

Request for Alpine Homologation / Course Approval Inspection

To request alpine course homologation, please complete the Application Form and submit to the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Alpine Course Approvals

All FIS and U.S. Ski & Snowboard (Nat) alpine races in all events for all age and ability levels must be calendared and conducted on trails which have been homologated by FIS or U.S. Ski & Snowboard or approved and registered by U.S. Ski & Snowboard following inspection and favorable report.

Refer to FIS and U.S. Ski & Snowboard rules, section 650, for specific requirements and schedule of implementation. For FIS, these rules can be found at:

<http://www.fis-ski.com/inside-fis/document-library/alpine-skiing/index.html#deeplink=calendar>

and for U.S. Ski & Snowboard at: <http://my.ussa.org/ussa/alpine-course-homologation-rules>

The homologation, or course approval, process consists of:

- o application (completion of the form and submission with fee)
- o documentation (collection of information and development of documentation for the report)
- o inspection (on-hill site visit by a qualified, assigned inspector)
- o report (by the inspector, and accompanying documentation including „protection plan“)
- o approval of the report, issue of a certificate and maintenance of documentation in file
- o inclusion in periodic information updates (lists); publication on FIS and/or U.S. Ski & Snowboard site

The application form completed by the place (ski club, ski area, race organizing committee, etc.) provides the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Alpine Courses working group chairman and the assigned inspector with essential information about the venue (place), including who will be responsible for inspection arrangements, for preparation of documentation, and for payment of fees and expenses.

The application requests information needed for assignment of an inspector, based on the potential and proposed usage of the course, and compels the venue (place) to check key technical data in the context of the rules prior to requesting inspection. It is important to confirm vertical drop – elevation difference from start to finish - and minimum width(s) in advance.

Application fees corresponding to the proposed homologations are to be submitted with the application form. These payments will be applied to the actual homologation fees determined following inspection. Fees for any additional homologations requested during the inspection will be due prior to approval; application fees may be refunded if proposed courses are withdrawn prior to or following inspection.

On receipt of the application form and fee, the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Alpine Courses working group chairman will assign a qualified inspector. Once assigned, the inspector will collaborate with the venue (place) regarding scheduling and other arrangements for the inspection and in preparation of the documentation required for the final report package.

According to the rules, in addition to the application fees, in all cases the inspector's expenses are the responsibility of the venue (place) and must be reimbursed on request of the inspector, regardless of the outcome of inspections. Submission of the application requesting assignment of an inspector is deemed as understanding of and agreement to this responsibility of the venue.

One application form is to be submitted per course and event (exception: U.S. Ski & Snowboard GS and SL on the same slope/trail should be submitted together on a single form). Application fees should be paid in one check payable to “U.S. Ski & Snowboard Alpine Course Approvals”.

Forms and payment are to be submitted to: Competition Services, competitionservices@ussa.org or

Course Approvals
c/o Competition Services
PO Box 100
Park City, UT 84060

Completed applications may be sent as email attachments to competitionservices@ussa.org or by mail. Payment for application fees can be included with application, followed up by mail, paid over telephone.

Requests for homologation which are received prior to the annual mid-May U.S. Ski & Snowboard Congress meetings will have priority for assignment of an inspector. Applications should be submitted by August 15 for FIS /September 15 for U.S. Ski & Snowboard. Late fees apply. Normally, inspections should be done and reports with documentation submitted by September 30 for FIS /October 31 for U.S. Ski & Snowboard.

FIS requires and it is preferred for U.S. Ski & Snowboard that new inspections be done in the off-season. Inspections for rehomologations may be on-snow in many cases.

U.S. Ski & Snowboard homologations completed November 15-March 31 will have duration of validity before rehomologation is required based on that same (preceding) November 15; USSA homologations completed April 1-November 15 will have validity duration based on the next (following) November 15 (maximum five/ten seasons validity).

Additional information on deadlines, fees, including late fees, and related will be found at <https://usskiandsnowboard.org/sport-development/officials-development/alpine-homologation>

On receipt of the application with fees, the chairman will review the application, address any concerns with the venue (place); and assign an appropriate inspector, and forward copy of the application and record of payment to that inspector.

The assigned inspector will then communicate directly with the contact person noted on the application to make arrangements for the inspection and to consult and collaborate in development of the documentation to accompany the inspector's report.

Additional information about collection of data, development of documentation and arrangements for the on-hill inspection will be found at: <http://my.ussa.org/aip/alpine/alpine-course-homologation-report-packet>

FIS and U.S. Ski & Snowboard course inspectors can provide further information and guidance about homologation requirements, rules and process. A list of course inspectors will be found at: <http://my.ussa.org/alpine-programs/officials/contacts>

----- Credit Card Payment -----

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Card Number: _____ CVV: _____
Expiration Date: _____ Amount: _____

Call Competition Services, 435.647.2037 to make payment over the phone.

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Place/Ski Area. _____
(location of the course proposed for homologation, including ski area name, city/town, state)

Contact person _____
(person who will be responsible for inspection arrangements, documentation, fees and expenses)

Relationship to area/club/ROC _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

(phone) (alternate phone) (fax) (email)

Name of trail(s)/course(s) _____
(provide information separately for each trail/course, using additional forms)

Proposed for (please indicate):

New homologation or

Rehomologation (certificate # _____)

FIS (includes U.S. Ski & Snowboard) or U.S. Ski & Snowboard

Events: DH SG GS SL

Technical data:

Elevation of highest proposed start (meters): _____

Elevation of lowest proposed finish (meters): _____

Width (indicate "Yes" or "No"):

Has the width of this course been measured, especially at narrower places? _____

Are there any places with less than 40 meters width? _____ less than 30 meters width? _____.

Application fees to be submitted with this request and applied to homologation fees:

FIS \$ 250.00 per event (includes U.S. Ski & Snowboard homologation for same event)

U.S. Ski & Snowboard \$ 150.00 per event (\$150.00 for Nat GS/SL on same trail, same report)

Late fee: FIS after August 15, U.S. Ski & Snowboard after September 15, additional \$50.00 per course