

# 2023-24 IMD Alpine Handbook

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# U.S. Ski & Snowboard — Intermountain Division

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#### Introduction

This handbook is intended to assist race organizers and coaches for the various IMD race series. Some information on Western Region FIS races and IMD projects is included. The handbook includes IMD and U.S. Ski and Snowboard rules as they pertain to the different race series, lists various required procedures for races and suggests additional procedures, which may be helpful for race organizers to follow. In addition to this handbook, you should refer to the following:

- 1. 2024 Alpine Competition Guide
- 2. U.S. Ski & Snowboard Alpine Official's Manual
- 3. 2023 2024 Review & Update Alpine

Each of these references is available on the U.S. Ski & Snowboard website and the IMD website, www.imdalpine.org.

This handbook also covers the selection procedures for Intermountain quota teams, the IMD Championships and the Tri-Divisional Championships.

The first section of this handbook lists recent IMD and U.S. Ski & Snowboard rule changes. This is followed by a section that lists procedures common to all Intermountain race series. A separate section follows devoted to the details of each race series. A chapter on selection procedures for quota teams and the IMD Championships is also included. Additionally, please familiarize yourself with the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Alpine Competition Regulations (ACR) located in the Alpine Competition Guide for additional information.

For additional information, please contact the IMD Alpine Office or the IMD Alpine Competition Committee Chairman.

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#### **Divisional Governance**

IMD Ski and Snowboard Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation affiliated with U.S. Ski & Snowboard, the national governing body for skiing and snowboarding. Its member clubs provide training and competition opportunities in the states of Idaho, Wyoming and Utah.

The business of the IMD shall be accomplished through the Discipline Competition Committees with oversight by the Board of the IMD. There are 3 recognized disciplines in the Intermountain Division: Alpine, Nordic and Freestyle. Each Discipline Competition Committee shall be established by the Board of the IMD, which may also establish policies relating to them and their sanctions, but the elected committee members shall be elected by the member clubs in the IMD.

The Alpine Competition Committee (ACC) shall be responsible for the development, encouragement, and participation of competitors within the various IMD/ U.S. Ski & Snowboard competitive programs. They shall be responsible for the review and approval of applications for divisional competitive events. In addition, the ACC is the policymaking entity relating to all Alpine content.

#### 2023-2024 IMD Board of Directors

The IMD Board of Directors will consist of a President and the Discipline Committee Chairs in addition to an athlete representative. The Treasurer and Secretary are non-voting members.

Gil Denis- President Bridger Call - Alpine

Rick Kapala - Nordic JD Kavas - Freestyle

Anika Angriman- Athlete Representative Shannon Carrell, Treasurer (non-voting)

Carma Burnett, Secretary (non-voting)

Steve Schowengerdt, Past President

## 2023-24 BOD Executive Committee

Gil Denis- President Bridger Call - Alpine

Rick Kapala - Nordic JD Kavas - Freestyle

Anika Angriman - Athlete Representative

# **2023-2024 Appeals Committee**

JD Kavas Gil Denis Rick Kapala

# **Alpine Governance**

The IMD Alpine Competition Committee is the policy-making entity for Intermountain Alpine. Twelve members will be voted to the IMD ACC each year at the IMD Spring Convention to be held after the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Congress. In addition to the twelve members there are five appointed members. The five appointed members are: Alpine Officials Chairman, BOD President, Development Committee Chairman, Finance Committee Chairman and the Athlete Representative. A Chairman is elected by the ACC and serves a two-year term. In the second year of the Chairman's term, a Vice-Chairman will be elected with the intention of becoming the Chairman. The IMD ACC Chairman and Vice-Chairman will represent IMD at the Western Region ACC.

# 2022-2023 IMD Alpine Competition Committee Members (ACC)

Bridger Call, Chairman, Snowbird Steve Schowengerdt, AO Chair Troy Price, Development Chairman, SBN Gil Denis, BOD President Anika Angriman, Athlete Rep. Tommy Eckfeldt, Park City Erik Fisher, McCall

Tyson Henrie, Arrowhead Lester Keller, Solitude

Kristin Waddle, Vice Chairman, Jackson Shannon Carrell, Finance Com. Chair

Todd Brickson, Rowmark Will Brandenburg, Sun Valley Fletcher White, Grand Targhee Drew Southworth, Brighton Shawn Smith, Bogus Basin

#### **ACC Committees**

### 2023-2024 Executive Committee

Todd Brickson Will Brandenburg Kristin Waddle Bridger Call Anika Angriman

#### 2023-2024 Judicial Committee

Todd Brickson, Chairman Will Brandenburg Tommy Eckfeldt

#### 2023-2024 Finance Committee

Shannon Carrell, Chairman

Troy Price Fletcher White Will Brandenburg Lester Keller Bridger Call

#### 2023-2024 Grant Committee

Will Brandenburg Tommy Eckfeldt Kristin Waddle Todd Brickson Bo Maciejko

#### 2023-2024 Calendaring Committee

Kristin Waddlel, Chairman

Bridger Call, Will Brandenburg, Shannon Carrell, Craig Haaser, Tommy Eckfeldt

Troy Price, Drew Southworth

#### 2023-2024 Officials Committee

Steve Schowengerdt, Chairman

Becky Stone Susan Torres Mark Wedeking Gil Denis

#### 2023-2024 Development Committee

Chairman: Troy Price

U14 IMD JR Series: Charlotte Gourley (SV)

South Series: Bo Maciejko (SB)

North Series: Chuck Harris (SV)

YSL, South: Craig Haaser (SBN)

North Club Racing: Fletcher White (GT)

## 2023-2024 Youth Ski League Committee

Criag Haaser (SBN), Chairman

Jason Stone, (SB) Mike Sussman (PC)

Drew Southworth (BR)

Dani Hoagland (CV)

Lester Keller (SOL) Grayson Davis (ART)

Megan Hanrahan (RM) Jason Lance (PC)

Dani Hoagland (AST)

Lisa Segal (PC)

Troy Price (RM) Arsen Harutyunyan (PST)

#### 2023-2024 Coaches Education Committee

Shawn Smith, Chairman

Lester Keller Troy Price Tommy Eckfeldt Bo Maciejko

#### **Divisional Meetings/Conference Calls**

Meeting 1 Fall Conference Call (after WR call)

Meeting 2 Spring Conference Call (prior to April WR meeting)

Meeting 3 Friday evening prior to the IMD ACC meeting.

## **IMD Alpine Convention and Meetings**

| U.S. Ski & Snowboard Congress | Park City, UT | May 13-17, 2024 |
|-------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| IMD Spring Meeting            | Wendover, NV  | May 22-23, 2024 |
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IMD Fall Meeting Via Zoom TBD

#### **Intermountain Division Information**

Memberships in Intermountain Division

- Every IMD club must be a member club of U.S. Ski and Snowboard.
- Every Club must pay IMD Division Club Dues of \$65 (Late Fee-\$25).
- Every person racing in a U.S. Ski & Snowboard sanctioned race conducted by a club affiliated with IMD must be a current member of U.S. Ski & Snowboard, as specified in the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Competition Guide.
- All Independent athletes need to inform IMD of participation.

Each person must be a member of **IMD**, with the following fees, per the U.S. Ski & Snowboard registration form:

- Before October 16: U16 & Older Competitor \$65.00
- Before October 16: U14 and Younger Competitor \$35.00
- Before October 16: General Membership- \$10
- After October 15: U16 & Older Competitor \$80.00
- After October 15: U14 and Younger Competitor \$50.00
- After October 15: General Membership- \$10

<sup>\*</sup>Additional meetings will be scheduled as needed.

### 2023-2024 US Ski and Snowboard Alpine Fees:

- Alpine Competitor U12 and under (11 and under) \$100
- Alpine Competitor U14 and under (12 and 13) \$125
- Alpine Competitor U16 and over (14 and over) \$200
- Alpine General Non-Competitor (17 and under) \$35
- Alpine Non-Scored Athlete (14-24) \$100

#### U.S. Ski & Snowboard Background Screening

U.S. Ski & Snowboard is a youth sports organization with over 75% of its athlete members 17 or under. In keeping with the standards of many youth sports organizations, schools and recreational programs in America today, U.S. Ski & Snowboard has implemented a strict policy on abuse, molestation and sexual harassment and animal cruelty. To support this policy, U.S. Ski & Snowboard has also implemented a background screening process to help ensure that the environment in its athletic programs at every level is as safe as possible.

This process will include all U.S. Ski and Snowboard employees, member coaches and officials.

#### U.S. Ski & Snowboard SafeSport Code

As a condition of membership, all U.S. Ski & Snowboard members agree to abide by the SafeSport Code.

U.S. Ski & Snowboard prohibits the following conduct:

- Sexual Misconduct
- Physical Misconduct
- Emotional Misconduct
- Bullying, Threats and Harassment
- Hazing
- Willfully Tolerating Misconduct

Any member of U.S. Ski & Snowboard who is appointed to a position of authority over, or who has frequent contact with athletes, must clear criminal background screening and complete SafeSport training every two years with a refresher required every other year. This includes U.S. Ski & Snowboard members holding a U.S. Ski & Snowboard coaching license, U.S. Ski & Snowboard members holding a U.S. Ski & Snowboard officials license, U.S. Ski & Snowboard members holding a U.S. Ski & Snowboard club volunteer membership and U.S. Ski & Snowboard members at U.S. Ski & Snowboard clubs whom the club formally designates to be in a position of authority over athletes, and the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Governance Board members.

Every U.S. Ski & Snowboard member must report suspected violations of the SafeSport Code. If you suspect that a child is experiencing misconduct of a sexual nature, do not investigate yourself. Call the SafeSport hotline and local child protection authorities (Police or Child Welfare Office) and report it to the experts who have the skills to investigate the matter. If you have a doubt on whether conduct is occurring, please err on the side of reporting. Conduct which does not involve sexualized conduct but which may violate one of the six categories of prohibited conduct may be reported to safesport@usskiandsnowboard.org.

### **IMD Clubs**

#### **Communications from Intermountain Division**

IMD will communicate with all of the clubs and parents via telephone, email, in person and through Google docs. Please set yourself up to share files through Google docs.

### Registration

It is mandatory for all IMD Teams to become IMD Club members and pay the team registration fees before the team can enter their athletes in IMD U.S. Ski & Snowboard sanctioned races. A club contact list will be sent out in the fall and clubs will be responsible for updating the list and submitting payment. IMD Club fees are \$65 with a \$25 late fee after October 15th. Club registration will be sent out via Google docs and payment can be made through the IMD Alpine website, www.imdalpine.org.

# **Speed Venue Subsidy**

IMD will subsidize clubs hosting speed events for safety improvements up to \$1,000. Receipts must be submitted. IMD races that qualify for this subsidy are the Open SGs, the U16 qualifier SG, the U14 qualifier SG.

# **Mentorship Subsidies**

IMD will allocate funds to Race Administrators and Timers who are able to help mentor clubs during their events. Please contact the IMD Alpine Office if you are interested.

# Foreign Competitors/U16 and Younger

Foreign competitors training in IMD will be allowed to participate in IMD races under the following conditions:

- 1. They are registered with U.S. Ski & Snowboard and IMD and have paid the appropriate licensing fees.
- 2. In order for foreign competitors to be considered for IMD Teams, athletes must pay their divisional dues directly to IMD and declare their intent to be considered for these teams.

Clubs must submit a roster of ALL foreign competitors to the IMD office no later than Jan. 1.

The roster must include U16 and younger competitors.

