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INTRODUCTION, COMMITTEES AND DIRECTORY
USCSA MISSION STATEMENT

‘To be the National governing body of team ski & snowboard competition at the collegiate level.

To promote and increase awareness of and participation in alpine skiing, nordic skiing and snowboarding in the United States.

To provide competition and development opportunities for student/athletes in a team atmosphere leading toward National titles in each discipline.’

ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE

The United States Collegiate Ski & Snowboard Association (USCSA) is the sports federation for collegiate team ski racing and snowboarding in America. In excess of 178 colleges from coast to coast, field some 4,700 men and women, alpine, nordic and snowboarding athletes in over 200 race events annually.

Competition takes place across three progressive tiers. Conference qualifiers determine the participants at the five USCSA regional championships. The Regional Championships are the last step on the road to the annual United States Collegiate Skiing and Snowboard Championships, the showcase event in college racing. The 2013 National Championships saw over 500 athletes participate from 48 schools. There was representation from schools in 19 states and from all the 11 conferences of the USCSA.

Organized as part of a non-profit 501 (C) 3 Educational Foundation, the USCSA believes that student/athletes, of all levels and abilities should have access to a quality and exciting venue of ski & snowboard competition. The USCSA fosters parity, both of representation and ultimately competition, to create and maintain a level playing field and does all it can to raise the level of competition throughout all their programs from the bottom up. The USCSA also recognizes that for athletes to be truly successful individuals, academics should take priority over ski & snowboard competition. To help foster this, the USCSA stresses education first and offers a variety of academic based awards.

THE FORMULA FOR SUCCESS

The USCSA has grown and thrived due to its unique approach. It is the only collegiate level national governing sports body to foster competition among institutions with varying national sports affiliations. This means that schools who are NCAA, NAIA, NJCAA, or other independent sport bodies can all participate in the USCSA.

Another special feature of the USCSA is that teams can have different institutional status. Teams organized as club sports and varsity sports compete on the same level against one another, making the USCSA the place for everyone!

Team performance is emphasized within the USCSA, a departure from the typical individual or world cup scoring format in skiing. Teams field five racers with the top three performances being used for the team score. Most former USCSA athletes agree that the USCSA’s team orientation has been the seed for developing and nurturing a team approach in other aspects of their lives and careers.

Overall team performance is considered separately for each discipline, so a school can field any single or combination of a men's alpine, women's alpine, men's nordic, women's nordic, men’s snowboard, women’s snowboard competition team.
The USCSA follows stringent rules of individual eligibility. This assures equitable standards for all student/athletes.

**THE HEARTBEAT OF THE USCSA**

Volunteer Staff:
With the exception of our National Office staff, the USCSA is operated entirely through the tireless efforts of its dedicated core of volunteer staff. These volunteers represent the heartbeat of the USCSA, and are responsible for coordinating and operating all USCSA competition events. A big thanks you, to all of these individuals.

Membership Representation:
The USCSA is a member based organization, meaning that its members play an integral role in the direction and actions of the organization. Each member conference elects a delegate to the Board of Directors. The Board also selects four Student/Athlete Representatives to serve on the Board of Directors, making sure that the varying needs of USCSA conferences and different types of teams are addressed and met. All USCSA ski & snowboard teams are encouraged to take an active role within the decision making of the USCSA.

Membership Benefits:
Competitor licensing and Eligibility monitoring, Web Site linkups for your team, Newsletter, discounts available with Reliable Racing Supply, Patagonia and Twitchell Sportswear listing in USCSA. Organizational assistance to teams and conferences, Access to a Regional and National Championships, Rules and Regulation authority, Team and Conference representation at the USCSA Board of Directors annual meeting.

Annual Board of Directors Meeting:
The USCSA Board Meeting shall rotate between the East, West and the Midwest starting with the Midwest in 1996. The USCSA Board meeting shall begin the fist Friday in June in odd years and the second Friday in June in even years.

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2015 - 2016 USCSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Executive Board:
President: Andy Rangen
Executive Vice President: Greg Lyons
Vice President of Alpine: Mike Dzubay
Vice President of Nordic: Christi Boggs
Vice President of Snowboard: Patrick Wilcox
Vice President of Academic Affairs: Collin Casper
Corporate Secretary: Laura Sullivan
Treasurer: Jenna Bergin
Executive At-large: Greg Lyons, Eric Millbrant
President Emeritus: Holger Petersen
Immediate Past President: Laura Sullivan
Executive Director: Laura Sullivan

Board of Directors: ( * Denotes conference coordinators and Voting members of the Board)
Executive Board: As listed above
Allegheny Conference, alpine: *Sarah Geiger
                            Snowboard: Ben Clark
Eastern Conference, alpine: *Bo Bigelow
                            Nordic: Alyssa Dausman
Grand Teton Conference, alpine: *Jerry Wolf
Mideast Conference, alpine: *Jim Longo
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Midwest Conference, alpine: *Robin Dzubay
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Northern California Conference, alpine: *Branko Zagar
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Northwest Conference, alpine: *Ron Bonneau
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Rocky Mountain Conference, alpine: *Paul Rozsypal
                            Nordic: Christi Boggs
Southeastern Conference, alpine: *Doug Grayson
                            Snowboard: Doug Grayson
Southern California Conference, alpine: *Molly Novasel
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Alpine Student/Athlete-Female: Sierra Jeck
Alpine Student/Athlete-Male: Nick Eagon
Nordic Student/Athlete-Female: Sierra Jeck
Nordic Student/Athlete-Male: Zach Morrow
Snowboard Student/Athlete-Female: TBA
Snowboard Student/Athlete-Male: Nick Howe
USSA Representative to the USCSA: TBA
USCSA PERMANENT STANDING COMMITTEES

Alpine Competition and Rules:

Chairperson: Mike Dzubay
Allegheny Conference: Sarah Geiger
Eastern Conference: Bo Bigelow
Grand Teton Conference: Jerry Wolf
Mideast Conference: Jim Longo
Midwest Conference: Robin Dzubay
Atlantic Highlands Conference: Chris Shumeyko
Northern California Conference: Branko Zagar
Northwest Conference: Ron Bonneau
Rocky Mountain Conference: Paul Roszypal
Southeastern Conference: Doug Grayson
Southern California Conference: Molly Novasel
Student/Athlete-Female: Brittany Jackson
Student/Athlete-Male: Nick Eagon

Nordic Competition and Rules:

Chairperson: Christi Boggs
Eastern Conference: Alyssa Dausman
Grand Teton: TBA
Mideast Conference: Alyssa Dausman
Midwest Conference: TBA
Northern California Conference: TBA
Northwest Conference: Ron Bonneau
Rocky Mountain Conference: Christi Boggs
Southern California: TBA
Student/Athlete-Female: Sierra Jeck
Student/Athlete-Male: Zach Morrow

Snowboard Competition and Rules:

Chairperson: Patrick Wilcox
Members:
- Ron Bonneau
- Doug Grayson
- Robin Dzubay
- Chris Shumeyko
- Nick Howe

Student/Athlete-Male: Nick Howe
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Academic Affairs:

Chairperson: Collin Casper
Members:
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- Greg Lyons

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- Nick Howe
- Brittany Jackson

Immediate Past President (Ex-officio)
Ex-officio members:
Business and Legal:
Chairperson      John Jacob
Members;          Collin Casper
                  Jenna Ude
                  Ron Bonneau
                  Andy Rangen
                  Laura Sullivan (non-voting)

Ex-officio member;

Nominations and Awards:
Chairperson      Paul Rozsypal
Members;          Andy Rangen

Technical Committee:
Chairperson      Eric Millbrandt
                  James Cialdea
                  Andy Rangen

USCSA SUB-COMMITTEES

Marketing:
Chairperson      Collin Casper
Members;          Bolan Bigelo
                  Yuri Kobziar

Ex-officio members;     TBA

Regional Events:
Chairperson      Sarah Geiger
Members;  East    Bo Bigelow
          New York  Jim Longo
          Mid-Atlantic  Chris Shumeyko
          Midwest  Mike Dzubay
          West  Ron Bonneau
          Far West  Molly Novasel
          Nor Ca  Branko Zagar
          Rocky  Paul Roszypal
          Southeast  Doug Grayson
          Grand Teton  Jerry Wolf

Student/Athletes;     Brittany Jackson
                      Nick Eagon
                      Sierra Jech

USCSA CORPORATE ADVISORY BOARD
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**USCSA CONFERENCE COORDINATORS AND DIVISIONAL STAFF**

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Team and Individual Eligibility
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TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

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1.00 USCSA MEMBERSHIP:

1.01 An institution must be an active member of an affiliated USCSA ski & snowboard conference. To participate in any USCSA conference, regional or national championship event, the institution or individual must be a member in good standing of the USCSA national organization. All rules, regulations and policies of the national organization must be adhered to by teams vying for the opportunity to race in such championship events.

