



## **2019-2020 UPDATE & REVIEW: CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR ALPINE**

The U.S. Ski & Snowboard's Alpine Competition Regulations (ACR) for domestic alpine ski racing are adopted from the FIS International Competition Rules (ICR) but are specific to U.S. Ski & Snowboard competitions. The competition regulations are updated annually, are published in the current Alpine Competition Guide and are available at [usskiandsnowboard.org](http://usskiandsnowboard.org).

For all events scheduled by U.S. Ski & Snowboard as FIS events, applicable rules of the FIS must be considered and applied. In cases that are not addressed by the ACR for U.S. Ski & Snowboard events or by the ICR for FIS events, or in cases where the rules must be interpreted, the authority for making such decisions will rest with the Competition Jury.

It is the responsibility of every official, coach and competitor to *know, understand, and abide by* the rules for the sport. Coaches, Program Directors and other club officers are encouraged to provide the time and opportunity to instruct their athletes on the rules for the sport. These rules include, but are not limited to, current editions and "Precisions" of the FIS ICR, U.S. Ski & Snowboard ACR, and the appropriate supplemental rules, such as Rules of the FIS Points and Rules for the Alpine Continental Cups. The following pages contain an overview of major rule changes; a review and clarification of existing U.S. Ski & Snowboard and FIS rules are also included. *This update and review, however, does not contain all rule changes.*

### **U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD COMPETITION CONTINUING EDUCATION (UPDATE) 2019-2020:**

#### **1. "COURSES" AND "B-NET" PRESENTATIONS**

Viewing the above Power Point presentations is a mandatory part of the following Alpine Officials' Clinics: Continuing Education, Chief of Race, Chief of Course, Referee (Jury Advisor), and Technical Delegate.

#### **2. MEMBERSHIPS**

- **Alpine Competitor** memberships are available for groups U12 & under, U14, U16 & over.
  - U10 age group has been combined with U12 age group for membership purposes
  - OC's may still stage competitions recognizing U10 and younger athletes
- **Non-Scored Athlete** (former Non-Scored Student)
  - Available for athletes 14 – 24 years of age prior to December 31 of the current competition season
  - Provides access to all levels of U.S. Ski & Snowboard scored and non-scored competitions
  - Does not include access to the U.S. Ski & Snowboard National Points List
  - Alpine Non-Scored Athletes age 18-24 may compete in Alpine Masters events
- **Short Term Athlete** is restricted to athletes 17 and younger prior to December 31 of the current competition season
- **General** membership is restricted to athletes 17 and younger prior to December 31 of the current competition season; may forerun but may not compete in sanctioned competitions
- **Short Term Foreign** is restricted to foreign-affiliated athletes 18 and older prior to December 31 of current competition season
- With exception of Short Term Athlete, Short Term Foreign, Short Term Master, and Alpine Master (with no regular contact with minor-age athletes) memberships, all Alpine Competitor members who are turning 18 years of age and older must complete annual SafeSport Training and undergo periodic background screening.

- SafeSport Training may be completed prior to 18<sup>th</sup> birthday; *parental consent is required and collected during membership registration.*
- Competitors who are already 18 years of age or who will turn 18 years of age during the competition season may begin background screening process upon membership application; *parental consent is required and collected at the time of background screening registration for athletes who are 17 years of age.*
- Competitors who reach 18 years of age during the competition season and who have not completed SafeSport Training and/or background screening will be notified in advance of the need to complete these requirements; they will be given a specific time frame within which to begin the process.
- If SafeSport Training and background screening are not completed within the specified period, the competitor will be placed on “pending” status and will not be allowed to participate in any U.S. Ski & Snowboard sanctioned event until all requirements have been met and U.S. Ski & Snowboard receives a green light determination from SafeSport and the background screening company.
- **Masters memberships** are available in these categories for athletes 18 years of age and older:
  - Alpine Master (w/requirements) - Masters competitors who are members of clubs and have regular contact with minor-age athletes must complete annual SafeSport Training and periodic background screening
  - Alpine Master - Adult Masters (Masters clubs with no minor-age athletes), do not require annual SafeSport Training or periodic background screening
  - Masters Short Term membership is available
  - All Masters memberships meet requirements for forerunning
- **Coaches and Officials**
  - Must be 18 years of age prior to December 31 of the current competition season
  - Must complete annual SafeSport Training
  - Must submit to periodic background screening
  - Coaches must complete “Coaching Fundamentals” (former Fast Start Coaching Course)
- **Alpine Junior Coach**
  - Must be 15-17 years of age prior to December 31 of the current competition season
  - Must complete annual SafeSport Training
  - Must be supervised by a current-member Coach or Official
  - Venue access must be requested/signed for by supervising current-member Coach or official
  - Must not be appointed to serve as a Jury member, Jury Advisor or Course Setter
- **Alpine Adaptive Competitor** has been reintroduced in order to track adaptive athletes
- **Alpine Volunteer**
  - Parents and club volunteers who are in regular contact with or in a position of authority over athletes
  - Must complete annual SafeSport Training
  - Must submit to periodic background screening
  - Not eligible for official's certifications

*Additional information, including membership pricing, may be found on the U.S. Ski & Snowboard website.*

### 3. SAFESPORT TRAINING

U.S. Federal Law requires that adults who have regular contact with, or are in positions of authority over athletes, must receive consistent education on prevention and reporting of all allegations of sexual misconduct, bullying, hazing and abuse of all forms. This impacts all U.S. Ski & Snowboard member clubs as well as all adult members, excluding short term members and some alpine masters.