# Divisional Awards Annual Alpine Awards

The Alan Hayes Intermountain Scholar Award: Nominations for Intermountain Scholar must include a high school transcript, a skiing biography, and letters of recommendation from teachers and coaches. The IMD Scholar must be a senior in high school and is designated for athletes who regularly participate and compete in IMD events.

The Nick Lewis Intermountain Coach of the Year Award: Nominated by membership/clubs.

The Steve Schowengerdt Volunteer of the Year Award: Nominated by membership/clubs.

The IMD Alpine Official of the Year Award: Nominated by membership/clubs.

The Steve Bounous Award for Excellence in Skiing: Selected by committee.

Nominations and documentation are due to the IMD Office no later than May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

#### **Intermountain Alpine Junior Team**

The 2023-24 IMD Junior Team will be named at the beginning of the 2023-24 season. The team will be in place until the new teamed is named the following December and will be comprised of 6 boys and 4 girls who were active IMD racers the previous season and will be active IMD U-21 or U-18 racers for the following season. IMD athletes that qualify but will not be returning to IMD to compete for the following season (move to the USST, went to college, retirement, etc.) will be named as honorary team members, and the selection process will continue until the 6 boys and 4 girls are named. The 10 members will each receive a \$500 IMD Grant to help with their race expenses for the season. In addition, they will receive free entry fees to all Intermountain Cup (IMC) races. IMD Junior Team athletes will be comped during the registration process.

The qualification process will use a WC points method scored from the U.S. National Points from the May points list as follows: The best point holders in each event will be scored by using new world cup points (100 points for the lowest points in an event, 80 for second lowest, etc... down to 1 point for the thirtieth lowest). Then each athlete's best three scores out of four from the DH, SL, GS, SG points lists will compose his/her total score.

# 2024 Intermountain Junior Team

| <u> 2024 II</u> | <u>itermountain Ju</u> | illioi i eali     |
|-----------------|------------------------|-------------------|
|                 | Women                  | Club              |
| 1               | Sofie Haggard          | Snowbird          |
| 2               | Sara Jane Mikell       | Snowbird          |
|                 | Madison Vieara-        |                   |
| 3               | McCarthy               | Sun Valley        |
| 4               | Brooke Brown           | Rowmark           |
| Honorary        | Mary Bocock            | USST              |
| Honorary        | Dasha Romanov          | USST              |
| Honorary        | Elisabeth Bocock       | USST              |
| Honorary        | Maddie Welling         | Out of IMD        |
| Honorary        | Paige DeHart           | Out of IMD        |
| Honorary        | Madison Kaiserman      | U of U            |
| Honorary        | Carly Hamilton         | Out of IMD        |
| Honorary        | Maya Lightner          | Retired           |
| Honorary        | Fiona Sawyer           | Boston<br>College |
| Honorary        | Jessica Blackburn      | UNR               |
| Honorary        | Hadley Platt           | UVM               |
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|                 | Men                    |                   |
| 1               | Townsend Mikell        | Snowbird          |
| 2               | Grant Hagen            | Park City         |
| 3               | Stefan Brennwald       | Park City         |
| 4               | Atticus Sanders        | Jackson           |
| 5               | Mattias Wilson         | Jackson           |
| 6               | Karsten Schillinger    | Rowmark           |
| Honorary        | Finnigan Donley        | USST              |
| Honorary        | Ryder Sarchett         | CU Boulder        |
| Honorary        | Colin Hanna            | USST              |
| Honorary        | Kai Subith             | Out of IMD        |
| Honorary        | Jakob Rogers           | St. Lawrence      |
| Honorary        | Nils Galloway          | Retired           |

IMD Junior Team members will receive a \$500 check from IMD in addition to receiving complimentary entry fees to all IMC races.

# **IMD Grant Program**

IMD Alpine offers need-based grants to U16 and older IMD athletes who qualify for Championship events. These events include U16 Regional Championships, WRJC and U.S.

Nationals. Grant information is sent to all IMD Clubs at the beginning of February and it is the club's responsibility to distribute the information.

# **IMD/Western Region FIS Racing**

Selections for WR FIS races are selected from National Points.

| Season    | 2023-24 Alı    | oine Points L  | ist Date  | es        |
|-----------|----------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|
| List      | National Close | National Valid | FIS Close | FIS Valid |
| Base List |                | 1-Jul          |           | 1-Jul     |
| List 1    | 15-Jul         | 15-Jul         | 1-Jul     | 1-Jul     |
| List 2    | 16-Jul         | 20-Jul         | 16-Jul    | 20-Jul    |
| List 3    | 30-Jul         | 3-Aug          | 30-Jul    | 3-Aug     |
| List 4    | 13-Aug         | 17-Aug         | 13-Aug    | 17-Aug    |
| List 5    | 27-Aug         | 31-Aug         | 27-Aug    | 31-Aug    |
| List 6    | 10-Sep         | 14-Sep         | 10-Sep    | 14-Sep    |
| List 7    | 24-Sep         | 28-Sep         | 24-Sep    | 28-Sep    |
| List 8    | 8-Oct          | 12-Oct         | 8-Oct     | 12-Oct    |
| List 9    | 22-Oct         | 26-Oct         | 22-Oct    | 26-Oct    |
| List 10   | 5-Nov          | 9-Nov          | 5-Nov     | Nov 9     |
| List 11   | 19-Nov         | 23-Nov         | 19-Nov    | 23-Nov    |
| List 12   | 3-Dec          | 7-Dec          | 3-Dec     | 7-Dec     |
| List 13   | 17-Dec         | 21-Dec         | 17-Dec    | 21-Dec    |
| List 14   | 31-Dec         | 4-Jan          | 31-Dec    | 4-Jan     |
| List 15   | 14-Jan         | 18-Jan         | 14-Jan    | 18-Jan    |
| List 16   | 28-Jan         | 1-Feb          | 28-Jan    | 1-Feb     |
| List 17   | 11-Feb         | 15-Feb         | 11-Feb    | 15-Feb    |
| List 18   | 25-Feb         | Feb-29         | 25-Feb    | Feb-29    |
| List 19   | 10-Mar         | 14-Mar         | 10-Mar    | 14-Mar    |
| List 20   | 24-Mar         | 28-Mar         | 24-Mar    | 28-Mar    |
| List 21   | 7-Apr          | 11-Apr         | 7-Apr     | 11-Apr    |
| List 22   | 30-Apr         | 1-May          | 30-Apr    | 1-May     |
| List 23   | 1-Jun          | 1-Jun          |           |           |

## **Intermountain Division Quotas to Western Region Races**

| IMD Quotas to WR Races                                          |                   |               |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Series                                                          | Men               | Women         |
| Wrangler Cup/Devo Series Tech Events & Tech Events including SG | 43                | 40            |
| WR FIS Speed Series<br>Schweitzer and Mammoth                   | 46                | 48            |
| Western Region Junior<br>Championships<br>Stevens Pass          | 21                | 21            |
|                                                                 |                   |               |
| WR U16 Championships Alyeska                                    | 26                | 25            |
|                                                                 |                   |               |
| WR U14 Championships<br>Grand Targhee                           | 17                | 19            |
|                                                                 |                   |               |
| Tri- Divisional Championships* Big Sky/Bridger Bowl             | U16-22,U14-<br>46 | U16-22,U14-43 |

<sup>\*</sup>Tri-Divisional Championships are 3 of 5 Divisions

Selections to Western Region FIS races (Devo, Open and WRJC) will be posted to the West Intent Site. IMD will create selection boards for these races. Boards will be available within 2 weeks of a race series depending on the National Points list cutoffs. We will make every effort to use the most up-to-date National Points List. Coaches will be asked to pull and confirm all athletes prior to the 7-day deadline. Intermountain will enter all IMD athletes. Online registration is available, teams will pay through the AdmiSkiRacing.com portal. Transportation, lodging and lift tickets will be the responsibility of each individual club.

Western Region Elite races have one quota that encompasses the entire region. Boards for Elite races will be posted on the West page on the U.S. Ski and Snowboard website. For information on the Western Region Policies and Procedures go to:

https://usskiandsnowboard.org/sport-programs/regions-divisions/western-alpine-region

<sup>\*\*</sup> Elite Series Races have a Regional Quota

## **WRangler Cup Series (Devo Series)**

The WRangler Cup FIS Series is the introductory level where athletes from the five western divisions begin FIS racing and develop FIS experience. Athletes qualify to the Wrangler Cup through their division's selection process. Divisions are assigned quotas from the Region. Certain identified WRangler Cup races are "selection" races that offer athletes advancement opportunity to the Western Region Cup Series (Elite Series).

In the event that a Regional Automatic athlete wishes to attend a WRangler Cup race, they will count against the IMD quota. Divisional quotas may be expanded, as field size allows, at the discretion of the regional director.

#### **Western Region Cup FIS Series (Elite Series)**

For 2023-2024 season there will be four Western Region Cup events scored towards series standings. The two Tech Series events at Snowking and Park City/Snowbird. Park City/Snowbird will consist of 2SL/2GS/2SG. The Snowking race will have 2SL/2GS. The two Schweitzer Speed Series SG races count toward the Western Region Cup. Finally, the Spring Series at Palisades Tahoe consists of two SLs, two GSs.

Selections will be made for the Western Region Cup by the Western Region Director.

### Western Region Junior Championships (FIS)Qualifying

IMD will select the WRJC team based on National points. There will be no participation requirement in IMC races in order to qualify. Up to 20% of the quota may be used for discretionary selections. All competitors vying to be on the IMD WRJC team must have a valid U.S. Ski & Snowboard, FIS and IMD Competitors license.

#### **Selection Procedure**

All athletes that are U21s and U18s will be ranked according to their National points in SL, GS and SG. Selection proceeds left to right starting with the athlete with the lowest points in slalom. If a racer is already selected then that racer gets skipped and you select the next one.

|    | U.S. Seed<br>Point<br>Board |    |
|----|-----------------------------|----|
| SL | GS                          | SG |
| Α  | X                           | D  |
| F  | Α                           | E  |
| Χ  | F                           | G  |
| В  | Е                           | С  |
| M  | N                           | Α  |
| G  | 0                           | L  |

Selection for a 12-person, 3-event team would be: A,X,D,F,E,G,B,C,M,N,O,L

The Western Region Junior Championship Team will be named no later than February 15, 2024. The National List #17 will be used for selection. The team will consist of 21 men and 21 women. All team members will receive an IMD jacket. The 2024 Western Region Junior Championships is a FIS event and will be held on March 3-8, 2024 at Stevens Pass.

## Western Region U16 and U14 Championships

ALL ATHLETES USING AN IMD QUOTA SPOT WILL SUBMIT AN ELECTRONIC TEAM AGREEMENT/CODE OF CONDUCT VIA THE IMD ALPINE WEBSITE.

#### **Team Rules**

All U.S. Ski & Snowboard Association athletes participating in IMD races are required to abide by the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Code of Conduct (please refer to the last page of this handbook).

# **IMD Athlete Quota Team Agreement**

Members of IMD Quota Teams (U14 Regional Championships, U16 Regional Championships and IMD Development Projects) are required to abide by the IMD Team Agreement and the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Code of Conduct.

## Additionally, team members:

- are prohibited from using or possessing illegal drugs.
- are prohibited from using or possessing alcohol; the exception being athletes who are 21 and older. Athletes who are of legal drinking age must refrain from buying, possessing or using alcohol in or around IMD Team housing and in the proximity of IMD athletes who are under the age of 21.
- are required to attend all team meetings unless excused by the head coach.
- will observe the curfew established by the coaching staff.
- will reside in the room to which they are assigned by their home Head Coach or by IMD when applicable, and share responsibility with their roommates for damages or rule violations that occur in the room when it is not possible to establish individual responsibility.
- will remain with the team on IMD cooperative housing projects with the exception of local athletes who are able to stay at home.
- will observe any additional rules established by the coaches.
- under 18 are prohibited from using or possessing tobacco. Those 18 and older may not use tobacco in the team vans or housing, in the race arena, or in the presence of team members under 18.
- Will pay all fees prior to departure.

