

2018 Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined Sport Committee Meeting Minutes

U.S. Ski & Snowboard Congress
DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT
May 4, 2018

1. 9:55am Call to order, Martina Lussi, Chair

2. Roll Call

Members Present:

Martina Lussi	Chair
Anders Johnson	Athlete Rep SJ
Bryan Fletcher	Athlete Rep NC / BOD
Rex Bell	Coaches Sub Committee
Paul Jastrow	Officials Sub Committee
Martin Bayer	National Coach
Clint Jones	National Coach
Todd Wilson	Regional Rep RMD
Billy Demong	At Large/ Exec Director USANS

Others in Attendance: Tom Bickner, Matt Laue, Alan Johnson, Jed Hinkley, Colin Delaney, Scott Smith, Blake Hughes, Alan Alborn

3. Opening Comments, Martina Lussi

4. Confirmation of SJ/NC Committee Membership, 2018

		Term Expires
Martina Lussi	Chair	5/2019
Robert Lazzaroni	USSA Nordic Manager	By Employment
Anders Johnson	Athlete Rep,	5/2019
Bryan Fletcher	Athlete Rep, BOD	5/2022
Martin Bayer	National Coach, NC	By employment
Clint Jones	National Coach, SJ	5/2019
Todd Wilson	Regional Rep, RMD	5/2019
Rex Bell	At-Large	5/2019
Paul Jastrow	Officials	5/2018
Billy Demong	At-Large	5/2018

5. Confirmation of Subcommittees

Executive Committee:

Martina Lussi - Lake Placid, NY	Chair	5/2019
Robert Lazzaroni – PC, UT	Nordic Manager	By Employment
Bryan Fletcher - PC, UT	Athlete Rep, BOD	5/2022
Clint Jones – PC, UT	National Coach	5/2019
Paul Jastrow – Eau Claire, WI	Officials	5/2020

Judicial Committee:

Martina Lussi	Chair	5/2019
Robert Lazzaroni	Nordic Manager	By Employment
Bryan Fletcher	Athlete Rep NC, BOD	5/2022
Clint Jones	National Coach	5/2019
Paul Jastrow	Officials Subcommittee	5/2020

6. Approval of 2017 Minutes

Motion to accept by Jastrow, 2nd by Todd Wilson, unanimously approved.

7. Guest – Tom Kelly

Tom is retiring as VP of Communications and made an introduction of his replacement, Tom Webb, Director of Communications. Intro by Tom Webb.

8. Discussion of Domestic Calendar

- a. Presentation of schedule from calendar meeting
- b. Will be put on website by Clint
- c. Send changes to Paul Jastrow

9. Sport Reports

a. Men's Ski Jumping report presented by Clint Jones:

- i. Team Dynamics
- ii. Communications
- iii. Focus on Goal Setting
- iv. Suit Project. Overall equipment is solid
- v. Changes to Jr National Team - More junior camps this year
- vi. Application process started for other coaches to attend international events
- vii. Technology – Stout University working on under suits
- viii. Evaluation of Past Goals – Slow start, some finished strong
- ix. Four-year Goals for 2022 Olympics:
 - 1. Top 8 Olympic Team Event
 - 2. Top 20 Overall World Cup
 - 3. Top 10 Olympics at one event
 - 4. Fill paid quota of 3 by 2020
 - 5. Improve testing and monitoring

b. Women's Nordic Combined

- i. Discussion on Women's NC and National Championships
- ii. Women's NC rule for National Championships will get half the prize money for a field size of 5 or less.
- iii. Will use a HS60 or larger in an effort to encourage more participation from younger girls.
- iv. Needs further discussion to establish criteria.

