

**NYSSRA Development Committees** are tasked with evaluating the needs and desires of programs across the state. The committees work collaboratively with a clear focus on youth development. They implement programs that offer optimal advancement for our athletes with input from NYSSRA membership. The committees utilize NYSSRA's varied resources for a positive sport experience for all.

**Development Committee Selection:** These committees may consist of 6 or 7 members.

Councils interested in submitting a nomination for Jr I / II, Jr III and Jr IV / V committees should notify the NYSSRA Program Director's office by March 17th each year.

Candidates for the JI / II, JIII and JIV-V Development Committees will be submitted to the respective Development Committees for nomination. The NYSSRA Executive Committee selects committee members based on the recommendations of the Development Committee.

Each Council will appoint one member to the JIV / V Development Committee. Coaches with at least 3 years prior JIV / V coaching experience may be selected by each council. The JIV / V Committee Chairperson is selected by the NYSSRA Executive Committee based on the recommendations of the Development Committee. In addition the NYSSRA Exec Com may appoint up to 2 discretionary members.

New members, with an initial term of 1 year, are invited to the April Development planning meetings. Returning members commit for 2 years, which may be renewed for one additional two year term. The Chairmanship rotates every two years. After the 2011 season members with five consecutive years must step aside for 1 year and then be eligible for consideration to return as positions open. The Executive Committee has the ability to extend each 5-year term limit by one additional year.

Selection guidelines: 1) current NYSSRA and USSA coaching credentials including current USSA referee 2) current with USSA coaches education 3) must coach and travel consistently with appropriate age group throughout the season to achieve familiarity with NYSSRA's policies and racers. 4) must be respected by his/her peers and exhibit professionalism.

NOTE: Current NYSSRA President, Immediate Past President, AO Chairperson, AO Education Chair, Coaches Ed Chair, Coaches Ed Administrator and 1st & 2nd NYSSRA VPs sit on both all Development committees in an advisory position. The current NYSSRA President is a voting participant in the event of a tie.