



COMPETITION ADMINISTRATION SEASON 2021-22

The following is a summary of procedures followed by Competition/Race Administrators to provide a competition environment that meets SafeSport standards. This information is repeated in numerous U.S. Ski & Snowboard Official education materials. The information is reviewed and is updated, if required, prior to the start of each season.

Requirements for Officials at U.S. Ski & Snowboard non-FIS events: Jury members, Jury Advisors (Start & Finish Referees), Chief of Course, Course Setters, Chief of Timing & Calculation, and Race Administrator (RA) must be *current* U.S. Ski & Snowboard Coach or Official members; they must have certification appropriate for their positions and except for the Technical Delegate, must have attended a bi-seasonal Continuing Education Clinic (update) prior to the event. Technical Delegate are required to attend a Technical Delegate Workshop every season.

Requirements for Forerunners and Competitors at U.S. Ski & Snowboard non-FIS events: U.S. Ski & Snowboard requires forerunners and competitors to have current appropriate U.S. Ski & Snowboard memberships for *all* U.S. Ski & Snowboard-sanctioned events, e.g., Competitor, Masters, Non-Scored Athlete, Short-Term Alpine membership. (Forerunners may also be General Members.) *It is imperative membership status for all participants – competitors, forerunners, coaches, and officials – be confirmed prior to the first Team Captains’ Meeting, e.g., not listed either as “Pending” or on the “Membership Hold” list.*

It is important to remember that competitors who turn 18 years of age during the competition season will be notified of additional membership requirements including completing background screening. Failure to complete screening within the allowed period will result in their membership being inactivated. Athletes whose memberships have been inactivated must not be allowed to participate (compete or forerun) in any U.S. Ski & Snowboard-sanctioned event until “ACTIVE” status is renewed. *A competitor may be “active” one week but “inactive” (pending) the next, but because of the generation date of the Points List, they may still be listed in the current Points List. By rule, however, they are not allowed to participate.*

Requirements for Coaches at U.S. Ski & Snowboard non-FIS events: U.S. Ski & Snowboard coaches must be current U.S. Ski & Snowboard Coach Members to be granted venue access or to serve in any capacity at any U.S. Ski & Snowboard-sanctioned event, e.g., on-hill/on-venue coaching.

“Blocks” of coaches’ tickets must not be provided for participating clubs. This practice does not allow the organizing committee to “make their best effort” to comply with SafeSport requirements. Due to COVID requirements, it may be necessary to allow one coach to pick up all a team’s coach credentials/lift tickets. In this case, the coach must list the names to whom the credentials/lift tickets will be issued, RA must verify membership status for all the recipients, and the coach must sign for receipt of the credentials/lift tickets, thereby confirming identity of the recipients.

NOTE: Qualified members of foreign federations recognized by FIS must hold a valid U.S. Ski & Snowboard membership to take part in any capacity at a U.S. Ski & Snowboard-sanctioned non-FIS event.

Pending Memberships: U.S. Ski & Snowboard Coach or Official members whose membership status is “**PENDING**,” have not completed membership requirements, e.g., SafeSport Training, Introduction to Avalanches Course, background screening, and/or Coaching Fundamentals Course. Individuals whose membership is “pending” must not be granted venue access.

Requirements for U.S. Ski & Snowboard FIS Events: For U.S. Ski & Snowboard-sanctioned, FIS events, the above officials may also be qualified members of a foreign federation recognized by FIS. *If a foreign FIS Federation lists a foreign coach on their entry form, the Federation is certifying that the coach has the knowledge and ability to fulfill the duties of a Team Captain, e.g., serve as a Jury member or set a course and therefore meets the requirements.*

Online Membership Processing: Online membership application and membership renewal can be transacted onsite for those under 18. Adult members may register on site as well. However, their membership will not be valid until all U.S. Ski & Snowboard membership requirements have been completed. Those requirements may include elements such as SafeSport Training, Introduction to Avalanches Course, Coaching Fundamentals Course, and background screening. Because of these requirements, onsite processing is not a viable option for day of participation.

