



Alpine Sport Committee

Park City Marriott – Prospector 3
1895 Sidewinder Drive, Park City, UT

Saturday, May 17 2014, 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Minutes and Congress Action Items

Meeting Chair: Darryl Landstrom

Members:

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| Darryl Landstrom – ASC Chair | Present |
| Luke Bodensteiner – USSA Vice President Athletics | Excused |
| Charles Christianson – Alpine Athlete Rep to the USSA BOD | Present |
| Bob Dart – Immediate Past Chair and Alpine Rep. to the USSA BOD | Present |
| Michelle Demschar – USSA Alpine Domestic Program Manager | Present |
| Gina Gassman – Athlete Representative | Excused |
| Chuck Hughes – Eastern Region Representative | Present |
| Beat Hupfer – Programs Chair | Present |
| Todd Kelly – Western Region Representative | Present |
| Chip Knight – Athlete Representative | Excused |
| Karen Korfanta – At large | Present |
| Craig Krueger – Western Region Representative | Excused |
| Mike Morin – Development/Education Chair | Present |
| Joe Paul – Rocky/Central Region Representative | Present |
| Roger Perricone – Rocky/Central Region Representative | Present |
| Patrick Riml – USSA Alpine Director | Present |
| Bill Slattery – At large | Present |
| Tao Smith – Eastern Region Representative | Present |
| Paul Van Slyke – Rules and Technical Chair | Present |
| Jeff Weinman – Secretary non-voting | Present |
| Tom Winters – FIS Representative | Excused |

Guests:

John Norton, Rogan Connell, Pat Callahan, Dave Waller, Todd Brickson, Mike Hammer, Tom Kelly, Lucy Schram, Laura Sullivan, Barry Bryant, Ted Newman, Douglas Hall, David Pym, Tami Strong, Molly Laramie, Jim Komarmi, Bruce Crane and others who did not sign the attendance sheet.

Editorial Note: With the exception of motions 1-3, 7, 34, 44 and 51-53, motions and seconds refer to the individuals who made the motions and seconds at the original subcommittee or working group meeting.

1. Welcome and call to order

Landstrom welcome everyone and thanked them for their work during the meetings. He thanked staff and in particular Jeff Weinman for his work summarizing the action items from the week for review during these meetings.

2. Review of committee membership and roll call

Landstrom called the roll and passed out the attendance sheet.

3. Review and approval of agenda

Motion 1: To approve the agenda with the change that Beat Hupfer will report for the Programs Subcommittee as Chair and Todd Kelly will report for Western Region on behalf of Kraig Krueger. Slattery / Perricone / without objection

4. Review and approval of minutes

Motion 2: To approve the minutes from Congress 2013 as presented. Paul / Hupfer / without objection

5. Reports (action items, initiative and issues)

Shaw reiterated his gratitude to everyone for their work. He stated that it has been a great learning experience. If anyone wants one on one time he is happy to sit with them. Interested to see what recommendations come to the board.

Weinman noted that the items that will be reviewed during the meeting are available on the document repository for review during the meeting.

5.1. Governance task force – Dart

Dart reported that the Governance Task Force and Regional Forums were both held on Thursday. The following motion is recommended by the Task Force:

Motion 3: Every Alpine Division must adopt the Affiliation Agreement with USSA by September 30, 2014 (and also adopt the associated Bylaws template by no later than September 30, 2015) to formalize and strengthen the partnership between USSA and its Alpine affiliates – with any Division addendum / modifications as mutually agreed upon by both parties. M/S/C Dart / Slattery/ without objection

Landstrom stated that he had spoken with Gassman, Knight and Krueger and that they each have given their approval of the motion, but if necessary (as per our operating procedures) they can be reached by phone for a voice vote.

Landstrom gave special thanks to the Task Force for their work and effort. Dart noted that the next work for the Task Force is to review and work on the operating procedures for the sport committee and local competition committees.

5.2. Executive – Landstrom

Landstrom reviewed the action items from the Executive committee.

Motion 4: To add the following language to the Helmet section of the Alpine Competition Guide

For season 2015, it is recommended that athletes U14 and older must use

helmets that meet the new FIS standards for all USSA GS, SG and DH competitions. Beginning in season 2016 athletes U14 and older must use helmets that meet the new FIS standards for all USSA GS, SG and DH competitions.

In Kombi competitions, beginning in season 2015, athletes must use the helmet that meets the standards for the faster discipline being contested.

