

2020 XC Sport Committee Agenda

May 8, 2020

11a MST

1. Roll call and Overview of procedures
 - Confirm for this meeting U.S. Ski & Snowboard representation (brief discussion on same for future)
Chris Grover substitute for USST D Team - approved by Ex Committee

			TERM	PRESENT
Chair	Cami Thompson-Graves	cami.thompson@dartmouth.edu	2022	YES
<i>Coaches Subcommittee Chair</i>	<i>Dakota Blackhorse-von Jess</i>	<i>dakota.blackhorse@gmail.com</i>	Athlete Rep	YES
Officials Subcommittee Chair	Allan Serrano	allanserrano@gmail.com	2020	YES
<i>U.S. Ski & Snowboard</i>	Bryan Fish	bryan.fish@usskiandsnowboard.org	Position TBD	YES
<i>U.S. Ski & Snowboard</i>	<i>Chris Grover</i>	<i>chris.grover@usskiandsnowboard.org</i>	<i>Position TBD</i>	YES
Alaska	Joey Caterinichio	jcaterinichio@alaska.net	2020	YES
Great Lakes	Yuriy Gusev	yuriy.gusev@cxcskiing.org	2022	YES
InterMountain	Ben Morley	bmorley@jhskiclub.org	2024	YES
Rocky Mountain	Adam St. Pierre	adam.stpierre@usskiandsnowboard.org	2022	YES
New England	Amie Smith	amie@nensa.net	2022	YES
PNSA	Zach Hill	coachzachhill@gmail.com	2024	YES
Far West	Gus Johnson	gus@ascstrainingcenter.org	2020	YES
High Plains	Joe Freire	leeann.freire@yahoo.com	2024	YES
Midwest	Joe Haggemiller	joe.haggemiller@gmail.com	2022	YES
Mid Atlantic	Shane MacDowell	shanem@nysef.org	2022	YES
At-Large	Rick Kapala	rick@svsef.org	2022	YES
At-Large	Reid Lutter	Reid@podiumwear.com	2020	NO
Athlete	Tad Elliott	tadelliott2@gmail.com	2022	NO
Athlete	Rosie Brennan	rosie.w.brennan@gmail.com	2024	YES
Athlete	Caitlin Patterson	patterson.caitlin.m@gmail.com	2022	YES
Athlete	Dakota Blackhorse-von Jess	dakota.blackhorse@gmail.com	2022	YES

2. Approval of the Agenda
 - Motion#1 - To approve the minutes from 2019 as published - APPROVED
3. General Board update - Cami Thompson Graves
 - Athlete representation
 - Cami - changes due to budget considerations
 - Bylaws
4. Officials Subcommittee Report - Allan Serrano
 - a. Allan Serrano elected Official SC Chair for the term 2021 to 2025 unopposed
 - b. Event Contingency Plan Appointments - Allan Serrano
 - c. NRL events (non FIS) 60 total violations in 2019, 31 in 2020
 - i. Overwhelmingly classic technique violations
 - ii. 2019 was first season of clearly defined diagonal stride/turning technique zones- a transition season
 1. Need better education of coaches/officials regarding turning techniques and classic technique
 2. Video case studies library to help educate
 3. TDs educate athletes on appropriate technique
 - d. FIS events- 14 2019, 25 2020 with some anomalies so actually fairly similar
 - i. Most sanctions yellow card or verbal
 - e. Allan plans to look into US vs international to see how our officials compare
 - f. Classic technique Resources fo athletes, coaches, and officials
 - i. Possibly added to COETV, send to membership
 - g. Allan creating a list of FIS homologated venues/courses in the US
 - h. FIS movement toward 3.75km loops for homologation
 - i. Officials
 - i. Establish level 4 and 5 TDs- honorary/mentorship/retired
 - ii. Establish race official training alongside TD and coach education
 - iii. All female TDs, TDAs at USCCC, JNs, STF, and NCAAs
 - j. Establish Event Contingency group for US Nats, SuperTour, SuperTour Finals, and JNs, authority begins 13 days prior to event and ends at completion of event
 - i. Make up of committee- 1 OC, the TD, 2 members of the CCC, USST Sport Development Mgr
 1. OC and TD positions would vary, should other positions be fixed?
 2. Cami and Dakota?
 3. Joey- liaison to JNs group with 1 leader from each division
 4. Current verbiage specific to snow conditions, amend to cover any adverse conditions

Motion # 2 (Motion: Joey, Second: Amie) Move to form an Event Contingency Group, one for Junior Nationals, one for USCCC and SuperTour - ammended to specify "adverse conditions" - APPROVED

- ii. Precisions to FIS ICR

1. FIS does not allow movement of coaches on course, we should amend to allow for jury to allow bibbed coaches to move

MOTION #3 (Motion: Joey, Second: Bryan) Move to accept rule U344.2 to give the jury permission to allow credentialed staff to move on course when the course is closed - APPROVED

2. Amend to not pull lapped competitors

MOTION #4 (Motion: Joey, Second: Rick) Motion to accept rule U324.5: lapping rules - APPROVED

