

## **USSA COACHES EDUCATION- 07 MAY BULLETIN**

### **General News**

Welcome to the USSA Coaches Education monthly update. The goal of this bulletin is to regularly update our members through an easily accessible medium. The update will be organized under general topics for quick identification and access. The bulletin will be a helpful tool for coaches to stay current on USSA education news. Be sure to check out the information below.

### **Athletic Summit and the 2007-08 Season – Changes:**

In our March email blast, we urged all programs to institute a program evaluation / planning process, if they don't have one already. At USSA, we just concluded a very thorough and rigorous two-week evaluation / planning process called the "Athletic Summit." The culmination of this work is a two-hour presentation to the USSA management team. We then follow this process with a three-hour presentation in July, based on a completed four to eight year strategic plan document.

As of May 1<sup>st</sup>., we have begun the 2007-08 season, with athletes performing physiological tests right outside the Education office. Ready or not, the new year is rolling and we have a few major changes to announce from Coaches Education – see below.

### **Introducing Jenny Murano – Goodbye Erin Bordley:**

Erin has decided to leave USSA for the greener pastures of upstate New York (she owns a horse). Erin's last day will be this Friday (May 4<sup>th</sup>) and fortunately, she is passing on her valuable expertise and experience to her replacement, Jenny Murano. Jenny comes to USSA from the Salt Lake Marathon organizing committee, with extensive background in athletic events, but not alpine skiing. Don't worry, Erin picked up the nuances of our sport in a hurry, Jenny will do the same. All coaches, please give her a little time to learn the ins and outs of our coaching world, including the location of your program and ski areas. Erin will be hard to replace, and she leaves with our undying gratitude and appreciation for all her hard work and ability to successfully handle the demands of our 3,000 plus member coaches. We wish her well in her new life back in her home state.

### **USSA Coaches Education is now USSA Education:**

The education role for our department will be expanding as the new Center of Excellence (COE) is built and occupied. A formal announcement will be made shortly concerning the exciting news of the groundbreaking for our new USSA headquarters (COE). Not only will Coaches Education continue to serve the needs of all member coaches, it will expand its scope to include the education of all USSA staff, as well as playing a larger role in educating member clubs. These are exciting times for your Education department, as we plan for an expanded program in the coming decade.

### **Summer Clinics – Mt Hood:**

Education is happy to offer several clinics at Mt. Hood for July 2007. The clinic dates will be:

Level 100: July 21-22, 2007

Level 200 (*combined*): July 19-22, 2007

If you'd like to attend just one portion of the Level 200 please let us know. We can easily accommodate you.

We will also be offering a Level 200 Introduction to Alpine Tactics Clinic at A-Basin, Colorado on May 29-30, 2007. Any interested please contact the Education Office. We will be posting registration within the next week.

**Clinic Scheduling for 2007-08 Season:**

Education has begun planning the 2007-2008 clinic schedule! If your program would like to host a clinic please contact the Education office to get yourself on the schedule. We will be planning both program and open clinics for the coming season. Start your planning early!