A comprehensive training program is required the first year, with annual refresher training required in subsequent years. Please ensure you affiliate your account with U.S. Ski & Snowboard and use your 7-digit (do not include Division alpha designation) U.S. Ski & Snowboard membership number, so Member Services may track completion and update your record.

U.S. Ski & Snowboard membership is not required prior to initiating SafeSport Training. However, we encourage individuals to include their 7-digit U.S. Ski & Snowboard membership number and affiliate with our organization as noted above. Non-members affiliated with our programs may contact Member Services for SafeSport training instructions. Memberships will remain on pending status for those with outstanding membership requirements.

Basic instructions for SafeSport training are:

- Go to [safesport.org](https://safesport.org) and create an account
- Affiliate account with U.S. Ski & Snowboard and enter your 7-digit membership number
- Choose the learning dashboard under your name (on left) and begin the course

You may log in and out at your convenience.

### 4. MEMBERS WITH “PENDING” STATUS

U.S. Ski & Snowboard Memberships Department will provide a list of members whose membership status is “pending” due to incomplete fulfillment of one or more of the following membership requirements: Background Screening, SafeSport Training, Coaching Fundamentals Course. The list will be updated daily between 10:00 – 11:00 AM (MST). *U.S. Ski & Snowboard member-clubs must contact Membership Services in order to be granted access to the list.*

Individual members may verify their membership status through members’ tools at [usskiandsnowboard.org](https://usskiandsnowboard.org).

### 5. CHANGES & RECOMMENDATIONS: U12 & Under Age Group

- At U12 and under competitions, it is recommended each division hold two races where speed suits are not allowed.
- U12 and under competitors are only allowed to use one (1) pair of skis per race (inspections and competition). Parents, coaches or technicians are not allowed to furnish additional pairs of skis for use during race day inspections or competition. Non-compliance may result in NPS or depending on circumstance, DSQ (proven violation after start). **(U.S. Ski & Snowboard Equipment Rules)**
- U12 and under competitors should refrain from using fluorinated wax. In any case, application of any type of waxing solution must not be applied at U12 and under competition venues. Use of ski preparation benches is not allowed at the U12 and under competition venues.

### 6. MINIMUM PENALTIES AT U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD NON-FIS EVENTS

- The minimum penalty for a non-FIS national race is 40.00. If the calculated penalty is lower than 40.00, the applied penalty shall be 40.00. The minimum penalty for a non-FIS national race that does not meet published standards is 75.00. The following guidelines apply:
  - Event meets vertical drop requirement: Apply larger of calculated penalty or minimum of 40.00
  - Event only meets minimum time standard: Apply larger of calculated penalty or minimum of 75.00

- Event meets neither the vertical drop nor the minimum time standard: Apply larger of 1) total of calculated penalty plus published additional penalty or 2) minimum penalty of 75.00.

## 7. FIRST REPORT OF ACCIDENT CHANGE

A First Report of Accident is required for all injuries involving U.S. Ski & Snowboard members (both national and foreign) at all sanctioned events. U.S. Ski & Snowboard has a new carrier and a new form. It can be found at [buckner.com/us-ski-and-snowboard/](http://buckner.com/us-ski-and-snowboard/) under “Participant Accident/Online Accident Report”). Online filing is available and is preferred; online filing requires completion of final step: “Review & Sign”. Paper filing is also available; applicable form is available at bottom of link section. Education materials will refer to the new reporting form as: “U.S. First Report of Accident” or “1<sup>st</sup> Report of Accident”. (Refer to MPF for complete instructions.)

**NOTE:** Refrain from discussing any accident/injury via text, email or social media!

## 8. EVENT RELATED DOCUMENTS

For events with no issues (injuries or accidents), it is recommended all event-related documents be kept on file for one (1) year. In the case of an event with serious injury/accident as defined by the Guidelines for Serious Accidents, the Technical Delegate must immediately contact Jeff Weinman, U.S. Ski & Snowboard Competition Services for instructions. The Technical Delegate must coordinate with the Ski Patrol and verify the information contained in the TD Accident Report.

## 9. JURY ASSIGNMENTS [U601.4.2.3]

The Jury should when possible include a woman.

## 10. COURSE SETTER APPOINTMENTS [U603.2.4]

Course setter appointment should when possible include a woman.

## 11. RECOMMENDATIONS: Content of Jury Minutes and Team Captains’ Meeting Minutes

- It is recommended that event medical plans be amended to require a member of the Ski Patrol be physically present in the start area for an event
- It is recommended that all OC’s add to the medical plan the availability of “Stop the Bleed” kits in the start packet
- For more information and to obtain “Stop the Bleed” kits:  
[kellybrushfoundation.org/skiracingsafety/stop-the-bleed/](http://kellybrushfoundation.org/skiracingsafety/stop-the-bleed/)
- It is recommended that Ski Patrol at resorts where there is avalanche potential provide an “Avalanche Control Report” at the Team Captains’ Meetings.

## 12. SUBMITTAL OF TECHNICAL DELEGATE REPORTS: Event Report and Expense Report

A Technical Delegate Report is required for all levels of competition. A copy of the completed/signed report as well as a copy of the Technical Delegate’s Expense Report should be submitted to the appropriate member of the U.S. Ski & Snowboard U.S. Technical Delegates Working Group as noted.

