



Congress 2013

Although not a comprehensive list, a summary of some of the motions passed by the Alpine Sports Committee that will have significant impact on our sport is listed below. The minutes of the ASC meeting, with all the motions discussed and voted upon, will be posted to this link after the FIS Congress:

<http://media.ussa.org/Public/Athletics/CompServices/Congress2013>

- The findings of the McKinsey report were accepted, and the recommendation to form a task force to develop a plan to implement its recommendations was endorsed.
- 1st year FIS athletes will begin their FIS racing season when the northern hemisphere racing season commences. These athletes may train, but not race in the Southern Hemisphere.
- A racer shall affiliate as an athlete of the region in which he/she is training during the majority of the northern hemisphere competition period. US Ski Team and NTG members are exempt from this rule.
- Ski ups will only be permitted to exceptional athletes as determined by the regional office and approved by the Regional Alpine Development Director.
- FIS equipment regulations are to be followed for FIS racing 2013/14. USSA regulations will remain unchanged for one more year.
- A Regional Alpine Development Director's quota of 10 for events below COC/NC/FISU has been added.
- 54" poles are approved for use for U14 and younger athletes with a move to have everyone using 60" poles in 2 – 3 years.
- U16 athletes must use 180cm poles (FIS type B): women 27mm; men 27-31mm
- Course setting rule changes
 - U12 SG: 8 – 12% vertical drop
 - Where multiple age groups compete in same race, course setting will be according to one class older than youngest class.
- Recommended race starts for scored and non-scored GS and SL including championship events: 10 for U10; 12 for U12; 16 for U14; 20 for U16.
- Athletes who do not finish their first run in a non-scored USSA race may take a second run at the end of the field.
- The publishing dates of USSA and FIS points lists will be aligned.
- Coaches at USSA events must hold a USSA coach membership to act in a coaching position.
- Collegiate access to the U.S. Alpine Championships amendments:
 - Top combined male and female athletes from NCAA Championships may have automatic qualification.
 - USCSA athletes have been removed from the collegiate quota.



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