



ALASKA DIVISION ACC MEETING - MINUTES

November 11, 2025 at 6:30pm AKT

In attendance: Jheren Svoboda (ACC), Tasha Foster (ACC), Bucky McDonald (ASC), Conor Lynch (ACC), Reilly Buck (Arctic Valley), Ryan Stanley (HART), Reini Neuhauser (FSC), Brock Tabor (JSC), Rob Carte (ACC)

- Approval of the October Minutes
 - Motion to approve by Bucky
 - Second by Ryan
- Approval of the current Agenda
 - Motion to approve by Ryan
 - Second by Conor
- Chair Report– Jheren Svoboda
 - Introduced & welcomed Rob Carte to ACC as new CWG Chair
 - Thought the AO updates went well, happy to see a few new faces and encourages all to increase interactions with volunteers this season to encourage and thank them for helping out
- Finance Update; Chris was unable to attend, presented by Jheren
 - Licensing, business name & banking institutions update
 - In short, we will be leaving Wells Fargo and transitioning banking institution to Northrim Bank
 - Makes more sense to leave WF, add new members to licensing, create new account with Northrim
 - Will give us a credit card
- Division Update
 - Western Region
 - 72" SL gate for U14's WR; passed
 - Admin Ski Racing
 - ASR is live- once you get your sanction agreements, should enter on ASR
 - RA training completed- RA's in AK attended other divisions sessions, everyone should be updated.
 - ASR update link <https://youtu.be/fC7-ZSxEwDY>
 - Website Discussion
 - Minutes updated, Academic Alaska, Brian Russell scholarship application, competition calendar updated
 - Academic Alaska deadline is December 15. Club submissions only, unless independent athlete.

- Brian Russell scholarship application open, deadline January 20, 2026
 - Out of Division Travel
 - Homologations updates
 - Updates from this summer are still being submitted with USSS, and might have issues when purchasing sanction agreements. Margo is aware and will waive late fee if it comes to that. If you have any issues or questions email her at margo.yatkeman@usskiandsnowboard.org
- Action Item Follow Up
 - Non-profit application update
 - Fall Officials Conference
 - Great turnout
 - T&C update changed; two options on 11/13/25 or 11/15/25 via zoom
 - TD update 11/13/25; conor is helping schedule with Brian and TD's
- Club Round Table – UPDATES
 - AVST – Reilly Buck
 - Hosted their season kick off, had a great turn out and they're making snow at Arctic Valley
 - Ski Movie; First Ascent on 11/21/25 at Wendy Williamson
 - ASC – Bucky McDonald
 - Lots of snow if Girdwood
 - Sending a crew to Big Sky and Fairbanks on 11/14/25
 - Will let other clubs know when they have their annual ski patrol safety debrief.
 - HART – Ryan Stanley
 - There's snow at Hilltop and making more, they plan on opening Thanksgiving weekend
 - JSC – Brock Tabor
 - Had their ski swap last weekend- went great
 - The access road to the new gondola is in, no damage to Hillary's or any of the timing wires and cables.
 - Sending a crew to Whitehorse for camp
 - FSC – Reini Neuhauser
 - It's cold in Fairbanks- Moose Mountain opens 11/14/25!
 - Hosted ski swap and ski movie, had a great turnout
 - UAA – Sparky Anderson
 - Not present
- Official's Report; Conor Lynch
 - Thought AO weekend went great, more organized than last year. Thank you to Tasha, Brian and Mary
 - Feels like education material is gatekept and wants to streamline education resources and info to people- will talk to Lucy and Tasha to see how to do this
 - TD update 11/13/25- would like to get TD assignments done early
 - Potential cross divisional TD options

- Will send AO update lists to Jeff Weiman after completing TD update, to submit all at once
- Coaches Working Group update; Rob Carte
 - Rob has created an email; akcwgchair@gmail.com
 - Working with conor to get a history of minutes in one place (Google drive through new email)
 - Sent out an email to create a more complete, working, list of coaches
 - Competition calendar updated last meeting: [2025/26 CWG working Race Schedule](#)
 - WR Champs qualifying criteria:
 - U14 qualifying criteria proposal from CWG below (appendix a) [ACC PROPOSAL U14 Qualifier, Oct. 2025](#)
 - U14/U16/U18 criteria document, for congruent language across all age groups (appendix b) [AK Div Champs Qualification Criteria 2026](#)
 - New U14 WR Qualifying Criteria
 - Motion to approve Ryan, Second Bucky. Vote; no oppositions, passed.
- YSL Update;
 - YSL schedule is finalized and updated on website
- Coach Education;
 - Jen has a coach education meeting 11/13/25, will report back after if there are any updates
 - L100 has 3 signed up
 - L200 no one is signed up
 - Would like to know asap to know if Phil McNichol needs to come up, especially for the 200
- Old Business:
 - Confirm UAA proxy. Tasha will email Sparky
- New Business:
 - Open floor to any new business- none.
- Action Items
 - Club leaders- remind your people for L100 &L200, Academic Alaska, and Brian Russell Scholarship opportunity
 - Tasha to update criteria to website
 - Tasha to confirm UAA proxy
 - Chris, Boda, Mary to continue working on bank transfer, and business licensing
 - ;Boda to continue non-profit process