Alaska: [tdreportalaska@gmail.com](mailto:tdreportalaska@gmail.com)  
 Central: [TDRptCentralNAT@gmail.com](mailto:TDRptCentralNAT@gmail.com)  
 East: [TDreportEast@gmail.com](mailto:TDreportEast@gmail.com)  
 Far West: [FWDReports@gmail.com](mailto:FWDReports@gmail.com)  
 Intermountain: [tdreports@imdalpine.org](mailto:tdreports@imdalpine.org)  
 Northern: [Ndtrtr2020@gmail.com](mailto:Ndtrtr2020@gmail.com)  
 PNSA: [tdtr@pnsa.org](mailto:tdtr@pnsa.org)  
 Rocky Mtn.: [rmdtdreports@gmail.com](mailto:rmdtdreports@gmail.com)

### 13. PER DIEM CHANGE FOR U.S. TECHNICAL DELEGATES AND COURSE INSPECTORS

Amount has been increased to \$120 per travel/training/competition day for non-FIS events. These officials are also entitled to reimbursement of reasonable out-of-pocket expenses; e.g., travel, lodging, meals, etc.

### 14. PARALLEL

A “Checklist for Parallel Event Organizers” has been prepared; it is available in the Master Packet of Forms (MPF). A Power Point presentation addressing non-FIS Parallel is available on the U.S. Ski & Snowboard website. The presentation includes an explanation of the “Non-Elimination Format”. Due to the multiple changes in rules for Parallel, please refer to current ACR/ICR and Precisions. *Non-FIS Parallel events are not scored to the National Points List. FIS Parallel events are scored to the FIS Points List; they will not be scored to the National Points List.*

### 15. COURSE HOMOLOGATION DATA VERIFICATION

Paper copies of homologations located in ski area/club files may be outdated. The only accurate sources for course homologation data verification are the U.S. Ski & Snowboard and FIS websites. Locations are:

[media.ussa.org/Public/Athletics/CompServices/Homologation/](http://media.ussa.org/Public/Athletics/CompServices/Homologation/)

**Login is required:**

**User ID = homologation; Password = Allout2018!**

[fis-ski.com/DB/alpine-skiing/homologations.html](http://fis-ski.com/DB/alpine-skiing/homologations.html) (Maps, photos, reports, etc., are not accessible at this site.)

### 16. REQUESTS FOR HOMOLOGATION/RE-HOMOLOGATION

- Must be submitted to U.S. Ski & Snowboard Competition Services
- Requests for re-homologations must be submitted by January 1 of year of expiration
- Requests for new homologations must be submitted by April 30 for desired year of inspection.

### 17. MASTER PACKET OF FORMS

All forms in the Master Packet of Forms (MPF) have been reviewed, updated, and approved; *this includes both national and FIS forms*. Please use current forms without alterations and/or personalization.

## **FIS COMPETITION CONTINUING EDUCATION (UPDATE) 2019-2020:**

### 1. FIS TERMINOLOGY

FIS has changed terminology from “Ladies” to “Women” in all English language documents; e.g., titles, website, technical materials, official communications. In addition, terminology used in publications should be gender neutral; e.g., instead of using “she” or “he”, “athlete, Judge, Technical Delegate” should be used.

### 2. FIS MINIMUM PENALTIES

Minimum penalties have been reviewed and posted for season 2019-2020:

<u>Category 1:</u> ANC, EC, ECOM FED, NAC, SAC, UVS, WJC	15.00
<u>Category 2:</u> NC	20.00
<u>Category 3:</u> AWG, CISM, CIT, CITWC, CORP, EQUA, EYOF, FIS, FQUA, JUN, NJC, NJR, UNI, YOG	23.00
<u>Category 4:</u> ENL	60.00

### 3. FIS MAXIMUM POINT VALUES

Maximum values have been reviewed and posted for season 2019-2020.

DH – 330 SL – 165 GS – 220 SG – 270 AC – 270

### 4. PHOTO FINISH TIMING [611.3.2.2]

A Photo Finish System may be used to determine a competitor's finish time. In case of a failure of System A and System B, and where the competition has been recorded by the Photo Finish System, this time must be used in place of hand timing without any correction.

### 5. ELECTRIC TIMING [611.2.1]

For all international competitions, FIS World Cup, FIS Continental Cups and FIS competitions, two synchronized electronically isolated timing systems operating in time-of-day must be used. One system will be designated system A (main system), the other system B (backup system) prior to the beginning of the race. *Only exception for Parallel on Category 2, 3 and 4 competitions.*

### 6. MANUAL/HAND TIMING [611.2.2]

Stopwatches or hand operated battery powered timers installed at both the Start and the Finish and capable of expressing the time of day to at least 1/100<sup>th</sup> (0.01) precision qualify as proper hand timing devices. They must be synchronized prior to the start of the first run with the same time of day as system A and System B.

### 7. TRAINING ON COMPETITION COURSES AND WARM-UP SLOPES [614.1.3]

With the exception of Downhill Training which is governed by Downhill rules, the Jury may approve special training with or without gates (free ski) which can take place on the competition course. In that case, the training has to be controlled by the Jury and the Organizing Committee.

Warmup slopes outside the competition course should be made available to the participating teams under specific guidelines by the Organizer. *Warmup slopes are not under the control of the Jury and are not governed by the ICR.*

### 8. RERUNS

- “In case of missing gates” has been removed from ICR Art. 623.1.2. Edited rule reads: “In special situations (e.g., failure of the timekeeping system or other technical failures), the Jury may grant a rerun.”
- “Knocked down by a previous competitor” has been removed from ICR Art. 623.2.5. Edited rule reads: “Absence of a gate that has not been promptly replaced.”