Team registration fees:
- $146.00 Institutional Fee
- $146.00 per Discipline Fee

Late fees*:
- $ 50.00 per Institution late fee after deadline
- $150.00 after December 15
- $200.00 after January 1
- $400.00 after February 1
- $800.00 at USCSA Nationals
- Sanctions after USCSA Nationals

For individuals without a team
- 1 competitor - $75
- 2 competitors: $125
- 3 or more competitors: $146.

Men’s alpine, women’s alpine, men’s nordic, women’s nordic, men’s snowboard, women’s snowboard men’s freeski, women’s freeski, men’s jumping and women’s jumping are each considered a separate discipline.

1.02 The USCSA shall not grant membership to a Secondary or Development team of any institution that fields either a USCSA or NCAA club or varsity team. (This is to include any teams that had been under a grand-fathered clause.)

O.I.: Membership is not to be granted to more than one team at an institution. If a school has already joined the NCAA, then that is the team of record, and no additional squad can be recognized from that school. Similarly if a school registers a team with USCSA, no additional squad may be registered with the USCSA. Only schools with a multiple campus setup may register more than one squad. This is only possible if ALL of their athletic teams compete independently. (U Cal, Berkeley, UCLA, UC Long Beach etc..)
Secondary or Development team to include any additional squad at an institution formed to produce multiple levels of competition at that institution. Specifically, but not limited to Schools which field NCAA Varsity teams and want to register additional squads to compete in USCSA. This is to include NAIA, Independent, and USCSA members wishing to register a "second squad" within the USCSA organization.

While we do not accept membership from secondary teams, and therefore they are not eligible for the championships, they may exist as "guest" members of conferences and compete at the conference level.

Per the approval of the Board of Directors the following exceptions have been "grand-fathered' to Regional's.

Grand-fathered: University of Colorado, University of Denver and Montana State University will from this time on, be the only secondary schools that will be permitted this accommodation. The Western Region is directed to adjust the field size up to 19 teams to accommodate up to three guest/secondary teams (CU, DU, MSU) who finish in the Rocky Mountain Conference in the top five (5) and in the Grand Teton Conference in the top three (3) to participate at the regional's as guest teams.

O.I.: Each of the aforementioned programs (3) may send up to 5 individuals per gender, if so qualified as per elsewhere, to the Alpine Events. They will be listed as "individuals" from those programs and seeded, 3 after the USCSA member individuals running at the end of seed one, with the remaining racer allocated 3 at a time following each of the remaining four “team” seeds. They will appear on all results as individuals in the same manner as other individuals at these races, and as there is no mention of team score from the USCSA individuals, neither shall there be mention of team score from these "GUEST INDIVIDUALS". Additionally, as these racers are not members of USCSA, but invited guests, they may not advance to Nationals.

2.00 ENFORCEMENT OF USCSA GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES:

2.01 The Academic Affairs Committee is a Permanent Standing Committee, consisting of a chairperson and three members, independent of the Competition Committees.

2.02 The Academic Affairs Committee of the USCSA will investigate and enforce all governing rules pertaining to the USCSA Competition Divisions. The Academic Affairs Committee is empowered by the BOD to impose and enforce sanctions applicable to violations.

2.03 All member institutions must provide any documentation requested by the USCSA Academic Affairs Committee.

2.04 Member schools must monitor their athletes' eligibility.

3.00 GENERAL POLICIES FOR MEMBER SCHOOLS:

3.01 Definitions Applicable to Eligibility Regulations

   a) Licenses

   1. REGULAR LICENSE. All current USCSA rules and referenced rules from the NCAA II rule book adopted by the BOD and all forms must be maintained. Competitors registered in this manner shall be eligible to compete in ALL USCSA races, including post season Regionals and Nationals. (Rule V., A,B,C,D.)
2. **RESTRICTED LICENSE.** Athletes on teams so registered shall be eligible to **compete only in conference races. Regional and National competitions are prohibited.**

b) **Season:** A season commences with the beginning of practice following team tryouts and ends with the final regularly scheduled ski & snowboard meet prior to any post-season competition to begin the process of qualifying for the United States Collegiate Skiing and Snowboard Championships.

**NOTE:** Regularly scheduled ski & snowboard meets may be held after the conference/regional qualifying process. These ski & snowboard meets will be counted for injury exemption.

c) **Ski & snowboard meet:** A ski & snowboard meet is a competition held at a ski area regardless of the number of events (slalom, giant slalom, boardercross, half-pipe and/or nordic).

d) **Scrimmage:** A scrimmage is a competition between two teams who agree it is not an official ski & snowboard race. A scrimmage: (1) is not a ski & snowboard meet, (2) does not count on a team's win-loss record, (3) does not count towards participation in a majority of the ski & snowboard meets, (4) shall not be used in determining eligibility in the case of injury, and (5) does not have published results.

e) A competitor must appear on the Regular or Restricted License List at the time of race registration to be allowed to participate in a USCSA meet as a member of a scoring team, or as an individual eligible for USCSA scoring purposes. Competitors who do not appear on the Regular or Restricted License List may compete at an event as a guest competitor at the event organizers discretion.

f) For USCSA eligibility regulations, each one of the following are considered separate ski & snowboard teams: Men's Alpine, Women's Alpine, Men's Nordic, Women's Nordic, Men's Snowboard and Women's Snowboard.

3.02 **Policies for Member Schools**

a) An intercollegiate ski & snowboard team may not compete in a closed ski & snowboard meet or scrimmage with or against any public or private high school team.

1. Intercollegiate team members may participate in an open competition in which high school students participate, but the event may not be sponsored by the college or university, nor by any USCSA Conference.

2. Appeals for waiver may be made to the Chairperson of the USCSA Academic Affairs Committee.

b) A USCSA intercollegiate ski & snowboard team may not compete as a team in any event, collegiate or otherwise, unless the event is part of an USCSA conference or has been approved by the USCSA Executive Board.

1. All events must meet USCSA eligibility rules.

2. This does not affect individual competitors except for the requirement for maintaining amateur status.
3. As no race events were proposed to the Academic Affairs committee, for exemptions for prize money to be won; the NCAA rules of amateurism will remain in force. Therefore no race events will be exempt.

3.03 Canadian Team participation in the United States Collegiate Ski & Snowboard Association.
   a) USCSA competition is coordinated and sanctioned exclusively through United States based Collegiate Conferences.
   b) Canadian college ski & snowboard teams may hold membership and participate in a U.S. USCSA based affiliated conference.
   c) Canadian teams must solicit membership via the USCSA conference in which they wish to participate and such team(s) must meet all other USCSA eligibility requirements in order to participate on a conference level.

