

SKI JUMPING/NORDIC COMBINED SPORT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

U.S. Ski & Snowboard Congress
DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT
May 17, 2019

1. 8:05 AM - Call To Order

2. Roll Call

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| Martina Lussi | Chair |
| Anders Johnson | Athlete Rep SJ |
| Todd Wilson | Regional Rep RMD |
| Rex Bell | At Large |
| Paul Jastrow | Officials |
| Nick Hendrickson | National Coach NC |
| Alan Alborn | National Coach SJ |

Others in Attendance: Alan Johnson, Robin Outwater, Scott Smith, Matt Keuler, Adam Loomis, Karl Denney, Art Tokle, Colin Delaney, Uros "Balki" Vrhouek, Bine Norcic, Blake Hughes, Jed Hinkley, Garrett Fisk

Quorum present.

3. Approval of 2018 Minutes
 - a. Motion to accept 2018 meeting minutes made by Paul Jastrow, 2nd by Blake Hughes. Unanimously Approved
4. Officials Committee Report- Paul Jastrow
 - a. 3 new officials to move to National level officials
 - i. Morgan Nichols – CEN – Judge
 - ii. Chris Haerter – IMD – Judge
 - iii. Scott Johnson – IMD – Judge
 - b. New testing procedure for national level judges/officials to be provided at the fall seminar to increase overall awareness and understanding of rules/requirements
 - c. Suit control requirement increase for US Cup events
 - i. Adding basic belt tolerance - thumb technique
 - ii. Warning system for athletes - 1 warning per season
 - d. Assignments for national events
 - i. WJTO/OYQ – Steamboat Springs, CO – Keith Hanson – TD – IMD
 - ii. WJTO – Eau Claire, WI/Ishpeming, MI – Ken Barker – TD - EAST
 - iii. JNC's Steamboat Springs, CO – Matt Keuler – TD – CENT
 - iv. NH/LH Nationals TBD with the host venue determination
 - v. All TDA roles to be filled by hosting divisions
 - e. Motion to accept report made by Anders Johnson and second by Todd Wilson. Unanimously approved.
5. Criteria Review - Alan Alborn
 - a. National Team Selection Criteria
 - i. Changes:
 1. Ski Jumping Grand Prix and World Cup - Removal of Grand Prix
 2. B team

3. NC to add the top 50 WC
 - a. C Team
 - b. Top 3 in National Championship (Strike events)
4. Core Values
 - a. Added: may achieve and lose status based on individual commitment and evaluate team status
5. Junior National Team
 - a. Include Minimum point totals (for US Cup Events)
 - i. Per their age group
 - ii. Reason - for clarity and minimum Baseline
 - ii. Motion to approve report by Paul Jastrow and second by Blake Hughes. Unanimously Approved
 - iii. Alan Alborn to prepare discussed and approved updates for distribution
6. Junior National Championships bylaws
 - a. Motion for USA Nordic to replace U.S. Ski & Snowboard once the contract is signed throughout Junior National Championships Section where applies. Section 60.1 to be left unchanged.
 - i. Motion made by Todd Wilson and second by Nick Hendrickson. Unanimous approval.
 - b. Bid Process for JNs Discussion
 - i. Martina - To continue to keep meeting at JNs
 1. Sport Development Director to maintain meeting
 - ii. If a region can't do it, that there would be as much notice provided nationally as possible
 - c. Changes are to be made on the following sections:
 - i. 160.4 – Replace the Sport Development Manager for Officials Chair for the division for appointment of the TDA
 - ii. 162.4 – Refers to the event US Nordic Organizer Handbook but is not included currently.
 1. USA Nordic will create an event handbook to replace U.S. Ski & Snowboard version
 2. Will be included by the Organizer Section in the bylaws
 - iii. 163 – Strike USSAS and change to USA Nordic in all scenarios
 - iv. 162 as a whole – Change JNCSC to USA Nordic Sport Committee
 - v. 162.2 – Junior Jumping gets replaced by USA Nordic Sport Committee
 - vi. 163.2 – Add "attending" Divisions
 - vii. 164.1.3 – Strike Entirety
 - viii. 164.1 – Strike the second sentence – “Once the bid.....”
 - ix. 165.2 – Strike Junior Jumping
 - x. 1661.1 – Strike section entirely
 - xi. 166.1.2 – Language contingent upon Agreement of USA Nordic
 - xii. 174.2 – Changed order of hosting divisions to Alaska, IMD, RMD, East, Central
 - xiii. 177.8 – Strike entirely.
 - xiv. 182.1 – Bid timeframe to be overseen by the officials committee - Change 6 months to 3 months.
7. National Ranking List
 - a. No Current list
 - b. Jed recommends to move this to a subcommittee for feasibility and direction forward – Working group for National Ranking List
 - c. Motion made by Paul Jastrow and second by Jed Hinkley. Unanimous approval.

