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Alberta Alpine Ski Association

U19 Entry at U16 Provincial Series Memorandum

In an effort to aid retention of U19 age skiers the following entry policy has been developed for U19 skiers entering U16 provincial series races. Alberta Alpine recognizes that limiting costs is an important aspect in clubs retaining athletes, and that there is a direct relationship between increased travel and increased costs. This memo aims to maintain the integrity of the U16 Provincial Race Series for U16 age athletes while providing increased access to meaningful, local, low cost race options to Albertan U19 athletes.

Out of Category U19 Athletes

- Any non-FIS U19 racer planning to race full time in the U16 provincial series must apply for an Out of Category Authorization via their home club head coach to the AASA Athletics Director as per AASA Policy 3.8 Out of Category Competition
- All Out of Category entries must be submitted with Out of Category Approval to the Race Administrator as per published race entry guidelines.
- Out of Category U19 athletes will be seeded as per normal (in both runs) by national points within the U16 field.
- Out of category u19 Athletes are not eligible to collect U16 awards, U16 provincial series points, or to qualify to U16 events such as U16 Canadian Championships, U16 Western Championships, Whistler Cup, etc.

FIS Athlete Eligibility:

- FIS athletes must be a registered competitor with a member club of the AASA in order to race in the U16 Provincial Series.
- Any FIS Racer with less than 65 FIS points in a single discipline will not be eligible to start in the U16 provincial series
- FIS athletes are not eligible to attend the U16 series final

Start order:

- First Run
 - All U16 Athletes will be seeded by national points (With top 15 random draw);
 - All FIS Athletes will be seeded by FIS points following the last U16 racer.
- Second Run
 - The fastest 30 competitors in the first run (U16 & U19) will start in reverse order;
 - Remaining athletes (U16 & U19) will be seeded in order of first run time.

Awards

- U16 Athletes will be awarded as per normal (Medals 1-3, Ribbons 4-10).
- AASA will provide medals sets as required for a U19 Category (Medals 1-3) when 3 or more U19/ FIS athletes are present;
 - It is the responsibility of the ROC to inform AASA member services of the need for additional medals due to the U19 category.
- ROC will Recognize u16 and u19 athletes with a common medals/ awards ceremony.
- No overall awards are to be given.



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Results

- Unofficial results will be posted and made available separately for U16 and U19 categories.
- Official results will be posted as one combine age group race (U16 & U19) to ACA points.

Series Points

- U16 series points will be awarded to the top 30 U16 Finishers at all U16 provincial series races.
- U19 athletes will not be eligible to accumulate U16 series points.