M/S/C Dart / Kruger / without objection

Motion 5: Beginning in season 2015, USSA Scored GS, SG and DH competitions must use currently homologated GS panels. Beginning in season 2016, all USSA GS, SG and DH competitions (including masters' competitions) must use currently-homologated GS panels. M/S/C Dart / Van Slyke / carried

Motion 6: To amend the Flex Pole language in the Alpine Competition Guide as follows;

- All USSA FIS and USSA scored events must use homologated flex poles.
- All poles gates on a course must be of uniform height and diameter.
- For USSA scored SL events, women should use FIS type B (27 mm recommended 25-28.9 mm) poles and men can use FIS type A (~~29-32 mm~~) or FIS type B (27 mm recommended) poles.
- For U16s SL event, poles must be full length, 180 cm; women should use FIS type B (27 mm recommended 25-28.9 mm) poles and men can use FIS type A (~~29-32 mm~~) or FIS type B (27 mm recommended) poles.
- SL poles for U14s and younger must be uniform in height with a minimum height of 54" off the snow with a 25-27 mm diameter. The recommended pole size is 60" in height off the snow and 27 mm in diameter. Stubby poles may be used. Beginning in season 2016, SL poles for this group will be required to be a minimum of 60" in height off the snow and 27 mm in diameter. Stubby poles may still be used.
- In GS, SG and DH, poles should be full height for all age groups and genders. U14s and younger should use 27 mm poles.

Definition – FIS type B poles are 25-28.9 mm in diameter, and FIS type A poles are 29-32 mm in diameter.

M/S/C Van Slyke / Riml / without objection

Motion 7: To amend Flex Pole Language as approved by the Executive Committee in the bullet SL poles for U14s to strike the word "minimum" from the new text so that it reads "...required to be a ~~minimum of 60~~" in height..." and to add the text "This applies to events that are exclusive to U14 and younger; it is not applicable to mixed age races which include athletes U14 and older" as a new sentence before the last sentence of that bullet. M/S/C Morin / Van Slyke / carried

Motion 8: To approve the additional helmet rule

For season 2015, it is recommended that athletes U14 and older use helmets that meet the new FIS standards for all USSA GS, SG and DH competitions. Beginning

in season 2016 athletes U14 and older must helmets that meet the new FIS standards for all USSA GS, SG and DH competitions.

In Kombi competitions, athletes should use the helmet that meets the standards for the faster discipline being contested.

And the new gate panel rule

Beginning in season 2015, USSA Scored GS, SG and DH competitions must use currently homologated GS panels. Beginning in season 2016, all USSA GS, SG and DH competitions (including masters competitions) must use currently homologated GS panels. Dart / Riml / without objection

Weinman reminded everyone that local amendments to the ACR that affect field of play rules, and which in turn could have an effect on insurance coverage, must be submitted to the Executive Committee by Oct. 1 for review during the Fall Executive Teleconference.

5.2.1. Board of Directors – Dart

Dart had nothing further at this time.

5.2.2. Alpine Judicial Committee – Slattery

Slattery reported that there were no action items for review.

5.3. Rules and Technical Subcommittee – Van Slyke

Van Slyke thanked the Working Group chairs and members for the work done during the course of the meetings. He thanked Weinman for his help during the season.

Alpine Officials Education Working Group

Motion 9: To award Emeritus status to Allen Church in recognition and appreciation of his more than 40 years of distinguished service and contributions to the Alpine Officials' community. M/S/C Wright / Nunnikhoven / unanimous

Recommendation: To support a flat rate increase of the USSA TD daily stipend in an amount to be determined by the USSA TD Working Group

Motion 10: When online Competition Official (CO) certification becomes available, amend requirement that Jury Advisor should be a certified Jury Advisor, Referee or Chief of Race to serve as a Jury Advisor for USSA non-scored events and add: "and, at a minimum, must be a certified Competition Official". M/S/C Rogers / Nunnikhoven / unanimous

Recommendation: To support the proposal to allow second-run starts for first-run DNS, DNF, DSQ competitors in USSA-scored, non-championship events.

Motion 11: To approve the following officials for advancement to Level 4 as listed.

CENTRAL

5807458 Thrush, Yvette JA4

EAST

4581278 Moriarty, Scott RF4

4720918 Nenko, Michael CR4

4490454 Schmidinger, Erich CR4

FAR WEST

5066873 Ginsberg, Michael CC4
6019277 Hupfer, Beat CO4, CC4

INTERMOUNTAIN

4772968 Burnett, Carma JA4
4707840 Chaffee, Kevin CR4
4679031 Denis, Gilbert CO4
5438254 Garrison, Robert TC4
4033825 Hicks, Bill JA4
3143260 Savaria, Pat CC4
4743852 Stone, Rebecca DM4, RA4
4743852 Stone, Rebecca CO4
4681920 Watkins, Gwynn RF4
4704201 Wedeking, Mark CO4
4698775 Whitaker, Darryl CO4

NORTHERN

3138575 Bay, Roger RF4
6134696 Bayless, W. David RA4
5856570 Bildahl, James JA4
4823761 Pickering, Jeff RF4
5220876 Wolf, Jerry RF4

ROCKY MOUNTAIN

5724257 Verdun, David TC4
5069075 Zeiter, Charles JA4

M/S/C Delli Quadri / Hall / unanimous

Timing Working Group

Motion 12: Add Lucy Schram as a member of the working group. M/S/C Hoffman / Strong / unanimous

Motion 13: Add Eric Millibrant as a member of the working group. M/S/C Chayes / Jacobs / unanimous

Timing Task Force will continue work with a revised survey and to work on improving educational materials with the alpine officials' education working group to help answer the question of "why" with timing rules. Members – Jett, Chayes, Strong, Schram.

