

Rocky Mountain Division Youth Ski League 2010 East Council Guidelines

I. The Youth Ski League (“YSL”) Council Committee

Each YSL council committee will be comprised of one *voting* representative from each participating team. The East and West Councils are as follows:

| <u>East Council</u> | <u>West Council</u> |
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| Cloud City Ski Club (LDV) | Steamboat |
| Eldora Mountain Ski Club (ELD) | Powderhorn |
| Loveland Racing Club (LRC) | Crested Butte |
| Quantum Ski Club (QSC) | Sunlight |
| Ski and Snowboard Club Vail (SCV) | Aspen |
| Team Summit (SUM) | Purgatory |
| Vail Development Team (VDT) | Telluride |
| Winter Park (WPK) | Vail Buddy Werner League |

II. Philosophy

- A. Participants shall have the opportunity to achieve individual goals.
- B. Participants shall have the opportunity to participate on a team basis.
- C. Coaches shall provide a constructive atmosphere in a learning environment of low-intensity alpine skiing competition.
- D. Programs shall be developed considering:
 1. Academics – participants shall not be required to miss school.
 2. Finances – travel shall be minimized to maintain affordability.
 3. Fun! **SKI RACING IS FUN---**

III. General Eligibility

- A. Clubs, programs, ski areas, and/or other organizations shall apply to the YSL Committee for membership.
- B. Children fourteen years and younger as of December 31 of the year in question are eligible.
- C. Classifications (boys and girls will compete in their own class) include:
 - Age 6 & under J7
 - Age 8 & under J6
 - Age 10 & under J5
 - Age 12 & under J4
 - Age 14 & under J3
- D. All participants are required to be members of USSA and RMD. Among other benefits, members are eligible for supplemental accident insurance through USSA when participating in a sanctioned YSL or other event. Parent or guardian must sign Acknowledgement of Risk.
- E. Any competitor who participates in an Age Class Championship series event (JV Finale, JIII/JIV Junior Olympics, and/or JIII-IV Council Cup) MAY NOT participate in the Youth Ski League Championships.
- F. Any athlete with USSA Points is NOT eligible to compete in YSL events.
- G. Any YSL athlete with a top-5 finish in any USSA, RMD Age Class race is not eligible to participate in YSL events. An appeal/petition to the YSL Petition Committee must be submitted no later than the Monday before the YSL event in question for review by the petition committee to determine if the athlete is eligible to continue competing in the East Council YSL race series.

- IV. **Race Registration** (this information should be included on all YSL fact sheets and/or posted in club facilities).
- A. **Race entries shall be set at \$20.00 per athlete. Late entries (see C. below) will be assessed a \$5.00 late fee per athlete.** The host club will establish lift ticket prices on a case-by-case basis.
 - B. The race entry fee for the East Council Youth Ski League **Championship** event shall be \$30.00 with late entries being assessed a \$5.00 late fee.
 - C. The host club will publish a race fact sheet one month prior to the event. *The method of entry is by Team using the East Council YSL Team entry form. Individuals, however, are subject to the same deadlines / fees for entries.*
 - D. **Race entries (\$20.00 each) must be RECEIVED BY the host club by NO LATER THAN 7:00 p.m. on the Tuesday before the race. Pre-race entries must be submitted WITH PAYMENT FOR ALL ENTRANTS LISTED, or by agreement with the race organizer, entry fees will be paid for all entrants listed on Tuesday at race registration the morning of the event; e.g., NO REFUNDS AFTER the TUESDAY entry deadline.**
 - E. The race entry list posted to the hosting club shall have any wait listed athletes listed in the order of entry preference on the entry list that is due on Tuesday prior to the race. The host club will determine the number of wait listed athletes that can be entered into the race NLT Thursday prior to the event at 10:00 a.m.. Host club will notify each club/team of the status of wait listed athletes at this time.
 - F. **Entries received or changed after the Tuesday deadline will be assessed an additional \$5 per late entrant or per change - no exceptions. This includes day-of registrations. PLEASE ENFORCE THIS RULE.**
 - G. **All entries must include a USSA racer membership number (including name, sex, and year of birth). All entries will be submitted in the approved YSL entry format.**
 - H. The host team/club will post a "list of competitors" (not to be confused with a start order) at <http://www.live-timing.com> and/or e-mail a "list of competitors" (not to be confused with a start order) to all participating clubs NLT 12:00 noon on Thursday before the race. Each club/team is required to review the "list of competitors" for accuracy and provide the event host with corrections if any prior to 5:00 p.m. on Thursday prior to the race/event. If there are no corrections each club/team is required to notify the event host that their list is complete and accurate.