#### **Discipline Guidelines & Violation Definitions**

Violation Definitions

Major violations of Team Rules are:

- 1. Any violation involving drugs or alcohol.
- 2. Major curfew violations (more than 1 hour), theft, vandalism, or assault.
- 3. Any action resulting in arrest.
- 4. Any other offense determined to be particularly out of line by the Head Coach for the trip in consultation with the Intermountain ACC Chairman.

Minor violations of Team Rules are:

1. Any violation that is not a major violation.

#### Possible Disciplinary Action for Major Violations

Any sanctions imposed by IMD shall comply with the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Code of Conduct. Possible sanctions include the following:

- Suspension from the team and loss of future team participation.
- Suspension from training and/or competition.
- Elimination of coaching, travel and other benefits.
- Turning the offending party or parties over to the local or state authorities if the offense is a violation of existing laws.

(The number of offenses will be accrued over the career of the athlete.)

- 1. First offense: The sanction for the first offense will be in effect on the next IMD quota trip for which the athlete is qualified in addition to any further sanctions imposed by the athlete's home program (in the case of independent athletes, by the athlete's parents). The Intermountain ACC Chairman and IMD Director are to be notified by the program or parents of the sanctioned athlete within 72 hours of the disciplinary action.
- 2. Second Offense: The sanction for the second offense will be in effect for one calendar year from the infraction. The Intermountain ACC Chairman and IMD Director are to be notified by the program or parents of the sanctioned athlete within 72 hours of the disciplinary action.
- 3. Third Offense: The athlete will be permanently ineligible for all Intermountain Quotas to Western Region, IMD, and out of region events.

In addition to the sanctions any athlete who is arrested may be left in the custody of the police until his/her parents arrange for his/her release and return home.

Athletes involved in a major rule violation who do not admit guilt at the time of the infraction will have the failure to admit guilt at that time count as an additional major violation of the rules for purposes of determining the sanction that will be applied.

## Discipline Guidelines for Minor Violations

1. Sanctions for minor violations will be determined by the Head Coach for the event in consultation with other members of the coaching staff, and may range from assignment

- to appropriate work details to suspension of some or all team services. Course reports, assistance with inspection, and the right to compete will not be revoked for minor violations.
- 2. Minor violations after the last race of an event, or recurring minor violations may result in a requirement that the racer travel and house with his/her parents for the next IMD Team quota event for which he/she qualifies. This decision will be made by majority decision of the Head Coach for the event at which the violation took place, the Program Director of the athlete's home program (or a parent for an independent racer), and the Intermountain ACC Chairman.

#### **Agreement**

I, the undersigned racer, having read and understood the Team Rules above, agree to abide by them when I am at an event or traveling to or from the event.

I realize that a violation of these rules may result in my suspension from competition, and in the loss of any or all team services. I understand that I will forfeit the entire team fee in this case.

I realize that actions which are violations of the law may result in my being arrested, and that I may be left in the custody of the police until my parents arrange for my release and transportation home.

In the case of suspension from competition at the event, I understand that I have the right to immediately appeal against this suspension to U.S. Ski & Snowboard and I am familiar with the procedure that I must use to exercise this right. In the case of all other sanctions applied by the division, I understand that I have the right to a hearing before an impartial panel appointed by the IMD President. To exercise this right, I must request the hearing within five days of my verbal notification of the impending action or of the mailing of written notification of the impending action to the address on file with the Intermountain ACC. I may request a reasonable time to prepare my case, but must be prepared to appear prior to the entry deadline for the next event in which I wish to participate.

This agreement shall be valid for the entire 2023-2024 competition season. Please go to <a href="https://www.imdalpine.org">www.imdalpine.org</a> and fill out the electronic copy of this agreement.

## IMD Coaching Staff to U14/U16 Regional Championships

Coaching staffs for Intermountain projects must be finalized 14 days prior to the first Team Captains' Meeting. According to Western Region rules, an organizer will provide complimentary lift passes for coaches listed on the entry form sent in from the division or region. The IMD Team will be entitled to one coach per gender plus one coach for each 10 competitors. 8 coaches will be named to the U14 Regional IMD staff and 8 coaches will be named to the U16 Regional IMD staff. IMD coaches will work together on and off the hill at the Regional Championships.

Intermountain believes that the effectiveness of its competitors depends on the cooperative environment that has been fostered between all of the clubs.

We believe that a competitor's success depends upon his/her ability to function effectively within the team that he/she is a part of at any given event and with the coaches for that team. We believe that a coach's success depends upon his/her ability to work successfully with athletes regardless of their club affiliation or potential for success.

To that end, IMD will organize its teams to regional events as semi-integrated groups with all athletes and coaches working together on the hill to maximize the results of every athlete in the event. The affiliation of all athletes and coaches at these events will be Intermountain Division. IMD Coaches understand that as a member of the IMD coaching staff for a project, they have an obligation to cooperate with the remainder of the staff in executing the program that is agreed to, and that they have an obligation to all of the athletes involved in the project, particularly those that do not have a coach from their club on staff.

# Selection and Payment for Intermountain Teams attending U14, U16 Regional Champs

The selection for the U16 Regional Championships will be announced on Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> and the U14 Team will be announced on March 4<sup>th</sup>. Boards will be posted on the IMD Alpine website. Coaches need to confirm their athletes and teams will pay by check for all of their athletes. Online payments will be accepted with a 4% processing fee. Athletes who have delinquent bills from a prior year will not be allowed to use an IMD quota spot on future IMD projects.

# **Intermountain Division Races/Series**

#### **Head Tax and Entry Fees**

Maximum entry fees and head tax rates are:

#### 2023-24 IMD Head Tax Matrix

| Series            | Entry Fee | USSA Head Tax | WR Head Tax | IMD Head Tax | Organizer Portion |
|-------------------|-----------|---------------|-------------|--------------|-------------------|
| IMC/U16/Open      | \$49.00   | \$12.00       | \$6.00      | \$10.00      | \$21.00           |
| Super-G           | \$52.00   | \$12.00       | \$6.00      | \$10.00      | \$24.00           |
| U14               | \$46.00   | \$12.00       | \$6.00      | \$7.00       | \$21.00           |
| Super-G           | \$49.00   | \$12.00       | \$6.00      | \$7.00       | \$24.00           |
| North/South (ALL) | \$31.00   | \$0.00        | \$3.00      | \$7.00       | \$21.00           |
| YSL               | \$26.00   | \$0.00        | \$3.00      | \$6.00       | \$17.00           |

- \*\$30 training fee may be added to SG
- \*\* All Entry Fees will have a 6% processing fee through the AdminSkiRacing.com website
- \*\*\*Processing Fee will not be refunded in case of race cancellation

### **Entries and Entry Fees**

U.S. Ski & Snowboard and IMD rules limit participation in IMD races. Participants must meet membership and license requirements established by the division and the national organization as well as age and other requirements established by the division for each race series. Details are included in the section for each race series. Organizers may be responsible for the membership and license fees of any unlicensed participants in their race.

IMD establishes maximum entry fees for each race series, which organizers may not exceed. A maximum late entry fee of \$20 for U14 and older races and \$10 for U12 and younger races will be added. IMD will reimburse organizers head tax for athletes they choose to comp that are one of the top five point holders in the race. It is up to each individual organizer whether or not they will comp entry fees for the top five point holders in an Intermountain Cup (IMC) race.

IMD's Junior Team will receive complimentary entries at IMC races. IMD Team members will be comped during the registration process.

## **Race Cancellation Refund Policy**

For events canceled prior to 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 fee refund amount equal to applicable head tax and one half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of the organizer's portion. This allows the organizer to retain one half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of the organizer's portion (currently \$8.50-\$10.50 per entry depending on the level of competition).

For speed events canceled by the jury on the day of competition, there will be an entry fee refund amount equal to the applicable head tax. This allows the organizer to retain the organizer's portion (currently \$24.00) per entry. In the event a training run (defined as: a training course set on the course used for the actual competition with set similar to the intended race course or just free skiing the hill) is canceled, the organizer **is not required** to refund the \$30.00 training run fee.

In the event a race is stopped and eligible to be scored refunds for competitors "Did not Start" (DNS) should be refunded as in the above stated refund policy.

The organizer and host ski area must make all possible effort to hold the event as assessed and reported in the minutes of the Jury decisions. Appeals must be filed within 72 hours of the end of the event. All appeals will be reviewed by the Judicial Committee.

#### **Elements Common to all Races**

#### **Out-of-Division Racers in IMD Race Series**

Racers from out-of-division are welcome to IMD race series as long as the field size permits the additional athletes. All requests must originate from the other division directors to the IMD Divisional Director. A maximum of 10w/10m can be requested by any one team. Out-of-division racers cannot qualify for IMD Championship events and may not race in races where there are qualifying prerequisites for that race.

## **Race Announcement- Race Registration Timeline**

A race announcement should be sent to the IMD office and posted to the IMD Alpine website. The race TD should receive a copy of the announcement.

Race announcements need to be distributed 4 weeks prior to the event. Event registration should open 3 weeks prior to the event. Race registration will be closed 7 days prior to the event. At this time a \$10 or \$20 late fee will apply, depending upon whether the race is scored or non-scored. Race registration will close permanently 48 hours prior to the event.

| Time Line                       |                                  |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Race Announcement               | 4 weeks prior to first race day  |
| Registration Open               | 3 weeks prior to first race day  |
| Registration Closed/Late Fee    | 7 days prior to first race day   |
| Registration Permanently Closed | 48 hours prior to first race day |

The race announcement should include information on the event — number of races, discipline, and training dates for Super G, start times and data on the course that will be used. The entry deadline and an email address should be included. The names of the TD and Chief of Race should be listed along with the time of the first Team Captains' Meeting. For non-scored races, please include lift and ticket window opening times.

## **Team Captains' Meetings**

Team Captains' meeting will be via Zoom. The times of the Team Captains' meetings will be at the discretion of the Race Organizer.

#### **Additional Race Protocols**

- WhatsApp will be the communication platform at IMD races.
- Venues need to provide Live Timing.
- Paper start lists must be provided to coaches and officials.
- All IMD coaches, officials and athletes must comply with the local ski area and race organizer's COVID-19 protocols.

### The Organizing Committee and the Jury

In addition to forming the Race Committee, it is the responsibility of the race organizer to supply certain officials — the Chief of Race, Chief of Course, Chief of Timing and Calculations, Race Administrator, the Start and Finish Referees and forerunners. The IMD Alpine Director appoints the TD. The Referee and (for speed events) the Assistant Referee are appointed by the TD at the Team Captains' Meeting, normally from the coaches present for the race. U.S. Ski & Snowboard rules and the terms of the U.S. Ski Snowboard liability insurance policy require that all of these officials and the course setters be participant members of U.S. Ski & Snowboard as a coach or official or be qualified members of foreign federations recognized by FIS. (If a foreign FIS Federation lists a coach on their entry form, the Federation is certifying that the coach has the knowledge and ability to fulfill the duties of a Team Captain, including serving on the Jury or setting a course). Under U.S. Ski & Snowboard rules, all coaches must have a Professional Coach license for course access and to be eligible for a complimentary coach's pass.