3.04 Snowboard Individual Eligibility Requirements.
   The athlete must be a full-time student and in good academic standing as required by their institution.

4.00 USCSA ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR REGIONAL AND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:

   All the regulations listed under Eligibility Requirements for Student-Athletes apply to individuals and teams qualifying for USCSA regional and national championships. In addition, the following regulations apply.

4.01 Regulations For Participation In Championships
   a) A student-athlete may participate in the respective USCSA-United States Collegiate Skiing and Snowboard Championships no more than a total of FOUR (4) times.
   b) A skier is eligible for the USCSA national championships if he/she has a Regular Competitors License, and for the USCSA regional championship if he/she has a Regular or Restricted Competitors License. The skier must also have been a member of the institution’s intercollegiate ski & snowboard team during the majority of its most recent season, which includes a majority of these intercollegiate season practices, and a majority of required conference race events.

   1. To be eligible for post-season events (Regional’s and Nationals), a racer must have participated in a minimum of two conference events, (in separate meets).

   O.I.: (Official Interpretation): Separate meets means on two separate weekends.

   O.I.: The availability and/or injury waivers, indicates that if an athlete is not participating in ski & snowboard competition anywhere else, that he/she can be moved up without an appeal, if he/she does not fulfill the minimum requirement of the two conference events (in separate meets).

   c) A skier is eligible to compete in an USCSA conference, regional or national championship if his/her name appears on the Affidavit of Eligibility, holds a
Regular competitors License, has participated in the majority of the practices, and has been eligible and available to be a substitute if called upon for a majority of the meets prior to post-season ski & snowboard meets.

**O.I.:** Available, means available to race.

**O.I.:** A student matriculating for a degree (graduate and under-graduate) in his/hers 6th academic year, may petition to participate, provided he/she has not competed in more than three years of college ski & snowboard.

d) A skier is not eligible to participate in a regional or national championship on any ski & snowboard team unless eligible and available to participate in 2 conference events and Regional qualifying meets leading towards the national championships.

e) Any individual or team must qualify for attendance at the national championship through a USCSA regional championship. Only those individuals and teams who so qualify are eligible for the United States Collegiate Skiing and Snowboard Championships.

f) Any college ski & snowboard team switching to USCSA national affiliation (from NCAA, NJCAA, etc.) shall wait out one year prior to becoming eligible to participate in the United States Collegiate Skiing and Snowboard Championships, unless granted an exception by the USCSA conference to which the team is applying for membership. Waiver for sitting out one (1) USCSA national championship shall be made to the conference of applicant and subsequently confirmed by the USCSA Executive Board which should then be guided by that conference’s wishes.

g) Any athlete holding a Restricted Competitors License is not eligible to participate in a Regional or National Championship event.

4.02 Special Regulations Concerning Participation At Championships

a) If the institution does not have an intercollegiate ski & snowboard team, an individual skier is eligible to participate in the conference races and regional’s or national championships if otherwise qualified.

bc) One competitor from a Restricted License team may obtain a Regular Competitors License which will allow one athlete to pursue qualification for the Regional and National events. Application includes all documentation required of a Regular Competitors License, including submittal by the Tuesday prior to Thanksgiving Day.

**O.I.:** An athlete who participates in a study abroad or off campus program and is thus unable to participate in a majority of practices and to be available as a substitute for a majority of the meets prior to the post-season shall still be eligible for post-season competitions.

5.00 PROCEDURAL REGULATIONS FOR SUBMITTING USCSA TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION AND ELIGIBILITY FORMS:

5.01 USCSA Ski & Snowboard Team and Institutional Membership Applications
a) All participating teams must register annually with the USCSA by submitting a Ski & Snowboard Team Membership Application, and the USCSA Institutional Membership application, mailed to the USCSA National Office no later than the **Tuesday prior to Thanksgiving Day**, accompanied by a payment of a designated annual institutional and per discipline USCSA dues.

b) Penalty for Non-Compliance: Teams not submitting the Ski & Snowboard Team Membership and USCSA Institutional Membership Applications by the indicated (November) date will be issued a Restricted License and will be considered ineligible to compete in a regional or national event.

5.02 Individual Competitor Registration and Liability Release

a) Each USCSA race participant is required to complete, sign and submit to the USCSA national office an Individual Competitor Registration and Liability Release form. The completed form should be submitted through their team officer, before the Tuesday prior to Thanksgiving Day. This form will include a liability release statement on behalf of the USCSA, the USSA, hosting ski areas, and all related personnel and officials.

b) Penalty For Non-Compliance: Individual competitors, who do not complete, sign and submit the required Individual Competitor Registration and Liability Release form before the Tuesday, prior to Thanksgiving Day shall be considered ineligible to race and shall remain ineligible until the time a completed form is received by the National Office. At that time, only a Restricted License will be issued.

**O.I.:** Individual. Where it says, ‘a restricted license for’ and ‘individual competitor’, this refers to individuals trying to compete outside of the team. (When their is only one person and they don’t have a team.) There is a differentiation on licenses for athletes, outside that scenario. If an athlete is added to a team, he/she comes under whatever the team’s license is.

5.03 Ski & Snowboard Team Eligibility Forms

a) The Ski & Snowboard Team Eligibility Form, listing all ski & snowboard team members, requested License Type, and requested items of information concerning academic eligibility is required for validation of institution (college) registration and athletic eligibility for all individuals wishing to participate on a college ski & snowboard team competing under the auspices of the USCSA. Certification of the athlete’s eligibility on this form is from September to September. This form will be available from the USCSA national office or from each conference headquarters. It is the responsibility of each team to secure this form, supply accurate and complete information where requested, submit it to the proper authorities for additional information, verification and signature, and file one copy with the USCSA national office no later than the Tuesday prior to Thanksgiving Day of each year. **Additions to team forms are permissible prior to the completion of the midpoint race of a team’s qualifying season.** Added competitors may not compete on a scoring team or be included in scoring for individual qualifying to regional championships without a completed eligibility form and a USCSA Competition License. An athlete may compete as a guest in the event at the discretion of the event organizer before USCSA eligibility is established, but cannot be included in the scoring for regional qualifications retroactively once eligibility is established.

b) **Penalty For Non-Compliance:** A Team that has not submitted a completed and signed Team Eligibility Form, accompanied with the Individual Liability and Release Form for each athlete named on the Team Eligibility Form prior to the Tuesday before Thanksgiving Day:
1. Will automatically be issued a Restricted Competitor License only. Therefore no Team member will be eligible to participate in the Regional or National events.

2. A team may only apply for an extension of the November deadline, when the following criteria is met:

   A. All liability forms must be completed and turned into the national office before the Tuesday prior to Thanksgiving day.

   B. Written proof, with an institution’s registrars stamp, that a teams eligibility form has been submitted to the institution prior to the November date.

   C. An institution has paid its membership.

3. Extensions are accepted at the discretion of the Academic Affairs Committee.

5.04 Deletion of Athlete Names from Eligibility Forms

   Individual athlete names may be deleted from the affidavit of eligibility, based upon the following:

   a) Request for removal should be submitted to the USCSA Academic Affairs Committee prior to the USCSA Competition and Rules Committees’ meeting (Spring of each year).

   b) Racer has participated in no intercollegiate ski & snowboard events for that institution in said year.

   c) When a racer is injured during the season and has competed in no more than one-quarter of the school’s season of practices and meets prior to the injury. Documentation covering such injury must be presented at the time the request is made, including a statement of attending physician.

6.00 PROTESTS AND APPEALS CONCERNING ELIGIBILITY

6.01 Protests which cannot be handled at the conference level must be lodged with the USCSA Academic Affairs Committee by an identified representative of a USCSA institution and be accompanied by substantiating evidence.

6.02 Any institution disqualified for failure to comply with eligibility requirements shall have the right to appeal the ruling to the USCSA Academic Affairs Committee.