V. **Races**

- A. Teams will host one-day events. The YSL East Council Committee shall determine race sites and dates.
- B. ALL YSL RACES SHALL BE SANCTIONED BY USSA. Please complete your sanctioning agreement and send to USSA.
- C. In order to be the Host of an East Council YSL race, including the Championships, the Team hosting the event must **be active in supporting** the East Council race series throughout the race season. If a Team or Club does not participate in the YSL East Council race series, they are ineligible to host an YSL event, including the Championship for the East Council.
- D. The Team/Club hosting the championships is required to host a YSL East Council race the year prior to hosting the YSL East Council Championships.
- E. Due to the expanded membership of the East Council all Teams/Clubs are not able to host a YSL East Council race on an annual basis, therefore, the Team/Club that was host to the YSL Championship Event **may** host a race the year following hosting of the Championships depending on the race calendaring needs of the East Council.
- F. Entry to the YSL East Council Championships: Priority of entries *will* be to Teams/Clubs who have participated in the YSL East Council Race Series. Each Team/Club is assigned a quota. Entry is by Team as with the YSL Race Series.
- G. Quotas
 1. There will be no quotas for YSL events during the 2010 race season
 2. There will be quotas assigned for the 2010 YSL Championship event. Qualification criteria to the Championship event will be handled by each team/club.

H. Skis

1. Clarification of ski rules for Youth Ski League Events: Each athlete is allowed only one pair of skis to be transported to the start of the event. The athlete may change skis from non-race skis to race skis at the bottom of the host mountain prior to loading the lift to go to the start. The skis that the athlete loads the lift with when proceeding to the start of the race must be the skis that the athlete races on. No other individual may transport additional skis from the bottom of the mountain for any athlete, race skis must be on the feet of the athlete at lift loading.

I. Format

1. 2 Giant Slalom races and 2 Hero Gate Slalom race and 1 Giant Slalom Championship event. Each racer should be given the opportunity to compete in two, one-run races per day.
2. Dual. Each racer should be given the chance to race on both courses. If only two runs are feasible, start orders and scoring should be executed fairly to compensate for course variations.
3. Slalom events will be Hero Gate Slaloms events.
4. Courses should be set according to guidelines for Children outlined in the USSA Children's Rules.
5. Courses should be reset or redressed for the second run.

J. Order within the class

1. Racers shall compete from youngest to oldest, with all female competitors competing first followed by all male competitors.
2. The first race will be randomized to establish running order.
3. The second race will be reversed within the class.

K. Timing / Scoring / Awards

1. Elapsed times for each racer will be recorded.
2. Primary timing shall be electric. Secondary timing shall be on a separate circuit with independent power, or by hand.
3. Times will be posted at the completion of each race.
4. DSQ's and DNF's will be posted at the completion of each race, and recorded on the results.
5. The Chief of Calculations shall rank each individual competitor in the finish order from fastest to slowest as dictated by their time within their class for each race.
6. The top 10 girls and boys in each class will be given awards for each separate race.
7. Participants not placing in the top-ten in their class will also be recognized.
8. All teams will also be scored, and the top two awarded. Place points will be used to identify the contributions of individuals to the team standings. The top 10 finishers in each of the 10 classes in each of the two races will receive points. A maximum of 10 members per Team will contribute to the team award.
 - a. First place through tenth place in each class will receive points accordingly: 1 for first place to 10 for 10th place, All other racers in the class receive 11 points.
 - b. Team scores are compiled by adding all Place points scored by each team (not to exceed 10) from both races.
 - c. When fewer than 10 racers are in a class, proceed as if there were.
9. Awards will start 30 minutes after the finish of the 2nd race of the day.
10. **Special Rule for YSL Championships:** At YSL Championships, the top ten racers in each class will receive awards for each race, the top three teams overall will receive awards, all participants will receive participant awards, and championship awards will be awarded to the top three athletes in each age class based on place points, calculated from the best 5 results of the season.

L. Results

1. Each of the participating teams shall receive copies of the results, including times for both races, standings within each class, and team standings. The Host Club will e-mail results no later than one week following the race.

