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AASA Junior Gate Statement for 2016/2017 U14 SL Competition

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The Alberta Alpine Ski Association (AASA) provides notice to all AASA member clubs that in the 2016/ 2017 competition season all provincial series U14 Slalom (SL) will be conducted in 27mm Junior Gates (56" Shaft/ 60" Off The Snow (OTS)).

This decision has been made by AASA staff in consultation with the AASA Provincial Advisory Council (PAC) to address the continuing provincial concern over developmentally appropriate SL formatting, specifically around appropriate combination setting, at the U14 age group. This decision will bring AASA U14 racing into line with the significant international trend (Europe, Eastern Canada, and the United States) towards the use of junior gates with full SL combinations to promote appropriate specific environments that consider age group growth and development.

U14 Giant Slalom (GS) racing will continue to be conducted in paneled full size 27mm gates as per normal FIS standards (69" shaft/ 73" OTS) in order to facilitate a phased and fiscally responsible approach to the introduction of junior gates in the province.

U12 SL gate standards, specifically the use of stubbies, will remain unchanged for the 2016/2017 season. The use of junior gates versus stubbies at the U12 level may be evaluated in the future by AASA.