



ALASKA ACC MEETING
Wednesday, August 21, 2024 at 6pm AKT

Alaska Division ACC Meeting Minutes -- 6/3/2024 6pm AKT

Members in attendance: Jheren Svoboda (ACC), Jen Danza (ACC), Brian Hartman (ACC), Amy Guse (ACC), Conor Lynch (HART), Conor McDonald (ASC), Mark Dehertough (Arctic Valley), Reini Neuhauser (FSC), Sparky Anderson (UAA), Mary Thomas (ACC), Kevin Stell (JSC),

Approval of Minutes July 10th, 2024 (see attached from email)

- Conor Lynch move to approve. Brian 2nd. Approved, no Changes

Approval of Agenda August 21st, 2024

- Divisional Manager Discussion to the end.
- No additions or changes, Brian motions to approve. Sparky 2nds.
- Chair Report Meet and Greet – Jheren Svoboda
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- Club Round Table – Summer updates
 - HART – Challenging with the new school schedule. Trying to find balance with start times and kids doing other sports. Looking forward to getting a schedule and figuring out.
 - AVST – Not much to report. Rewiring on the mountain happening and looking for a coach.
 - ASC – Just got back from Europe. Had a great trip with a smaller crew and better snow than 2 years ago. Back in the gym at Elite. School times are a challenge, but drylands are 6:45am starts. Excited to get back on snow in the fall.
 - JSC – no report.
 - FSC – Starting Sept 1, just working on fundraising events.
 - UAA – 2 new kids added (Italian and BC). Excited to get the season going.
- Official's Report – Brian Hartman
 - Reminder – kids that turn 18 before July 1, 2025 – they have to do Safesport and get a background check.
 - Level 100/ref stuff is going to be tough. Need to figure that out for anyone starting out.
 - Brian has been talking to Julie Staissny to take over his position. But is looking for more names in case Julie doesn't take it.

- Finance Update – Mary Thomas
 - No much has happened. We are receiving membership dues as people are signing up.
- Coaches Working Group update – Conor Lynch
 - Race Schedule Proposal
 - Had a good turnout on Monday night.
 - Brian is going to reach out to Doug Hall to see about Homologation for a night race. Notes: Can't have a shadow, lights have to cross and there is certain LED rating needed – but Brian will get the specifics.
 - Proposal (SEE BELOW FOR LANGUAGE) for U14 qualifiers.
 - Jen: Juneau race – if it is U12 – U16, but if it is a qualifier for U16s, we need to strive for the quality races. We should make it a U16/18 race if that is the case.
 - Kevin: If we were to do it, it may become a 4-day race series. U12/14s 2 days and u16/18s 2 days.
 - Next steps:
 - Finalize the date for the Rams Cup
 - Kevin, Bucky, Nick discuss U16 qualifier in Juneau
 - Members review the U14 process so we can vote by next meeting
- YSL Update – Luke Clement
 - Current Proposal as follows:
 - YSL 1- Feb 8th/9th (Hillberg)
 - YSL 2- Feb 22nd/23rd (Hilltop)
 - YSL 3- Mar 1st/2nd (Arctic Valley)
 - YSL 4- Mar 23rd (Alyeska*)
 - U10 State Champs - March 30th (Location TBD)
 - Next Steps: Discuss U10 and Under State Champs at the YSL committee meeting
 - Juneau may be interested in hosting. Would like to know interest in traveling. Mike Satre is the MM Program head – Kevin will discuss.
 - Consider a rotation for the U10 and Under State Champs since it is moving around - Boda
- Admin Ski Racing – Updates
 - Meeting for new Divisional Manager: August 29 at 2pm EST/10am AST
 - Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85330481578?pwd=1D5OpSCeSii7xaR4apt6UNbgYOfxS.1> Meeting ID: 853 3048 1578 Passcode: 203782
- Coach Education – Jen Danza
 - AO site is not linked yet so nothing has come through. Quite a few on the AO side are confused how this new method will be recorded.
 - Jen was able to track down some answers today.
 - Every coach will have to pay for their membership to USSA.
 - Then each coach is required to sign up for the coaches academy.
 - All coaches should be in active standing (including CPR). Continuing education will now be tracked better.

- There is an academy fee (\$80) and a membership fee.
- If they want certification and need on snow assessment, that will be \$130. Level 100 & Level 200.
- List of national staff will be rolling out in the next couple of days and they will be the only ones able to do the on-snow assessments.
- Coaches education is SEPARATE from officials assessment.