6.03 Decisions made by the USCSA Academic Affairs Committee may be appealed to the USCSA Executive Board.

7.00 REFERENCED NCAA II RULES:

7.01 The United States Collegiate Ski & Snowboard Association voted in May 1988 to adopt, by reference, the following NCAA II rules:

   a) Operating Bylaw, Article 12, Amateureism
   b) Operating Bylaw, Article 13, Recruiting
   c) Operating Bylaw, Article 14, Eligibility: Academic and General Requirements
d) Operating Bylaw, Article 15, Financial Aid

e) Operating Bylaw, Article 16, Awards, Benefits & Expenses
   For Enrolled Student Athletes

f) Operating Bylaw, Article 17, Playing & Practice Seasons

O.I.: When the NCAA uses the term 'dates', they mean 'events', something covering two days. Therefore 16 dates means 32 days.

g) Constitution, Article 2.3, The Principle Of Ethical Conduct
   Article 2.10, The Principle Governing Financial Aid

h) Constitution, Article 5.2.2, Operating Bylaws

i) Operating Bylaw, Article 10.1, Unethical Conduct
   Article 10.4, Disciplinary Action

j) Operating Bylaw, Article 11.1.1, Standards Of Honesty & Sportsmanship

k) Operating Bylaw, Article 18.4.1, Eligibility For Championships - Student Athlete Eligibility

l) Administrative Bylaw, Article 32.3.6, Disclosure Of Purpose Of Interview

O.I. Pertaining to NCAA Season of competition 14.2.4.2.3
   Proof of expenses paid by athlete will be required for eligibility

7.02 Date Of Rule Adoption And USCSA Corollaries:

The afore referenced NCAA II rules that were adopted by the USCSA shall become effective May 15, 1988, date of adoption. The following USCSA corollaries shall apply:

a) In all instances in which current reading of NCAA rules refer to NCAA, please substitute USCSA for a more accurate understanding of the ruling.

b) In all instances in which current wording refers to NCAA Academic Requirements Committee or Council, please substitute the words USCSA Academic Affairs Committee.

c) All institutions shall operate under the standards, set forth in the NCAA Division II rules, as cited above.

d) When referring to pertinent NCAA rules, two-year institutions shall substitute the words 2 years where the text reads 4 years, and the words 3 years for the words 5 years wherever they appear in the text.

   In addition, two-year institutions shall substitute the words 6 semesters where the text reads 10 semesters and 9 quarters where the text reads 15 quarters.

e) For an institution that does not require SAT or ACT scores, a high school GPA of 2.0, in the core curriculum, as defined by the NCAA Division II, will suffice as eligible.
“USCSA Highlights of Eligibility Rules”

Listed below are the important points of the USCSA eligibility rules. These do not cover all of the rules and each team is responsible for the eligibility of each of its members.

1. Each athlete must be enrolled as a full-time student during the competition season.
2. Each athlete must maintain a minimum satisfactory GPA.
   * 1.6 after the first season of competition
   * 1.8 after the second season of competition
   * 2.0 after the third season of competition
3. Each athlete must have passed 24 semester hours or 36 quarter hours since the beginning of the last competition season.
4. Each athlete has ten semesters or fifteen quarters of full-time collegiate enrollment during which to use four years of eligibility. This starts with the initial semester or quarter enrolled in school.
5. Each athlete must be making “normal progress” in a degree program.
6. Freshmen competitors must follow the NCAA freshmen sliding rule 14.3.2.1.
7. The amount of financial aid awarded to a student athlete is limited to the value of tuition and fees, room and board and required textbooks.
8. Transfer students may only use transfer credits accepted by the institution of which they are competing in determining eligibility.
   O.I.: You are allowed one free transfer. The second time you transfer you must sit out one year. See NCAA rules for exceptions.
9. No recruiting from existing collegiate programs is allowed without permission from the school involved. All inquires from students at other schools must be reported to the school from which the student desires to transfer.
10. The following referenced NCAA II rules:
   1. Operating Bylaw, Article 12, Amateurism
   2. Operating Bylaw, Article 13, Recruiting
   3. Operating Bylaw, Article 14, Eligibility: Academic and General Requirements
   4. Operating Bylaw, Article 15, Financial Aid
   5. Operating Bylaw, Article 16, Awards, Benefits & Expenses
   6. Operating Bylaw, Article 17, Playing & Practice Seasons
   7. Constitution, Article 2.3, The Principle Of Ethical Conduct
   9. Constitution, Article 5.2.2, Operating Bylaws
   10. Operating Bylaw, Article 10.1, Unethical Conduct
   11. Article 10.4, Disciplinary Action
   12. Operating Bylaw, Article 11.1.1, Standards Of Honesty & Sportsmanship
   13. Operating Bylaw, Article 18.4.1, Eligibility For Championships - Student Athlete Eligibility
   14. Administrative Bylaw, Article 32.3.6, Disclosure Of Purpose Of Interview
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0.00 FIS And USSA Rules versus USCSA Rules

0.01 USCSA alpine competitions shall be governed by the most current edition of the following rule books; USCSA Alpine Rules, USSA Alpine Competition Rules pertaining to scored U18 and Sr. events. (Not USSA Masters rules) and the FIS (ICR). USCSA alpine competitions shall be governed first by the USCSA rules, second, in all areas not specifically covered, the USSA Alpine Competition rules shall be used, and third, in all areas not specifically covered the FIS (ICR) shall be used. In no case shall a USCSA rule be enforced that violates USSA rule. FIS rule books are available, on-line at www.ussa.org and www.fis-ski.com.

1.00 PROTESTS CONCERNING ALPINE EVENTS

1.01 Protests concerning Disqualification's or Timing: A protest against a disqualification or timing must be given in writing, by a team officer to a voting member of the jury and be accompanied by a cash deposit; for Regional and Nationals the deposit is $50, $100 protest fee for equipment. Such protests must be received within the specified time period for the particular type of protest. The deposit will be refunded if the protest is upheld.

Such protests must be received within the specific time period, for the particular type of protest. See disqualifications in the USSA comp guide.

1.02 Appeals

a) For all events not sanctioned by the USSA or FIS, appeals against a decision of the jury, a protest is permissible to:

1. The Conference Appeals Board (Conference Races)
2. The Regional Appeals Board (Regional Races)
3. The USCSA Competition/Rules Committee (National Events)

b) For all events sanctioned by the USSA or FIS follow the appeal procedures outlined by the appropriate governing organization. If the appeal concerns a USCSA rule follow the procedure presented in section 1.02.a above.

c) The USCSA Competition and Rules Committee shall hear all protests regarding USCSA rules at national events. Any member of the USCSA Competition and Rules Committee who may have served on the jury being protested, or are representatives of schools involved therein, shall be disqualified from the deliberations on that issue.

d) The appeal, in writing and with substantiating particulars, must always be submitted to the appropriate appeals board, or mailed thereto within 14 days after the announcement of the previous decision on the protests (not counting the announcement day).
2.00 JOINT REGULATIONS FOR SLALOM, GIANT SLALOM

2.01 Seeding: Alpine

Participating full teams shall have one racer placed in each of the 5 seeds. The order of teams shall be generated by random selection within each seed. There shall be separate draws for both slalom and giant slalom

a) The seeding of outstanding individual competitors (Regional and Nationals) for slalom and giant slalom shall be placed between the first and second seed. The random selection of these individual representatives shall be determined by draw at the seeding meeting. (For Nationals: If an outstanding individual competitor is also a member of an Invitational team, he/she will maintain the outstanding individual competitor seeding.)

b) The BIBO method of seeding shall be used for alpine competition. BIBO seeding is used in the second run of slalom and giant slalom events.