The organizer is also responsible for supplying forerunners (who must be U.S. Ski & Snowboard members) for the race (U.S. Ski & Snowboard ACR section 2.1.6), the start and finish officials (U.S. Ski & Snowboard ACR 2.2.2), and an adequate number of qualified Gate Judges (U.S. Ski & Snowboard ACR 2.7).

#### **Course Setters**

Course setters are nominated by the Team Captains' and appointed by the Jury. U.S. Ski & Snowboard and IMD rules require that course setters be U.S. Ski & Snowboard Professional Coach members. This applies to course setters of the race organizer as well as those from visiting programs. Qualified coaches from out-of-division teams participating in Intermountain races can be offered the opportunity to set, provided that they are also willing to assist with Jury duties. Course setters are required to have a level 1 Referee certification.

#### **Coaches Passes**

The race organizer is required to supply complimentary lift passes to the licensed coaches of registered IMD teams and visiting out-of-division teams. The organizer may place reasonable limits on the number of coaches per team by noting the limits in the race announcement. At minimum, the organizer should meet the Western Region quota of one coach per gender plus one additional coach for each ten racers or portion thereof. (A team with a single racer would be allowed two coaches, a team with one boy and one girl would be allowed three coaches, a team with 11 total boys and girls would be allowed four coaches, etc.)

The organizer has no obligation to supply passes to, or allow course access by, persons who do not appear on the roster of licensed coaches valid for the race, unless they are licensed coaches of visiting out-of-division teams.

#### **Race Event Forms**

Race event forms are provided by U.S. Ski & Snowboard. "Report by the Referee" forms and gate judge cards will be distributed by the U.S. Ski & Snowboard for properly sanctioned events on the U.S. Ski & Snowboard calendar. Additional required race forms and information for the 2023/2024 season can be found in the Master Packet of forms that is

available for downloading from the US Ski and Snowboard's web site at (<a href="https://www.usskiandsnowboard.org">www.usskiandsnowboard.org</a>).

## **Gate Judges**

The jury along with the support of the Organizing Committee may opt to not use Gate Judges for: Downhill, Downhill Training, Super G, Super G Training, Giant Slalom. Measures must be taken to cover the entire course with sufficient: Jury members, Jury advisors, Eyes of the Jury and Connection Coaches.

#### **Race Results Submission**

Race Results must be emailed to both U.S. Ski & Snowboard and IMD following an event. A text or PDF version of the results should be emailed to the IMD Director, to the IMD Web Master and text version only to "imdboards@imdalpine.org" following each day's events.

For U.S. Ski & Snowboard, the XML result file must be exported from the result software and emailed to "alpineresults@usskiandsnowboard.org" <u>for each race coded for electronic scoring in the U.S. Ski & Snowboard system.</u> This applies to scored and non-scored events.

## Please refer to the step-by-step process at the end of this handbook.

Result headers must include the names of the Jury, the course data including start and finish elevations and vertical drop, the USSS/FIS Homologation number, the number of gates/turning gates, and the course setters and forerunners for each run. Results for SG and DH must also include the measured (gate to gate) course length. Racer U.S. Ski & Snowboard numbers are required, and DNFs, DNSs, NPSs and DSQs must be shown. The BIB number and year-of-birth of each racer is required on all U.S. Ski & Snowboard results. The results must be signed by the TD, jury minutes and minutes of protest meetings must be signed by each Jury Member. ALL RESULTS MUST HAVE A CLUB DESIGNATION FOR EVERY ATHLETE. Club abbreviations have to be standardized for all races. Please refer to the club contact list for the correct abbreviation.

Non-scored races must be sorted per age class.

For a detailed explanation for the submission of the full U.S. Ski & Snowboard race result packets, see document 50 "U.S. Ski & Snowboard Race Result Document Packet" that can be found in the Master Packet of Forms on the U.S. Ski & Snowboard website.

A Timing and Data Technical Report (TDTR) form must be completed for each scored and non-scored competition and submitted with the result packet to U.S. Ski & Snowboard.

#### **Standardized Club Abbreviations**

Race organizers must use these standardized abbreviations on the official results.

| IMD Alpine Teams       |       |                             |       |
|------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|-------|
| Alpine Race Collective | ARC   | Park City Farm Team         | PCFT  |
| Alta Race Team         | ART   | Park City Ski and Snowboard | PCSS  |
| Anthony Lakes SRA      | ALSRA | Podium Ski Team             | PST   |
| Arrowhead Ski Team     | AST   | Podium Bound Ski Team       | PBST  |
| Bogus Basin SEF        | ВВ    | Rowmark Ski Academy         | RM    |
| Brighton Ski Team      | BR    | Snowbasin SSF               | SBN   |
| Cache Valley Ski Team  | CVST  | Snowbird SEF                | SB    |
| Grand Targhee SSF      | GTSSF | Solitude Ski Team           | SOL   |
| Jackson Hole SS        | JHSC  | Sun Valley SEF              | SVSEF |
| McCall WSC             | MWSC  | Sundance Resort             | SD    |

#### **Head Tax**

All IMD Alpine races, except for Masters and Collegiate, are subject to head tax. The head tax is based on the number of competitors who start in each race. First run DNSs are not taxed (if they are not charged entry fees). All DNFs, DSQs and second run DNSs are taxed. Please refer to the head tax chart on page 19.

All head taxes will be automatically paid by the U.S. Ski & Snowboard portal when using the online registration.

#### Helmets

All U14 and older competitors must have an updated helmet for GS and Super-G. Helmet stickers will be checked at the start of all U14 and older events. Helmet-mounted cameras and/or their mounts are not allowed for use by either competitors or forerunners.

#### **Back Protection**

IMD suggests that U14 and older athletes wear back protection in speed events. It is not a requirement to participate.

#### **Snow Control**

Any change in schedule due to snow conditions or for any other reason requires an ACC vote. If a race is in jeopardy of being canceled, the Race Organizer needs to make it public 2 weeks before the event. In the event that the race is canceled, it must be done 10 days before the scheduled competition for speed events and 7 days before the scheduled competition for tech events.

| 2023-24  | Race Schedule and TD Assignments               |             |              |                |
|----------|------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|
| December | Name                                           | Discipline  | Series       | TD             |
| 12-15    | WR Open FIS Race, Snowking                     | 2SL/2GS     | WR           | Lucy Conklin   |
| 18-21    | IMD Open Sean Nurse, Snowking                  | 2SL/2GS     | Open         | Riley Berman   |
| January  | Name                                           | Discipline  | Series       | TD             |
| 4-6      | IMC U16 Q, Snowbird                            | 2SL/1GS     | IMC U16 Q.   | Gil Denis      |
| 11-16    | WR Elite Tech Series, Snowbird/UOP             | 2SL/2GS/2SG | WR           | Keller/Gunesch |
| 12-14    | Jr. IMC U14 Qualifier, Snowking                | 2GS/1SL     | IMD U14 Q.   | Gordon Perry   |
| 17-18    | South Series GS, Snowbird                      | 2GS         | South Series | Steve Bounous  |
| 20-21    | North Series GS, Grand Targhee                 | 2GS         | North Series | Kevin Chaffee  |
| 25-28    | WR Devo, Palisaides                            | 2SL/2GS     | WR           | Ron Bonneau    |
| 25-26    | Youth Ski League, Brighton                     | GS          | YSL          | Lester Keller  |
| 26-29    | Wes Barron SG, JHMR                            | 3SG         | Open         | Riley Berman   |
| 29-31    | IMD Speed Camp, Soldier Mtn.                   | training    | U14          | N/A            |
| February | Name                                           | Discipline  | Series       | TD             |
| 3-4      | North GS/Kombi, Bogus Basin                    | GS/Kombi    | North Series | Carma Burnett  |
| 3-4      | South Series SL, Utah Olympic Park             | 2SL         | South Series | MeghanGirardi  |
| 6-11     | WR Speed Series                                | 2DH/2SG     | WR           | Mike Ginsberg  |
| 9-11     | IMC U16 Q- Laura Flood, Sun Valley             | 2GS/1SL     | IMD U16 Q.   | Gil Denis      |
| 9-12     | Jr. IMC U14 Qualifier, Brundage Mtn            | 3SG         | IMD U14 Q.   | Gordon Perry   |
| 17-20    | WR Elite Tech Series, Snowking                 | 2SL/2GS     | WR           | T. Nunnikhoven |
| 17-18    | Youth Ski League, Utah Olympic Park            | Kombi       | YSL          | Troy Price     |
| 22-25    | U16 Qualifier, Utah Olympic Park               | 3SG         | IMD U16 Q.   | Carma Burnett  |
| 24-25    | North SL Monroe Cup, Rotarun                   | 2SL         | North Series | Gil Denis      |
| 24-25    | South Series GS/Kombi, Snowbasin               | GS/Kombi    | South Series | Chip Knight    |
| March    | Name                                           | Discipline  | Series       | TD             |
| 1-3      | Jr. IMC U14 Qualifier- David Wright, Park City | 1SL/2GS     | IMD U14 Q.   | Denis          |
| 3-8      | Western Region Junior Champs, Stevens Pass     | 2SL/2GS/2SG | WR           | Phil Gilanfarr |
| 9-10     | Youth Ski League Finals, Snowbasin             | SL/GS       | YSL          | B.Stone        |
| 15-17    | IMD Championships, Tamarack                    | SL/GS/Kombi | N/S Series   | Carma          |
| 21-24    | Western Region U14 Regionals, Grand Targhee    | SL/GS/SG    | WR           | Price          |
| 21-24    | Western Region U16 Regionals, Alyeska          | SL/GS/SG    | WR           | TBD            |
| 21-24    | Tri Divisional Championships, Big Sky/Bridger  | SL/GS/SG    | IMD U14      | TBD            |
| 23-24    | IMD Finals, Sundance/Arrowhead                 | SL/GS       | U8-U16       | Meghan Girardi |
| 25-28    | WR Devo, Sun Valley                            | 2SL/2GS     | WR           | Ellen Adams    |
| 29-31    | Spring Fling, Grand Targhee                    | SL/GS/Kombi | 2nd Yr U12+  | Price          |
| April    | Name                                           | Discipline  | Series       | TD             |
| 6-9      | IMC/Open Snowcup, Snowbird                     | 2SL/2GS     | IMD U16      | Carma/Gerdt    |
| 8-13     | WR Spring Speed, Mammoth                       | 2DH/2SG     | WR           | Paul Mahre     |
| 14-17    | WR Spring Series, Palisaides                   | 2SL/2GS     | WR           | Craig Panos    |

#### **Technical Delegate Subsidy**

All TDs are entitled to a \$120 per day stipend when working races. In an effort to help race organizers, IMD will reimburse the RO for the \$120 per day expense. IMD will reimburse clubs for the \$120 per day TD fee if the TD requests the stipend. Stipend reimbursements may include travel, training and race days. Re-imbursement forms will not be accepted after May 1, 2024. You can find the TD Reimbursement Form on the IMD Alpine Website or at the end of this handbook.

## **IMD Race Series**

#### 2022-23 Age Classes (as of Dec. 31, 2023)

SR Ages 21 and older (born 2002 or earlier)

U21 Ages 18-20 (born 2003, 2004 or 2005)

U18 Ages 16-17 (born 2006 or 2007)

U16 Ages 14 and 15 (born 2008 or 2009)

U14 Ages 12 and 13 (born 20010 or 2011)

U12 Ages 10 and 11 (born 2012 or 2013)

U10 Ages 8 and 9 (born 2014 or 2015)

U8 Ages 7 and younger (born 2016 or later)

## **Qualifying Procedures**

**IMD World Cup Point Selection process to Intermountain selected Championship events.** IMD will use the modified World Cup Point scoring 200-1 system to select U16 Regional Championships, U14 Regional Championships, Tri-Divisional Championships and Intermountain Championships.

