



Welcome Region One members!

Well, snow's flying and ski racing is around the corner. The Central Region 1 (CR1) board and coaches can't wait to get back to competition and we've been working hard to build you a thoughtful, compelling calendar. Your safety will always be our highest priority. Covid-19 prevention will span across our schedule and the conduct of events. That said, you, our members have inspired a number of improvements to ensure an outstanding experience this season. So, what's in the works?

- Many single day, two-race events (since we're limited to 100 athletes per day, per host area)
- First in the country (we think) "3 run FIS SL" at Buck Hill (so that we can host local FIS races)
- Camps, especially for younger athletes, emphasizing a variety of skills in managed settings.
- More outdoor space for socially-distanced team tents/canopies (reducing chalet traffic)

Our preliminary schedule (as of late October) for the 2020/21 season is based on the guiding principles set by US Ski & Snowboard and our CR1 club leaders. Highlights of the 2020/21 schedule include:

- U12 and under – **Planet Cup** - 8 race days/weekends mixing SL and GS; plus CR1/2 training camps for GS and SG (U12 only)
- U14 – 9 race days/weekends emphasizing SL and GS competition that includes **Planet Cup** and 3 "**ski up**" scored events, Central Champs at Marquette, and Indianhead Speed camp
- U16+ – 9 race days/weekends hosted throughout the Region focusing on prep for **Marquette qualifiers and R/C Champs in Steamboat**
- FIS – 7 CR1-hosted events including new venues, **Buck and Giants Ridge**; plus Central-hosted events at Spirit (Atmore) and Lutsen Spring Series

Please keep in mind that competition and/or public health restrictions may change throughout the season and our schedule may change. We will inform you as soon as any changes occur.

*****REMINDER: Early-bird US Ski & Snowboard registration expires 11/1. Here's the link:**

<https://my.uskiandsnowboard.org/>

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National guidance - US Ski & Snowboard and CR1 is committed to providing the safest, most effective alpine racing programs possible. Please see the latest national competition guidance:

<https://uskiandsnowboard.org/covid-19/return-competition>

Local decisions - During the season CR1 will partner with our host areas and local health officials to ensure that each event not only provides the safest possible environment but also creates the best competitive events.

Think snow!

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