8. National Calendar
 - a. US Nationals
 - i. From John Hilig – Possibility of March 28-29, 2020 in Whistler, BC
 - ii. In support of working with the US Officials
 - iii. TDA, and 2 judges to US
 1. Reimburse to the Canadian levels
 2. Remainder would be covered by USA Nordic
 - iv. Still looking at possibility of Park City – TBD
 - b. Decision of the Venue and dates of National Championships to be determined by June 15th.
 - c. Motion made by Anders Johnson and seconded by Blake Hughes to accept the calendar. Unanimous approval.
9. Coaches Committee
 - a. New level 100 available
 - i. All previous completion of the level 100 will be grandfathered in. Any new will have to take the new version.
 - b. Jed Hinkley to check on the specifics about continuing education for coaches.
10. USANS Sport Report – Alan Alborn
 - a. Overall
 - i. Partnership with the Mayo Clinic
 - ii. Three trips over the summer
 - iii. Flyers camps and team programming
 - b. Structure
 - i. Changes are with Director/Head Coaches
 - ii. Team Directors are responsible for WC down to Junior National Team
 - c. Nominations for National team
 - i. Men 23
 - ii. Women 15
 - d. Goals
 - i. Athlete Programs
 - ii. Visual Coaching
 - iii. Sport Psychology
 - iv. One Team
11. Team Directors
 - a. Nick Hendrickson
 - i. Results
 1. Jared Shumate - 10th WJ
 2. Focus will be on the ski jumping hill – Men
 - ii. Women’s Nordic Combined
 1. Tara Geraghty Moats and growing the sport and increasing the number of women involved in NC
 - iii. Men’s Nordic Combined
 1. 33rd and 38th for Taylor Fletcher – Highest Placing
 - iv. Largest Challenges
 1. Sport Psychology
 2. COC and WC for Men and Women
 - v. Stephen Schumann update – Improving and rehab is going quickly
 - b. Blake Hughes – Women’s Ski Jumping
 - i. COC Points scored

- ii. Fly girls
 - iii. Women's ski jumping increasing overall and quality of comp increasing
 - iv. Goals
 - 1. More opportunities with COC and WC and will be looking for more comps
 - 2. Sarah Hendrickson coming back this season
 - c. Bine Norcic – Men's Ski Jumping (provided presentation)
 - i. Season Overview
 - 1. Improvement upcoming until this year and leveled off.
 - 2. Focus on equipment and getting better options
 - 3. Training Camps for Junior Development
 - 4. Develop more comprehensive physical program
 - 5. COC Points Andrew Urlab, Decker Dean
 - 6. Youngest team at World Championships this past season
 - 7. 18 WC Points for Kevin Bickner
 - 8. Casey Larson - 28th at World Championships
 - ii. Juniors
 - 1. Large Improvements
 - a. 7 athletes with many trying to be involved
 - iii. Goals
12. 2020 World Junior Championship Team Selection Criteria
- a. Updated dates and updated sites of competitions for 2020 season
 - b. Updated Jumping qualifiers to all three competitions to be used as the total point values.
 - c. General Criteria update:
 - i. A Nordic combined athlete can jump in the team event if the team size of the jumping team is smaller than required team size
 - d. All three qualifiers to be used for Nordic Combined WJ qualification and will be chosen on percent back (updated by Jed)
 - e. Motion to approve the updates for WJC Team Selection Criteria by Anders Johnson and second by Paul Jastrow. Unanimous approval.
13. Proposals and report from the Official's Subcommittee - Paul Jastrow
- a. Bylaw changes:
 - 2020 USSS Competition Guide Proposed Rule Changes and Updates from the Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined Sport Committee

2019/20 Ski Jumping & Nordic Combined USSA Age Classes

| <u>Category</u> | <u>Age</u> | <u>Year of Birth</u> |
|-----------------|---------------|----------------------|
| Master | 30 and older | 1989 and earlier |
| Senior | 20-29 | 1990 – 1999 |
| U20 | 18-19 | 2000 – 2001 |
| U18 | 16-17 | 2002 – 2003 |
| U16 | 14-15 | 2004 – 2005 |
| U14 | 12-13 | 2006 – 2007 |
| U12 | 10-11 | 2008 – 2009 |
| U10 | 8-9 | 2010- 2011 |
| U8 | 6-7 | 2012 – 2013 |
| U6 | 5 and younger | 2014 and later |

NOTE: Age is based upon the year an athlete was born regardless of the date of birth. The competition season is from July1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

0.0 Membership

0.2 To be eligible to participate in jumping or nordic combined competitions, a competitor must have a Competitor or a Short-Term membership. All participants in positions of authority over athletes (Jury members, Start and Finish Referees, Chief of Course, Chief of Competition, Chief of Timing, Race Administrator, ~~Course Setters, equipment controller~~, Technicians, Judges, and Coaches) must have a valid ~~volunteer~~ membership ~~(including SafeSport compliance)~~ and appropriate official certification for their position as required. Only individuals authorized by the ~~Race~~ Jury may enter a competition venue.