### 9. COMPETITION SUITS

- ICR Art. 606.2.1: For all Alpine Events (except Slalom), at all FIS levels, competition suits must conform to the Specifications for Competition Equipment.
- ICR Art. 606.2.2: At all Alpine Events (except Slalom), the competition suit for Olympic Winter Games, FIS World Ski Championships, FIS World Cup (Level 0), FIS Continental Cups, Universiade and FIS World Junior Championships (Level 1) must have a label attesting conformity with FIS specifications for competition suits. Athletes in Level 0 events whose suits do not have conformity labels, will not be permitted to start (ICR Art. 627.2).
- Both conformity systems, label and plomb, will be valid at Level 1 (Continental Cup – NAC) during the transition period until the end of the 2019-2020 season.
- Please note suits with conformity labels are not required for Levels 2, 3 or 4 events; e.g., NC, FIS, NJC, NJR, UNI, ENL.

## 10. POLES – DEFINITIONS

- Rigid Poles must be round, uniform poles without a bending device and should be of the same material and dimensions as the flex pole. Rigid poles may be used for the outside gate or pole, and in exceptional cases (e.g., high wind) as the outside pole of the turning gate (see Art. 680.2.1.2). **[680.1]**
- Flex Poles are fitted with a bending device. They must conform to the FIS specifications. **[680.2]**

## 11. GATE PANEL AND FLEX POLE HOMOLOGATION

FIS homologations are valid as long as there are no new specifications introduced. The year of homologation has to be imprinted or inserted as reference. Homologations require attachment of all four panel corners to poles.

## 12. SLALOM COURSE SETTING EXCEPTION

Where the number of direction changes cannot be fulfilled due to unusual terrain, the Homologation certificate will show that an exception has been granted. **[801.2.4.1]**

## 13. FIS PARALLEL

All FIS Parallel rules have undergone extensive updating. Please refer to current ICR and its Precisions for details.

## 14. AIRBAG PROTECTOR TECHNOLOGY

An airbag protector is an additional piece of protective equipment based on airbag technology with the aim to improve the protection level for the athletes. Specifications for the device are available in “FIS Specifications for Alpine Competition Equipment”. **[3.5.2]**

## 15. FIS INJURY REPORTING

A FIS Report of Injury is required for all injuries involving participants in FIS events; form is available in the MPF. If used, please submit to [alpine@fisski.com](mailto:alpine@fisski.com) and [flere@fisski.com](mailto:flere@fisski.com). A copy must also be made available for limited distribution as outlined in “Distribution of Documents – FIS Events”, located in the MPF.

If an accident requires filing of a 4-page “TD Accident Report” as detailed in the “Guidelines for Actions in Case of Serious Accidents,” *the Technical Delegate must immediately contact Jeff Weinman, U.S. Ski & Snowboard Competition Services for instructions. The Technical Delegate must coordinate with the Ski Patrol and verify the information contained in the report. If required, this form is submitted in addition to the First Report of Accident.*

**NOTE:** Refrain from discussing accidents/injuries via text, email or social media!

## 16. PER DIEM FOR USA FIS TECHNICAL DELEGATES AND COURSE INSPECTORS

Per Diem for USA FIS-event Technical Delegates is currently \$120.00 per travel/training/competition day. These officials are also entitled to reimbursement of reasonable out-of-pocket expenses; e.g., travel, lodging, meals, etc.

## **GENERAL REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION - U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD AND FIS:**

### **1. PENALTY CALCULATION (Applies to both non-FIS and FIS Events with no change for season 2019-2020)**

Factors (F-values), have been reviewed and posted for use as follows; there will be no change for season 2019-2020:

DH – 1250 SL – 730 GS – 1010 SG – 1190 AC – 1360

### **2. START CLOCKS AND VERBAL START COMMANDS [U613.4]**

U613.4 clarifies the use of a start clock does not replace verbal start commands.



### 3. RACE ARENA & THE JURY (Applies to both non-FIS and FIS Events)

The Jury is responsible for the “race arena” which is accepted as being within (the side-to-side fencing) and without (the start area and the finish arena) the confines of the competition area. *Warmup slopes are not under the control of the Jury, are not part of the “race arena”, and are not governed by the ICR.* [223.2.1, 614.1.3; Precisions]

Prior to the event, the Chief of Race should establish contact with ski area management and the Ski Patrol and clarify those areas for which the Jury is responsible. This clarification should be communicated to all Team Captains. The Chief of Race should also work with ski area management and the Ski Patrol to identify a controlled location for training courses.

### 4. TENURE OF THE JURY

In accordance with Art. 601.4.4.2, the active tenure of the Jury begins with its first meeting and ends, if no protests are submitted at the expiration of the protest deadlines as noted in Art. 643 (Deadlines for Submittal). If protests are submitted, the tenure of the Jury ends after settlement of all submitted protests.

- If the Jury is no longer empaneled, they may not re-evaluate a previous decision
- If the Jury is no longer empaneled, they may not alter an athlete’s status; e.g., assign/unassign DSQ based on previously unavailable video, etc.
- Jury decisions are final except those that may be protested (641) or appealed (647)
- A Jury may re-evaluate a previous decision (Art. 640.2) but only if their tenure has not ended as outlined in Art. 601.4.4.2.

### 5. RACE DAY SCHEDULES [U202.2.1]

In cases of force majeure where more than two DH or SG events or more than one GS or SL event, per gender, are conducted in one day and in one place, then the official Program showing inspection times, start times, course reset/redress times, and start intervals for both events must be included with the race results packet submitted to U.S. Ski & Snowboard.

### 6. CALCULATION OF AN ELECTRONIC REPLACEMENT TIME (EET)

All times used for the final result must be from System A. If there is a failure of System A, a calculated net time (EET) from System B must be used following the procedure as shown below.