New Business

- Fundraising Chair initial discussion
 - Goal is to raise more money for the Alaska Division.
 - First goal is to apply for a 501 (c) 3. This opens up opportunity for fundraising in the Division.
 - Please reach out if anyone has someone in mind for this position.
 - Would like everyone to brainstorm some fundraising ideas and opportunities.
- Bylaws and Affiliate Agreement to discuss and vote for approval (Sent in previous email for voting)
 - Need a final vote.
 - Yes votes from Conor and Brian.
 - Sparky reached out with some clarification items.
 - Motion to vote on the bylaws: Motion made by Conor Lynch.
 - Discussion:
 - Sparky – wants to clarify, section 6 into section 10 goes into the members (the language that says the ACC serves under the board). The Division and the ACC are two separate items. The ACC is a committee under the Board of Directors. Needs to clarify this. To be a function member of the ACC, it is important to not be a Board member. Feels the club directors should NOT be Directors.
 - Mary – basic difference between C7 vs. C3 is an organization of members vs. a general nonprofit organization. Mary can expand on that and send language to Boda.
 - Boda did ask Lara to have this all cleaned up and completed by Sept 1. We need to try and have this cleaned up and voted on.
- Race Calendar Discussion and vote for Approval – Discussed above.
 - Draft from Coaches Working Group
 - Selections proposals from Coaches Working Group
 - Confirm U12/U14 Champs rotation (Arctic for 2025)
- Charter Revisions Document – Sent in previous email for review
 - Lara will complete all tasks by September 1st – Payment will be due to Lara by the end of the month
 - Payments haven't been made just yet. Mary will catch up on recent emails and does have the check book so she can make those payments soon.
 - 501(c)3 application
 - We need to reapply for a full tax except application.

- Once there is a new Divisional Manager, they will deal with updating the signers on the account.
- Set a date for Fall Officials Training
 - Discuss with Mary and Brian their availability
 - TABLE UNTIL NEXT MEETING
 - Mary is not planning on being out of state this fall. Currently she is pretty open in the fall.
 - ACTION ITEM: Jen will send an email to find some times and location options. Striving to do it in late October. Just need to make sure the materials are out in time.
 - NOTE: Fire training facility worked really well last year. Jen will send a note to Gordon and see if we are able to use that space again.

Old Business

- D&O Insurance status update – Jheren Svoboda – Linking up with Mary to get this taken care of.
 - To discuss method of payment with Mary
 - American Specialty Insurance recommended by USSS: https://www.amerspec.com/usskiandsnowboard_cov/
- Out of Division Travel – Update on Payments – Jen Danza
 - Payments have been made
 - This item can be removed from the next agenda. **THANK JEN!!**
- Club and individual membership now open – review new Club compliance policy (See email sent on July 8th)
 - Need to make sure all clubs are in good standing.
 - Juneau Ski Club is tracking their fix.
- Reminder Clubs need to be in good standing USSS
- FIS Sanction Agreement Deadline August 30th. See prior year document - [Event Scheduling Instructions](#)

Standing Items:

- Homologations round table and status
 - Clubs need to get with Brian!
- Website Discussion:
 - Keep Natalie as manager of the website or pass website management directly to the new Divisional Manager
 - Natalie will host the new website and will train the new person to edit it.
- Credit card possibility brainstorming
 - More to come. This is an ongoing item until we figure out which direction we are going to go.
- Divisional Manager Discussion and vote for approval.

Tasks for Next Meeting: HIGHLIGHTED IN YELLOW IN EACH SECTION

Set Next ACC Meeting – Wednesday, September 18th @ 6pm

SEE FOLLOWING FOR PROPOSAL LANGUAGE

ALPINE SPORT COMMITTEE ACTION ITEM PROPOSAL

Date: August 21, 2024

For consideration by: Coaches Working Group, Led by Conor Lynch

Copy to: ACC Board

Rule reference: U14 Qualifications

Reference: [Alaska Division Rules](#)

Original Version:

The Alaska Division quota for the Western Region U14 Championships is subject to change annually. The quota is determined by each Division's population from U14 USSS license holders who are current on the November points list. The Alaska Division has a minimum quota of 4 women and 4 men for the 2024 U14 WR Championships.

The qualifying races contested will always include two Super G races, four Giant Slalom races, and four Slalom races.