Modified World Cup Points System 1-200

| Place | Points | Place            | Points |
|-------|--------|------------------|--------|
| 1st   | 200    | 31 <sup>st</sup> | 30     |
| 2nd   | 175    | 32 <sup>nd</sup> | 29     |
| 3rd   | 155    | 33 <sup>rd</sup> | 28     |
| 4th   | 140    | 34 <sup>th</sup> | 27     |
| 5th   | 128    | $35^{th}$        | 26     |
| 6th   | 118    | 36 <sup>th</sup> | 25     |
| 7th   | 110    | 37 <sup>th</sup> | 24     |
| 8th   | 103    | 38 <sup>th</sup> | 23     |
| 9th   | 96     | 39 <sup>th</sup> | 22     |
| 10th  | 90     | 40 <sup>th</sup> | 21     |
| 11th  | 84     | 41 <sup>st</sup> | 20     |
| 12th  | 79     | 42 <sup>nd</sup> | 19     |
| 13th  | 74     | 43 <sup>rd</sup> | 18     |

| 14th | 70 | 44 <sup>th</sup> | 17 |
|------|----|------------------|----|
| 15th | 66 | 45 <sup>th</sup> | 16 |
| 16th | 63 | 46 <sup>th</sup> | 15 |
| 17th | 60 | 47 <sup>th</sup> | 14 |
| 18th | 57 | 48 <sup>th</sup> | 13 |
| 19th | 54 | 49 <sup>th</sup> | 12 |
| 20th | 51 | 50 <sup>th</sup> | 11 |
| 21st | 49 | 51 <sup>st</sup> | 10 |
| 22nd | 47 | 52 <sup>nd</sup> | 9  |
| 23rd | 45 | 53 <sup>rd</sup> | 8  |
| 24th | 43 | 54 <sup>th</sup> | 7  |
| 25th | 41 | 55 <sup>th</sup> | 6  |
| 26th | 39 | 56 <sup>th</sup> | 5  |
| 27th | 37 | 57 <sup>th</sup> | 4  |
| 28th | 35 | 58 <sup>th</sup> | 3  |
| 29th | 33 | 59 <sup>th</sup> | 2  |
| 30th | 31 | 60 <sup>th</sup> | 1  |

## **IMD Race Registration**

In order to register for ALL races in IMD you must register through www.Admin SkiRacing.com. First you must register for an account and then you will be able to link accounts together in the case of multiple family members or coaches with athletes. There are several tutorials and a "live chat" feature on the website. A couple of important things to note:

- 1. In the event of a canceled race, the processing fee will not be refunded.
- 2. The charge on your credit card will be from Admin Sports-Tennessee.

# The Intermountain Cup U16 Qualifying Series

IMC races will consist of U.S. Ski & Snowboard scored races. IMC races in this series are nationally scored and are seeded on the basis of the U.S. Alpine Points List valid for the race. All competitors competing in the IMC races should have a valid USSS license. World Cup points, awarded to the top 60 finishers in each race are used to determine individual discipline and overall champions for the entire season as well as selection to the U16 Regional Championships and Tri-Divisional Championships. The IMC DH title will be selected from the WR Speed Series (Schweitzer) and will not count towards the overall IMC standings.

#### **Entries**

Intermountain Cup Slalom, Giant Slalom and Super G races are open to all Intermountain A, U21, U18 and U16 competitors. Certain races are designated as qualifiers.

Northern Division may enter eight boys and six girls in Intermountain Cup races. The entries will be made by the Northern Division Director. These entries do not need to be cleared with the Intermountain Office or ACC Chairman.

Other out-of-division racers, and foreign competitors not on the list of properly licensed competitors must be approved by the Intermountain Office or ACC Chairman.

#### **Entry Deadlines**

The entry deadline is 7 days before the first race. Registration will be online via the AdminSkiRacing.com portal. The entry deadline must be published in the race announcement. Race organizers may refuse entries from teams and individuals that do not meet the entry deadline.

#### **Entry Fees**

Maximum entry fees for Intermountain Cup races have been established by the ACC. A maximum late entry fee of \$20.00 will be added.

Organizers are required to make full entry refunds to racers who are removed from the ranking board prior to the draw. Refunds for racers who are on the start order but do not start, are at the discretion of the organizer. In general, where a team has made a conscientious effort to make a correct entry, the organizer should only charge for racers who actually start. Organizers who intend not to make refunds for DNSs should indicate this in their race announcement. If an organizer does not refund the entry fees of first run DNS's, then the head tax must be paid on these racers.

## **Team Captains' Meetings**

The Team Captains' Meeting Zoom link should be on the race announcement. It is up to the Race Organizer to decide what time the meeting will be. Teams that are unable to attend a Team Captains' Meeting for any reason should arrange to be represented by someone who will be at the meeting. It is the responsibility of all teams and independent racers to be aware of the decisions that are made at the meetings. Clubs or athletes represented by a Team Captain from another club must acknowledge in writing receipt of a copy of Team Captains' Meeting Minutes and Program.

U.S. Ski & Snowboard rules require that all racers be represented at all Team Captains' meetings. The organizer should call the roll at every meeting and exclude any unrepresented racers from training and racing.

## **Gender Split**

U16Q/IMC/Open races will be gender split for the Wes Baron SG's and the U16 Qualifier SG's. This season the girls will race the first two days and the boys will race the last two

days. The gender that starts first in the SG's will alternate every other year. The Tech races will run boys and girls on the same day.

#### **Start Order**

Intermountain Cup U.S. Ski & Snowboard races are seeded on the basis of the current National Points List.

## **Bryce Astle IMC Awards**

The Intermountain Cup Overall Title will be awarded to the individual with highest point total using 4 Slaloms, 4 GSs, 2 SGs and then combined. If only 1 race is contested then the result will be doubled. All athletes will be considered in the total regardless of whether or not the athlete competes in all 3 disciplines. The highest-total point holder will be awarded the overall. The Intermountain Downhill Title will be awarded based on World Cup Points earned at the WR Schweitzer Downhill. The award ceremony will take place at the Snow Cup series. The IMC race at the Utah Olympic Park (UOP) is the SG, the Tech races are Snowking (Sean Nurse), Sun Valley (Laura Flood), Snowbird (U16q) and the Snow Cup at Snowbird. Out-of-division racers will not be purged from the SL/GS/SG board.

#### Leader Bib

The overall IMC will be tracked for the entire season. The IMC will have season-long leader bibs at each IMC. The men and women's leaders will wear the bib during the race. The leader bibs will be returned every night and it will be issued the following morning/race to the new leader. If the overall leaders are not at the race, the leader bib will not be worn. The overall Bryce Astle winners will keep their bibs at the end of the season. The season long calculations will be based on assigning World Cup points (100-1) to the top 30 competitors. Out of division athletes will not be purged from the standings.

### **U16 World Cup Points**

World Cup points are awarded to the top 60 athletes in the U16 Qualifying races. The best two results in each discipline will be used and then combined into one list for selection to U16 Regional Championships and Tri-Divisional Championships. Any non-IMD athletes will be purged prior to assigning World Cup points. Foreign athletes must declare membership with an IMD club in order to earn World Cup points.

In all qualifiers, where there are more than two races in a single discipline, IMD will use the best two results. In the event that there are only 2 races in a single discipline, IMD will use the best result in that discipline and double it. If there is only one race in a discipline, IMD will use the 1 result and then double it. In the event of tie-breakers, IMD will use the very best WC point result in ANY discipline, if there is still a tie, IMD will use the second-best WC point result in ANY discipline and continue the process until the tie is broken.

Racers must complete and return an IMD Team Agreement prior to attending the U16 Regional Championships.

#### Awards

One set of awards (1st-3rd place) is required for the IMC U16 Series races.

### **Intermountain U16 Regional Championship Team**

Intermountain will field a team of 26 men and 25 women and 8 staff to the U16 Regional Championships at Alyeska on March 21-24. IMD team members will travel and lodge with the IMD Team. There are no exceptions to this rule. The IMD staff will work together on and off the hill. All IMD staff members regardless of what team the coach and athlete are from will treat all athletes equally. All team members will receive a team jacket in order to represent our division to the best of their abilities.

Athletes that are selected and participate in the 2024 NPS projects that conflict with the Divisional qualifying process will be granted a WR quota spot in the event they don't qualify through normal divisional procedures. Athletes that attend the NPS series should participate in non-conflicting qualifiers within their Division.

Athlete seeding at this event will be based on National Seed Points in each discipline. IMD is given a preset number of spots within every seed in which we can place our skiers.

The U16 Championship Team will be named no later than February 26th.

#### **Intermountain Tri-Divisional Championship Team**

The Tri-Divisional Champs are a second-tier championship comprised of athletes from IMD, Alaska and Northern. Intermountain will field a team of 22 men and 22 women to the Tri-Divisional Championships at Big Sky/Bridger Bowl on March 21-24. This event will consist of 1 SL, 1 GS and 1 SG. Athlete seeding at this event will be based on National Points in each discipline. Intermountain is given a preset number of spots within every seed in which we can place our skiers.

The selection method for this series is the IMD World Cup Point Selection Process to Intermountain selected championship events with the following added provisions:

- 1. Athletes will be selected after the U16 Regional Championships selection has been announced, by continuing down the same selection board.
- 2. Ties within Overall Rank are broken by using the best result; then continue with the  $2^{nd}$  best,  $3^{rd}$  best, and so on until the tie is broken.
- 3. Alternates will be selected until the quota is filled.
- 4. Up to 20% of the U16 quota to Tri-Divisionals may be used at the discretion of and determined by the IMD Director.

#### U16 Athletes Racing in the U14 Series as their Primary Series

Athletes must state their intent to declare the U14 series as their primary series prior Jan. 3rd. Athletes who declare the U14 series as their primary series will then qualify as a U14 in

their regular selection process. These athletes may only compete in a U16 qualifier if it is a local race.

## **Tri-Divisional Championships Awards**

A set of 1<sup>st</sup> place through 5<sup>th</sup> place awards are required per gender, per age class. In addition, an overall award per gender, per age class is required based on the best 2 of 3 World Cup points.

The Tri-Divisional Championship Team will be named no later than February 27th. IMD teams are responsible for entering their qualified athletes into the race.

Coaches must confirm their athlete's intent to compete via the google doc provided by the IMD Director.

# **Open Series Races (2<sup>nd</sup> Year U14s and older)**

The races in this series are open to all 2<sup>nd</sup> year U14s and older competitors in the North and the South. These races are nationally scored and will be seeded in accordance with the National points list with the exception of the Sean Nurse Open in December. This race is not used for selections and may have a point cut-off in order to manage the field size.

The Sean Nurse Open Race in Jackson consists of 2 SLs and 2 GSs. This race series will be seeded by National points and TRS. The first day of each discipline will be seeded normally and the  $2^{nd}$  day of each discipline will be seeded TRS.

## **TRS Seeding Method**

Slalom and Giant Slalom seeding: Four runs held over a two-day period.

- First run of racers is drawn at random.
- Second run is the reverse of the first run.
- Third run begins with the second half of the first run and then continues with the first half of the first run order.
- Forth run is the reverse of the third run order.

Athletes that DNF or DSQ in the first run will only be allowed to post run the second run if that is being permitted in this race.

#### **Entries**

Participants in the "Open" race must have a U.S. Ski & Snowboard Alpine Competitor or U14 license. The "Open" race is open to all properly licensed 2<sup>nd</sup> year U14s and older class competitors.