Motion 14: To award Emeritus status to Allen Church for his years of service to the Timing Working Group. M/S/C Ransom / Strong / unanimous

Nomination and election: John Jett as Chair and Dan Chayes as Vice Chair. M/S/C Waller / Jacobs / unanimous

USSA TD Working Group

Motion 15: To increase the daily stipend for USSA TDs from \$50 / day to \$75 / day. M/S/C Hughes / Nunnikhoven / carried

Motion 16: The USSA Technical Delegate Working Group initiated a new award this season. The USSA TD WG Thelma Hoessler Award will be given annually to

recognize an outstanding USSA/FIS Race Administrator for the year and/or over the years. Any USSA Technical Delegate may nominate an USSA/FIS Race Administrator for the Thelma Hoessler Award. This year's award winner is Thelma Hoessler. M/S/C Nunnikhoven / Ransom / unanimous

Dart asked if the intention is for the Award to be perpetuated. Van Slyke said that the intention of the Working Group is to keep the award within the Working Group and not as part of the USSA awards structure and that it would be perpetuated within the working group. Landstrom stated that his opinion is that any annual award to recognize volunteers, which is an appropriate goal, should be done within the Awards Working Group. Van Slyke asked that Dart bring this award to the Awards Working Group for consideration for inclusion.

Motion 17: To approve the following USSA TD certification advancements

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| PNSA | Craig Panos (4890976) – level 3 |
| East | John Thompson (5220488) – level 3 |
| | Barton Bradford (34677274) – level 4 |
| | Cort Jones (1361849) – level 3 |
| Northern | John Champeny (3095197) – level 4 |
| | James Landers (4898482) – level 5 |

M/S/C Hughes / GilanFarr / unanimous

Rules Working Group

Motion 18: To amend U1259.3.2 and add a bullet "there are no minimum or maximum number of turns required". M/S/C Jett / Hammer / without objection

Motion 19: To amend U1259.6 Number of runs - The Jury should decide on the number of runs by the first team captains' meeting. ~~Depending on weather and course conditions it is recommended that entries up to 140 competitors should be two runs and entries over 140 competitors should be one run.~~ M/S/C Jett / Connell / carried

Motion 20: To amend U1259.7 Rules - ~~The ACR SL and GS rules apply for running of the Kombi race except as modified in U1259.~~

U1259.7.1 - Except as specifically modified, the rules for SL (800) also apply to non-scored SL/GS Kombi for U16s and younger.

U1259.7.2 - Except as specifically modified, the rules for GS (900) also apply to non-scored GS/SG Kombi for U16s and younger. M/S/C Hoessler / Hammer / carried

Courses Working Group

Motion 21: To propose to the Rules & Technical Subcommittee, respectively the Alpine Sport Committee and USSA Board, to amend USSA ACR U1200.2, so that it states in its entirety: "The lighting must meet the following specifications". The articles following would remain unchanged. (The language to be removed states "Competitions under artificial light must be run on courses homologated for night competition.") M/S/C Jacobs / Ghent / unanimous

Chairman and others reiterated that there is no provision in the rules for homologation of a course for specific use, or exclusion, of particular categories of competitors (for example, by age-class).

Motion 22: To change the deadline for submission of homologation applications to be one month later; that is, from July 15 to August 15 for requests for FIS courses and from August 15 to September 15 for USSA courses. M/S/C Ghent / Winters / carried

Motion 23: To conform the daily stipend for USSA course inspectors to the USSA TD stipend of \$75 per day. M/S/C Goldschmidt / Chayes / carried

Motion 24: To recognize the excellent service of Allen Church as an USSA alpine course inspector and to henceforth indicate his status as emeritus and 'honorary member' of the USSA Alpine Courses working group. M/S/C Sutton / Byrne / Unanimous

Motion 25: To recognize the long and excellent service of Ev Uldrich as a USSA alpine course inspector and to henceforth indicate his status as emeritus and 'honorary member' of the USSA Alpine Courses working group. M/S/C Ghent / Browne / Unanimous

Motion 26: To recommend that the Rules & Technical Subcommittee, respectively Alpine Sport Committee and USSA Board, ratify the working group's approval of Parker Gray and John Norton as USSA Alpine Course Inspectors, their having completed the published nomination, development and approval process to the satisfaction of the working group. M/S/C Ghent / Sutton / Unanimous

Motion 27: To recognize Gretchen Ransom, Ron Bonneau, and Ted Lockwood as 'inspectors-in-training', having been nominated and 'vetted' according to the procedures in place. M/S/C Calderwood / Byrne / Unanimous