Background Screening: Background screening turnaround time for new members, for those whose screening requires updating, and for competitors who are 18 years of age or older will vary by individual. As a result, onsite memberships for these competitors and coaches/officials/volunteers cannot be confirmed as current. Without current membership, they must not be allowed to participate in any U.S. Ski & Snowboard event; this includes serving as a forerunner.

Race Administrator’s Responsibilities: The Race Administrator is responsible for verifying U.S. competitors’ U.S. Ski & Snowboard memberships. If a U.S. competitor does not have a current membership, and the OC has opted to accepted onsite membership application, online application is available if the competitor is not turning 18 years old or older at any time during the current competition season.

The Race Administrator is also responsible for verifying coaches’ U.S. Ski & Snowboard memberships. If a U.S. coach does not have a current coach/official membership, they must not be granted venue access.

SafeSport Training: U.S. Federal Law requires that adults who have frequent contact with, or who 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, coaches, officials, and club volunteer members. All members turning 18 years of age and older during the season are required to complete SafeSport training through the U.S. Center for SafeSport (substitutions are not permitted).

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 use alpha Division designation) U.S. Ski & Snowboard membership number, so Member Services may track completion and update your record.

SafeSport Training can be completed prior to applying for or renewing your U.S. Ski & Snowboard membership. If it is being completed as part of the membership/renewal process, you may either follow the link to the site or you will receive email notification containing instructions for completion of the training. Memberships with outstanding membership requirements are NOT considered active and are ineligible for participation.

U.S. Ski & Snowboard’s Concussion Policy: Any U.S. Ski & Snowboard member – including those with the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Non-Scored Athlete Membership, General Membership, and Short-Term Alpine Membership – suspected of having sustained a concussion must be removed immediately from participation in all U.S. Ski & Snowboard sporting events (e.g., sanctioned training, practice, camps, competitions, or tryouts), by the Technical Delegate or U.S. Ski & Snowboard member coach overseeing such sporting events.

The athlete will be prohibited from further participation until evaluated and cleared in writing to resume participation in U.S. Ski & Snowboard sporting events by a qualified health care provider trained in the evaluation and management of concussive head injuries. The health care professional must certify to U.S. Ski & Snowboard in the clearance letter the health care professional has successfully completed a continuing education course in the evaluation and management of concussive head injuries within three years of the day on which the evaluation and written statement are made.

Upon removal of an athlete from participation for a suspected concussion, the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Technical Delegate or member coach making the removal, must notify U.S. Ski & Snowboard Competition Services. Athletes who have subsequently been medically cleared to resume participation must provide such medical clearance (as described above) to U.S. Ski & Snowboard Competition Services to be permitted to participate in U.S. Ski & Snowboard sporting events. A “Concussion Medical Evaluation Form,” requesting to allow competitors under the age of 18 to return to training/competition must be signed by the parent/legal guardian. *Properly executed medical clearance may be presented to and accepted by the onsite Jury.*

A Jury may remove a foreign athlete with a suspected concussion from competition; however, *foreign athletes may not be placed on the Membership Hold List unless they also have a U.S. Ski & Snowboard membership.*

Review:

- Competitors and Forerunners in a U.S. Ski & Snowboard event must be current U.S. Ski & Snowboard members; *U.S. Ski & Snowboard General, Non-Scored Athlete, Masters, and Short-Term Alpine are valid membership categories for Forerunners.* Foreign athletes with current FIS inscriptions who want to compete and earn points in U.S. Ski & Snowboard non-FIS events must complete U.S. Ski & Snowboard “X” membership requirements.
- Competitors, 18 years of age and older: depending on event, it may be necessary to verify their membership status is not “Pending”/”Inactive.”
- All Competitors: depending on event, it may be necessary to verify none are on the “Membership Hold List.
- Current membership, *certification, and update status* must be verified for all support officials: Jury Advisors (Start & Finish Referees), Chief of Course, Course Setters, Chief of Timing & Calculations, Race Administrator.
- Current membership, certification, and update status must be verified for all coaches even if they are not serving on Jury, not setting a course, and participation is limited to on-hill coaching.