

AOA Alpine Ontario Club Call - Dec 11 '24 - 3:30pm

The AOA Alpine Ontario Club Call on December 11, 2024, covered several key updates and announcements. New web pages and a team scoring app were introduced, with a session for race admins. The Para Alpine Ski team includes James and Jessica. An AOA gear bundle will support the Ontario para team. The high performance program will rebrand as the athletic development program. The O Cup series will use a random start order, and fitness testing deadlines were set. Skill up camps and new ski cross events were announced. Transgender and non-binary inclusion policies were discussed, emphasizing privacy and participation. The annual report was released, and registration reminders were given.

Transcript

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Upcoming Action Items

- Share links for Skill Up camp registrations.
- Add Ski Cross schedule to the website events and news tab.
- Reach out to Sarah for any questions on coach education courses.
- Register athletes for FISU University Championships.
- Reach out to Alpine Ontario for guidance on transgender and non-binary athlete registration.

Outline

Pat Biggs - AOA Executive Director - PB

Maria Burton - Marketing & Partnership Director - MB

Welcome and Introduction

- MB welcomes everyone and mentions the recording of the meeting.
- MB thanks everyone for joining and mentions the availability of the presentation and recording for those who couldn't attend.

- MB shares an opening statement about the passionate ski community and invites feedback and input.
- MB outlines the agenda, mentioning that many items are reminders and will be covered quickly.

Updates from Division Chairs

- MB invites Jen and Nancy to give updates from their divisions.
- Jenn G. SOD thanks Maria for organizing new web pages and mentions the new team scoring app and a session for race admins.
- Jenn G. highlights the excitement around the World Cup and divisional events, and mentions the availability of schedules.
- Jason M. confirms that schedules are up and ready to race, and there is snow.

Announcement of Para Alpine Ski Director

- MB announces the Para Alpine Ski team comprising James and Jessica.
- MB mentions the AOA gear bundle available to clubs, featuring team gear and contributing to auction items for the Ontario para team.
- PB discusses the criteria for the Ontario ski team and the high performance program, mentioning a rebrand to the athletic development program.
- PB shares information about Alpine Canada's Project Excel and the random start order for Eastern and Western Nationals.

OCUP and U18 OCup Racers

- PB mentions the course setters and ref assignments for OCUP and the Mall, st, Pan, Super G project.
- PB discusses the U18 O Cup racers, including the PCR and equipment requirements.
- PB highlights the importance of fitness testing and the deadlines for O Cup athletes.
- PB shares the incentive for high-scoring athletes in fitness combine at O Cup finals.

Skill Up Camps and Ski Cross Events

- MB announces the return of Skill Up camps for U12 and U14 athletes.
- MB mentions the new ski cross event on March 6 at Beaver Valley and the addition of the ski cross schedule.
- PB discusses the registration deadline for ski cross races and the standalone ski cross license.
- MB provides details on the Level Up program for women in ski racing, including the application process and deadlines.

Coach Education and Officials Updates

- MB mentions the successful coach education courses and the upcoming NCCP courses.
- MB shares a video posted on social platforms, highlighting its good messaging and part of a series planned for the season.
- PB introduces Marcus Walzer as the new officials chair for Ontario and mentions the annual update and upcoming courses.
- PB discusses the integration of rules and PCR for regional races and the importance of correct athlete registration.

Transgender and Non-Binary Inclusion

- PB discusses the current state of transgender and non-binary inclusion in ski racing, mentioning the lack of clarity at the national level.
- PB explains the categories for international and national events and the ongoing policy development.
- PB recommends registering athletes on Snow Reg based on their identified gender at the recreational level.
- PB emphasizes the importance of privacy and maintaining confidentiality when addressing gender identity.

Annual Report and Closing Remarks

- MB announces the posting of the annual report and the closure of offices on specific dates.
- MB reminds everyone to share the registration link and encourages participation in the upcoming meeting.
- MB mentions the return of Sean as the Competitions and Programs Manager in April.
- MB opens the floor for any additional questions, and MB confirms the details of the Level Up program (DL, PL).