Motion 28: To identify Paul Van Slyke as a USSA Alpine Technical Advisor and to include his name on the roster of the USSA Alpine Courses working group as such. M/S/C Chayes / Goldschmidt / Unanimous

Motion 29: To request that the Rules & Technical Subcommittee, respectively Alpine Sport Committee and USSA Board, nominate and endorse Ellen Galbraith, Dan Chayes, Kurt Engel, Brad Ghent and Doug Hall to the International Ski Federation to be recognized as Alpine Course Inspectors of the International Ski Federation. M/S/C Byrne / Sutton / Unanimous

Classification Working Group

Motion 30: To award Emeritus status to Allen Church in recognition of his many years of service to the Classification Working Group. M/S/C Hoessler / Mahre / without objection

Motion 31: To allow a USSA and FIS Downhill to run concurrently. The vertical drop and the course set would be the same for both events. The top five athletes in the points would be the same for both events, however they would not be required to race the course twice. Amended to include allowing the proposal for

one speed series per gender per region during the 2014-15 season. M/S/C Weinman / Mahre / without objection

Motion 32: To approve the continued use of alternate seeding system in USSA Scored races including "TRS", Turton Method, Team Seeding (with modifications for specific circumstances) and Year of Birth Grouping. When alternate seeding methods are used they should be announced in advance of any competition and defined in regional / divisional / state handbooks. M/S/C Weinman / Jett / without objection.

Van Slyke said that if there are other seeding methods not listed those should be submitted for approval at the Fall Executive meeting.

Nomination and Election: To nominate Dave Waller as Chair and Gretchen Ransom as Vice Chair of the working group. Mahre / Hupfer / carried

FIS TD Working Group

There were no action items to report.

The FIS TD educational updates will be held Oct. 17-19 in Vancouver BC, Canada and Oct. 24-26 in Albany NY, USA.

Subcommittee

In the subcommittee meeting, there was discussion about the running of all DNF, DSQ in second run of scored races – comments include:

- Good for sport participation
- Question whether or not to implement at Championship events
- Should be announced prior to first run starts – with very large fields, jury should have option not to run this group
- OC race announcement – if they choose not to, may they announce in race notice that those athletes will not get a 2nd run?
- Whether or not the race operation software will properly manage
- In all, there were favorable comments to the benefits

Recommendation: In scored non-championship events, at the discretion of the jury in conjunction with the ROC, first run DNF and DSQ may be allowed to take their second run at the end of the field. M/S/C Hall / Jett / without objection

Motion 33: To make an exception to the operating procedures to extend the term for the current chair on a one-time basis. M/S/C Wright / Crane / without objection

Nomination and election: To nominate Paul Van Slyke as Chair and Doug Hall as Vice Chair M/S/C Hoessler / Wright/ without objection

Nomination and election: To nominate Chuck Hughes and Gretchen Ransom as at large representatives. M/S/C Hoessler / Hall / without objection

Van Slyke thanked Bill Gaylord and Gary Wright for their years of service to the subcommittee.

Nomination: To nominate Bill Gaylord as emeritus status on the subcommittee. M/S/C Van Slyke / Hoessler / without objection

Motion 34: To accept the report and action items of the Rules and Technical Subcommittee, including the action items from the various working groups. M/S/C Van Slyke / Hughes / without objection

5.4. Program Subcommittee – Hupfer

Masters

There were no action items from the Masters Working Group.

Collegiate

Motion 35: To approve the Winter World University Games Criteria as presented and submit to Quotas and Selections Working Group for approval. M/S/C Bonneau / Roszypal / carried

Motion 36: To amend the USSA ACR text regarding FIS-U qualification and seeding and submit to Quotas and Selections Working Group for approval. M/S/C Dodge / Connell / carried

Nomination and election: To nominate Peter Dodge as Chair and Ron Bonneau as Vice Chair of the working group. M/S/C Jacobs / Roszypal / carried

Quotas and Selections

Motion 37: To approve in principle the increase in NorAm quotas from 50 to 60 and to allocate those additional ten spots to development. M/S/T Keller / Gunesch / tabled

Tabled pending approval by Canada and the NorAm Committee.

Discussion - Dodge and Christianson concerned with the best seniors not getting access with expanded quota. Keller would like more access for development quota.

Motion 38: To accept the proposed World University Games selection criteria in principle, with further review by the nomination committee and staff. M/S/C Dodge / Knight / carried

Motion 39: To expand non-university access to the Eastern FIS-U races.

Amended: To expand non-university access to the Eastern FIS-U races and amended 3.2 of the proposed language to strike the phrase "to 15 women and 15 men". M/S/C Dodge / Gunesch / carried

Discussion, Keller opposes hard numbers on USSA quotas, Dodge noted field sizes / time / daylight / safety / quality issues.

