

2020 U.S. Ski & Snowboard Ski Jumping / NC Sport Committee Meeting Minutes

May 7, 2020; Online Video/Teleconference

Martina Lussi, Chair

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

2:05 Call to Order – Martina Lussi, Chair

Members present; Alan Alborn, Scott Smith, Paul Jastrow, Anna Hoffman, Alan Alborn, Nick Hendrickson, Colin Delany, Blake Hughes; *Others in Attendance;* Matt Laue, Anders Johnson, Jed Hinkley, Zak Hammil, Matt Petri, Tom Bickner, Rex Dabling, Todd Wilson, Jarrett Moe (Minutes), Matt Keuler; *Members Excused;* Bryan Fletcher, Bill Demong, Bryan Fish

2. Confirmation of SJ/NC Sport Committee membership 2020

Martina Lussi	Chair	5/2023
Bryan Fish	US Ski Nordic Manager	By employment
Anna Hoffman	Athlete SJ	5/2021
Bryan Fletcher	Athlete NC/BOD	5/2022
Alan Alborn/Blake Hughes	National Coach	5/2021
Nick Hendrickson	National Coach NC	5/2021
Colin Delaney	Regional Rep, East	5/2021
Scott Smith	At Large/ Reg. Coaches	5/2021
Paul Jastrow	Officials	5/2020
Bill Demong	At-Large	5/2020

3. Confirmation of the Subcommittees

Chair Lussi reviewed the following committee membership:

Executive Committee

Martina Lussi - Lake Placid, NY	Chair	5/2023
Bryan Fish - PC, UT	US Ski Nordic Manager	Employment
Bryan Fletcher - PC, UT	Athlete NC/BOD	5/2022
Alan Alborn/Blake Hughes – PC, UT	Coaches	5/2021
Paul Jastrow – Eau Claire, WI	Officials	5/2020

Judicial Committee

Martina Lussi - Lake Placid, NY	Chair	5/2023
Bryan Fish - PC, UT	US Ski Nordic Manager	Employment
Bryan Fletcher - PC, UT	Athlete NC/BOD	5/2022
Alan Alborn/Blake Hughes – PC, UT	Coaches	5/2021
Paul Jastrow – Eau Claire, WI	Officials	5/2020

4. Opening comments by Chair – Martina Lussi and U.S. Ski & Snowboard Nordic Program Manager – Bryan Fish

5. Additions to agenda

See item #13, below

6. Approval of minutes, Spring USSA Congress 2019

<https://usskiandsnowboard.org/sites/default/files/files-resources/files/2019/Ski%20Jumping%20%20Nordic%20Combined%20Sport%20Comm%20minutes%20-%205-2019.pdf>

Motion Paul Jastrow
To approve the minutes of the 2019 SJ/NC Committee meeting
2nd Nick Hendrickson
Discussion: none
Vote In Favor: All; **Opposed:** 0
Outcome: **Minutes Approved.**

7. Domestic calendar report (Jed, Alan Johnson)

Jed Hinkley

- *Meeting to approve final calendar to take place in 2 weeks (mid-May)*
- *National Championships in Park City still tentative – Discussions necessary with the Utah Olympic Park.*
- *JWSC trials – Confirm with Lake Placid venue compliance with ICR's.*
- *2nd JWSC trials TBD, given the lead time to finalize the team*
Park City – Utah Olympic Park could be a possible location either Primary or Secondary (backup) position.
- *JNC's – Steamboat given first right-of-refusal to host 2021 JNC's*
 - *Optimal schedule is March 1-6th*
 - *2nd option- Feb 21-27th, 2020*
 - *3rd option – March 8-13th, 2020*
- *Steamboat to make a final decision with the calendar subcommittee by mid-May*

8. Sport Reports

Nordic Combined update (Nick)

Nick Hendrickson -

- *Report on new team members and Summer Training Plans*
- *Sr. & Jr. domestic training camp scheduled for July 16-26th, 2020 and November 27- early December, 2020*
- *Winterstart in early December will be the qualifier for Domestic COC's*
- *International Travel still Tentative, first international travel targeted for fall (Sept/Oct)*
- *Report is available for committee members, and please reach out with any questions.*

Women's Ski Jumping Report (Blake)
Blake Hughes

- *Team is training individually, per current medical recommendations*
- *July 4 – end of July – Sr. & Jr. national team*
- *Summer Grand Prix Sept-Oct*
- *Plans are pending medical team evaluation*

Men's ski Jumping Report (Jed/Blake)