105.6.1 The In-run

- The in-run for the jumping hill is to be designed to provide the necessary speed ~~vo~~ at which a maximum jumping distance for the hill can be reached.

- The layout of the starting gates shall be equal in their distance apart.

- In addition, the starting places shall be numbered so that the lowest starting place is designated as start gate number 1.

- The distance between the ~~solid~~ guardrails and the prepared b1 width should not exceed an additional 25 cm in overall width.

- The in-run area within the guardrails must be free and clear of all obstructions that could endanger a fallen ski jumper.

105.6.2 The Landing Area

- The placement of ~~solid~~ guardrails on both sides of the landing hill is ~~recommended~~ ~~required by July 1, 2021~~ for the safety of a fallen jumper or stopping of a runaway ski.

- The ~~solid~~ guardrail shall be of a height of 70 cm above the prepared snow profile of the landing hill.

- The placement of the guardrails on the landing hill shall be from 0.1 w to the end of the transition curve.

- The snow profile height, as well as the distance markers (paddles), should be marked on the guardrails. In addition, the guardrails must be parallel to the landing hill profile.

- The upper edges of all guardrails must be rounded. The guardrails must be set up in such a way that a stray ski of a fallen ski jumper cannot go through.

- Guardrails constructed in concrete have to be padded on the inside of the landing area.

109 ~~Wind and~~ Gate Compensation

164.1.1 The maximum permissible entry fee is ~~\$275~~ \$300 per competitor.

174.2 The Championships should rotate every five years through the Divisions (~~Alaska, RMD, East, IMD, and Central~~) (Alaska, IMD, RMD, East, Central) in that order.

177.2.1 Individual Events

A gold medal to the winner of each event, a silver medal to the second-place finisher of each event, and a bronze medal to the third-place finisher in each event. ~~A commemorative award to the finishers in places 4 through 10.~~

177.2.2 Team Competitions

A gold medal to each member of a winning team, a silver medal to each member of a second-place team, and a bronze medal to each member of a third-place team. ~~Commemorative awards to each member of the teams in places 4 and 5 in the relay events.~~

- b. Motion made by Anders Johnson and second by Todd Wilson to accept the Officials Subcommittee Report. Unanimous approval.

14. Youth Olympic Games Criteria

- a. Overall discussion and changes recommended
 - i. Single event in Steamboat for both NC and SJ - Nov. 30
 - ii. 1 Jump 5K race for both Men and Women
 - iii. Size of hill is HS 100
 - iv. Alan Alborn making document changes
- b. Motion made by Nick Hendrickson and seconded by Anders Johnson to accept the Officials Subcommittee Report. Unanimous approval.

15. Awards – Congratulations to the following award recipients:

- a. Athlete of the Year – Ski Jumping – Nita Englund
- b. Athlete of the Year – Nordic Combined – Tara Geraghty-Moats
- c. Ski Jumping/NC Club of the Year – Steamboat Springs Winter Sports Club
- d. Ski Jumping/NC Coach of the Year – International – Jan Druzina
- e. Ski Jumping/NC Coach of the Year – Domestic – Karl Denney
- f. Mittelstadt Ski jumping Officials' Award – Keith Zuehlke
- g. Paul Nash Layman Award – Taylor Fletcher – NC National Champion
- h. Sons of Norway Jumping Award – Decker Dean – Best Junior Finisher at National Championships
- i. Paul Bietila Award – Kevin Bickner – Normal Hill National Champion
- j. Torger Tokle Award – Kevin Bickner – Large Hill National Champion
- k. Dorothy Graves Award – Adeline Swanson – Female Junior National Champion U-16

16. Expiring Terms

- a. At the beginning of 2019 meeting Martin Bayer was replaced by Nick Hendrickson – Employed
- b. At the beginning of 2019 meeting Bryan Fish was replaced by Alan Alborn – Employed
- c. Regional Representative – Colin Delaney (East)
- d. Regional Representative – Scott Smith

- i. This position will replace Todd Wilson Regional Representative – RMD
 - ii. The committee wishes to thank Todd for the years of service on this board.
 - e. Chairperson – Martina Lussi to remain.
 - i. Motion made by Paul Jastrow and seconded by Todd Wilson. Motion passes unanimously.
 - f. Athlete Special Jumping -
 - i. Anders Johnson to step down
 - ii. Anna Hoffman nominated by Anders Johnson and seconded by Nick Hendrickson. Motion passes unanimously.
 - iii. It was mentioned there was interest from Grant Andrews as an athlete delegate.
 - 1. Decision was made for Grant to be proxy for Anna Hoffman and/or Bryan Fletcher if needed.
- 17. Motion to adjourn made by Todd Wilson and seconded by Scott Smith. Motion passes unanimously.

Legal review 7/8/19