Motion 40: To approve the USSA staff proposal giving automatic access to selected events (U18 Nationals, Nationals and U16 Regional Championships) to certain athletes

The following performance markers will qualify athletes directly to the U18 National Championship and U.S. National Championship:

Women

- **NorAm Cup points achieved in any discipline during the 2014-15 season**

Men

- **NorAm Cup points achieved in any discipline during the 2014-15 season for YOB 1997**
- **Nor Am Cup results (GS, SL) achieved in any discipline during the 2014-15 season for YOB 1998**
- **Nor Am Cup results (DH, SG) within top 50% of the field during the 2014-15 season for YOB 1998**

Attendance in the NTG U16 European project January, February 2015, qualifies athletes directly to the U16 Regional Championship. M/S/C Keller / Knight /carried

Motion 41: To standardize selections to the U16 National Championships M/S/C Keller / Marshall / carried

Discussion - should the divisions/states be standardized? There are many different processes out there. Staff feels selections should be similar.

Motion 42: To expand the quota to the U.S. Championships by one male and one female skier per region – raising quotas to 14 men and 11 women. M/S/C Barnes / Armstrong / carried

Motion 43: To expand the maximum team size at U.S. Championships by one male and one female skier per region – raising the maximum team size to 19 men and 16 women M/S/C Keller / Gunesch / carried

Motion 44: To accept the report and action items of the Programs Subcommittee, including the action items from the various working groups.

Amend: To remove Motion 41 from the approval and allow further review by the divisions prior to the Fall Executive meeting with a final recommendation by Oct. 1. M/S/C Hupfer / Morin / without objection

5.5. Development and Education Subcommittee – Morin

Motion 45: To create an Education Task Force as lined out in proposal by Jon Nolting. Approved

Motion 46: To encourage U.S. Ski Team members to participate in their home Regional FIS series post U.S. Alpine Championships. Approved

Motion 47: To allow DNFs and DSQs in the first run of a USSA scored competition to run at the end of the second run. Approved

Current Jury rules are in place to address appropriateness depending on, but not limited to: field size, snow conditions, visibility. Coaches also need to use discretion for their athletes.

Motion 48: To form a working group of the Development Committee to study the effects of potential proposals that have the intent of improving athlete retention and LTAD, while reducing cost. This committee would bring its findings to the NDEC in time for Fall ASC meeting.

FIS license issue

Limiting start numbers

Southern hemisphere racing – does this put us at a disadvantage?

Work on SG recommendations for SG course setting matrix. Approved.

Motion 49: To adopt edits to course setting matrix as presented. Approved.

Motion 50: To allow FIS age athletes to ski in scored USSA DH, SL, GS, SG events on equipment that does not meet FIS specifications for Length and Radius. To recommend that the Alpine Director take the lead on producing an equipment matrix for U14 aged athletes and older for USSA scored competitions. Approved.

Recommend that Riml ask FIS to review 17 m ski rule for children.

Pole – Committee stated rules should stay as printed. U14 and under need to use a pole 60” in height and 27 mm in diameter for SL.

Nomination and election: Mike Morin Chair, Jesse Hunt Vice Chair

Motion 51: To accept the report and action items of the Development Subcommittee. M/S/C Morin / Van Slyke / without objection

Riml reviewed the background on equipment rules and the rationale for the changes to the equipment specifications to allow for a progression for athletes as they get older.

5.6. Regional representatives – Krueger

Krueger was not available. Todd Kelly had nothing further to report.

5.7. FIS – Winters

Winters was not available. Van Slyke had nothing further to report.

5.8. Athletes – Christianson / Knight

Christianson stated that he had had a number of communications with athletes prior to the meetings. There is excitement about Shaw and Riml. Excited about the discussions that have occurred. Wished there were more athletes participating.

Landstrom thanked Christianson for his support and involvement.

6. Old business

There was no other old business to review.

7. New business

7.1. Nominating Committee nominations – Slattery

Slattery reported that the nominating committee supports the following slate

Motion 52: To elect the following

Sports Committee Chair (2 year team) – Darryl Landstrom

USSA Board Representative (2 year term) – Darryl Landstrom, Bob Dart has term limited out.

Sports Committee Vice Chair (2 year term) – Paul Van Slyke

M/S/C Slattery / Riml / without objection

8. Comments from guests

Crane reported that there was a good venue workshop on best practices on B-Net usage and the difficulties of working with the newer course setting standards.

Asked that the Venue Workshop continue during Congress, but be placed earlier in the program – post-Club Conference.

Paul Mahre asked that Bob Calderwood be recognized for his 40 years of service which Landstrom did.

Morin asked if there has been any progress on a new Gate Judge video. Thelma Hoessler and Laura Sullivan indicated that there is a task force being led by Laura Sullivan and working with USSA Education staff to produce something new. The goal is to have something ready by October. Sullivan asked that if anyone has images / video that would be appropriate to please forward that along.

9. Closing remarks

Landstrom expressed his appreciation to Bob Dart for his mentorship and commitment to the organization. Dart has given a tremendous amount of time and energy to the organization over the years. He is happy to know that Dart will continue as past chair and remain involved. Landstrom asked for a round of applause in Dart's honor.