Second year U14s, with a valid U.S. Ski & Snowboard license, are eligible for the Sean Nurse in December, the Jackson SG's and the Snow Cup races in April.

Entries for out-of-division racers and foreign competitors must be approved by the Intermountain Director.

#### **Entry Deadlines**

The entry deadline is 7 days before the first race. Registration will be online via the US Ski and Snowboard portal. The entry deadline must be published in the race announcement. Race organizers may refuse entries from teams and individuals that do not meet the entry deadline.

#### **Entry Fees**

Maximum entry fees for the "Open" races have been established by the ACC. A maximum late entry fee of \$20.00 will be added.

Organizers are required to make full entry refunds to racers who are removed from the ranking board prior to the draw. Refunds for racers who are on the start order but do not start, are at the discretion of the organizer. In general, where a team has made a conscientious effort to make a correct entry, the organizer should only charge for racers who actually start. Organizers who intend not to make refunds for DNSs should indicate this in their race announcement. If an organizer does not refund the entry fees of first run DNSs, then a head tax must be paid on these racers. All race organizers must accept online payment through the U.S. Ski and Snowboard portal.

#### **Team Captains' Meetings**

The Team Captains' Meeting Zoom link should be on the race announcement. It is up to the Race Organizer to decide what time the meeting will be. Teams that are unable to attend a Team Captains' Meeting for any reason should arrange to be represented by someone who will be at the meeting. It is the responsibility of all teams and independent racers to be aware of the decisions that are made at the meetings. Clubs or athletes represented by a Team Captain from another club must acknowledge in writing receipt of a copy of Team Captains' Meeting Minutes and Program.

U.S. Ski & Snowboard rules require that all racers be represented at all Team Captains' meetings. The organizer should call the roll at every meeting and exclude any unrepresented racers from training and racing.

## **Trophies**

One set of trophies (1st-3rd) is required for the "Open" race.

# The Junior Intermountain Cup U14 Qualifying Series

The races in these series are scored and are seeded by a random draw. The qualifying races that contain two slaloms and 2 GS's in the same weekend will be sorted by the TRS Seeding method. Even though this race series is scored, IMD strongly feels that for this age group a TRS sort will benefit the athletes and their development rather than seeding athletes based on their National points. The philosophy is to provide athletes with an established point

profile as they become U16s. There are many athletic and social benefits to using the TRS method as they develop skills during their years in our Junior IMC series.

World Cup points, awarded to the top 60 Intermountain U14 finishers in each race, are used in the selection of the U14 Regional Championships and Tri-Divisional Championships Team.

#### **TRS Seeding Method**

Slalom and Giant Slalom seeding: Four runs held over a two-day period.

- First run of racers is drawn at random.
- Second run is the reverse of the first run.
- Third run begins with the second half of the first run and then continues with the first half of the first run order.
- Forth run is the reverse of the third run order.
- The entire field will appear on all four start lists.

#### **U14 Butterfly SG Seeding Method**

Seeding for the U14 qualifying SG will be the Butterfly Method. The first race will be a random draw. Over each of the three days, each third of the start order will be in a good, neutral, bad starting position.

| Start/ Seeding Order   |                        |                        |
|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Race 1                 | Race 2                 | Race 3                 |
| Top Third of the Field | 2nd Third of the Field | 3rd Third of the Field |
| 2nd Third of the Field | 3rd Third of the Field | Top Third of the Field |
| 3rd Third of the Field | Top Third of the Field | 2nd Third of the Field |

## **Course Requirements**

The U.S. Ski & Snowboard Alpine Competition Regulations specify course standards for races that are open to all U14 competitors. These standards may be reviewed in the Alpine Competition Guide.

U14s are required to participate in an official SG training run.

#### **Slalom**

Slalom gate size shall be 27mm in diameter and 72 inches off the snow (FIS Type B).

#### **Course Data**

Course data, including course name, start and finish elevations and vertical drop in meters, and gate counts must be included on results for all Junior Intermountain Cup races. The start and finish elevations should be established from topographical maps or lift profiles, not with an altimeter. For Super Gs, the actual gate-to-gate length of the course, measured with a wheel, measuring tape or GPS, also needs to be included on the results.

#### **Entries**

Participants in Junior Intermountain Cup races must have a U.S. Ski & Snowboard U14 license or a Competitors license. U14 Qualifying races are open to all properly licensed U14 class competitors

U12s may not apply for authorization to participate in U14 Series races.

U16 and older racers may participate if they if they have declared, at the beginning of the season, that the U14 Series is their primary series. The U16 and older class will not have their own age class.

Out-of-division racers and foreign competitors must be approved by the Intermountain Director.

#### **Gender Split**

U14Q Junior IMC/Open races will be gender split for the McCall and Jackson SG's. This season the girls will race the first two days and the boys will race the last two days. The gender that starts first in the SG's will alternate every other year. The Tech races will run boys and girls on the same day.

#### **Entry Deadlines**

The entry deadline is 7 days before the first race. Registration will be online via the AdminSkiRacing.com portal. The entry deadline must be published in the race announcement. Race organizers may refuse entries from teams and individuals that do not meet the entry deadline.

## **Entry Fees**

Maximum entry fees for U14 Series races have been established by the ACC. A maximum late entry fee of \$20.00 will be added.

Organizers are required to make full entry refunds to racers who are removed from the board prior to the draw. Refunds for racers who are on the start order but do not start are at the discretion of the organizer. In general, when a team makes a conscientious effort to make a correct entry, the organizer should only charge for racers who start. Organizers who intend not to make refunds for DNSs should indicate this in their race announcement. If an organizer does not refund entry fees of first-run DNSs, then the head tax must be paid on these racers. All race organizers must accept online payment through the U.S. Ski and Snowboard portal.

# Team Captains' Meetings

The Team Captains' Meeting Zoom link should be on the race announcement. It is up to the Race Organizer to decide what time the meeting will be. Teams that are unable to attend a Team Captains' Meeting for any reason should arrange to be represented by someone who will be at the meeting. It is the responsibility of all teams and independent racers to be aware of the decisions that are made at the meetings. Clubs or athletes represented by a

Team Captain from another club must acknowledge in writing receipt of a copy of Team Captains' Meeting Minutes and Program.

U.S. Ski & Snowboard rules require that all racers be represented at all Team Captains' meetings. The organizer should call the roll at every meeting and exclude any unrepresented racers from training and racing.

#### **Trophies**

One set of trophies (1st-5th place) is required for U14 Series races.

## **U14 World Cup Points/Selections**

World Cup points are awarded to the top 60 athletes in U14 Series races using the 200-1 World Cup Points System for the U14 Regional Championships and the Tri-Divisional Championships (refer to page 25)

- 1. Will use the new 200-1 IMD World Cup Point system rewarding points to the Top 60 per gender, per event.
- 2. Each individual SL and GS race run will be given World Cup points for selection purposes. SG race runs will count twice for each race in order to give the same qualifying opportunity as SL and GS. There will be 6 SL runs, 6 GS runs and 3 x 2 SG runs available for selections.
- 3. Will use a ranking of the Total Score of the best 9 of 18 (50%) contested results in the qualifiers, regardless of discipline.
- 4. Ties within Overall Rank are broken by using the best result, then continue with the 2nd best, 3rd best, and so on until the tie is broken.
- 5. 2024 Qualifiers are Snowking Tech, McCall Speed and Park City Tech.
- 6. Alternates will be selected until the quota is filled.

# **Intermountain U14 Regional Championships Team**

Intermountain will field a team of 17 boys and 19 girls and 8 staff to the U14 Regional Championships at Grand Targhee Resort on March 21-24. IMD team members will travel and lodge either with their families or ski teams. This season IMD has a block of rooms at Grand Targhee Resort and wants to encourage families to stay on the mountain. The IMD staff will work together on and off the hill. All IMD staff members regardless of what team the coach and athlete are from will treat all athletes equally. All team members will receive a team jacket in order to represent our division to the best of their abilities.

Athlete seeding at this event will be based on World Cup points earned in each discipline. IMD is given a pre-set number of spots within every seed in which we can place our skiers.

The U14 Championship Team will be named no later than March 4th.

### **Intermountain Tri-Divisional Championships Team**

The Tri-Divisional Champs are a second-tier championship comprised of athletes from IMD, Alaska and Northern. Intermountain will field a team of 46 men and 43 women to the Tri-Divisional Championships at Big Sky/Bridger Bowl on March 21-24. This event will consist of 1 SL, 1 GS and 1 SG.

The selection method for this series is the same method as the U14 Regional Championships with the following added provisions:

- 1. Athletes will be selected after the U14 Regional Championships selection has been announced, by continuing down the same selection board.
- 2. Will use the new 200-1 IMD World Cup Point system (shown above) rewarding points to the Top 60 per gender, per event.
- 3. Seeding will be based off the USSS National Points list.
- 4. Will use a ranking of the Total Score of the best 7 of 15 qualifiers regardless of discipline.
- 5. Ties within Overall Rank are broken by using the best result, then continue with the 2nd best, 3rd best, and so on until the tie is broken.
- 6. 2024 Qualifiers are Snowking Tech races, McCall Speed races and Park City Tech races.
- 7. Alternates will be selected until the quota is filled.

# U16 Athletes Competing in the U14 Jr. IMC

U16 athletes who have declared the U14 Jr. IMC as their primary series will be included in the selection boards for Tri-Divisional Championships and included in the U14 quota for this event. These athletes are a developmental "fit" for the U14 age group and this is their regular ski group.

#### Awards

A set of  $1^{st}$  place through  $5^{th}$  place awards are required per gender, per age class. In

addition, an overall award per gender, per age class is required based on the best 2 of 3 world cup points.

# **U14 Additional Opportunities**

#### **IMD U14 Speed Camp**

A Speed Development Project at Soldier Mountain is scheduled on January 29-31. The goal of this project is to provide a progression of skills needed to succeed in SG events. This project is open all 1<sup>st</sup> year U14s (YOB 2010).

## **Western Region U14 Spring Project**

Western Region will be hosting a U14 Spring Project at Palisades Tahoe on April 29-May 2. The IMD quota is 12 girls and 12 boys. The IMD Director will retain a discretionary quota of 3 boys and 3 girls. Therefore, the objective quota will be 9 girls and 9 boys.

The selection board will be the same as the WR U14 Regional board. The Spring Project is GS/SG focused but we will include SL/GS/SG. The philosophy is that a SL aficionado would likely benefit most from access to a camp like this.

# **Spring Series- Targhee**

1<sup>st</sup> year U14's will have access to the Spring Series in Grand Targhee on March 29-31. 2<sup>nd</sup> year U14's will have access if they choose not to attend the IMC/Open SnowCup. This is a scored race and U12 boys and U12 girls may participate if they participated in the Intermountain Championships.

Awards- 1 set of awards ( $1^{st}$ - $5^{th}$  place) is required for this race.

## The North and South Series

The races in these series are not scored and are seeded using a random sort. The North races are open to U8-U12 racers and South races are open to U10-U12 racers. U14 and older racers who wish to compete in North and South races must have 300+ National points.

# **U10-12 Development in Slalom**

Gate Usage in North and South events:

U10s and U12s in the North and South should use **27mm diameter and 152cm (60 in.)** height above snow U.S. Ski & Snowboard approved gates.

Please refer to the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Competition Guidelines

## **Specific Rules for North/South Athletes**

- Athletes may only have one pair of skis in the race venue.
- Athletes may not use fluorinated waxes during North and South races
- Athletes caught breaking the rules will be disqualified.