O.I.: The BIBO method of seeding shall be used for Alpine competitions as stated in the USSA Comp Guide Rule. U621.22.3 At least one hour before the competition, if deemed appropriate by the jury, reversing the number of teams is permissible.

c) Seeding for the second run of alternate racers shall be at the discretion of the Chief of Race, to be announced prior to the event.

d) The number and ages of the following competitors shall be limited: 5 men and 5 women. U18only will be entered as a team by the USSA Divisional Selection Chairperson. However, if the institution is having a local club host its event, the local club may enter up to 5 more men and 5 more women of seniors, U18-U16’s only. These racers will be entered at the end of the college field.

e) National Championship - Invitational Alpine Teams:

1. First run shall have one racer in each of the five (5) seeds to start at the end of all qualified teams and outstanding individual competitors. Thus, the first competitor from an invitational team will start 101st, if the field of 100 qualified competitors is filled.

2. The second shall be run in BIBO format with all competitors (invitational and qualified teams) seeded in order of finish from the first run.

2.01b Sullivan Seeding System

At any USCSA event, excluding US Collegiate Ski & Snowboard National Championships™, the Sullivan Seeding system, if so desired and announced on the race announcement, the second run running order shall be generated as follows.

Following the completion of the first run;

1) Rank the teams by summing the times of the three fastest skiers from each team to determine athletes in “The Cut”,

2) The remaining athletes, not scoring for their respective teams, are ranked in order of descending first run times (slowest to fastest) “ The Flip”

The second run running order is developed in the following manner;
1) The athletes in the Flip are seeded first followed by the athletes in the Cut, 
2) In the Cut, teams will race in reverse order of team place following the first 
run (slowest to fastest), within each team the athletes will be seeded 
slowest to fastest. 

Outstanding Individuals and Guest athletes will be seed according to their first run 
time in the Flip. No special considerations will be made for Four-Way 
Teams

2.02 Random Draw Procedures

a) Step I 
  1. Determine the number of teams and the number of competitors per team. 
     There will be on bib set for each team designated by letters. One seed will 
     consist of the total numbers of teams competing. Example: 19 teams, the 
     bib sets will be lettered A to S, with a seed of 19 competitors. 
  2. Individual competitors will be inserted after the 1st seed. So if there are 19 
     teams and 5 individuals, bibs 20-24 will be used for the individual 
     competitors. 
  3. Establish the remaining seeds, so you know what bib numbers go in the 
     remaining seeds. 

b) Step II 
   Randomly assign a number from each seed, to a bib set. So that one 
   number from each team seed goes to one bib set. You can accomplish this 
   by either by drawing numbers and letter out of a hat or by using a 
   randomizer on a computer. 

c) Step III 
   Do a double random draw. You randomly pick a team, then that team 
   randomly picks a bib set. The same is done for the individuals. 
   It is recommended that you use different bib sets (groups of bibs) for each 
   event, so that the bibs for each day may be done ahead of time.

3.00 USSA RACE EVENT REGISTRATION
USCSA alpine races may be USSA registered events.

4.00 USCSA Alpine Skiing Parallel Event

4.01 Eligibility 
  4.01.1 Teams: will be eligible to compete in the USCSA National Championships Team 
     Parallel Event only if they qualified as an Alpine or 4-way team for the USCSA 
     National Championships 
  4.01.2 Individuals: will be eligible to compete in the USCSA National Championships 
     Individual Parallel Event only if they qualified as an Alpine individual for the USCSA
National Championships or are guest individual athlete.

4.02 Team Size

4.02.1 5 competitors will comprise a team

4.03 Definition

4.03.1 The parallel race is a competition where two competitors race simultaneously side by side down two courses. The setting of the courses, the configuration of the ground and the preparation of the snow are to be as identical as possible.

4.04 Vertical Drop

4.04.1 The vertical drop of the course should be between 80 and 100m. There should be between 20 and 30 gates, not counting the start and finish. The run time of each race should be between 20 and 25 seconds.

4.05 Choice and Preparation of the Course

4.05.1 Choose a slope wide enough to permit two or more courses, preferably slightly concave (permitting a view of the whole course from any point). The terrain variations should be the same across the surface of the slope. The course layouts should have the same profile and the same difficulties.

4.05.2 Over the full width of the chosen slope, the snow should be consistently hard, similar to course preparation for Slalom, so that it is possible to offer equal race conditions on both courses.

4.05.3 The Organizer should provide transport for the athletes back to the start in the shortest time possible.

4.05.4 A lift next to the course is preferred to ensure that the races are run smoothly and rapidly.

4.05.5 The course should be entirely closed off by barriers. It is recommended to fence off reserved places intended for coaches, trainers, competitors, and servicemen.

4.06 The Courses

4.06.1 Each course is designated by a series of gates, poles or curve markers; each gate marker is composed of two slalom poles with a GS gate flag stretched between them and fastened in such a way so as to tear or break away. A short stubby pole and a tall static pole connected together by a triangular gate panel (as in a snowboard gate system) may be used.

4.06.2 Poles and flags are red for the course on skier’s left and blue for the course on skier’s right. The bottom of the flags must be at least approx. 1 m above the snow (exception: use of a snowboard gate/triangular panel systems).

4.06.3 The same course setter establishes the courses and makes sure they are identical and parallel. They must ensure that the course flow is smooth and that there is variety in the curves (very pronounced curves) and that the course causes rhythm changes. In no case should this event resemble a long straight run from top to bottom. A turning radius of 13-15 meters is recommended.

4.06.4 The first gate in each course should be placed no less than 8 m from the start and no more than 10 m.

4.06.5 Shortly before the finish line, after the last gate, the separation between the two courses must be well marked so that they direct each competitor towards the middle part of the respective finish.

4.06.6 Distance between the Two Courses

4.06.6.1 The distance between two corresponding gates markers (from turning pole
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to turning pole) should be no less than 10 m and no more than 12 m.

4.06.2  The distance between the starting gates should also be the same as between the two courses

The course setter shall use a “triangulation” method to ensure accuracy between courses. Triangulation ensures that the vertical distance from a turning pole to the next turning pole on each course is identical, and that the horizontal distance between the turning poles of each course is identical throughout.

4.06.3  The course setter may make slight modifications before the first competitors start, based on observation of forerunners and/or input from forerunners.

4.06.4  The jury may decide to insert up to two jumps in the course. The lip of the jump should be no more than 1.5 meters (4’) above the snow surface at the base of the jump.

4.07  Start
4.07.1  Start Device

4.07.1.1  Two hinged doors each approximately 100 cm wide, 40 cm in height, and with the bottom edge of the gate approximately 100-125 cm above the ground. The doors should be capable of simultaneous and/or delayed opening. Opening of the doors is ideally by electric control. The bolt (lock) system should utilize an electromagnet so that the start gates open simultaneously. This start system could also be manually operated. Drop style doors (as used in skier and boarder X) is permitted with either electronic or manual release mechanisms.

4.07.2  The Jury and the starter together will control the start. The start signal can only be given after the Jury has given the competitors permission to start. Any starting system can be employed provided that the system guarantees a simultaneous start.

4.07.3  False Starts (barging)

4.07.3.1  Penalties will occur:

4.07.3.1.1  If the competitor goes through the hinge door before the start command

4.07.3.1.2  If the competitor does not have both ski poles set behind the closed door.

4.07.3.1.3  If the competitor uses the start doors for assistance.

4.07.4  Start Command

4.07.4.1  Before the starter gives the command of either "Ready - Set" and the subsequent firing of the starting signal which opens the start hinge doors, he must first ensure that the competitors are ready by asking the competitor starting in the red course "Red ready?" and then the competitor in the blue course "Blue ready?". Only after both competitors have answered "yes", the starter can give the start command.

4.07.5  If one or both starting doors fail to open the start must be repeated.

4.08  Finish

4.08.1  The finish areas must be symmetrical. The line into the finish must be parallel with the line of the start posts.