2. One copy shall also be sent to: Darlene Nolting, RMD Youth Development Manager, e-mail: dnolting@ussa.org and a copy of the complete race files to Jim Henderson, YSL Chairman, e-mail: jhenderson@sportsconnection.net.
 3. One copy shall also be e-mailed to Alan Church to post on the RMD Website. His email address is: ChurchAllenB@cs.com.
 4. Results should be posted on-line at <http://www.live-timing.com>.
- M. Officiating & Race Operations Organization
1. The USSA, through its designated committees will assign a Technical Delegate to chair the jury and oversee the conduct of the event. The assignment of the TD in Rocky Mountain is from Rocky Mountain Ski Race Officials for sanctioned events.
 2. The host club will adhere to the minimum requirements for hosting a race, as outlined in the Rocky Mountain Division Handbook.
 - a. Proper hill selection, including trail length, number of gates, safety issues and qualified course setting. A course setter for any East Council Youth Ski League must be a currently certified referee with USSA and RMSRO.
 - b. Appointment of key staff, who are current USSA members:
 - (a) Chief of Course
 - (b) Chief Of Race
 - (c) Chief of Timing and Calculations
 - (d) Chief Gatekeeper
 - (e) Referee
 - (f) Start Referee (no vote)
 - (g) Finish Referee (no vote)
 3. Safety of the YSL athletes is of the utmost concern. Consequently at all team captain meetings held the morning of each YSL event the briefing will include such factors as: medical plan—how ski racing medical emergencies will be addressed; any hazards that exist on the race venue; access and egress from the race venue; control of access to the race venue, including opening and closing times for athlete/coach entry to the race venue; weather—to include a plan for keeping young athletes warm during race delays of greater than 15 minutes; identification of the responsible person(s) for slip crew management; parent access and egress to spectator viewing areas; and other areas of concern.

Each team is asked to have a briefing for all parents from their team. A parent responsible for conducting this parent safety briefing will be asked to attend the team captains to be aware of all safety issues of the day. The parent that is fulfilling this role will remind all parents of who has access to race venue, that parents may not ski next to a race course, coat carrying protocols and all other concerns at the race venue.

V. Rules - All current USSA rules will apply.

VII. COURSE VOLUNTEERS/COACH VOLUNTEERS—It is important and necessary to manage access to YSL race venues, therefore, all volunteers and volunteer coaches are required to either have a USSA membership or sign an ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY before these individuals will be allowed access to the race venue. Each Team/Club is responsible for insuring that this is followed and monitored. All on-course personnel must adhere to all safety measures, host Club or Area rule additions and all USSA rules. Anyone without valid USSA Coach Credentials must be under direct supervision of a USSA Coach.

VII. Advancement

- A. YSL Development Series is a preparation program for regular USSA licensed racing.
- B. Competitors may advance into Rocky Mountain Age Class Series at any time.

VIII. 2010 Schedule:

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| January 24, 2010 | Ski Cooper Teams—CLD; LRC; ELD; SUM | Cloud City Ski Club(CLD) | Giant Slalom |
| January 24, 2010 | Vail Teams—VDT; SSCV; WPK; TBSC; & out of area | Vail Development Team | Giant Slalom |
| February 7, 2010 | Winter Park Teams—WPK; SUM; ELD | Winter Park Ski Club(WPK) | Slalom |
| February 7, 2010 | Breckenridge Teams—TBSC; CLD; SSCV; VDT; & out of area | Team Breckenridge Sports Club | Slalom |
| February 21, 2010 | Loveland Teams—LRC; WPK; ELD; & out of area | Loveland Racing Club (LRC) | Slalom |
| February 21, 2010 | Ski Cooper Teams—CLD; VDT; SSCV; SUM; TBSC | Cloud City Ski Club(CLD) | Slalom |
| March 7, 2010 | Copper Mountain Teams—SUM; CLD; SSCV; VDT; & out of area | Team Summit(SUM) | Giant Slalom |
| March 7, 2010 | Winter Park Teams—WPK; LRC; TBSC; ELD | Winter Park Ski Club (WPK) | Giant Slalom |

2009 YSL CHAMPIONSHIPS HOST

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| March 21, 2010 | Eldora | Eldora Mountain Ski Club(ELD) | Giant Slalom |
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SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. CONSULT HOST CLUB FOR UPDATED INFORMATION.

IX. East Council Championship Rotation

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| 2010 | Eldora |
| 2011 | Team Breckenridge Sports Club |
| 2012 | Winter Park |
| 2013 | Cloud City |
| 2014 | Team Summit |
| 2015 | Loveland |
| 2016 | Vail (VDT) |

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