

SKI JUMPING/NORDIC COMBINED COMMITTEE MINUTES USSA CONGRESS 2007 - PARK CITY, UT

May 18-19, 2007

Chair: Chuck Heckert

1. Chairman's Introduction

Chuck Heckert called the Committee to order and gave his opening comments, expressing his desire to have a lot of good work and planning toward good future solutions for the sport of ski jumping.

2. Roll Call

The following members were recognized:

Todd Wilson (term limit – spring 2008)

Reed Zuehlke (term limit – spring 2008)

Luke Bodensteiner (term limit – by employment)

Chuck Heckert (term limit – spring 2007)

Dave Jarrett (term limit – by employment)

Matt Cook (term limit – spring 2008)

Art Tokle (term limit – spring 2008)

Upon a motion made by Matt Cook and seconded by Todd Wilson, Alan Alborn was **added** to the Committee as an athlete representative, with a term expiring in the spring of 2009.

Upon a motion made by Dave Jarrett and seconded by Matt Cook, Jed Hinkley was **added** to the Committee as an athlete representative, with a term expiring in the spring of 2009.

3. Additions to the Agenda

No additional agenda items were brought forth and the agenda was **approved**.

4. Approval of Minutes, Spring Congress '06

Mr. Heckert called for the approval of the minutes, which were presented to the members approximately one month before the meeting. Upon a motion made by Reed Zuehlke and seconded by Matt Cook, the minutes were **accepted**.

5. Proposals and Report from the Officials Subcommittee

The floor was given to Mr. Reed Zuehlke, chairman of the officials subcommittee, who presented the following proposals:

- For any FIS-level event held in the United States, the Chief of Competition must be a certified USSA Ski Jumping/Nordic Combined official who has attended a TD seminar for that season at a national or divisional level. This proposal was **accepted** by the committee.

- Pursuant to his retirement from active service on the Ski Jumping Hills Working Group, Dr. P.T. Bland, aka “Doc Bland” of the Snowflake Ski Club in Westby, WI shall be designated as a “Lifetime Honorary Member” of the Ski Jumping Hills Working Group. This proposal was **accepted** by the committee.
- The Ski Jumping Hills Working Group shall consist of the following members; Robert Ralston, Don West, Blair Tomten, Keith Hanson, Toben Spurkland, Joseph Lamb (advisor), Stan DuRose (honorary), John Fetcher (honorary), P.T. Bland (honorary). This proposal was **accepted** by the committee.
- Voting members of the Officials’ Subcommittee shall be; Dan Warner, Matt Laue, Larry Glueck, Keith Hanson, Reed Zuehlke (Chair and FIS Obman), and Art Tokle. This proposal was **accepted** by the committee.
- Upon a motion made by Art Tokle and seconded by Todd Wilson, a proposal to require Video Distance Measuring at the U.S. National Championships was **unanimously accepted** (Reed Zuehlke declare a conflict of interest and recused himself from the vote) by the committee and **proposed** to the USSA Board, who subsequently accepted the proposal.
- The following changes to the SuperTour scoring system were propose and **accepted** by the Committee:

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7 th	14	17 th	4
8 th	13	18 th	3
9 th	12	19 th	2
10 th	11	20 th	1

6. Proposals and Report from the Coaches Subcommittee

The floor was given to Mr. Todd Wilson, chairman of the coaches subcommittee, who reported on the work done by his subcommittee, and which will continue as a means of further building the future plan for the sport of ski jumping at the club and national level:

- No proposals were presented to the Committee.

7. Election of Committee Chairman until June 2009

- The Members thanked Chuck Heckert for his good work in the last term as Chairman, and running unopposed, unanimously elected him to another term.

ATTACHMENTS

2008 CALENDAR DRAFT

Date	Location	Jumping	Nordic Combined	Comments
July 3-4	Lake Placid (confirmed)	K-90 K-90	NC	SuperTour
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Aug. 14- 18	Park City, UT (confirmed)			SpringerTournee
Aug. 28- 29	Lake Placid (confirmed)	HS 100 HS 100		LCOCJ
Sept. 1-2	Park City, UT (confirmed)	HS 100 HS 100		LCOCJ
Sept. 16	Chicago, IL (confirmed)		NC	SuperTour
Oct. 7	Lake Placid (confirmed)	K-90 K-90	NC	SuperTour
Dec. 29- 30	Lake Placid (confirmed)	K-120 K-90	Sprint 5km	SuperTour/JWC Trials
Jan. 3-5	Lake Placid, NY			North American Junior Championship
Jan. 27	Chicago, IL (confirmed)			SuperTour
Feb. 1-2	Eau Claire, WI (confirmed)	K-90 K-90		SuperTour
Feb. 8-9	Westby, WI	K-120 K-120		SuperTour
Feb. 12	Ishpeming, MI	K-90		SuperTour
Feb. 16-17 or 23-24	Iron Mountain, MI	K-120 K-120		COCJ Men
Feb. 28- Mar. 1	Ishpeming, MI	K-60 (Feb. 28) K-60 Team (Mar. 1)	??? Individual Team (Mar. 1)	Junior Olympics
Mar. 15-16	Park City, UT	K-120 K-90	5km Sprint	National Championships