It is not permitted to substitute time-of-day times from System B for use with System A for the purpose of net time calculations. If the time is not available from System B, the photo finish time – if available – must be used, otherwise use the manual/hand time. *If a photo finish time is used, no correction is required.*

To calculate the correction time, use the 10 times of day of the competitors who started before the one with the missing time. If there are not 10 times before, complete the calculation with the remaining times after the missed time. Subtract the backup times from System A times for these 10 competitors. The sum of the 10 calculated time differences is divided by 10 and rounded up or down (0.0449 = 0.04, 0.0450 = 0.05). This correction time must be added or subtracted to the replacement time of the competitor without a System A time. The EET calculation must only use time of day precision to a minimum 1/1000th for the correction value of the time of day.

If Hand timing is only available to precision of 1/100th, the full precision of 1/1000th or better must be used for the System A times. [FIS Timing Booklet, Ver. 2.57; January 2019; 611.3.2; 611.3.2.1]

#### IMPORTANT CLARIFICATION:

If both the Start impulse and the Finish impulse from system A are missed, replacement ToD’s must be calculated for each missing impulse as outlined in ICR 611.3.2.1. Net time is then calculated and verified. (Use one form for Start ToD and one form for Finish ToD.)



## 7. SYNCHRONIZATION OF ELECTRONIC & MANUAL TIMEKEEPING SYSTEMS [611.2.1]

Synchronization of the timing systems must occur *as close as possible to the scheduled start for the first run*. Synchronization of all systems must be maintained and systems *must not be re-synchronized for the second run*.

## 8. VALID AND FALSE STARTS [613.7, 805.4] AND DELAYED STARTS [613.6, 805.3.1]

- Early/late start violation occurs when a competitor is in the start gate and does not start within the required period with respect to the start command – “GO”!
- Course workers and officials must have a reasonable expectation of when a competitor may be approaching their position. Competitors who either start early or late can minimize this expectation and potentially create an environment that is not secure. For these reasons, early/late start violations require DSQ.
- A “delayed” competitor is one who is not present in the start area or who is not ready to start when called.
- A provisional start may be allowed by the Start Referee (*force majeure*) or the Jury (in case of doubt).
- Athletes who are given provisional starts are subject to SANCTION, which *may or may not* include DSQ.

## 9. PROVISIONAL STARTS – IMPORTANT POINTS:

- An athlete who is granted a provisional start that is later found to be unjustified is subject to “sanction”.
- Depending on circumstances, the sanction may include a DSQ. Prior to imposing the DSQ, Jury must decide whether or not the competitor’s later start provided an unfair advantage, e.g., improved weather conditions, etc.
- A competitor shall only be disqualified if their mistake would result in an advantage for them with regard to the end result, unless the Rules state otherwise in an individual case, e.g., gate fault; early/late starts. [223.3.3]
- If a provisional start is not approved, the competitor’s status must not be changed to DNS. The only available option is DSQ, but then only if the provisions of 223.3.3 have been met.

## 10. NOT PERMITTED TO START [627]

A competitor will not be permitted to start (NPS) in any competition who

- wears obscene names and/or symbols on clothing and equipment or behaves in an unsportsmanlike manner in the start area
- violates FIS rules in regard to FIS Specifications for Competition Equipment (222; 207)
- trains on a course closed for competitors (614.1.4)
- has not participated in at least one timed Downhill training run (704.8.3)
- does not wear a crash helmet that conforms to the Specifications for Competition Equipment [606.4] or does not have ski brakes on their skis [606.3], **does not wear or carry an official start number according to the rules [606.1.]** *An “official start number” refers to any bib issued by the local event organizer; this includes replacement bibs furnished by the Start Referee.*
- **FIS EVENT ONLY: Was disqualified (DSQ), did not start (DNS), not permitted to start (NPS) or did not finish (DNF) in the first run. (Refer to AC rules for specific rules pertaining to that event.)**

**U627.8** *If a competitor has actually started in a competition and is later determined by the Jury to have been in violation of these rules, the Jury must sanction the competitor.*

## 11. RECORDING “NPS” SITUATION – NON-FIS AND FIS EVENTS

Due to rule(s) violation(s), athlete is not permitted to start; this could apply to either run of a 2-run event.

- Athlete’s status is recorded by the Start Referee as “Not Permitted to Start” (NPS); reason must be stated.

- If current Report by the Referee is not being used, “NPS” must be noted in Report by the Referee as required.
- Applicable rule number(s) must be noted for results.
- Technical Delegate must verify accuracy of Official Results and Penalty posted on U.S. Ski & Snowboard/FIS websites.

## 12. RERUNS

When deciding on the validity of a provisional rerun, the Jury must evaluate the following, many of which are included in the provisions of 623:

- Did the competitor cross the finish line? *Unless the claimed obstruction occurred in close proximity to the finish line and the competitor’s racing speed did not allow sufficient time for the competitor to avoid crossing the finish line, the Jury may consider the run is over.*
- When interference did not occur in immediate proximity to the finish line, did competitor stop immediately after the obstruction or interference occurred and *report the incident to the nearest Gate Judge or Jury member?*
- Does the claimed obstruction/interference meet the requirements of 623.1.2 (Technical Failure), 623.1.3 (Yellow Flag) or 623.2 (Grounds for Interference)?
- Did a “similar incident” occur that caused significant loss of speed or lengthening of the racing line and consequently affect the competitor’s time? **[623.2.6]** *Please note the reference to “competitor’s time” refers to “time on course” – not “competitor’s assigned time”. Example would be if a competitor is forced to ski around an obstruction on the course which would lengthen their racing line and affect their time. Rules 623.1.2, 623.1.3, and 623.2.1 – 623.2.5 list specific definitions of obstructions/interference, and rules cannot be written to address all issues that could be so defined. Rule 623.2.6 refers to “similar incident” which gives the Jury latitude to address these issues. This could apply to an obstruction that occurred in immediate proximity to the finish line, a gate that is not replaced in the correct position and requires a reaction time of one or more gates; weather issues, e.g., fog, lightning, snow swirl, etc., course condition, e.g., surface breakdown, etc.*
- Did competitor commit a fault (gate fault or start procedure fault) prior to the obstruction or interference? **[628.7]**
- Only the Jury can authorize a provisional start or validate a provisional run.
- A provisional or definitively approved rerun remains valid even if it proves slower than the obstructed run.
- For provisional reruns required by broken gates, every case must be checked individually; the Jury on site is the only group that can decide, based on the particular and detailed circumstances, if interference occurred.

**EXCEPTION:** If actual interference is witnessed by a Jury member, Jury Advisor or Connection Coach, upon request from the competitor or their coach, a rerun – not a provisional – should be authorized. If prior to the incident for which a rerun was granted, an infraction was committed that would result in disqualification, the rerun is not valid **[628.7]**.

- 13. NPS/DNF/DSQ SECOND RUN START OPPORTUNITIES IN SCORED EVENTS:** **ACR U621.11.3.1** allows a competitor who does not finish or who has been disqualified in the first run to take a second run with their original bib and their first-run starting order after the last qualified competitor has finished, if the Jury and the OC allow. *The Team Captains’ Meeting is the latest time when allowing this procedure should be announced.*

## 14. START STOP

When necessary to address critical situations,

- **ANY** Jury member
- **ANY** Eyes of the Jury (Connection Coach, Chief of Course)
- **ANY** Jury Advisor (Start Referee or Finish Referee)

May call a “Start Stop”; no other official is authorized to call a “Start Stop”. Failure to comply may result in a “radio walk-over”, effectively canceling the Start Referee’s ability to receive the transmission.

#### **15. POINTS LISTS – National Points List and FIS Points List**

Points Lists will be published every two weeks. Lists will close on Sundays and new lists will go into effect on Thursdays; results not received prior to closing dates will not be considered until the next cycle.

For non-FIS events, unless a points confirmation letter has been received from U.S. Ski & Snowboard Competition Services, competitors must be seeded with current, valid National Points. Points from previous lists or seasons must not be used for seeding and/or penalty calculation.

For FIS events, unless a FIS points confirmation is received or a competitor’s points are noted with “C” (confirmed) on the FIS website, a competitor must be seeded with current, valid FIS points as published by the FIS Office. In addition, FIS Base Points must not be used for seeding or penalty calculation purposes.

#### **16. JURY MEMBERS’ VOTES**

The Start and Finish Referees are voting members of the Jury only for Olympic Winter Games and World Ski Championships. For all other events, they must not be listed under “Jury Members Present” as they have no vote and do not sign Jury Minutes. *Marking “NO” means an official voted: “NO”; it does not mean the official does not have voting rights.*

#### **17. PROTEST AND SANCTION FEES – FIS EVENTS**

Protest fees for a protest that is upheld are returned to the protesting party. Protest fees for protests that are not upheld are to be submitted to U.S. Ski & Snowboard Competition Services and must be identified by event, date, codex and name of applicable protest/sanction; this requirement also applies to monetary sanctions that are collected on site. Tendered amount(s) will be forwarded to the FIS Office. [644.4]

#### **18. TEAM CAPTAINS’ MEETINGS**

An actual meeting, attended in person by Team Captains, Jury, and race officials is a critical and mandatory part of the competition and is important for communication of Jury instructions, support of the Organizing Committee (“OC”), as well as conveying requests and information. It is also a critical element for risk management and liability-related matters. [216, 217.5, 604.3] *Lower-level events (e.g., YSL), may not have a formal meeting; however, an informational meeting is still required. It may be held either the morning prior to the event or immediately after the completion of an event for the next day’s event.*

#### **19. TRAVEL LETTERS**

Only National Ski Associations are entitled to make entries for international competitions. If a National Ski Association issues an entry authorization (travel) letter, non-U.S. Ski & Snowboard athletes training with U.S. Ski & Snowboard clubs or attending USA schools/colleges/universities may be entered by their coaches.

- Every non-USA athlete’s authorization letter must be submitted to [chip.knight@usskiandsnowboard.org](mailto:chip.knight@usskiandsnowboard.org); *it must also be sent to the Regional Manager for the Region where the athlete is training.*
- Letters must be submitted directly by the respective National Ski Association; they will not be accepted if forwarded by the coach or the athlete.
- A list of foreign athletes for whom authorization letters have been received is available at [usskiandsnowboard.org/competition/points/alpine-points](http://usskiandsnowboard.org/competition/points/alpine-points). This site will provide a link to the google doc which is updated as information is received.
- Foreign entries that are not submitted by the actual National Ski Association and for whom no authorization letter has been submitted to U.S. Ski & Snowboard for verification must not be accepted. \*

- Authorization letters will only be recognized for FIS category and below. *Entries for NorAm Cup and National Championships must be submitted directly by the respective National Ski Associations.*
  - Several nations, e.g., Austria, Canada, Great Britain and Spain, do not issue authorization (travel) letters; entries for competitors from these nations must originate from the respective Federation.
- \*Prior to denying any FIS entry, please contact U.S. Ski & Snowboard Competition Services.*