## **Course Requirements**

These races must be run on courses that meet the U.S. Ski & Snowboard standards for U12 and younger competitors. Please refer to the Alpine Competition Guide for current specs.

#### **Slalom**

Please refer to the US Ski and Snowboard Course setting matrix.

#### **Race Announcements**

For non-scored races include ticket window and lift opening times.

All participants in IMD races must be at least six years of age on December 31st of the competition season.

## **Entry Deadlines**

The entry deadline is 7 days before the first race. Registration will be online via the U.S. Ski and Snowboard portal. The entry deadline must be published in the race announcement. Race organizers may refuse entries from teams and individuals that do not meet the entry deadline.

Race organizers may refuse entries from teams and individuals that do not meet the entry deadline. When an organizer accepts a late entry, the racer may be run at the end of their age group.

## **Entry Fees**

Maximum entry fees for North and South Series races have been established by the ACC. A maximum late entry fee of \$10.00 will be added.

Organizers are required to make full entry refunds to racers who are removed from the ranking board prior to the draw. Refunds for racers who are on the start order but do not start, are at the discretion of the organizer. In general, where a team has made a conscientious effort to make a correct entry, the organizer should only charge for racers who actually start. Organizers who intend not to make refunds for DNSs should indicate this in their race announcement. If an organizer does not refund the entry fees of first run DNSs, then head tax must be paid on these racers. Race organizers must accept online registration.

# **Team Captains' Meetings**

The Team Captains' Meeting Zoom link should be on the race announcement. It is up to the Race Organizer to decide what time the meeting will be. Teams that are unable to attend a Team Captains' Meeting for any reason should arrange to be represented by someone who

will be at the meeting. It is the responsibility of all teams and independent racers to be aware of the decisions that are made at the meetings. Clubs or athletes represented by a Team Captain from another club must acknowledge in writing receipt of a copy of Team Captains' Meeting Minutes and Program.

## **Gender Split**

South races will be gender split. North races will not be gender split with the exception of the North race at Rotarun. In the South, the boys will race first at the Snowbird and the UOP races and the girls will race first at the Snowbasin race. In the North, the Rotarun race is gender split and the boys will run first. All other North races will run boys and girls on the same day. The Intermountain Championships will not be gender split.

## **Start Order**

All North and South races use random seeding by class for both runs. There will be two classes in the North and Series, U12 and younger and U14 and older. U8s will be allowed to race in North races in the U12 and younger class.

The start order for 2 races in one day consisting of 4 runs will be:

Run 1- Random draw

Run 2- Reverse first run draw

Run 3- Butterfly

Run 4- Reverse butterfly

The start order for non-gender split 2 day races will be:

Run 1- Random draw

Run 2- Reverse first run draw

Run 3-Day 2-Random draw

Run 4-Day 2- Reverse first run draw

First run DNFs and DSQs participate in the second run in their normal start position.

# **Trophies**

One set of trophies is required for the U14 and older class, the U12 class and the U10 class. A set of 5 awards is required per gender, per age class.

# The Intermountain Championships

The Intermountain Championship consists of a Slalom, Giant Slalom and Kombi. The quota will consist of 50 boys and 50 girls from the North and the South. U8s are not allowed to compete in the IMD Championships. IMD will use the IMD World Cup Point Selection process to IMD selected Championship events. Qualifying races will be the North Series and the South Series. Alternates will be selected in the event that someone drops out. Selections will be based on individual's runs at the qualifiers. IMD will use the best 6 qualifying runs out of 12 qualifying runs (50%) and then combined into one list, ties within Overall Rank are

broken by the best result, 2<sup>nd</sup> best result, 3<sup>rd</sup> best result, and so on. If there is a tie for the last quota spot, all tied athletes will qualify for the event.

Qualifiers for the IMD Champs will be:

North- Targhee Giant Slaloms, Bogus Basin GS/Kombi and Rotarun Slaloms.

South- Snowbird Giant Slaloms, Park City/UOP Slaloms and Snowbasin Kombi/GS.

Invitations are issued the day after the final qualification race of the season.

Selections for the Intermountain Championships will use the 1-200 World Cup points system.

#### Kombi Rules

- No hiking in Kombi Races.
- Hard eared helmets required (no chin guard).

## **IMD Champs Trophies**

One set of trophies  $(1^{st}-5^{th})$ , per gender is required for the Intermountain Championships, including a boys' and girls' overall trophy. IMD will supply the trophies for the Championships.

# Tri-Divisional Championships, IMD Championships and IMD Finals

Athletes must choose one end-of-season championship whenever possible. Depending on the calendar, a situation could arise where the IMD Finals are scheduled before the Tri-Divisionals. If an athlete was to go to the IMD Finals and subsequently qualifies for the Tri-Divisionals, he/she may attend if they were not qualified for the Tri-Divisionals when they attended the IMD Finals.

## The IMD Finals

The Finals is a two-day event consisting of Slalom and Giant Slalom races. The event is open to all eligible competitors in the division, but a racer may not compete in another Championship event.

# **Spring Series- Targhee**

U14's will have access to the Spring Series in Grand Targhee on March 29-31. This is a scored race and 2<sup>nd</sup> year U12's (YOB 2011) who participated in the IMD Championships will be granted access to this race.

Racers who qualify and compete in IMD Champs, cannot compete in the YSL Finals.

# **IMD Development Project**

A Speed Development Project at Soldier Mountain is scheduled on January 29-31. The goal of this project is to provide a progression of skills needed to succeed in SG events.

This project is open all 1<sup>st</sup> year U14s (YOB 2009). This project will be selected on a first come, first serve bases and the maximum athletes allowed to participate will be 70.

# **Youth Ski League Series- South**

The races in this series are not scored and are seeded by age groups. U8/U10/U12 (6-11 years old) racers are eligible for YSL races. Within groups, the start order will be determined by random draw. The races are giant slaloms, slalom and kombi courses, and may be run as a 1-run race or 2-run race.

## **Rules for YSL Athletes**

• There is a "1 pair of skis" rule at all North, South and YSL races. Athletes may only have one pair of skis in the race venue.

## **YSL Eligibility**

The YSL series is designed to introduce ski racing to new athletes. Athletes are encouraged to advance to the South Series level to continue their advancement in the sport. Athlete advancement is managed by each club.

## **YSL South Race Groups and Schedule**

The YSL has been divided into groups, to decrease the field size at each race, keeping the days shorter. This also allows for different medal winners, with different competitors at each race. The schedule is set up by the YSL committee every fall via a YSL Committee conference call.

| 2024 YSL Race Schedule- Team Assignments |          |  |        |        |  |           |           |
|------------------------------------------|----------|--|--------|--------|--|-----------|-----------|
| 25-Jan                                   | 26-Jan   |  | 17-Feb | 18-Feb |  | 9-Mar     | 10-Mar    |
| Thursday                                 | Friday   |  | Sat    | Sun    |  | Sat       | Sun       |
| Brighton                                 | Brighton |  | UOP    | UOP    |  | Snowbasin | Snowbasin |
| GS                                       | GS       |  | Kombi  | Kombi  |  | SL        | GS        |
| ALT                                      |          |  |        | ALT    |  | ALT       | ALT       |
|                                          | ARC      |  | ARC    |        |  | ARC       | ARC       |
|                                          | BR       |  | BR     |        |  | BR        | BR        |
|                                          | CV       |  | CV     |        |  | CV        | CV        |
|                                          | PCFT     |  | PCFT   | PCFT   |  | PCFT      | PCFT      |
| Х                                        |          |  |        | PCSS   |  | PCSS      | PCSS      |
| PST                                      |          |  | PST    |        |  | PST       | PST       |
|                                          | RM       |  |        | RM     |  | RM        | RM        |
| SBN                                      |          |  |        | SBN    |  | SBN       | SBN       |

| Х    | Х    |      | SB   | SB  | SB  |  |
|------|------|------|------|-----|-----|--|
|      | SOL  | SOL  |      | SOL | SOL |  |
| АН   |      | AH   |      | АН  | АН  |  |
| *IND | *IND | *IND | *IND | IND | IMD |  |

<sup>\*</sup>Independents must choose one day or the other

## **Course Requirements**

Races in these series are open to all U12 and younger competitors and must be run on courses that meet the U.S. Ski & Snowboard standards. Please refer to the Alpine Competition Guide for specs.

In recognition of the YSL series serving as our introduction to the sport, course sets should be simple in nature and be set to the ability of the athlete. We request that there are no combination gates or delays set.

The start area for the race should be picked with consideration for the safety of the young, inexperienced racers (i.e.terrain that allows standing and the placement of equipment).

GS helmets that conform to competition equipment specifications are required for all GS. This means hard eared helmets are required for GS.

#### **Entries**

These races are open to all U8, U10, and U12 U.S. Ski & Snowboard members. Participants in these races must have a U.S. Ski & Snowboard Alpine Youth membership and an IMD Youth license. Competitors must be at least six years of age as of December 31 of the competition season in order to participate in any IMD race.

Team entries should include only those racers who are expected to participate. It should not be a roster of the entire team. Entries must include name, gender, date of birth and USSS ID numbers.

# **Entry Deadlines and Race Announcements**

The entry deadline is 7 days before the first race. Registration will be online via the US Ski and Snowboard portal. The entry deadline must be published in the race announcement. Race organizers may refuse entries from teams and individuals that do not meet the entry deadline.

# **Entry Fees**

The maximum entry fee for YSL races is \$26.00 per start. A maximum late entry fee of \$10.00 may be added. Organizers charging a late entry fee must state it on the race announcement. Organizers are encouraged to charge entry fees only for those racers who

actually start in the race, but they may charge a full or partial entry for all entered racers if they note this in the race announcement. An athlete cannot change their team status or claim an independent status midway through the race season without written permission of their previous team and the YSL Chairman. All independent race entries received by race organizers should be emailed to the YSL Chairman for approval, before being entered into the race.

## Coaches' Passes

The organizer must supply complimentary lift passes for the licensed coaches of registered Intermountain teams (see the reference in Elements Common to all Races), but the organizer has no obligation to supply complimentary lift passes to, or allow course access by, other individuals, including the parents of independent racers who may be acting as coaches for their children. No unlicensed individuals are allowed on course.

## **Team Captains' Meeting**

Team Captains' meetings must be held. Team Captains' meetings are typically held the evening prior to the event via Zoom. In addition, the jury will meet in the morning to approve the course set. The Team Captains' meeting is an inseparable and a mandatory part of the competition and is important for communication of Jury instructions, support of the ROC, as well as conveying ROC requests and information. It is also a critical element for risk management and liability-related matters.

## **Start Order**

These races are seeded by age groups, with the youngest group starting first. The age groups are: U8 (age 6-7), U10 (age 8-9), U12 (age 10-11). These ages are based on the age of the athlete as of December  $31^{\rm st}$ . Racers who are not at least six years of age by December  $31^{\rm st}$  of the competition season may not participate in Intermountain races.

The start order will be U8 girls, U10 girls, U12 girls, U8 boys, U10 boys, followed by U12 boys. Within groups, the start order is determined by TRS draw. Late entries, if accepted, may be run at the end of their age group.

In exceptional circumstances, the Jury may change the start order of the classes and/or the gender. It is common to allow athletes who missed their start an opportunity to race at the end of their age class. Athletes who miss their start should be inserted at the end of their age class/gender.

#### Results

Results should be sorted by class and should show finish position and times only. A penalty is not calculated for these races.

#### Awards

Awards (first to tenth) will be awarded for boys and girls in each age group. Organizers are REQUIRED to provide awards for  $1^{\text{st}}$  to  $10^{\text{th}}$ .

