

# AOA Alpine Ontario Club Call

**April 8 '26 - 3:30pm**

## Quick recap

This was Alpine Ontario's annual season wrap-up meeting, where leaders reviewed the past season's achievements and discussed upcoming initiatives. The meeting covered high-performance updates including spring series competitions and athlete development programs, coach education progress with 1,060 licensed coaches supported throughout the season, and officials education showing a 34% increase in certification. Pat presented the organization's strategic plan progress, highlighting the launch of the Alpine Fund for revenue generation and the Skills Initiative pilot program that assessed two skills at a recent event, with 10% of participants meeting consolidated level standards. The meeting also covered upcoming events including the Spring Summit on May 8th at Snow Valley Resort and the Ontario Ski Racing Awards nominations process, which now align with Alpine Canada's national awards.

## Next steps

- Coaches/Clubs: Share FIS registration process information and insurance resources with athletes moving up from U16 to FIS this spring
- ADP Program Team: Advise selected candidates of their selection for the ADP project by end of this week or early next week, and send out camp information for the May 28th camp.
- Clubs: Encourage and facilitate spring fitness testing for athletes, using protocols and information available on the AOA website.
- Coaches: Direct any coaches who missed the March 30th deadline for the Make Ethical Decision (MED) online evaluation to Sarah for access to the new standalone module.
- All members/clubs: Share the Ontario Ski Racing Awards nomination post throughout their communities and submit nominations for provincial and national awards.
- AOA Team: Publish the Annual Plan Tracker on the website by end of summer/early fall.
- AOA Team: Post key priorities for 2026-2027 around the AGM.
- AOA (): Investigate and attempt to gather data on which Ontario clubs are actively using the Strive app, and share feedback with Graeme and interested clubs.
- All interested: Register for the Spring Summit on May 8th at Snow Valley Ski Resort.

- AOA: Send out invite for the fall club call scheduled for October 14th.

## Summary

### Ski Racing Season Updates

The meeting focused on updates for the ski racing season's conclusion and upcoming events. Pat provided updates on high-performance teams, noting that athletes are competing at various locations including Whistler Cup and Cape Smoky in Nova Scotia. The team is reviewing candidates for OST and ODST programs, with invitations to be sent by May 7th. The ADP program has completed application intake and will advise selected candidates soon, with the first camp scheduled for May 28th.

### Ontario Season Achievements and Updates

Tori reported on the Ontario season's achievements, including sending 60 athletes to Easterns and 24 teams to the Whistler Cup. She mentioned that the Canada Winter Games next February will replace ACA Easterns, and Ontario plans to organize its own Easterns event to attract Quebec and East Coast athletes. AOA reminded clubs about the importance of spring fitness testing, noting that protocols are available online. The conversation ended with an introduction to Sarah, who was set to discuss coach education results for the season.

### Ontario Coaching Programs Season Summary

Sarah provided a summary of the past season's coaching programs in Ontario, highlighting key achievements including supporting 1,060 licensed coaches, conducting 290 EL courses across 30 host clubs, and certifying 3 new PL coaches. She announced that the Make Ethical Decisions online evaluation is now a standalone module rather than part of the 3-day entry-level coaching course, with a deadline of March 30th for completion. The current PL course at Mont Tremblant is ongoing with multiple facilitators and candidates from Ontario and SQA.

### Summit Planning Updates

The meeting covered three main topics. Sarah outlined plans for an upcoming summit at Snow Valley Ski Resort on Friday, which will include break-out groups, lunch, and an educational session with a guest speaker. AOA reported a 34% increase in officials' certifications and announced the Ontario Ski Racing Awards nomination process, noting that winners will be recognized at both provincial and national levels through Alpine Canada's awards program. The conversation ended with an invitation for division representatives to provide updates, though no specific updates were provided in the transcript.

## Dave Bradley Division Updates

Dave provided an update on recent skiing events, highlighting the successful U16 O-Cup Finals hosted at Mount Baldy and the Honda Cup in Sault Ste. Marie, which had the largest registration with 190 athletes. Pat then discussed the organization's progress on its strategic plan, noting that a detailed action planner will be published over the summer. He specifically mentioned the launch of the Alpine Fund as a new initiative aimed at generating revenue for the program.

## Alpine Ontario Program Updates

Pat presented updates on Alpine Ontario's programs and initiatives, highlighting the Skills Initiative pilot program which assessed two skills at a recent event, with 10% of participants meeting consolidated levels. The organization also discussed coach mentorship programs, including placements supported by the Canadian Paralympic Foundation, and resources for clubs and parents about pathways and university racing programs. The group celebrated recent successes including Ontario athletes' performances at national championships and World Cup events, and discussed plans for upcoming community engagement activities and the Spring Summit on May 8th.