3. FIS rules allow for ski exchange- 1 up to 30, 2 30-5km- we should clarify

- a. Not allow ski exchange, 1 for 30km and 50km, 1 for 30km, and 2 for 50
 - i. Discussions regarding- defer to FIS or limit to 1 ski exchange
 - ii. Feeling that anyone can prep 1 pair for exchange, but only bigger programs can prep 2 pairs for exchange

MOTION #5(Motion: Rick, Second: Dakota) Move to disallow ski exchanges in Junior Races, maximum of 1 ski exchange in races 30k and over (reaffirm the 2018 decision) - APPROVED

4. Clarify when protest period ends as end of day-
 - a. Discussion regarding need to have paper unofficial results posted in a timely manner following the completion of races

MOTION #6 (Motion: Rick, Second: Joey) Move to accept rule U361.3 - re: protests - APPROVED

5. 1 lane for each division in the JNs relay
 - a. Discussion to include the word minimum so that an OC can do more than 10 lanes if they have the room

MOTION #7 (Motion Rick, Second Joey) Move to change wording of rule 82.4.1 (Art 327.2) to specify a minimum of 10 lanes, 1 per division - APPROVED

iii. Representatives for the Event Contingency Group

1. Standing committee members: TD, Chair of OC, Bryan Fish (or designee), Dakota/Chair of Coach Committee
 - a. Junior rep for JNs- Chair of Junior Coach Committee
 - b. Senior rep for Nats, STF, SuperTours- Rick Kapala

Motion # 8 (Motion Adam, Second Joey) Move to accept Sport Development Manager, Coaches Committee Chair, Senior Representative (Rick Kapala) to the Event Contingency Group for Srs and Sport Development Manager, Coaches Committee Chair, Junior Committee Chair to the ECC for JNs - APPROVED

5. Coaches Subcommittee Report - Dakota Blackhorse-von Jess
 - 5.1 Proposals from the SC

MOTION #9 (Motion Dakota, Second Cami) Move to bless Soldier Hollow to host US Nationals 2022 (one year bid) - APPROVED

MOTION #10 (Motion Dakota, Second Bryan) Move to accept the Junior Committee's blessing of Sun Valley to host Junior Nationals 2022 - APPROVED

MOTION #11 (Motion Dakota, Second Cami) Move to change rule 81.6 to use Overall NRL points to seed U16 Individual start events, Strike rule 81.7 - APPROVED

MOTION #12 (Motion Dakota, Second Bryan) Move to accept the proposed equalizer values - Men .11 Distance, .03 Sprint, Women .14, .09 - APPROVED

MOTION #13 (Motion Dakota, Second Zach) Move to switch the disciplines of the distance events at US Nationals 2021 (switch to Classic Mass, Skate Indv) - amended tacit agreement to switch races dates with the venue down the road. Clarification: all races to be held from the 2nd to the 7th -APPROVED

MOTION #14 (Motion Dakota, Second Bryan) Motion to approve period 2 - US Nationals 1/2 - 1/7, Soldier Hollow 1/16 and 1/17 - APPROVED

MOTION #15 (Motion Dakota, Second Rick) Motion to accept 2/20 and 2/21 Thunder Bay, 2/26 Korte, 2/28 Birkie Sprint - REJECTED - Discussion revolved around the concern from the athletes in racing Kortelopez vs Birkebeiner

Motion #16 (Motion Dakota, Second Bryan) Motion to accept SuperTour Finals in Craftsbury - ACCEPTED

MOTION #17 (Motion Dakota, Second Joe) Move to have SuperTour Calendaring Group decide NRL closing and valid list dates after SuperTour calendar is finalized - APPROVED

MOTION #18 (Motion Dakota, Second Joey) Move to accept the proposal to award 12 bonus points for U23 who wins OVERALL (all competitors) sprint qualification of the first sprint at US Nationals (which mirrors the WJC/ U23WC) - ACCEPTED

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MOTION #20 (Motion Dakota, Second Joe) Move to close the WJC pre-qualification loophole by disallowing top-30 WC results after January 1 - ACCEPTED

6. Cross Country Strategy - Cami Thompson Graves
Working Group formed

7. COVID-19 Discussion
● Plan for future meeting

8. At-Large Position

Cami - opening discussion about the Committee composition

Dakota motion to changing the At-large to NNF representation

Cami - not a good idea to increase the size of the committee

Rick - at large should not be removed

Dakota withdraws motion

Cami - presented nomination for Pete Leonard to fill the at-large position

Joey C nominated to fill the at-large position

MOTION #21 Joey C elected to At-large position 10 votes to 6

9. Judicial Committee Report/Selections

- Current: Serrano, Smith, Blackhorse-von Jess
No action in past season
Joey nominated by Adam but withdraws

MOTION #21 (Motion Cami, Second Adam) Accept Dakota, Amie, Al Serrano for the Judicial Committee- ACCEPTED

10. Executive Committee Selections

- Current: Thompson, Lazzaroni, Teague, Serrano, Brennan

Need to amend the bylaws around the staff title "Nordic Program Director"

MOTION #21 (Motion Adam, Second Joey) Accept Cami, Dakota, Bryan, Al, and Rosie for the Executive Committee - ACCEPTED

11. Old Business

12. New Business

Bryan - need to have a discussion about SuperTour goals

Adam - ST working group will add this

13. Adjournment