Set Next ACC Meeting –
 December 8, 2025 @ 6:30 PM AKDST

Meeting adjourned at 7:24pm

appendix a.

ALPINE SPORT COMMITTEE ACTION ITEM PROPOSAL

Date: Sept. 5, 2025

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

Copy to: ACC Board

Rule reference: U14 Qualifications SG options

Reference: [Alaska Division Rules](#)

Original Version

2025 U14 Regional Championships Selection Rules

Alaska Division U14 Championships Qualification Criteria for the 2025 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 quota of 4 women and 4 men for the 2025 U14 Western Region Championships.

Qualifying Events and Format

For the 2025 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 17, 2025
 - Alyeska Cup GS – February 16, 2025
 - Juneau Tech GS – March 1, 2025

- **Slalom (SL) Events:**
 - Ram Cup SL – January 10, 2025
 - Alyeska Cup SL – February 17, 2025
 - Juneau Tech SL – March 2, 2025

- **Super G (SG) Event:**
 - Alaska Airline Speed SG – January 27-28, 2025

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, 2025.

Athlete Consideration

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.

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. For the Selection Boards, the racers with the highest number of World Cup points based on their best 4 technical (GS / SL) and best Super G Result will be ranked first.

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, as well as Coca-Cola SL. 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.

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.

New Proposal

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 2026 U14 Western Region Championships.

Qualifying Events and Format

For the 2026 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 3 SG). The events are:

- **Giant Slalom (GS) Events:**
 - Coca Cola Classic GS – January 16, 2026
 - Alyeska Cup GS – February 13, 2026
 - Juneau Tech GS – February 28, 2026

- **Slalom (SL) Events:**
 - Ram Cup SL – January 9, 2026
 - 60" gates
 - Alyeska Cup SL – February 14, 2026
 - 60" gates
 - Juneau Tech SL – March 1, 2026
 - 72" gates

- **Super G (SG) Events:**
 - Alaska Airlines Speed SG – January 28-29, 2026
 - Juneau SG – February 26-27, 2026

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, 2025.

Ranking System

Athletes will be ranked based on their total World Cup points from their best five finishes across the designated events. For the Selection Boards, the racers with the highest number of World Cup points based on their best 4 technical (GS / SL) and best Super G Result will be ranked first.

Super G Options to decide

1. Maintain the same criteria as the 2025 season, using the best Super G result from the Alyeska Cup.
2. Allow the Juneau Super G to count as an additional option, with the best result taken from the three available races.
3. Use the Juneau Super G as a contingency option in the event the Alyeska Super G does not take place.

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, as well as Coca-Cola SL. 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.

Athlete Consideration

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.

Submitted by:

Conor Lynch on behalf of CWG

Alaska Division U14 Championships Qualification Criteria for the 2026 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 quota of 4 women and 4 men for the 2026 U14 Western Region Championships.

Qualifying Events and Format:

For the 2026 competition 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 six finishes across nine designated events (3 GS, 3 SL, and 2 of 4 SG)**. The events are:

- **Slalom (SL) Events:**
 - Ram Cup SL – January 10, 2026
 - 60" 27 mm gates
 - Alyeska Cup SL – February 14, 2026
 - 60" 27 mm gates
 - Juneau Tech SL – March 1, 2026
 - 72" 27 mm gates
- **Giant Slalom (GS) Events:**
 - Coca Cola Classic GS – January 16, 2026
 - Alyeska Cup GS – February 13, 2026
 - Juneau Tech GS – February 28, 2026
- **Super G (SG) Events:**
 - Alaska Airline Speed SG – January 27-28, 2025
 - JSC SG- February 26-27, 2026

Ranking System

Athletes will be ranked using World Cup points from their **best six finishes** across the designated events. For selection boards, the ranking is determined by each athlete's **top four technical results** (GS/SL), with no more than three results coming from the same discipline, plus their **best Super G result from each speed series** (Alaska Airlines SG & Juneau SG). The total World Cup points from these six results establishes the final ranking order. If either one of the SG series is cancelled, boards will use 5 best finishes (4 tech), with only the best SG result from the completed speed series.