- c. **Women's Ski Jumping presented by Alan Alborn**
 - i. Highlights from presentation
 - ii. Merger completed with USANS
 - iii. Statement of goals
 - iv. Four-year goals
 - v. Challenges
 - vi. 2019 goals
 - vii. 2017/2018 Highlights

- d. **Nordic Combined presented by Martin Bayer** (Presentation attached)
 - i. Three Summer Training Camps held in Europe
 - ii. Four Summer Grand Prix
 - iii. US National Championships held in Lake Placid
 - 1. Bryan Fletcher
 - 2. Ben Loomis
 - 3. Jasper Good
 - iv. Review of 2017/2018 goals
 - v. Olympic Trials
 - 1. Brian Fletcher
 - 2. Adam Loomis
 - 3. Ben Loomis
 - vi. Olympics review
 - vii. World Juniors – Ben Loomis 3rd place
 - viii. Team nominations
 - ix. Staff
 - x. 2018/2019 performance goals

10. Vote on Calendar (no vote taken earlier)

- a. Discussion on where to hold National Large Hill and Normal hill events and if Lake Placid should be considered for the Normal Hill event or Large Hill if ice track is in operation on the large hill.
- b. Discussion on timing of National Championships so they don't impact the National Team going into the start of the World Cup season.
- c. Decision made that both LH and NH Championships will be held in Park City.
- d. Motion to accept domestic calendar by Clint Jones; Second by Bryan Fletcher; vote held, all in favor; Motion carried.

11. Proposals from Coaches Subcommittee

- a. **Criteria** - Removal of best single CoC result and replace with best overall CoC ranking by the end of the criteria period.
- b. Motion to accept by Clint Jones; Second by Bryan Fletcher; vote held, all in favor; Motion carried

12. Officials Sub Committee Report by Paul Jastrow

New Officials with National / FIS Qualifications

- National Level
 - Jon Fulton (East) –Judge
 - Matt Keuler (Central) – TD
- FIS Level
 - Matt Keuler (Central) – Judge
 - Jarrett Moe (IMD) - Judge

Will initiate basic annual rules review testing for National Level Officials to be conducted at the Joint Fall Officials Seminar

Adopted a gate compensation protocol for all national level events; including US National Championships, US Junior National Championships, International Qualifiers and US Cup Competitions; Gate compensation May be used at other competitions by Jury decision if technology is available.

Increased scope of the Suit Control Protocols:

- US National Championships and International Qualifiers
 - Include crotch measurements and full FIS belt compliance.
- At US Cup and Junior National Events
 - Suit Control for Belts only – U20

Restructured and reorganized US Ski & Snowboard Competition Guide.

- Separated Cross Country and Jumping/NC into two separate sections
- Removed North American Championships section
- Better Organized Junior Nationals and US National Championships sections

National Assignments

- **LH US Nationals / NH US Nationals – Park City, UT**
 - TD – Jarrett Moe
 - TDA – Matt Keuler
- **US Jr Nationals – Park City, UT**
 - TD – Paul Andrews
 - TDA – Keith Hansen
- **WJQ#1 – Steamboat Springs, CO**
 - TD – Alan Johnson
 - TDA – Paul Andrews
- **WJQ#2– Lake Placid, NY**
 - TD – Matt Laue
 - TDA – Jay Rand

13. Officials Subcommittee Proposed Changes presented by Matt Laue

SJ NC Officials Subcommittee Rule Changes 2018

- 102.2 The maximum permissible entry fee for USJNCC is negotiated with the Events Department ~~but is usually not more than \$100.~~
- 103.1 Official competition results in booklet format, for USJNCC only, listing all results by event, class and gender shall be provided to all competitors and coaches at the Banquet. If Banquet takes place before all events are completed, an insert of results for the final event must be made available at final awards ceremony. There shall be no cost to the competitors or official coaches for the results booklet.
- A document containing ALL results, start lists, and jury minutes must be sent **digitally** to the Nordic Director and the TD within 3 days of completion of event.
- 114.1.1 The maximum permissible entry fee is ~~\$250~~ **\$275** per competitor.
- 156 Official Training**
- 156.1 For official jumping training, the order of teams will be alphabetical with the host team going first and then the order of jumpers will be assigned alphabetical within each team. **Teams are separated by gender.** When there are consecutive days of training the order of teams will rotate with the first team going last in the order on the next day of training and so forth, or, skiers may be ranked as they will in the competition in their proper seed group and/or randomly drawn within their respective seed groups.

NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

135 North American Championships

135.3 Eligibility

The North American Championships are open to athletes who are current Competitor members or Canadian Ski Association members who are representing the division and country in which they are registered. It is also open to guests who are current members of their national federation.

135.4 Age Classifications

The organizer may choose if they would like to host a one class event or an event with both a Junior Class (19 and under) and a Senior Class.

136 Entry Fees

136.1 The entry fee for members of U.S. or Canadian National Teams shall be waived.

137 Invitations

137.1 The invitations shall be sent directly to the designated team leader or to the jumping/nordic combined chairman of each division. The invitation must be sent out no later than 90 days prior to the competition.

138 Dates and Duration of Championships:

138.1 There are no fixed dates for the North American Championships. All competitions, however, should take place within a four-day period.

139 Competition Requirements

139.1 North American Championships may include some or all of the following events:

- Special Jumping – individual and team event
- Nordic Combined – individual and team event
- Ladies/Girls events in both sports as necessary.

170 Equipment

170.1 All U16 athletes shall follow Rule 4.1 per the FIS Youth Rules pertaining to skiers ski length of 140% of body height and no BMI. Exceptions to the rule are athletes skiing in WJC Tryouts, NorAms, U.S. Cup, and all other National Level events (excluding Junior Nationals) will follow rules set forth by FIS in the Equipment Specifications Rule 1.2.1.1.

170.2 All skiers age U18 and above will follow FIS rules governing equipment and all other controls.

170.3 Equipment Control will be required for:

- Ski Length
- Binding Placement
- FIS Approved Helmet
- Gloves
- Suits - zippers must be closed, waist belt to fit FIS tolerance and crotch measurement to FIS tolerance.

A calibrated scale must be used at the Senior National Championships and International Qualification Events. The scale must be calibrated by a national testing agency

Suit waist belt and crotch will only be controlled at the following events: U.S. National Championships, Junior World Qualifiers, Olympic and Youth Olympic Qualifiers. Suit waist belt will be controlled at US Cup and JN's for U20 class only.

170.9 Beginning skiers may start the learning process on and compete on alpine type equipment, although skiers are encouraged to transfer to specific Nordic Equipment as soon as possible.

184 Divisional Events

For divisional events with hills having a K-point greater than 70 75 m and/or hosting a JNQ or national event, a TD, TDA and five judges should be assigned. For events where the K-point is less than 70 75 m, a TD, TDA and three judges should be assigned.

195 Venue Equipment Requirements

- 195.1 Video Distance Measuring equipment is required at the U.S. Championship events ~~(excluding Junior Nationals and NorAms)~~. While video distance measuring is not required for JN's it is highly encouraged.
- 195.2 The Video Distance Measuring equipment shall be operated by an approved operator who has been trained on the Video Distance Measuring operating system.
- 195.2.1 The host venue /OC of the USJNCC is responsible for round trip airfare or mileage, as per the TD expense form, from the hometown of the video distance marker/operator and the Jumping Judges to the place of competition and for room and meal expenses (as per the TD expense form) accommodations.
- ~~195.3 Only Video Distance Measuring systems approved by the Officials Sub-Committee shall be used (i.e. DartFish, Swiss Timing [Utah Olympic Park], and Z-tek, TBD).~~

Jumping Special Rules, (Modified FIS Rules)

- 401.2.1 The Chief of Competition
Is responsible for the preparation of all technical and administrative aspects of the competition. He directs, controls and monitors the work of all officials.
He chairs the Team Captains' Meeting in coordination with the Technical Delegate (TD) / Race Director (RD).
He directs on assignment of the Jury the technical aspects during both official trainings and the competition.
*national He must attend an approved seminar within the two years prior to his duties.
- 405.3.2 Daily Allowance
CHF 100 per day of travel to and from the event. The TD and TD Assistant get in addition during OWG, WSC, WSFC, WCJ and GPJ, COC, JWSC and, if necessary, for FCJ (see 405.4.5) competitions CHF 100 per day for the duration of the event.
*national At U.S. Championships and at U.S. Junior Nationals, the TD and the TDA will be paid \$50 per day. Each Judge will be paid \$25 per day. Payment will begin with the first day of official training and continue through the last day of competition.
~~———— The designated Equipment Control Manager, only, shall be entitled to the same expense and travel reimbursement as the Judges. The Organizing committee will be responsible for these fees.~~

