Wild West Series). 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 special circumstances, a one run race may be scored for Jr Championship qualifying purposes, if approved by the team captains at the event. 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.

#### Example:

Racer A: 100,80,80,60,50,30,22,0,0

Racer B: 80,80,80,80,50,30,22,0,0

In the example above both athletes have a best of 5 total of 370 points. Racer A would be the higher rank due to the higher WCP finish.

If a tie still exists, the next athlete selected will be the racer with the lowest USSA race point result in any of the Wild West Series events.

The Far West J3 JO Team is seeded by a ranking list per event, using the following criteria:

1. Racers ranked by their total WCP from the Far West J3 Jr Champs qualifying list (20%)
2. Racers ranked by their USSA points, from points list 9, for the discipline (30%)
3. Racers ranked by their WCP from the J3 JR Champs qualifiers for that discipline, taking their best 2 of 3 scored race results (50%)
4. In the event of a seeding tie this will be broken by the athlete with the higher WCP rank from the J3 JR Champs Qualifying list (#1 listed above).
5. All athletes, including alternates, must respond by the prescribed deadline listed at [www.fwsking.us](http://www.fwsking.us)

The U.S. winners of each discipline race and the combined at the USSA /WR J3 Junior Championships will be named to the USSA Junior Championship Team and are Regional Automatics for the Western Region Elite FIS Series in the following season (if age-eligible).

### **Far West Payment and Refund Policy**

Selected FIS or Junior Championships 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 2011-12 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.

Far West Payment and Refund Policy Continued.....

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.