United States Ski & Snowboard Association

2008 Ski Jumping World Junior Championship Team Selection Criteria

1. **USSA POLICY**

USSA policy mandates that World Championship and Olympic team selection criteria shall be principally objective (or performance-based), that coaches' discretion must be limited to no more than twenty-five percent (25%) of total team size, and that available start rights and team spots will not necessarily be filled.

2. **TEAM SIZE**

A maximum of five (5) ski jumping athletes per gender may represent the United States in the 2008 Junior World Championships, unless otherwise specified by the International Ski Federation (FIS).

3. **START RIGHTS**

Up to four (4) athletes per gender may start for the United States in each event, unless otherwise specified by the International Ski Federation (FIS).

4. **ELIGIBILITY FOR CONSIDERATION**

USSA will consider for selection only those USSA members in good standing with valid U.S. passports, who meet FIS minimum eligibility standards. An athlete shall be ineligible for consideration if he/she is not fit to compete at the time selections are made due to any injury or illness from which he/she is not expected to recover adequately by the time of the Junior World Championships.

5. **TEAM SELECTION PROCEDURE AND CRITERIA**

The coaching staff is responsible for applying the selection criteria set forth herein, subject to the oversight of the Nordic Director of USSA. Objective selections shall be based on the results achieved by athletes in SuperTour and Junior World Championship Trials competitions held December 29-30, 2007 and the North American Junior Championships held January 3-5, 2008 (the "selection period"). Discretionary selections, if any, may be based on a variety of factors, including competitions conducted outside of the selection period.

(a) **Coaches' Discretion.** USSA may select up to one (1) athlete per gender to the team using coaches' discretion. The total number of discretionary selections made by the coaching staff shall be no more than twenty-five percent (25%) of the maximum team size described in paragraph 2 above. If the coaching staff fills any available spot(s) on the team with discretionary selections, then the staff may consider any factors including (but not limited to) the following:

- 1) Outstanding competition results (including results achieved outside of the selection period).
- 2) Recent direction or trend of competition results (i.e., improving, flat, or declining).
- 3) Attitude and commitment of athletes.
- 4) Physical fitness level.
- 5) Illness or injury during the selection period.

- 6) Indicia of medal potential in future Olympic or World Championship competition, which would be materially enhanced by selection to team.
- 7) Other unanticipated failure of objective criteria to select an athlete likely to achieve competition results consistent with USSA program goals for the Junior World Championships.

(b) Objective Criteria.

1. Team selections shall be granted to those athletes who have scored the most Continental Cup points during the selection period, in order, until the team is filled, unless application of this criteria would result in a total team size exceeding the FIS quota, in which case USSA shall use the following tie-breaking mechanisms in order:

- Best Continental Cup finish during the selection period
- Second best Continental Cup finish during the selection period

2. USSA shall ensure that it fields a representative team by selecting as many additional athletes as may be necessary to bring the total team size up to, but not limited to, four (4) athletes per gender based on the cumulative total results of an athlete's best three of the following competitions, calculating the percent back of competition points in each competition:

- Dec. 30-31, 2007 – Lake Placid, NY (SuperTour/Junior World Championship Trials)
- January 3-5, 2008 – Lake Placid, NY (North American Junior Championships individual events)

Athletes will be self-funded.

6. ANNOUNCEMENT OF SELECTIONS

Selections to the 2008 Junior World Championship team shall be announced on January 6, 2008 (tentative) at the offices of USSA in Park City, Utah, and shall be published immediately upon announcement.