Asked that everyone works to have action items delivered at least 30 days prior to Congress 2015 so that they can be distributed and evaluated prior to arriving. A proposal template will be developed for use.

The affiliate agreement and bylaw template have been a tremendous undertaking. We want to continue the progress with the review of the governance and operating procedures.

Weinman asked if the Fall teleconference would be for the full Sport Committee or only Executive. Landstrom said that he intends for the full Committee to be involved.

Riml, on behalf of himself, all his staff and the entire organization, thanked Landstrom, Dart and everyone involved for the dedication and work that is done not only during these meetings but throughout the entire year.

10. Time and place of next meeting

The fall teleconference will be approximately two weeks after the fall FIS meetings.

11. Adjournment

Motion 53: To adjourn. Slattery / Hughes / without objection.

Addendum I: FIS-University Races > Collegiate Working Group

FIS-University competitions are a category of FIS racing that allow for special quotas and rules to create additional opportunities for competitors who are also college or university students.

The qualification as a university student is determined by FISU art. 128.01.03. Competitors must be older than 17 and less than 28 years.

In the USA FIS-University races are additionally categorized as either:

1. FIS-University Open
2. FIS-University Team
3. FIS-University Series. The two FIS-University series are the EISA and RMISA collegiate conferences.

Quotas

FIS-University Open races

1. USA FIS-University qualified skiers.
2. Nations Quota: All nations have a quota of up to 12 university students. Of the 12 a maximum of 4 skiers who are not university students may be entered. In the USA, CAN and NOR have a quota of 20 of which a maximum of 4 skiers who are not university students may be entered.
3. Host Nation Quota. The host nation may fill the remained of the field, with university or non-university skiers, up to the determined maximum field size as determined by the ROC, not to exceed 140.

FIS-University Team, and FIS-University Series races

1. Varsity teams as defined by the hosting college conference, EISA, RMISA or USCSA
2. Nations Quota: All nations have a quota of up to 12 university students. Of the 12 a maximum of 4 skiers who are not university students may be entered. In the USA, CAN and NOR have a quota of 20 of which a maximum of 4 skiers who are not university students may be entered.
3. Host Nation Quota. The host nation may fill the remained of the field, with university or non-university skiers, up to the determined maximum field size as determined by the ROC, not to exceed 140.

For EISA FIS-University Series races:

- a. *The USSA quota will be a minimum of 10 women and 10 men.*
 1. *The total USSA quota of 20 can be split between women and men with a maximum of 15 per gender.*
 2. *The host shall have the ability to expand the USSA quota ~~to 15 women and 15 men~~, with approval from the EISA Executive Committee, at least 14 days prior to the first competition based on favorable conditions and a limited field size.*

USSA Quota Entry Procedures

TBD by USSA

Rules and Seeding

For Open FIS-University and Team University Race the FIS ICR rules for FIS category competitions apply.

For FIS-University Series races (EISA and RMISA) a modified Continental Cup seeding and starting order are utilized.

Referencing the 2013/14 Continental Cup Rules, changes in RED

3 Starting Order

3.1 First Group (1-15)

The first group (1-15) will be determined on the basis of the respective Cup points, **(the EISA or RMISA FIS-Uni Start Lists)**. In the case of a points tie for 7th (SL/GS) or 15th place (all events) the group will be appropriately expanded. If there are not 15 competitors with respective **FIS-Uni Start List** points, then the first group comprises only the competitors with respective Cup points.

3.1.1 Choice of Starting Numbers/Draw

GS/SL: 1st group (1-15)

The first group is sub-divided into two groups: (1-7) and (8-15). The start numbers are the drawn by double-draw from within these groups.

DH/SG/SC: 1st group (1-15)

The first group competitors and the special group (art 3.2.1) competitors may choose their start numbers between 1-30. The remaining start numbers from 1-30 will be drawn among the rest of the competitors with in the top 30.

3.1.3 Validity of Cup Points

The final event ranking in the **respective FIS-Uni Start List** is used as a race result with validity defined in art 3.1.4 in the next season.

The first ranked has 100 points, the 30th ranked has 1 point. This ranking determines the first 30 competitors for the first race of the season. For the first race, if there are not 30 competitors present who appear on the basic list, the missing places will be filled by continuation of the previous season's final event standings.

The **respective FIS-Uni Start List** points achieved from the first race onwards in each event will be added to the basic list to determine the new ranking.

3.1.4 Validity of the Basic List

After the second race in that event in the current season the basic list will be deleted.

3.2 After the First Group

After the 1st group the competitors with the lowest 5 FIS points in that event may start. The following 15 competitors start according to the **respective FIS-Uni Start List** event standing, unless they are within one of the two above-mentioned groups. Finally, 30 competitors of the **respective FIS-Uni Start List** unless they are within the one of the two above mentioned groups.