## 20. MEMBER HOLD LIST CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS

- If due to a suspected concussion, an athlete has been placed on the Member Hold List posted on the U.S. Ski & Snowboard website, the athlete must be cleared by a licensed health care provider prior to being allowed to return to training/competition.
- The care provider must be trained in the evaluation and management of a concussion and must have successfully completed a continuing education course in the evaluation and management of a concussion within three years prior to evaluating the athlete.
- The care provider must complete the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Concussion Medical Evaluation, found in the Master Packet of Forms (MPF) and submit it to [jeff.weinman@usskiandsnowboard.org](mailto:jeff.weinman@usskiandsnowboard.org).
- *Signature from parents/guardians of athletes under 18 years of age is required.*
- Clearance can take up to 48 hours, so an on-site Jury can accept a properly executed Concussion Medical Evaluation and clear an athlete to return to training/competition.
- Coaches need to work with an injured athlete's parents/guardians to confirm clearance process has been completed; they must cooperate with the OC in verifying athletes on the Member Hold List do not appear on a Start List.

**NOTE: A Jury may remove a foreign athlete with a suspected concussion from competition; however, *foreign athletes may not be placed on the Member Hold List. (FIS and CAN-AM events)***

## 21. TIMING & DATA TECHNICAL REPORT (TDTR)

A Timing Data Technical Report (TDTR) is required for all levels of competition. The Chief of Timing & Calculations is responsible for submitting a copy of completed/signed TDTR's to the appropriate member of U.S. Ski & Snowboard Timing Working Group as noted in instructions for preparing event document packets located in the Master Packet of Forms (MPF). *If an event requires calculation of a replacement time (EET), copies of all calculations must be included.*

## 22. DUE PROCESS [224.7]

Prior to the imposition of a penalty (except in cases of verbal reprimands and withdrawal of accreditation), the person accused of an offense shall be given the opportunity to present a defense at a hearing, verbally or in writing. Defense can include, but is not limited to the following:

- Calling witnesses, including athlete, coach, Gate Judge, etc.
- Questioning witnesses – including athlete and coach – upon whose testimony the Jury relies

Considering information from a witness who is unavailable for questioning by the accused would create a serious issue. It is also unwise for Jury members to discuss a situation and consider possible penalties prior to hearing all testimony. The Jury must adhere to the following policy:

- Consider infraction
- Hear and consider all testimony and evidence
- Allow accused person the opportunity to present a defense and review all evidence (question witnesses, etc.)
- Deliberate

- Make a fair decision
- Review, vote, and sign prepared Jury Minutes of decision
- Notify affected parties.

### 23. APPLICATION OF TIME PENALTY

**ICR 223.3.1** – Section 200 contains general rules that apply to all disciplines. In the Alpine discipline, a time penalty may only be assessed in a Parallel event.

### 24. HELMETS AND CAMERAS

- All competitors and forerunners must wear a helmet for Giant Slalom, Slalom, Downhill and Downhill Training, Super G and Alpine Combined that meets current equipment specifications. **[606.4, 707, 807, 907, 1007,** and additional U.S. Ski & Snowboard and FIS regulations.]
- Athletes U14 and older must use helmets that meet FIS standards for U.S. Ski & Snowboard Giant Slalom, Super G and Downhill. U14 and older competitors whose helmets are not in compliance will not be permitted to start.
- Helmet and body-mounted cameras are not approved for use at U.S. Ski & Snowboard non-FIS events. *Athletes who have personalized their helmets, e.g., camera mounts, bling, stickers, etc., are allowed to start.*
- Competitors and forerunners at FIS alpine events are prohibited from using cameras; camera mounts are also prohibited. *This prohibition does not apply to properly credentialed FIS media, e.g., POV runners.*
- Regulations for helmets for Slalom, Giant Slalom, Super G and Downhill are applicable without exception at all levels of FIS competition **[2.3.3]**

### 25. DRONES AT ALPINE COMPETITIONS

Any use of aerial drones must comply with Federal, State and Local laws as well as ski area regulations. If a drone operator can show compliance with these regulations, at the direction of the Jury, a drone may be used as a point of view camera (POV) prior to forerunners. Drones may not be used during the conduct of the competition. If a drone breaches the boundaries of the course, the competition should be halted until the drone withdraws.

### 26. COURSE SETTING GUIDELINES FOR MULTIPLE AGE CLASS COMPETITIONS

For multiple age class competitions, course setting guidelines for Super G, Giant Slalom and Slalom events are based on one class older than the youngest age class competing, e.g., U16, U14, U12, and U10 will follow U12 guidelines. Downhill event course setting is based on the youngest age class competing. **U8, although recognized by U.S. Ski & Snowboard, as well as additional classes for younger competitors are established for the purpose of awards and are subject to U10 course setting guidelines.**

### 27. SUPER G TRAINING RUNS AT YOUTH COMPETITIONS

Official training for U12 and U14 Super G is an integral part of the competition. The schedule must include at least one training run *without posted times* prior to the first competition, and all athletes are required to participate **[U1256.4]**. If competition includes U16 athletes, U1256.4 applies. For U16 Super G, an official training run is recommended and, if scheduled, all entrants are required to participate according to the decisions of the Jury. **[U1003.2.1]**

In exceptional cases, which must be documented in Jury Minutes, a controlled free ski run may be authorized in lieu of an official training run.

### 28. YOUTH KOMBI RULES

- Youth Kombi events must be set using appropriately homologated hills. Slalom/Giant Slalom format (technical orientation) using a hill homologated for Giant Slalom and Giant Slalom/Super G format (speed orientation) using a hill homologated for Super G.