Blake Hughes

- *Some mixed results throughout the year*
 - *Andrew Urlaub results showed good improvement*
 - *Kevin Bickner hoped for better results*
- *Team is hoping to get early summer training in Slovenia, pending travel restrictions*
- *Month of July – Domestic Camp in the USA*
- *July 4 through the end of July – Sr. & Jr. National team camp*
- *Summer Grand Prix Sept-Oct, Tentative*
- *Plans are pending medical team evaluation*

Youth Development Report (Jed)

Jed Hinkley

- *Jr. fly camps are planning to move forward with modifications outlined by the team medical staff*

9. Proposals and Report from the Officials' Subcommittee (Paul)

Paul Jastrow

- *Alissa Johnson (IMD), promoted to National TD status*
- *Approved creation of Officials Review Working Group to refine and outline Officials Development pipeline*
- *Approved creation of Rules Review Working Group to review the current US Comp guide, recommend adjustments to the current rules*
- *Continue working towards eLearning opportunities for national officials*
- *Additional rule changes adopted (see appendix A)*
 - *Paul highlighted major rule changes affecting the upcoming season*
 - *US National Championships – Added Women's Nordic Combined competition and removed min. number of athletes for Women's category*
 - *JNC's entry fee – updated to a min. of \$325 entry fee*
 - *Increased scope of suit control protocols:*
 - *Inseam enforced at US Cup*
- *FIS resources are available online; National Team Coaches to assist with any questions regarding measuring and enforcement procedures*

Motion

Blake Hughes

To approve the rule changes suggested by the officials Subcommittee for the 2020/2021 season

2nd Nick Hendrickson

Discussion: none

Vote: In Favor: All; Opposed: 0

Outcome: Motion Approved

10. Proposals and Report from the Coaches' Subcommittee (Jed)

Jed Hinkley: No proposals from the Coaches subcommittee for action

11. Announcement U.S. Ski & Snowboard Award Winners (list attached)

*Martina Lussi: Announcement of the national award winners 2020 (p. 5)
U.S. Ski & Snowboard Coach of the Year - Mike Holland
U.S. Ski & Snowboard Official (outstanding dedication to sport) – Paul Jastrow*

12. Expiring Terms 5/2020

*Paul Jastrow Officials 5/2020
Paul Jastrow re-elected as Officials sub-committee chair*

*Bill Demong At-Large 5/2020
Nominations: Jed Hinkley (by Martina Lussi)*

Motion Blake Hughes
To Vote on election of Jed Hinkley to the At-large position for the term expiring 2022
2nd Nick Hendrickson
Discussion: none
Vote: In Favor: All; **Opposed:** 0
Outcome: Motion Approved

13. Additions to agenda

- *Todd Wilson initiated discussion regarding the compensation for entry fees for national championships*
- *Alan Alborn stated in the past the following fees were paid by USAN team members*
 - *A team – 100% covered by host Organizing Committee*
 - *B team – 50% covered by host Organizing Committee*
 - *C team – 0% covered by host Organizing Committee*

Motion Paul Jastrow
Modify rule 164.1.3 & 152.2.2 to state “the entry fee will be discounted for National Team Member as follows: A team = 100%; B team = 50%
2nd Nick Hendrickson
Discussion: none
Vote In Favor: All; **Opposed:** 0
Outcome: Motion Approved

14. Adjourn

Motion Nick Hendrickson
To Adjourn
2nd Paul Jastrow

Discussion: none
Vote In Favor: All; **Opposed** 0

3:27 pm Meeting Adjourned

U.S. Ski & Snowboard Award Winners 2020

Athlete of the Year – Ski Jumping: Andrew Urlaub
Athlete of the Year – Nordic Combined: Tara Geraghty-Moats
Club of the Year: Steamboat Springs Winter Sports Club
International Coach of the Year: Tomas Matura
Domestic Coach of the Year: Mike Holland
Official of the Year Mittelstadt Award: Jimmy Carter
Paul Nash Layman Award: Taylor Fletcher
Sons of Norway Jumping Award: Decker Dean
Paul Bietila Award: Kevin Bickner

Appendix A – Officials Subcommittee

Proposed Rule Changes for 2020-2021 Season

1. Add Rule 120.4

For events where Inseam Measurement is required, once skier is measured by Equipment Control in starting area, any manipulation of suit is not allowed and skier will be disqualified.

2. Modify 120.3 from

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

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- Suit waist belt and inseam will be controlled at the following events: US National Championships, Junior World Qualifiers, Youth Olympic Qualifiers, Olympic Qualifiers **and US Cup**
- Suit waist belt will be controlled at ~~US Cup~~ JN's only for U20 class and above.

3. Add 120.5

When Equipment Controller is not present, The Starter will monitor for Gloves, Suit Zippers and Helmet.

4. Modify 163.2 from

Financial and Organizational Responsibilities of the Divisions include:

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Financial and Organizational Responsibilities of the **Division Teams** include:

5. Modify 164.1.1 from

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

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The maximum permissible entry fee is **\$325** per competitor.