3.3.1 Limitation of the second run in SL, GS and DH

The ROC may determine at the Team captains meeting that only the first 60 competitors who complete the first run are qualified.

Addendum II: 2015 World University Games Selection Procedure

A. Minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for nomination to the Team:

1. Completed application forms must be sent to: Richard Rokos, rokos@colorado.edu, by October 17, 2014.
2. Athletes must commit at this time to the events they will be able to compete in if selected.
3. Athletes must be citizens of the United States of America.
4. Athletes must be eligible according to the rules of FIS, FISU, USOC and USSA.
5. Athletes must meet the following FISU regulations:
 - a. Be officially registered students enrolled on a full time basis at a university or a similar establishment whose status as a university is recognized by the appropriate academic authority of their country.
 - b. OR be a former student of the establishments mentioned in the previous article who have graduated in 2014
 - c. The competitor must be older than 17 and less than 28 years.
6. Other requirements
 - a. Be current Alpine Competitor with current FIS license.
 - b. Be ranked in the top 100 of USA skiers on the 2014/15 October FIS list in at least one discipline to be contested.

B. Athlete Selection Summary

The USSA in cooperation with the alpine collegiate programs will field a team of USA athletes to the WWUG. This team will be identified based on FIS rankings in SL, GS and SG.

The team size will be up to 6 men and up to 6 women.

C. Selection Procedures

1. 6 men and 6 women with the highest ranking will be selected by National Team Selection Method (NTSM) based on FIS SL, GS and SG rankings, from skiers with at least one top 500 world rank in those events. The ranking list created will include alternates for selection by this method. 2014/15, 2nd (October) FIS list will be used for selection.
2. The above selected athletes will be entered in the three events, SL, GS and SG. Selections of athletes will be announced by 11/14/2014. Selected athletes must confirm their intention to participate in writing to WUG selection Committee by 11/21/2014, or the next ranked athlete on the NTSM rankings will replace them.
3. All team selections will be final and replacements or additions will not be made after submission of the official USA team entry on 11/28/2014. Medical and "force majeure" substitute is permitted until the date of final accreditation.

D. Winter World University Games Selection Committee

The Selection Committee for the FISU Winter World University Games shall be composed as follows:

Richard Rokos
Peter Dodge
Darlene Nolting
Jeff Weinman
Andy LeRoy
Chip Knight

USSA FIS Sub Committee for University Racers
EISA Representative
USSA/USST representative
USSA/USST representative
USCSCA President
USCSCA Vice-President

Addendum 111: Alpine Course Setting Specifications for U-16 & Younger

| 2014-15 Course Setting Specifications for U16 and Younger (Scored and Non-Scored) | | | | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|---|--|--|---|
| | | U10 and younger | U12 | U14 | U16 |
| Train to Race Ratio (strongly recommended minimum) | | 6:1 (days) | | 5:1 (days) | |
| GS/SL Race Days ³ (recommended) | | Max. 10 Division/State organized, all events | Max. 12 Division/State organized, all events | Max. 14 Division/State organized, all events | Max. 18 Division/State organized, all events |
| Downhill (DH) 700 and U1253 | Distance between gates ¹ | X | X | 50 m max. | As required |
| | Vertical drop | | | 350 m max. | 500 m max. |
| | Direction changes | | | 8% of vertical drop | As required |
| Slalom (SL) 800 and U1254 | Distance between gates ¹ | Combination 4-6 m; Open 6-10 m; Delay max. 15 m | | | Combination 4-6 m; Open 6-12 m; Delay max. 18 m |
| | Vertical drop | Max. 100 m | Max. 120 m | Max. 140 m | Max. 160 m |
| | Additional requirements | Max. 3 hairpins; Max. 1 vertical combination; Max. 1 delay gate | | | Min. 3 hairpins; 1-3 vertical combinations; 1-3 delay gates |
| Giant Slalom (GS) 900 and U1255 | Distance between gates ¹ | Open 15-22 m; Delay max. 30 m | | Open 15-25 m; Delay max. 35 m | Open 15-27 m; Delay max. 35 m |
| | Vertical drop | Max. 200 m | Max. 250 m | Max. 300 m | Max. 350 m |
| | Additional requirements | Min. of 1 delay; Variety of terrain suggested | | | |
| Super G (SG) 1000 and U1256 | Distance between gates ¹ | X | 22-35 m | Open 25-40 m; Delay min. 15 m | Open 25-45 m; Delay min. 15 m |
| | Vertical drop | | Max. 300 m | Max. 350 m | Max. 450 m |
| | Direction changes | | 8-12% of vertical drop ² | 8-12% of vertical drop ² | 8-12% of vertical drop |
| | Additional requirements | | Training run required (U1256.4) | Training run required (U1256.4) | Training run recommended (U1003.2.1) |
| Parallel | Distance between gates ¹ | 10-15 m | 15-20 m | | |
| | Maximum vertical drop | 60 m | 100 m | | |
| Kombi - SL/GS U1259 | Distance between gates ¹ | SL 6-10 m, GS 12-20 m | SL 6-10 m, GS 12-20 m | | |
| | Maximum vertical drop | 150 m | 180 m | 200 m | |
| Kombi - GS/SG U1259 | Distance between gates ¹ | X | GS 12-20 m, SG 18-28 m | | |
| | Maximum vertical drop | | 250 m | | |
| Other Events | | All of above plus SkillsQuest events | All of above plus SkillsQuest events | | All of the above plus combined and SkillsQuest events |
| Ski Recommendation - Maximum (strongly recommended) | | 1 pair - Multi-event Length - skill/size appropriate | 2 pair - SL, GS Length - skill/size appropriate | 3 pair - SL, GS, SG Length - skill/size appropriate | SL, GS, SG, DH |