Contingency Plan

If the Juneau SG cannot happen, the second Alaska Airlines SG result will be counted for rankings, and vice versa, if AA SG cannot happen the second Juneau SG will be used. Additionally, if fewer than the required number of races are completed, Coca-Cola SL can be considered for an alternate. If there are still fewer races than required completed, rankings may be based on **individual runs** from the completed qualifying events.

Example: If fewer than three GS or SL races are held, each completed run may count separately toward qualification purposes. That means up to three scoring opportunities per race: run 1, run 2, and combined time.

Athlete Consideration

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

About World Cup Points

World Cup points are a standard scoring system used in ski racing. Points are awarded based on finishing place in each race, with 1st place earning the most and points decreasing with each subsequent place. (ex: 1st place = 100 points, 2nd place = 80 points, 3rd place = 60 points...)

Alaska Division U16 Championships Qualification Criteria for the 2026 Season

The Alaska Division quota for the 2026 Western Region U16 Championships is 4 women and 4 men, based on the Corrock Method which considers divisional population and previous regional results.

Qualifying Events and Format:

For the 2026 competition season, U16 athletes will qualify through multiple races. Athletes will be ranked based on their best five finishes using World Cup points across eight designated events (3 GS, 3 SL, and best 1 of 2 SG). The events are:

- **Coca Cola Classic** – 2 SL / 1 GS
January 18-19, 2026
- **Alaska Airlines Speed Series**– 2 SG
January 29, 2026
- **Alyeska Cup** – 1 SL / 2 GS
February 15-16, 2026

Ranking System

Athletes will be ranked using World Cup points from their **best five finishes** across the designated events. For Selection Boards, the ranking is determined by each athlete's **top four technical results** (GS/SL), with no more than three results coming from the same discipline, plus their **best Super G result**. The total from these five results establishes the final ranking order.

Contingency Plan

If fewer than the required number of races are completed, rankings may be based on **individual runs** from the completed qualifying events.

Example: If fewer than three GS or SL races are held, each completed run may count separately toward qualification. That means up to three scoring opportunities per race: run 1, run 2, and combined time.

Athlete Consideration

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

About World Cup Points

World Cup points are a standard scoring system used in ski racing. Points are awarded based on finishing place in each race, with 1st place earning the most and points decreasing with each subsequent place. (ex: 1st place = 100 points, 2nd place = 80 points, 3rd place = 60 points...)

Alaska Division U18 Championships Qualification Criteria for the 2026 Season

The 2026 AK Divisional Quota for U18 WRJC is 4 women and 4 men.

For the 2026 season, for the head-to-head, we will use the best 2 out of 4 finishes in SL & GS and best 1 of 2 SG finishes from the following races:

- Devo Sugar Bowl- GS / 2 SL (January 5-8, 2026)
- Alyeska Cup – 2 GS / 2 SL (February 15-16, 2026)
- Alaska Airlines Speed Events – 2 SG (January 29, 2026)

For the 2026 WRJC U18 selections, naming the team shall be accomplished by utilizing a five-column selection board. Each column shall be comprised of eligible athlete names ranked first to last. The first ranked athlete shall be placed at the top of the column; the last ranked athlete shall be placed at the bottom of the column. LEFT COLUMNS will be comprised of athlete names ranked by each individual athlete's current FIS points for SL, GS and SG. RIGHT COLUMNS will be comprised of athlete names ranked by each individual athlete's best two (out of four) SL and best two (out of four) GS race, and best one out of two SG finishes at the qualifying race series. Finishes shall be scored using new World Cup points. Ties shall be broken using the next best result.

SELECTION is accomplished by taking the top name in the FIS SL Points. column, then the FIS GS Points column, followed by the top name in the FIS SL Race column, then the FIS GS Race column. Selection continues by going to the second name in the left columns, and then the second name in the right columns, etc and by following the procedure described in the previous sentence until the team is filled. If a name comes up a second time it is skipped. Always skip across from left to right, not down for repeats.

In the event that we are unable to hold less than two (2) Slalom or (2) Giant Slalom races in the qualifying series, only the single best finish in each discipline will be used for selections. We will be using FIS List #17, and final selections will be announced after List #17 has been published in February 2026.

Any Alaska Division athlete who has been invited, accepted and participated in a Regional or National quota competition conflicting with Alaska Divisional qualifying races will be an automatic on Divisional quotas for their respective regional championship event for the current season.