



USSA Coaches Education and the USSA National Development Program announce a “Junior Development Forum**” to be held in conjunction with the 2005 JR II National Championships – March 11, 7-9pm at the Sugarloaf Competition Center, Sugarloaf, Maine.**

As the nations break for the 2005 Alpine World Championships, the United States men and women are second in the FIS Nation’s Cup – the highest standing in the history of the World Cup for the American Team. The Nation’s Cup is not only a reflection of depth across both genders but across all 5 events. It is a testament to the talent, training and commitment to be the “Best in the World” in 2006. The current success of the USST did not happen overnight, instead, it has been a process of developing a program plan and structure that serves the goals of USSA.

This success is also an indication of the quality of the junior development programs in America, and how integration between the National Development Program and the regional development programs has improved the overall level of technical and tactical training. USSA is committed to enhancing the junior development process in America through a wide variety of methods: from educational materials (Elite and Sport Performance CD-ROMs), to on-snow and on-line clinics, and finally special forums and seminars offered to specific constituents. This broad assortment of educational offerings will enable all coaches and interested parties to select an educational environment suitable for their needs and timetables. By encouraging the sharing of knowledge and experiences, we all can contribute to being the “Best in the World.”

The “Junior Development” Forums are designed to take advantage of the large gathering of coaches, athletes and parents that accompany championship events. While designed primarily for furthering coaches education, the forums will feature opportunities to present and openly discuss topics of interest and information for parents and athletes alike. Junior development is best served when all the parties involved are informed about the process and are able to contribute to a successful outcome.

Forum Schedule - Two Parts:

Part I: National Development System
Clear Path / Racer Management
Project Plans / Parent Role

Part II: Coaches Education
The Importance of Fundamentals
USST Drill Progressions for JRs

Note: For coaches who are certified, these seminars will be recognized as continuing education credit for maintaining one’s certification.

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