6. Modify 405.3.2 from

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.

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.

In U.S. Nationals and the Junior Nationals (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.

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For US FIS assignments the TD TDA and all Judges are paid \$100 per day of official training and competition. For U.S. Championships...

Judges, Equipment **Controllers** 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.

In U.S. Nationals and the Junior National (all National Competitions), there shall be a minimum of **one equipment controller of equal gender, whenever suit fit or inseam control is conducted**, 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.

7. Modify 178.1 from

Competition result booklets, electronic files or DVDs: The full set of competition results, listing all results by class, including any unofficial events, shall be provided to all competitors and coaches at the completion of the event. These should be available prior to the team departures or must be mailed to each coach and competitor within seven days after the last event.

TO

Competition results: The full set of competition results, including start lists, including any unofficial events, shall be made available to competitors and coaches through posting on Event Website at the completion of the event. These should be available on the Website prior to the team departure.

8. Modify 178.2 from

Cost of Result Booklets: There shall be no cost to the competitors or coaches for these result booklets. This cost is a benefit of the entry fee and is borne by the OC. Three copies shall also be forwarded to the Sport Development Manager and one complete copy that includes all medical incident reports and meeting minutes (Jury, Coaches,

and/or OC) shall be forwarded to the TD and the TDA.

TO

Printed Results: One complete printed set of results that includes all medical incident reports and meeting minutes (Jury, Coaches, and/or OC) shall be forwarded to the TD and the TDA.

9. Modify 178.3 from

Results Faxing/Electronic: For each team that submits a list of fax or email addresses, the OC shall fax/email results of each competition to up to five news organizations per division. A set of results shall be emailed to the Sport Development Manager within 12 hours of the posting of official results for each competition day. A division requesting more than five sets shall be responsible for the cost of any number over five.

TO

Results Faxing/Electronic: For each team that submits a list of fax or email addresses, the OC shall fax/email results of each competition to up to five news organizations per division. ~~A set of results shall be emailed to the Sport Development Manager within 12 hours of the posting of official results for each competition day.~~ A division requesting more than five sets shall be responsible for the cost for any number over five.

10. Modify 155.2.2 from

Women: Individual Special Jumping. If the minimum requirement for a class of women exists, a female skier may only ski in that class. If they are unable to produce a women's class or combination of three female skiers/teams between class, then the women may ski in the men's class for both individual and team events. (Also see General Rules art. 158)

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Women: Individual Special Jumping, Nordic Combined Individual Event. ~~If the minimum requirement for a class of women exists, a female skier may only ski in that class. If they are unable to produce a women's class or combination of three female skiers/teams between class, then the women may ski in the men's class for both individual and team events. (Also see General Rules art. 158)~~

11. Modify 113.1 from

The Sport Development Manager and the J/NC Officials Committee will appoint the following officials:

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The ~~Sport Development Manager and the~~ J/NC Officials Subcommittee ad-hoc Assignment Committee, consisting of the Officials Chairperson, Sport Committee Chairperson and at least one at-large member will appoint the following officials:

12. Modify 113.2 from

Five Jumping Judges will be appointed two from the host site and one each from the

other Divisions. Additionally, an Equipment Controller and Video Distance Measurer may also be assigned.

TO

Five Jumping Judges will be appointed. For all above events except World Junior Trials, two from the host division and one each from the other Divisions. For World Junior Trials, all Judges will be appointed from host division. Additionally, two Equipment Controllers and Video Distance Measurer (if required) will be appointed by the host division.

13. Modify 105

105 Ski Jumping Hill and Facilities Certification

For the betterment of the sport of Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined, all ski jumping hills in the United States will be “Certified” by the year 2021 through the following process. It is paramount that all U.S. Ski & Snowboard members, clubs and officials regard safety as the top priority. The following is the minimum safety provisions for all hill sizes not listed in the FIS ICR.

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105 Ski Jumping Hill and Facilities Certification

For the betterment of the sport of Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined, all ski jumping hills in the United States will be “Certified” by the year ~~2021~~ **schedule outlined in 105.2** through the following process.

14. Modify 105.2 from

To be published at a later date

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K70+ are required to follow current FIS homologation Rules

K50-69 June 1, 2021 for summer mat and October 31, 2021 for winter

K21-49 June 1, 2022 for summer mat and October 31, 2022 for winter

K20 and below June 1, 2023 for summer mat and October 31, 2023 for winter

Hills that are not in compliance with the current rules should not be on a competition schedule. Under special situations a venue may apply for an extension to the deadline; however, to do so they must provide improvements upon a defined schedule agreed to by the Hills Committee.