4.08.2  Each finish line is marked by two poles connected by a banner which form the finish. Each of these must be at least 8m wide. The inside poles of the areas are placed
side by side.

4.08.3 It is necessary to set up visually separate finish approaches and to keep the courses separated after the finish line exits.

4.09 Jury and Course Setter

4.09.1 The Jury is set up as follows (USSA or USCSA Officials):
   4.09.1.1 The Technical Delegate
   4.09.1.2. The Referee
   4.09.1.3 The Chief of Race

4.09.2 The course setter is designated by the Jury of the competition. Before setting the parallel course, he should conduct an inspection and study of the course in the presence of the Jury and those responsible for the course. (The Chief of Race and the Chief of Course).

4.10 Timing

4.10.1 As the start is simultaneous, only the difference in time between the competitors at the finish will be registered, with electric eyes and an automatic print-out, the first competitor that breaks one of the signals starts the clock and receives the time "zero", the following competitors stop successively the clocks (chronometers) and receive the time difference in 1/1000-seconds to the first competitor. For some special events running times may be used to determine rankings (break ties or the award of prizes).

4.10.2 A minimum of an A & B timing system are required.

4.11 Inspection

4.11.1 The competitors may inspect the course once from top to bottom with skis on. Inspection time is 10 minutes.

4.12 Control of the Runs/Races

4.12.1 The gate judges are situated on both exterior sides of the courses. Each gate judge is supplied with a flag which corresponds to the color of the course he is controlling (either blue or red). This flag is to be used immediately to notify the Jury of a disqualification in his section of the course.

4.12.2 A Jury member with a yellow flag is located approximately halfway down the course. The Jury member judges whether a gate judge's raising the red or blue flag was justified or not. Raising the yellow flag on the red or blue course confirms the disqualification of the competitor.

4.12.3 Disqualifications / Did Not Finish

4.12.3.1 Causes for disqualifications are the following:
   4.12.3.1.1 A second barge (started too soon)
   4.12.3.1.2 Changing from one course to another
   4.12.3.1.3 Interfering with opponent, voluntarily or not
   4.12.3.1.4 Not passing through a gate correctly (straddle)
   4.12.3.1.5 Not finishing

4.12.4 Protest of results

4.12.4.1 Each round of brackets may be protested for the 5 minutes following the posting of the result for the final race in the bracket. Protests outside of this window will be entertained at the jury's discretion, but not after any bracket that depends on the result under protest has started running.

4.12.4.2 Posting time for the last result in each bracket should be noted in proximity to the posted result

4.12.4.3 The finish referee must be verbally notified of the protest by a coach or captain of the protesting team within this 5 minute window. The finish referee's position will be
noted at the seed meeting.

4.12.4.4 A written protest must be submitted within 5 minutes of notifying the finish referee.

4.12.4.5 No bracket which depends on the result of a bracket under protest or which depends on a bracket with an open protest may be run. Any runs in violation of this rule must be re-run when the protest is resolved or the protest period is past.

4.12.4.6 Slalom Rules

4.12.4.7 In the case of issues or items not covered above, the Rules for Slalom must be considered.

4.13 Competition

4.13.1 Coaches &/or Team Captains will submit a seed list prior to the competition at the seed meeting. Athletes shall be ranked A through E. This order will be used throughout the competition. Competitors on the same team should be given consecutive bib numbers.

4.13.1.1 Team Seeding

4.13.1.1.1 Teams are seeded using the USCSA National Championships Overall Team scores from SL.

4.13.1.1.2 The teams will be populated into a “round of 32 bracket” based on their seed (see attached template). If less than 32 teams are competing, there will be byes to the round of 16 to the higher seeded teams. If there are 16 or less teams, the teams will be put into appropriately sized brackets (appropriate bracket sizes are: 32, 16, 8, 4, or 2).

4.13.2 SINGLE RUN ELIMINATION FORMAT

2 athletes from each team will run on the red course and 2 on the blue course per round. The higher seeded team may chose which course the 5th or “E” skier will run. The start order shall be as follows:

"Red Course" higher seeded team A skier against "Blue Course" lower seeded team A skier
"Red Course" lower seeded team B skier against "Blue Course" higher seeded team B skier
"Red Course" higher seeded team C skier against "Blue Course" lower seeded team C skier
"Red Course" lower seeded team D skier against "Blue Course" higher seeded team D skier

Higher seeded team gets to choose the red or blue course for their E skier. Lower seeded team takes the other course for their E skier. The E-skier from the higher seed will provide his/her choice of course on the starter’s command. Failure to choose a course in a reasonable amount of time will be treated as a DNS for the racer making the decision.

4.13.3 SCORING AND TEAM ADVANCEMENT

4.13.3.1 The winner of a run earns 1 point for the team. A team may earn a maximum of 5 points per round. If there is a tie on the run, both teams are awarded 1 point.

4.13.3.2 A minimum of 3 skiers shall constitute a team. A team that does not have all 5
members will enter the heat with a point deficit (maximum of 2 for a team with 3 skiers). Teams of less than 5 competitors must seed their athletes starting with A.

4.13.3.3 The team that has 3 or more points from a round shall advance to the next round.

4.13.3.4 Consolation brackets will only exist in the final round, to determine 3rd and 4th place.

4.13.3.5 In the event of a tie in the number of points, the team with the largest number of successfully completed runs will advance. If a tie still exists, the team with the lowest total differential time of completed competitors will win the heat. If a tie still exists, the team advances which had the competitor that made it the furthest on the last run of head-to-head competition between the teams.

4.13.3.6 If both competitors were disqualified or did not finish the run, the competitor who skied the furthest distance in the run will earn a point for their team.

Individual Competition

- The Seeding for the individual parallel slalom will be based on SL results.
- Individuals will be placed into a “round of 8 Bracket” for competition (or appropriately sized bracket, 16, 8, 4, 2 are acceptable). Higher seeds will be given byes, if the bracket is not completely filled.
- Each bracketed round will be made up of athletes running both courses against the same opponent. The individual with the most points (1 point per run victory) per round, advances.
- The competitor who is disqualified in, or does not complete the second run of a heat is eliminated.
- If both competitors do not finish the second run, the result of the first run counts. If both were disqualified or did not finish the first run, the competitor who skied the furthest distance in the second run will advance to the next round.
- Consolation rounds are only held in the final round, to determine 3rd and 4th place.
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0.00 FIS AND USSA RULES VERSUS USCSA RULES

Our rulebook will now deal specifically with anything that is different for us only. The USSA Nordic rulebook, available for download or printing it http://www.ussa.org/PublishingFolder/283_1630.htm.

0.01 USCSA cross-country competitions shall be governed by the most current edition of the following rulebooks; USCSA Nordic Rules, USSA Nordic Competition Rules and the FIS (ICR). USCSA Nordic competitions shall be governed first by the USCSA rules, second, in all areas not specifically covered, the USSA Nordic Competition rules shall be used, and third, in all areas not specifically covered the FIS (ICR) shall be used. In no case shall a USCSA rule be enforced that violates the USSA sanctioning or scoring of the event. FIS rulebooks are available from USSA, PO Box 100, Park City, UT 84060, ph. (435) 649-9090 or on-line at www.ussa.org and www.fis-ski.com.

1.00 THE NORDIC EVENT

1.01 The cross-country course shall be laid out so as to be a true test of the competitors’ strength, endurance, ski technique and tactical knowledge.