- Rules are those that apply to the faster of the events: e.g., Slalom/Giant Slalom events are governed by Giant Slalom rules; e.g., Start commands and start intervals; helmets.

Please refer to all sections of **U1259.3.2** for complete details.

## **29. EVENT RESULT DOCUMENT PACKETS – ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

- SkillsQuest: In addition to the Score Card ([usskiandsnowboard.org/index.php/sport-programs/skillsquest](http://usskiandsnowboard.org/index.php/sport-programs/skillsquest)), which is submitted to [jeff.weinman@usskiandsnowboard.org](mailto:jeff.weinman@usskiandsnowboard.org) and [skillsquest@usskiandsnowboard.org](mailto:skillsquest@usskiandsnowboard.org), a packet containing the following documents must be submitted to [resultpackets@usskiandsnowboard.org](mailto:resultpackets@usskiandsnowboard.org):
  - Program
  - Team Captains' Meeting Minutes
  - Jury Minutes
  - Injury Report(s)
- Official Free Ski Session: If an OC schedules an official Free ski session, the following documents must be included in the Result Document Packet submitted to [resultpackets@usskiandsnowboard.org](mailto:resultpackets@usskiandsnowboard.org):
  - Program/Schedule (official form is not required; club/area/event letterhead is acceptable)
  - Jury Minutes documenting approval of conditions, on-hill competitor security and Program
  - Injury Report(s)
- Parallel: Two race codes may be required; one for the Qualification Result XML and 1 for the Final Rank XML. Individual XML files are submitted to [alpineresults@usskiandsnowboard.org](mailto:alpineresults@usskiandsnowboard.org). *Only 1 set of documents is required; both race codes should be listed on the documents.*

Result Document Packet containing the following must be filed daily at [resultpackets@usskiandsnowboard.org](mailto:resultpackets@usskiandsnowboard.org)

- Report of the Technical Delegate (*only 1 per gender required*)
- Timing & Data Technical Report (*only 1 per gender required*) *If a replacement time (EET) is calculated, the calculation must be included in the submitted packet*
- Programs/Team Captains' Meeting Minutes
- Jury Minutes - documenting approval of conditions, on-hill competitor security and Program
- Injury Report(s)

## **30. NON-FIS EVENTS WHERE POINT IMPROVEMENTS EXCEED EXPECTATIONS**

The goal of the U.S. Ski & Snowboard scoring system is to ensure fair and accurate events so that results earned represent an athlete's ability. An accurate scoring system is critical for athlete ranking, evaluation, and selection purposes.

Research has culminated in criteria to identify events where athletes score point improvements far beyond expectations. Every scored event will be subject to these filters and events that exceed the threshold of the criteria - a statistical probability of .003 - will be marked for review by U.S. Ski & Snowboard Competition Services staff and the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Alpine Classification Working Group. The criteria are:

- Average percent of point improvement for all racers scoring a race result lower than their seed points
- Percent of the field that scored a point improvement

The cause of an exceptional event could range from random situational circumstances to penalty manipulation. If the Technical Delegate feels an event may exceed criteria, please contact Jeff Weinman, U.S. Ski & Snowboard Director

Competition Services ([jeff.weinman@usskiandsnowboard.org](mailto:jeff.weinman@usskiandsnowboard.org)), Dave Waller, Alpine Classification Working Group Chair ([davewaller2270@gmail.com](mailto:davewaller2270@gmail.com)), and the appropriate U.S. Ski & Snowboard Alpine Regional Director.

*If documented evidence of penalty manipulation by an athlete or coach is submitted to Competition Services, the event may immediately be removed from scoring pending further review.*

### ALPINE OFFICIALS' INFORMATION

1. **CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT:** Biennial attendance at a Continuing Education Clinic (Update) is required in order to maintain certification. Yearly attendance is strongly recommended.
2. **CHIEF OF TIMING AND CALCULATIONS:** This official supervises, documents and enforces quality control of timing operations. With exception of lower-level events (e.g., YSL), where staffing might require it, Chief of Timing and Calculations should not be operating the timekeeping equipment or the timing/race result software.
3. **RACE ADMINISTRATOR:** Due to requirements for preparation of accurate event documentation (these are all legal documents), it is strongly recommended that the Race Administrator not also assume the duties and critical event responsibilities of the Chief of Timing and Calculations.
4. **ALPINE OFFICIALS' CLINIC STUDY GUIDES:** Study Guides for each specialty area are posted on the U.S. Ski & Snowboard website and should be downloaded and reviewed prior to attending a U.S. Ski & Snowboard-approved Clinic. Competition Official ("Introduction to Ski Racing") is a pre-requisite for Alpine Official certification and is the only category where online instruction is accepted as a replacement for actual attendance and instruction.
5. **MATERIAL FOR EXAMINATIONS:** Examinations are open-book format. Allowing use of computers for calculations, Second Run Start List preparation, Penalties, article research, and location, etc., defeats the purpose of having to KNOW how to perform the function and is strongly discouraged. *The Study Guides are not intended as a replacement for notes used during an open-book examination at any U.S. Ski & Snowboard-approved Clinic.*
6. **EXAMINATION FAILURE:** An official who does not earn the points required to pass an examination is NOT allowed to retake the failed examination within the same competition year. A retake cannot occur until an updated version of the examination is available the following season. An appeal of a failing examination may be filed; refer to "Appeal of an Official's Examination Grade" contained in Chapter XI. Alpine Officials' Program in the Alpine Officials' Manual, for detailed information.