¹ Gate distances correspond to distance between turning gates, with the exception of SL combination distance, which refers to gate width.

² Per USSA ACR U1256.3, based upon hill topography and field ability, the Jury may increase the gates to a maximum of 14% of vertical drop (counting only those requiring change of direction).

³ Does not include Regional or National Championships.

** Crossover between age categories for SL, GS, SG, Kombi and SkillsQuest is encouraged. Where multiple age classes are competing, course setting guidelines will be based on the guidelines for one class older than the youngest class (for example, if a race has U10, U12 and U14 racers, it should use the U12 guidelines) except in DH where course setting guidelines will be based on the youngest class participating.

Addendum IV: Equipment

| Alpine FIS and USSA Equipment Rules 2014-15 Final 16 September 2014 | | OWG, WSC, WC, WJC, all COC including NAC | | FIS/ENL | | USSA U18 (16 years old) and older * | | USSA U16 (15 and 14 years old) | | USSA U14 (13 and 12 years old) ** | | Masters *** |
|---|-------|---|--------|----------|--------|---|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------|--------------------------------------|--------|----------------|
| | | Men | Women | Men | Women | Men | Women | Men | Women | Boys | Girls | Men & Women |
| Minimum Ski Length | DH | 218 cm | 210 cm | 213 cm | 205 cm | 210 cm | 205 cm may use SG skis | may use SG skis | | may use SG skis | | see note below |
| | SG | 210 cm | 205 cm | 205 cm | 200 cm | 200 cm | 195 cm | 180 cm | 175 cm | 175 cm | 170 cm | |
| | GS | 195 cm | 188 cm | 190 cm | 183 cm | 180 cm | 175 cm | max 195 cm | | max 190 cm | | |
| | SL | 165 cm | 155 cm | 165 cm | 155 cm | 165 cm (155 cm for U18 men) | 155 cm | 130 cm | | 130 cm | | |
| Minimum Ski Radius | DH | 50 m | | 50 m | | 45 m | | may use SG skis | | may use SG skis | | see note below |
| | SG | 45 m | 40 m | 45 m | 40 m | 33 m | | 23 m | 23 m | 23 m | 21 m | |
| | GS | 35 m | 30 m | 35 m | 30 m | 23 m | 23 m | 23 m | 21 m | 17 m | | |
| | SL | no rule | | no rule | | no rule | | not restricted | | not restricted | | |
| Profile Width Under Binding | DH | | | | | | | | | | | see note below |
| | SG | <= 65 mm | | <= 65 mm | | not restricted | | not restricted | | not restricted | | |
| | GS | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | SL | >= 63 mm | | >= 63 mm | | >= 63 mm | | >= 63 mm | | not restricted | | |
| Maximum Binding Stack Height | 50 mm | | 50 mm | | 50 mm | | 50 mm | | 50 mm | | 50 mm | |
| <i>Measurement includes ski + plate + binding</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Maximum Boot Height | 43 mm | | 43 mm | | 43 mm | | 43 mm | | 43 mm | | 45 mm | |
| <i>Measurement from sole to top of foot bed</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | |

* In USSA U18 (16 years old) and older racing, athletes may use equipment that conforms to either the rules as outlined for USSA racing or as outlined for FIS/ENL racing. Athletes are encouraged to use equipment that conforms to FIS/ENL to enhance their adaptation to those specifications.

** U12 and younger athletes should limit skis based upon the recommendations in the Course Setting matrix. U12 - 2 pairs (SL, GS), length skill/size appropriate. U10 - 1 pair (multi-event), length skill/size appropriate.

*** USSA Masters rules conform to the FIS Masters equipment rules. USSA recommends that competitors in USSA Masters events compete on equipment designed for the particular discipline (DH, SL, GS, SG), but does not make any recommendations in regards to ski length, radius or profile width.

*** For FIS Masters Competitions, equipment rules in regard to ski length (except SG), radius and profile width are recommendations. The minimum ski length for SG skis is compulsory for MAS races. No length, width or ski radius restriction for ladies above 55 and men above 65 years of age. The FIS recommendations for ski length, ski radius and profile width can be found in the current *FIS Specifications for Competition Equipment*.

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