1.02 The length of the course and race format at Nationals shall be:

4.01 EVEN YEAR FORMAT
Day prior other events: Men & Women’s 1.5k classic Sprint
Day one: Men and Women’s 7.5k Freestyle, 30 second interval start
Day two: Nordic, rest day
Day three: Men and Women’s 15k Classic
Day four: Men and Women’s 3 x 5k relay; CL, FR, FR

4.02 ODD YEAR FORMAT
Day prior to other events: Men’& Women’s 1.5k freestyle Sprint
Day one: Men and Women’s 7.5k Classic, 30 second interval start
Day two: Nordic, rest day
Day three: Men and Women’s 15k Freestyle

Day four: Men and Women’s Team Sprint: CL, CL, And CL

The National format may be altered for Conference and Regional Championships.

1.03 The height difference, maximum climb and total climb shall be the following:

- Ladies 15k HD = 200m; MC = 100m; TC = 400-550m
- Ladies 8.5k HD = 100m; MC = 50m; TC = 150-225m
- Men’s 15k HD = 200m; MC = 100m; TC = 400-550m
- Men’s 8.5k HD = 100m; MC = 50m; TC = 150-225m

1.04 The sprint race will consist of an individual start qualification at 30-second intervals. The top 16 will then compete in 4 semi-final heats consisting of 4 racers each (Quarter-final #1 – Racers 1, 8, 9 and 16, Quarter-final #2 – Racers 4, 5, 12 and 13, Quarter-final #3 – Racers 2, 7, 10 and 15 and Quarter-final #4 – Racers 3, 6, 11 and 14 based on qualification ranking). From the Quarter-finals, the top 2 finishers in each heat and two “Lucky Losers” will qualify for 2 Semi-final heats consisting of 5 racers each (Semi-final #1 – racers Q1 #1, Q1 #2, Q2 #1, Q2 #2 and Lucky Loser #1 and Semi-final #2 – racers Q3 #1, Q3 #2, Q4 #1, Q3 #2 and Lucky Loser #2). From the Semi-finals, the top 2 finishers in each heat and the fastest “Lucky Loser” will qualify for the A Final (to determine finishers 1 – 5) and the next 2 finishers in each heat and the “Lucky Loser” will qualify for B Final (to determine finishers 6 – 10). The remaining skiers in each semi-final will be ranked based on their qualification time. All skiers not in the top 16 will be ranked based on their qualifying time.

The sprint race will consist of an individual start qualification at 30-second intervals. The top 20 will then compete in 4 Quarter Final heats consisting of 5 racers each (Quarter Final #1 – Racers 1, 8, 9, 16 and 20 Quarter Final #2 – Racers 4, 5, 12, 13 and 17, Quarter Final #3 – Racers 2, 7, 10, 15 and 18 and Quarter Final #4 – Racers 3, 6, 11, 14 and 19 based on qualification ranking). From the Quarter Finals, the top 2 finishers in each heat and two “Lucky Losers” will qualify for 2 Semi Final heats consisting of 5 racers each (Semi Final #1 – racers Q1 #1, Q1 #2, Q2 #1, Q2 #2 and Lucky Loser #1 and Semi Final #2 – racers Q3 #1, Q3 #2, Q4 #1, Q3 #2 and Lucky Loser #2). From the Semi-finals, the top 2 finishers in each heat and the fastest “Lucky Loser” will qualify for the A Final (to determine finishers 1 – 5) and the next 2 finishers in each heat and the “Lucky Loser” will qualify for B Final (to determine finishers 6 – 10). The remaining skiers in each Semi Final will be ranked based on their qualification time. All skiers not in the top 20 will be ranked based on their qualifying time. In the sprint finals the starting positions are chosen by the athletes according to the following: Quarter Finals – qualification times (rankings) are used, Semi-finals – rankings from the Quarter Finals and qualification times are used, Finals - rankings from the Semi-finals and qualification times are used.

* In competitions when the heats are not timed, the 5th positions in the final heats are assigned from the 3rd ranked competitors in all the semi-final heats. The 3rd ranked competitor with the fastest qualifying time is assigned to the first Finals 1 and the 3rd ranked competitor with the second best qualifying time is assigned to Finals 2.

1.04.1 If a non-scoring athlete qualifies in the top 20 after the sprint qualification, an additional scoring athlete will be added to the Quarter Final round using this metric: Quarter Final #1 – racers 21, Quarter Final #2 – racer 24, Quarter Final #3 – racer 25, Quarter Final #4 – racer 22, Quarter Final #5 – 23. In the sprint finals, the starting positions of these additional scoring athletes are chosen according to the qualification times (rankings). For advancement to Semi-Finals and Finals see...
rule 1.04. If there is not a 6th lane available the additional athlete will start behind the racer of her/his choice. Non-scoring athletes who place 21-25 will not advance.

1.05 Team Sprint is a relay-competition with three athletes who alternately ski 3 legs of a minimum of 1km and a maximum 1.5km each with all competitors skiing the same loop.

1.06 Following the lead set by the U.S. Nordic Championships, the cross-country course for the United States Collegiate Skiing Championships shall not be above 2200 meters (7260') unless such standards are specifically waived by the Nordic Competition and Rules Committee.

1.07 If the jury determines that an athlete was skating in an individual race using the Classical Technique (defined by USSA Nordic Rulebook 314.1) the athlete will be disqualified for that event.
If the jury determines that an athlete was skating in the Classical Technique (defined by USSA Nordic Rulebook 314.1) leg of a relay race the athlete will receive the time of the slowest athlete in the race for all legs utilizing the Classical Technique.

2.00 PROTESTS CONCERNING NORDIC EVENTS

2.01 Protests concerning Disqualification’s or Timing: A Protest against disqualification or timing must be given in writing, by a team officer to a voting member of the jury and be accompanied by a cash deposit; for Regional and Nationals the deposit is $25.00. Such protests must be received within the specified time period for the particular type of protest. The deposit will be refunded if the protest is upheld. Such protests must be received within the specific time period, for the particular type of protest. See disqualifications in the USSA comp guide.

2.02 Appeals
a) For all events not sanctioned by the USSA or FIS, appeals against a decision of the jury, a protest is permissible to:
   1. The Conference Appeals Board (Conferences Races)
   2. The Regional Appeals Board (Regional Races)
   3. The USCSA Competition/Rules Committee (National Events)

b) For all events sanctioned by the USSA or FIS follow the appeal procedures outlined by the appropriate governing organization. If the appeal concerns a USCSA rule follow the procedure presented in section 1.02.a above.

c) The USCSA Competition and Rules Committee shall hear all protests regarding USCSA rules at national events. Any member of the USCSA Competition and Rules Committee who may have served on the jury being protested, or are representatives of schools involved therein, shall be disqualified from the deliberations on that issue.

d) The appeal, in writing and with substantiating particulars, must always be submitted to the appropriate appeals board, or mailed thereto within 14 days after
the announcement of the previous decision on the protests (not counting the announcement day).

3.00 **SEEDING OF NORDIC CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITORS FOR NATIONAL EVENTS**  
*(See Alpine rules section item 2.02 for random draw procedures.)*

3.01 Team competitors will be placed into 5 seed groups based on a random draw within each seed. Teams will choose which of their team members will be placed into each seed at the coaches/seeding meeting prior to the event. Changes in the seed order will not be allowed after that time. Ill or injured competitors may be replaced by an alternate with direct substitutions only.

3.02 Individual competitors will be seeded by random draw and placed within the seed groups of their choice. Their preference must be stated to the Chief of Race by 12 noon (local time) of the day prior to the event the competitor will be participating in. Individuals not stating their preference will be seeded at the discretion of the Race Committee.

3.03 In a mass start, lane members will be assigned prior to the lane assignment draw. The lane assignments will be made on the basis of a double random draw where both the school name and lane number are randomly drawn. Lane 1 is the middle track, lane 2 is on skiers right of the middle track, lane 3 is on skiers left of the middle track, and all remaining track numbers follow this pattern.
SECTION 5

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0.00 If the USCSA competition is sanctioned by the USASA, then the USASA rules shall govern USCSA snowboard competition in all areas not specifically covered in the USCSA Rule Book. USASA rulings are referenced with (USASA) brackets. USASA rulebooks are available for download at www.USASA.org. USCSA competitions shall be governed first by the USCSA rules; second, in all areas not specifically covered, the USASA Competition rules shall be used.