# The IMD YSL Committee (South YSL)

The Intermountain Youth Ski League Committee consists of interested individuals from programs involved in YSL racing and a representative of the Officials Committee.

## The committee:

- **1.** Prepares guidelines for organizers and TDs for these races to help them understand the requirements for hosting a YSL race and the rules under which the races are run,
- 2. Recommends rule changes or new rules for the series to the ACC, and
- **3.** Provides a communication path for programs that participate in and hosting YSL races.

A directory of all IMD Alpine Teams can be found at www.imdalpine.org

All Athletes need to be familiar with the United States Ski and Snowboard

Association Code of Conduct. Please see below.

# **IMD Club Contact List**



| Club                                 | Abbrv | Contact              | Cell Phone    | Email Address                  |
|--------------------------------------|-------|----------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| Alpine Racing Collective             | ARC   | Chris Probert        | 435-565-0904  | chris@arcskiteam.com           |
| Alta Race Team                       | ART   | Scott Mathers        | 801.560.8982  | scott@alta.com                 |
| Anthony Lakes Ski Racng Association  | ALSRA | Leland Bauck         | 541-398-8644  | leland.bauck@gmail.com         |
| Arrowhead Ski Team                   | AST   | Tyson Henrie         | 801-885-0910  | tyson@umsacademy.org           |
| Bogus Basin SEF                      | ВВ    | Shannon Carrell      | 208-870-3301  | shannon@bbsef.org              |
| Brighton Ski Team                    | BR    | Drew Southworth      | 801-350-1551  | Brightonskiteam@gmail.com      |
| Cache Valley Ski Team                | CVST  | Travis Dorsch        | 406-219-7310  | Travis.Dorsch@usu.edu          |
| Grand Targhee SSF                    | GTSSF | Gary Mackenzie       | 208-354-4878  | gary@gtssf.org                 |
| Jackson Hole Ski & Snowboard Club    | JHSC  | Kristin Waddle       | 207-798-9334  | kwaddle@jhskiclub.org          |
| McCall Winter Sports Club            | MWSC  | Erik Fisher          | 208-695-3564  | Erik.MWSC@gmail.com            |
| Park City Farm Team                  | PCFT  | Mike Sussman         | 435-901-1393  | pcfarmteam@hotmail.com         |
| Park City Ski & Snowboard            | PCSS  | Tommy Eckfeldt       | 435-714-8399  | teckfeldt@parkcityss.org       |
| Podium Ski Team                      | PST   | Arsen<br>Harutyunyan | 801-979-1303  | arsenskiteam@gmail.com         |
| Podium Bound Ski Team                | PBST  | Tasha McCrank        | 612- 963-8310 | info@beashininglight.org       |
| Rowmark Ski Academy                  | RM    | Todd Brickson        | 801.652.4413  | toddbrickson@rowmark.org       |
| Snowbasin SEF                        | SBN   | Troy Price           | 801) 726-8927 | troyprice@snowbasinskiteam.org |
| Snowbird Sports Education Foundation | SB    | Bridger Call         | 307-413-7034  | ed@sbsef.com                   |
| Solitude Ski Team                    | SS    | Lester Keller        | 801-536-5705  | l.keller@solitudemountain.com  |
| Sun Valley SEF                       | SV    | Will Brandenburg     | 208-481-7269  | wbrandenburg@svsef.org         |
| Sundance Ski Resort                  | SD    | Alicia Smith         | 801-319-0487  | alicia.smith.ra@gmail.com      |

# **IMD Referee Shadow Request Protocol**

IMD Alpine states that new Referee's complete 1 Referee specific shadow assignment under the supervision of a U.S. Ski and Snowboard Level 3 Alpine RF or TD (minimum Level 2 RF/TD), or a FIS TD. This pertains to coaching referees not start and finish referees.

IMD Clubs will make every effort to try and accommodate Ref shadow requests. However, these requests might not always be granted.

#### New IMD Referees

- must pass the written exam prior to their shadow assignment.
- the tenure of the referee shadow assignment is from the Team Captains' meeting until the protest period has passed and the paperwork is done.
- The referee shadow must request a shadow assignment on IMD's google doc. The google doc link will be sent out in the fall.
- The TD will be made aware that there is a "shadow request" and after looking at the coaches list, the TD will grant or deny the request.
- The "mentor" referee must complete the paperwork for the race and the RA will submit it to IMD. Please submit the paperwork to <a href="mailto:carma@imdalpine.org">carma@imdalpine.org</a>.
- If the Ref Shadow is not part of a staff, they may or may not receive a complimentary lift ticket. This will be dependent on the Race Organizer and their ability to get an additional lift ticket.
- Ref Shadows must come to the race prepared to complete all of the duties of a Referee. They must load the lifts with the other jury members and receive a jury radio, bring their comp guide, bring paper and pencil and be prepared to spend the entire race on the hill.
- Link to google doc https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Vvk1JLFLysNIIfGdyYWsHbCOV2JJRrhXL6V8SO2Qbs/edit?usp=sharing

Mentoring Referees need to "talk out loud" during the day and communicate their thought process to the Ref Shadow. It is important to teach new referees about the gate count, safety measure such as spill zones and B-net placement. In addition, they need to cover gatekeeper cards if they are being used and the Referee Report. And lastly, signing the Jury Minutes.



# TD Expense Reimbursement Form 2023-2024

All TDs are entitled to a \$120 per day stipend when working races. In an effort to help race organizers, IMD will reimburse the RO for the \$120 per day expense. Intermountain will reimburse clubs for the \$120 per day TD fee IF the TD requests the stipend. Stipends include race days, training days and travel days.

| Race Name:                                   |                      |                           |
|----------------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| Race Dates:                                  |                      |                           |
| Race Organizer:                              |                      |                           |
| Amount:                                      |                      |                           |
| We, the organizer and the TD, do hereby ackr | nowledge that a \$12 | O per day fee was paid to |
| the TD We request a reimbursement for        | days                 |                           |
| Race Organizer Signature                     | Date                 |                           |
| Technical Delegate Signature                 | Date                 |                           |

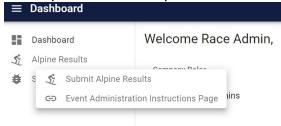
Please email form to carma@imdalpine.org

## FORMS NOT TURNED IN BY MAY 1 WILL NOT BE HONORED



#### **ALPINE RESULTS SUBMISSION:**

- You must contact <u>competitionservices@usskiandsnowboard.org</u> to have your U.S. Ski & Snowboard credentials added to our approved list of users. Club credentials have been added, but individual user credentials must be added separately.
- 2. Go to <a href="https://dashboard.usskiandsnowboard.org/">https://dashboard.usskiandsnowboard.org/</a> and sign in with your pre-approved credentials.
- 3. Choose Alpine Results > Submit Alpine Results



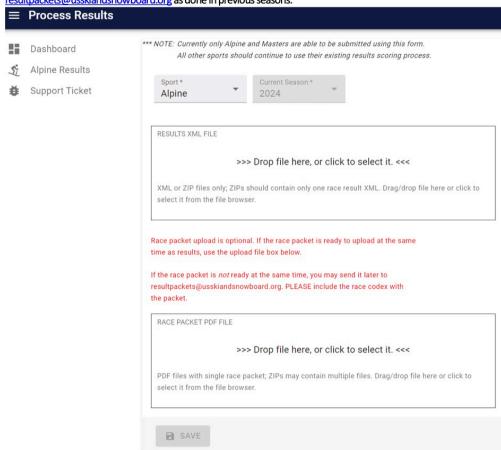
4. In the upper right corner choose "Upload Race Results"



5. From the drop-down menu choose Alpine or Alpine Masters as appropriate (currently these are the only choices).

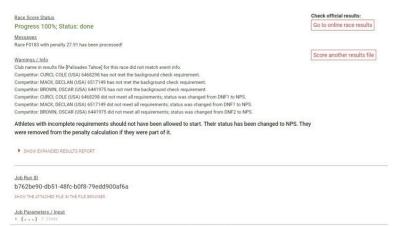


- 6. Choose the file you want to process.
  - > If your PDF packet is complete when you are uploading your XML, you can load both the XML and PDF at the same time.
  - If your PDF is not ready when you upload your XML, you need to send that later. Email the packet to resultpackets@usskiandsnowboard.org as done in previous seasons.



7. Click "Save" > this will start the file processing and bring up a screen showing progress.

8. You will see one of two types of Race Score Status once the file has run. Hopefully, "Progress 100%; Status: done" if the file loaded successfully like this example. At this point we encourage checking the results online by clicking "Go to online race results" to be sure everything looks as intended.



9. If there are errors with your file, you will see something like this.



If you receive an error and the file does not load, you can correct your file and submit it again. Click the box "Common Errors with Results XML Files" to help you in your correction.

10. In either case, you can click the "Show Expanded Results Report" to see more information on how the file loaded.

Thank you for your patience as we transition to this new system. We believe it will make things easier to process and track both race results and supporting documentation going forward. Email <a href="mailto:competitionservices@usskiandsnowboard.org">competitionservices@usskiandsnowboard.org</a> with questions or problems.



#### CODE OF CONDUCT

Membership in U.S. Ski & Snowboard is a privilege, not a right. All U.S. Ski & Snowboard members when participating in any U.S. Ski & Snowboard activity must agree to conduct themselves according to U.S. Ski & Snowboard's core values of Integrity, Passion, Fun, Team, Community, Excellence, and Grit and abide by the spirit and dictates of this Code of Conduct. All members must agree to comport themselves in a sportsmanlike manner, and are responsible for their actions while attending or participating in all U.S. Ski & Snowboard activities (including but not limited to camps, competitions, and projects).

Sportsmanlike conduct is defined as, but is not limited to: respect for competition officials, resort employees, fellow members, and the skiing and snowboarding public, respect for facilities, privileges and operating procedures, the use of courtesy and good manners, acting responsibly and maturely, refraining from the use of profane or abusive language, and abstinence from illegal or immoderate use of alcohol and use of illegal or banned drugs. While participating in any U.S. Ski & Snowboard activity:

- U.S. Ski & Snowboard members shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the International Ski Federation (FIS) Statutes, the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) Bylaws, the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Bylaws, and the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Code of Conduct.
- U.S. Ski & Snowboard members shall conduct themselves at all times and in all
  places as befits worthy representatives of the United States of America, the United
  States Olympic Committee, U.S. Ski & Snowboard, their region, division, state or club
  and in accordance with the best traditions of national and international competition.
- U.S. Ski & Snowboard members are responsible for knowledge of and adherence to competition rules and procedures. Members are also responsible for knowledge of and adherence to the rules and procedures of the U.S. Ski & Snowboard national teams, camps or other projects when participating in such.
- U.S. Ski & Snowboard members shall maintain high standards of moral and ethical conduct, which includes self-control and responsible behavior, consideration for the physical and emotional well being of others, and courtesy and good manners
- U.S. Ski & Snowboard members shall abide by U.S. Ski & Snowboard rules and procedures while traveling to and from and participating in official U.S. Ski & Snowboard activities.
- 6. U.S. Ski & Snowboard members shall abstain from illegal and/or immoderate consumption of alcohol. Absolutely no consumption of alcohol is permitted for those individuals under the age of 21. Members under 21 years of age shall not participate in gatherings involving consumption of alcohol unless it is an official U.S. Ski & Snowboard or event organizer function.
- No U.S. Ski & Snowboard member shall violate the customs, travel or currency regulations of a country while traveling with a U.S. Ski & Snowboard group or on a U.S. Ski & Snowboard ticket.
- 8. No U.S. Ski & Snowboard member shall commit a criminal act.