United States Ski & Snowboard Association

2008 Nordic Combined World Junior Championship Team Selection Criteria

1. **USSA POLICY**
USSA policy mandates that World Championship and Olympic team selection criteria shall be principally objective (or performance-based), that coaches' discretion must be limited to no more than twenty-five percent (25%) of total team size, and that available start rights and team spots will not necessarily be filled.
2. **TEAM SIZE**
A maximum of five (5) athletes may represent the United States in the 2007 Junior World Championships.
3. **START RIGHTS**
Up to four (4) athletes may start for the United States in each event.
4. **ELIGIBILITY FOR CONSIDERATION**
USSA will consider for selection only those USSA members in good standing with valid U.S. passports, who meet FIS minimum eligibility standards. An athlete shall be ineligible for consideration if he/she is not fit to compete at the time selections are made due to any injury or illness from which he/she is not expected to recover adequately by the time of the Junior World Championships.
5. **TEAM SELECTION PROCEDURE AND CRITERIA**
The coaching staff is responsible for applying the selection criteria set forth herein, subject to the oversight of the Nordic Director of USSA. In order to ensure that the United States fields a representative team, minimum team size shall consist of four (4) athletes. Objective selections shall be based on the results achieved by athletes in World Cup-A and World Cup-B competitions held between November 1, 2007 and Dec. 23, 2008, the Junior World Championship Trials held December 30, 2007 (tentative) in Lake Placid, NY, and the North American Junior Championships January 3-5, 2008 in Lake Placid, NY (the "selection period"). Discretionary selections, if any, may be based on a variety of factors, including competitions conducted outside of the selection period.
 - (a) **Coaches' Discretion.** USSA may select up to one (1) athlete to the team using coaches' discretion. The total number of discretionary selections made by the coaching staff shall be no more than twenty-five percent (25%) of the maximum team size described in paragraph 2 above. If the coaching staff fills any available spot(s) on the team with discretionary selections, then the staff may consider any factors including (but not limited to) the following:
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- 5) Illness or injury during the selection period.
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- 7) Other unanticipated failure of objective criteria to select an athlete likely to achieve competition results consistent with USSA program goals for the Junior World Championships.

(b) Objective Criteria.

- 1) Athletes shall be selected to the team based solely upon their competition results during the selection period. Team selections shall be granted to those athletes with the best World Cup ranking on December 23, 2007 (tentative) in order, until the team is filled.
- 2) If fewer than four athletes have been selected through the world ranking list, USSA shall select as many additional athletes as may be necessary to bring the total team size up to the USA quota, as established by FIS. These athletes will be selected in rank order from the USSA Junior World Championship Trials (Lake Placid, Dec. 30,2007) and the North American Junior Championships Jan. 3-5 in Lake Placid, NY, scoring both individual competitions using the World Cup scoring method.

Athletes will normally not receive funding for the Junior World Championships.

6. ANNOUNCEMENT OF SELECTIONS

Selections to the 2008 Junior World Championship team shall be announced on January 4, 2008 (tentative) at the offices of USSA in Park City, Utah, and shall be published immediately upon announcement.

SuperTour Guidelines

The SuperTour is the premier ski jumping series in North America. Prize money and incentives are offered at every stop (only skiers with current USSA members are eligible for prize money), as well as NRL ranking for those skiers. Registration will be posted to www.ussa.org

Super Tour Schedule - 2008 Calendar Draft

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SuperTour Classes

The SuperTour is skied as one class for men. If there are at least three women there will be a separate SuperTour class for women. If the organizer elects to host a Nordic Combined event in conjunction with the SuperTour ski jumping those skiers will jump in their designated class (men or women).

SuperTour Entry Fees

The maximum amount a club may charge for a single SuperTour event is \$45. A club may charge an additional fee to Nordic Combined skiers not to exceed an additional \$20 plus the initial entry fee.

All skiers wishing to be eligible for prize money must pay the required entry fee.

SuperTour Competition Seeding

Skiers are seeded by the current SuperTour points list with the highest point total skier skiing last. Skiers not on the SuperTour points list will be seeded first by random draw. Coaches and jury discretion may be used in seeding.

SuperTour Competition Cuts

Each event will be cut to the top thirty skiers after the first competition round. If an organizer elects not to cut after the first round they may state that in their competition announcement or the decision may be made by the competition jury at the event.

SuperTour Minimum Prize Money

Each SuperTour organizer will pay the minimum prize money according to the following scale for each SuperTour ski jumping event.

1 st \$800	2 nd \$500	3 rd \$350
4 th \$225	5 th \$125	6 th \$ 50

If at a site on the SuperTour the women’s class is attended by a minimum of six (6) skiers the minimum prize money will be paid according to the following scale.

1 st \$150	2 nd \$100	3 rd \$50
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If a SuperTour organizer elects to host a Nordic Combined event in addition to ski jumping and if there are at least eight (8) entries the minimum prize money will be paid according to the following scale.

1 st \$150	2 nd \$100	3 rd \$50
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SuperTour Series Ranking List and Overall Winner

The SuperTour series will be split into two seasons with each season’s overall points leader receiving the season bonus as listed below. The end of season point totals are calculated by using each of the skier’s best scores from 70% of the season’s SuperTour tournaments.

Overall Summer Season Points Leader Bonus \$500	Overall Winter Season Points Leader Bonus \$1,500
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