



USSA Region One Alpine Officials Update and Training October 31 & November 1, 2015

Our **USSA Region One AO (Alpine Officials) Training** for 2015-16 Season will be held on **Saturday and Sunday, October 31 & November 1 at Twin Cities Orthopedics**, 4010 West 65th Street, Edina, MN (just south of Hwy. 62, west of France Ave.). Please mark your calendars.

It is a great opportunity for our new parent volunteers to get more involved with their children's ski racing events. It typically takes 35 to 40 parent volunteers to put on a race for even our youngest athletes and we need everyone's help to put on a fair and fun event. Our great group of current parent volunteers, most of whom started also started as "newbies", will provide shadowing/mentoring opportunities throughout the season for new volunteers to ease the transition into alpine ski volunteering.

The "Competition Official" course is a great place to start for parents new to racing. The "Competition Officials" class is planned to be offered as an on-line class by USSA for the first time this year. It should be posted shortly, but if not we will offer it on Saturday, October 31. Most Region One USSA ski clubs will be providing their own introductory "Competition Official" classes this fall. Please check with your own race club for their schedule. We would encourage all new volunteers to participate in the class with a club or take the course on-line before coming to the AO classes on October 31 and November 1.

Free parking is available adjacent to the clinic. Come in the main entrance and signs will direct you to the conference space. Coffee and rolls will be provided in the morning, as well as lunch and snacks both days. We will start each day with a general rules update followed by the specialty classes outlined below. Twin Cities Orthopedics will provide a brief talk on sports injury prevention between the rules update and classes on Saturday. Classes typically wrap up by mid-afternoon each day.

Class Schedule:

- Saturday: 8 am Arrival and sign-in
8:30 am USSA and FIS 2015-16 Rules update (Grant Lindemer)
10 am Twin Cities Orthopedic Presentation
10:30 am Specialty Area Classes:
- Competition Officials Introduction (likely available on-line through USSA – still awaiting posting and link; if not, class will be offered for new parent volunteers)
- Chief of Race
- Timing and Calculations
- Race Administration
- Sunday: 8 am Arrival and sign-in
8:30 am USSA and FIS 2015-16 Rules update



- 10 am Specialty Area Classes:
- Jury Advisor/Referee
 - Chief of Course
 - Practical Race Day Set-Up

This year you will again be able to register in advance for the classes online. We would appreciate advance registration so that we can have adequate teaching materials and lunches on hand. The link is shown below.

<http://goo.gl/forms/RIWcKKPfEP>

The Study Guides for each Specialty Class for the 2015-16 season can be found on the USSA website at <http://usskiteam.com/alpine-programs/officials/resources> Copies will be available the day of class, but reviewing the materials in advance, along with the USSA Competition Manual, is a big help.

The 2015-16 Rules Update attendees should have reviewed the current posting of the USSA ACR updates at USSA alpine resources site <http://usskiteam.com/alpine-programs/officials/resources> and the updated FIS ICR available at: <http://www.fis-ski.com/inside-fis/document-library/alpine-skiing>

Hope to see you all at Twin Cities Orthopedics on October 31 and November 1!

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