



## Alpine Ontario Athletic Committee (AOAC) Terms of Reference

June, 2017

### General Description:

With the goal of uplifting the entire ski racing system in the province, the Alpine Ontario Athletic Committee (AOAC) will contribute to the province's strategic athletic direction by providing insight and expertise on various levels of planning and programming from U12 to the Ontario Ski Team.

### Committee Objectives:

To contribute to the goal of developing skilled athletic skiers and innovative coaches through well planned programs and calendars.

To provide recommendations or evaluations to the Alpine Ontario Athletic consultants (U14/16/19) in the areas of program design, race calendaring, selection rules and coach education.

To develop a better common understanding for all regions in terms of the process that is taken on decision making and to provide regions with the opportunity and responsibility to bring ideas and issues to the committee.

### Committee Composition:

Each of the four divisions within AOA (NOD, LSDA, NCD, SOD) shall appoint a representative to serve on the AOAC. The committee will also comprise of the U14, U16 and U19 AOA athletic consultants and will be chaired by the OST Program Director.

### Relationship with Alpine Ontario Board of Directors:

AOAC will use its chair to represent the committee with the AOA Board of Directors when appropriate. The Alpine Ontario Competition Director will Co-Chair the committee and will be responsible for collaborating to develop meeting dates and agendas.

The AOAC will review its terms of reference one year after it has been officially struck, with the findings being sent to the AOA Executive Director. Subsequent terms of reference reviews will take place at two-year increments.

Communication:

The AOAC will meet, either in person or via conference call, not less than six times per year. The committee may invite outside expertise into the meetings at any time.

Maintaining strong ties and regular communication with informed individuals, who are aware of the key issues at every age group, is a priority for AOAC.

AOAC minutes will be posted on the AOA website and circulated as appropriate to the general membership.

Tentative Meeting Schedule Outline:

| Period              | Meeting Focus  |
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| May                 | Establishing committee mandate   |
| June - August       | Review schedules and proposed programming adjustments to ensure consistency and continuity from one level to the next.   |
| September - October | Review tactics and plan for upcoming season; identify coach education priorities prior to AGM. Provide final confirmation for all updates to AOA program guidelines. |
| February-March      | Mid-season review of calendar, programming, and critical discussion about sport trends.  |

Committee Focus Areas:

The role of the AOAC is to help make Ontario the leading ski racing province in Canada. Committee members will be fiercely passionate about the shared goal of seeing Ontario succeed.

It will be a forum for critical discussion, the sharing of best practices by industry leaders, and will serve the purpose of holding both AOA staff and industry leaders accountable to a higher level of performance. Examples of some topics that may be discussed at an AOAC meeting are:

- The vision and performance requirements for the OST;
- FIS trends (equipment/calendaring) and how they influence OST programming;
- Demographical trends and the impact on the delivery of programming;
- Strategies for improving relations with venue operators;
- Monitor race quality trends in the province;
- Provide the option for club programs to have their programs peer reviewed;
- Sharing of best practices;
- Assist with identifying benchmarking events both domestically and internationally;
- Coach education priorities and areas for growth;
- Calendaring tactics and point profile at FIS;