For U.S. Championship and the U.S. Junior Nationals:

TDs and Assistant TDs will be provided a daily stipend at the rate of \$100. The TD and TDA will be paid for the period beginning the first official training day thru the last competition and include, travel, independent/commercial lodging and meal reimbursement. Judges, Equipment Controller and Video Distance Measurer will be provided a daily stipend at the rate \$50 per official training and competition day and shall include travel, independent/commercial lodging and meal reimbursement.

All other U.S. Ski & Snowboard sanctioned events:

For TD's, TDA, Judges, Equipment Controller and Video Distance Measurer the daily stipend rate of \$50. Daily stipend will be paid for official training and competition days. All will be provided independent/commercial lodging extending from the night before the official training to the night of the last race day if needed. All will have their room, meal reimbursement and travel expenses paid for by the OC at all sanctioned competitions.

~~*national Equipment Control Manager for Nordic Combined and Ski Jumping National Events~~

- ~~———— In U.S. Nationals and the Junior National (all National Competitions), there will be one individual assigned by the hosting division's official's assignment process, to assist the TD and Jury for the sole purpose of checking athlete's equipment both during and after the jumping competition.~~
- ~~———— The duties of the Equipment Control Manager include: equipment measurement and controls, recording of any infringements, and making reports to the Jury immediately after their jump in a designated area near the end of the outrun.~~
- ~~———— The Equipment Control Manager would ideally possess a Licensed Ski Jumping TD, and or a qualified trained individual approved by the Jury. There may be an additional individual approved to assist. The Jury will be responsible to uphold the approved and appropriate equipment to provide and maintain the necessary equipment control devices as well as provide a qualified Equipment Control Manager for the event.~~
- ~~———— The designation of the equipment controller shall be entitled to the same expense and travel reimbursement as the Judges. The Organizing committee will be responsible for these fees.~~

Wind & Gate Compensation

Gate compensation will be available for Jury use at the following events: U.S. National Championships, Junior World Qualifiers, Olympic and Youth Olympic Qualifiers, and US Cup Events. May be used at other events by Jury decision if technology is available.

Computation of Nordic Combined results when the race occurs first

At JN's in the event the Cross Country race must be held prior to the jumping event in a Nordic Combined competition results shall be calculated in same manner as a normal Gunderson competition. Whereas the cross country will use a mass start and after the jumping the cross country times are added to the jumping results to produce the Nordic Combined results

Field Size at U.S. National Championships

In the event that a field size of a National Championships event is less than 5 the prize money will be reduced by 50% for each athlete receiving a monetary award.

Paul Jastrow led the discussion promoting the need to use the same scoring software for all venues. Paul offered to help any venue learn the system or make modifications to meet each venue's needs.

14. Motion to approve rule changes

Motion made by Clint Jones; second by Tom Bickner; vote held, all in favor; Motion carried

15. Announcement of Awards by Martina Lussi

- a. Mittelstadt Ski Jumping Officials Award – Howard Jarrett
- b. Club of the Year – Steamboat Springs
- c. Domestic Coach of the Year – Colin Delaney
- d. International Coach of the Year – Uroš "Balki" Vrhovec
- e. Ski Jumping Athlete of the Year – Kevin Bickner
- f. Nordic Combined Athlete of the Year – Ben Loomis

16. Expiring Terms

- a. Paul Jastrow voted on two more years
- b. Billy Demong changed from at large to by employment
- c. Bryan re-elected to the U.S. Ski & BOD and extended for 4 more years as Athlete Rep

Todd Wilson thanked Martina and Jed for all of their work on the nominations. Martina encouraged anyone to submit a nominee for any of the awards.

17. Motion to adjourn

Motion made by Tom Bickner, second by Clint Jones.
Meeting adjourned at 12:23 p.m.