For the 2024 season, the following races will be used:

- Coca Cola Classic – 1 GS / 1 SL
January 12-13, 2024
- Alyeska Cup Speed – 2 SG
February 1, 2024
- Alyeska Cup Tech – First GS / First SL
February 16-17, 2024
- Arctic Valley Cup – 1 GS / 1 SL
February 10-11, 2024
- Juneau Glacier Auto Parts / Napa Tech Series – 1 GS / 1 SL
February 24-25, 2024

Each race will be a qualifying event for the selection boards. The racer with the highest number of points, based on their five best race/competition finishes (with no more than three GS events, no more than three SL, and one speed event being used), will be ranked first.

For the Alyeska Cup Series, the first GS and the first SL events will be used, in case the second races do not occur.

In the event we are unable to hold three (3) Slalom or three (3) Giant Slalom races, qualification will revert to using each "run" instead of each "race." Racers that do not finish (DNF) or are disqualified (DQ) in the first run will be allowed to run at the end of the field, in reverse bib order during the second run. This ensures every competitor has an opportunity to complete a run, should qualification revert to "by run" results.

Ties in ranking will be broken by using the next best run finish, not to exceed four runs in any single discipline.

Selections will be made as described above until each quota, including alternates, is filled. The ACC will make the selections, and programs or independent athletes will be notified within 48 hours of the team selections. Athletes must notify their club of their intent to participate and submit a trip deposit payment within 48 hours after selections are announced.

Any Alaska Division athlete invited to and participating in a Regional or National quota competition that conflicts with Alaska Divisional qualifying races will automatically be placed in the Divisional quotas for their respective regional championship event for the current season.

New Proposal:

Alaska Division U14 Championships Qualification Criteria for the 2024/25 Season

The Alaska Division quota for the Western Region U14 Championships is determined annually based on the Division's U14 USSS license holders current on the November points list. The Alaska Division is guaranteed a minimum quota of 4 women and 4 men for the 2024 U14 Western Region Championships.

Qualifying Events and Format:

For the 2024 season, U14 athletes will qualify using multiple venues and races. Athletes will be ranked based on the highest number of World Cup points earned from their best five finishes across eight designated events (3 GS, 3 SL, and 1 of 2 SG). The events are:

- Giant Slalom (GS) Events:

- Coca Cola Classic GS – January 12, 2024
- Alyeska Cup GS – February 16, 2024
- Juneau Tech GS – February 24, 2024
- Slalom (SL) Events:
 - Ram Cup SL – Date TBD
 - Alyeska Cup SL – February 17, 2024
 - Juneau Tech SL – February 25, 2024
- Super G (SG) Event:
 - Alyeska Cup SG – February 1, 2024

Note: The Arctic Valley Cup will only be used as a qualifier if any of the above races are canceled. Additionally, Arctic Valley will host the Alaska State Championships on April 5-6, 2024.

Ranking System:

Athletes will be ranked based on their total World Cup points from their best five finishes across the designated events. These finishes will include three Giant Slalom events, three Slalom events, and one Super G event.

Contingency Plan:

If fewer than the required number of races are completed, Arctic Valley Cup can be considered for an alternate GS and SL start. If there are still fewer completed races, qualification will be determined using individual runs from completed events. For example, if fewer than three Slalom or Giant Slalom races are held, each run from the completed races may count separately for qualification purposes.

Athletes who DNF or are disqualified (DQ) in the first run of any qualifying event will be allowed to rerun in the second run at the end of the field, provided butterfly seeding is not in use.

Tiebreaker Procedure:

In the event of a tie in the rankings, the next best run result will be used to break the tie, with no more than four results counted from any single discipline.

Selection and Notification:

Selections will be made by the Alaska Competition Committee (ACC) based on the rankings described above until the full quota, including alternates, is filled. Programs or independent athletes will be notified of team selections within 48 hours of the decision. Athletes must confirm their participation and submit a trip deposit within 48 hours of the announcement.

Automatic Qualification:

Any Alaska Division athlete invited to and participating in a Regional or National quota competition that conflicts with Alaska Division qualifying

races will automatically qualify for the divisional quota for their respective regional championship event during the current season.

Comments:

Need to finalize the date for Ram Cup SL and determine if it can be homologated for a night race. Also, figure out the schedule for Coca Cola race without having a SL qualifier.

Submitted by:

Conor Lynch on behalf of CWG