0.01 If the USCSA competition is sanctioned by FIS (ICR) and USSA, then FIS and USSA rules shall govern USCSA snowboard competition in all areas not specifically covered in the USCSA Rule Book. FIS and USSA rulings are referenced with {FIS} (USSA) brackets. FIS and USSA rule books are available from USSA, PO Box 100, Park City, UT 84060, ph. (435) 649-9090 and from each organizations website. USCSA competitions shall be governed first by the USCSA rules, second, in all areas not specifically covered, the USSA Competition rules shall be used, and third, in all areas not specifically covered the FIS (ICR) shall be used.

0.02 In all instances of competition, the sanctioning governing body should be the primary rule provider. When ambiguity arises by following the rules of the sanctioning governing body, then use of the alternate governing body rules will be used.

1.00 THE START AREA

The start area must be closed off so that only the starting competitors and officials concerned with the start are located in the area. The start area must be protected appropriately against inclement weather. A special roped off area must be, provided for trainers, team captains, etc., in which they may take care of the waiting competitors without being interrupted by the public.
1.01 The Start ramp shall be prepared in such a way that the competitors can stand relaxed on the starting line, and can quickly reach full speed after leaving the starting gate. Push off posts will be installed at the starting gate for all events. The specifications will be adjusted to the needs of the specific events.

1.02 The posts supporting the Giant Slalom starting gate should be approximately 60-90 cm apart and shall not project more than 50 cm above the snow. The starting gate, consisting of a starting mechanisms connected on to a wand (set below the knee), will be placed so that starting is impossible without its opening.

1.03 No official or attendant who could possibly give an advantage to or disturb he starting competitor may be behind him/her. All outside help is forbidden. By order of the starter, the competitor must take his/her place behind the starting gate. The starter must not touch the competitor at the start. Pushing off from the start posts or other similar aids is allowed.

1.04 The Starter: After he/she has ascertained that the course is ready, and ten seconds before the start, the starter shall give each competitor a "Ten second" alert. Five seconds before the start he/she shall count "5,4,3,2,1" and then give the audible start command of "GO". The window to start is 10 seconds. For Snowboard Cross, the starter gives the competitor the warning “Riders ready – Go attention ”-- randomly 1-4 seconds before the doors open.

1.05 A competitor who is not ready to start 1 minute after being called, will be disqualified. The Start Referee may, however, excuse such a delay if, in his/her opinion, the delay is due to "force majeure", and allow the start provisionally. (For example, breakdown of a competitor's personal equipment or minor sickness of a competitor does not constitute "force majeure"). In this case, the delayed competitor starts at the end of the current seed. The Start Referee will make the necessary decisions in the case of a late start and must immediately inform the referee, giving the start number and name of the competitor(s) who were to be allowed to start because of late appearance, or who were allowed to start provisionally in spite of late appearance.

1.06 Valid and False Starts: In competitions with a fixed start interval, the competitor must start on the start signal. The start time is valid if it occurs within five seconds before or five seconds after the official start time. A competitor who does not start within that span of time will be disqualified.

1.07 A competitor must leave the start with both feet attached to the board.

1.08 Immediately after the competition, the start referee will inform the Referee of the start numbers and names of the competitors who made a false start or have compromised the starting rules.

2.00 THE FINISH AREA

2.01 The finish area must be plainly visible to the competitor approaching the finish. It must be wide, with a gentle sloped smooth out run. It must be especially well prepared and smoothly packed to make stopping easy.

2.02 The finish area is to be completely fenced in. Any unauthorized entry must be prevented.

2.03 Snow walls, straw or hay bags, foam rubber or other appropriate safety materials shall be used to prevent any possibility of a collision with the finish structures.
2.04 The finish line is marked by two posts or vertical banners that are connected by a horizontal banner marked “finish”. In GS and SBX the finish must be no less than 10 m wide. The posts used to mount the timing devices must also be at least as far apart as the finish posts and shall be protected just as carefully and adequately as the finish posts. The timing posts are to be placed directly behind the finish posts or banners, on the downhill side. The finish line must be clearly marked with dye.

2.05 With electric timing, the time is taken when a competitor crosses the line between the finish posts with any part of his/her body or equipment and so breaks the contact or beam. The finish line must be crossed with at least one foot attached to the board. In Snowboard Cross the competitor's place of finish is determined when any part of the body or snowboard crosses the finish line.

2.06 In case of a fall at the finish, the time can be taken without both of the competitor's feet having crossed the finish line. In this case the time is taken when any part of the competitor's body or equipment stops the timekeeping system. With hand timing, the time is taken when any part of the competitor crosses the finish line.

2.07 For this time to become valid, the competitor must immediately completely cross the finish line with at least one foot attached to the board.

2.08 Electric Timing: There must be communication (radios) between the start and finish. Photoelectric cells are placed at such a height that a competitor finishing normally, cuts the beam with the lower half of his/her legs, between the ankle and the knee.

2.09 In case of a failure in the main electric timing system, the results of the backup electric timing will be valid. Utilization of times taken by hand; hand times may be used in the official results after a correction has been calculated.

2.10 Hand Timing. For all competitions back-up hand timing must record the 1/10ths or 1/100ths of a second. It must be completely separate and independent of the electric timing at the start and finish. The watches must be synchronized with the electric timing.

Calculation of the correction (E.E.T.): To calculate the difference between the times taken by hand and the electric times of the 6 competitors starting before the missing time and the 6 starting after or if necessary the 12 nearest competitors. The two times showing the greatest differences are eliminated. The sum of the remaining 10 time differences is divided by 10 to give the correction, which must be applied to the hand time of the competitor without an electric time.

2.11 Results:

Organizers shall provide appropriate facilities for continuous visual or acoustic presentation of all registered times or scores of all competitors.

As soon as possible after completion of the competition (race or heat in snowboard cross), unofficial times, scores and disqualification’s shall be posted on the official scoreboard/notice board, and at the finish; including names of competitors who have been disqualified and the names of officials who have noted the faults leading to the disqualification’s, and include the exact time the disqualification’s were posted. The time limit for protests is counted from the moment of this notification. Protests entered later are considered null and void.

In Snowboard Cross a scoreboard/s shall be provided at both the top and the bottom of the course.

Unofficial Results: Results shall be considered unofficial until approved by the T.D. Unofficial results shall be posted on a scoreboard, which shall be readily visible from the
area provided for the competitors who have finished. Whenever possible, unofficial results should be announced to the public over loudspeakers.

The Chief of calculations is responsible for quick and accurate calculation of results. He/She supervises the immediate duplication of unofficial results and the publication of official results after expiration of the protest interval, or after any protests have been decided.

All results are to be submitted separately for men and women.

**Competition results shall include:**
- the name of the organizing club or association;
- the name of the competition;
- the date of the competition;
- the location of the competition;
- the type of competition (GS or SBX);
- the T.D., GS & SBX;
- the Chief of Competition, GS & SBX;
- the Chief of Course, GS & SBX;
- the referees (including the assistant, start, finish referees), GS;
- the Head Judge, SBX;
- the start referee, SBX;
- the names of all judges, SBX;
- the start elevation, GS;
- the finish elevation, GS;
- the vertical drop, GS;
- the number of gates, GS;
- the course setters (for each run), GS;
- the length of the course, SBX;
- the degree of inclination of the course, SBX;
- the width of the course, SBX;
- the height of the course, SBX;
- competitor's bib number;
- competitor's school name;
- first run time, GS;
- second run time, GS;
- total time, GS;
- competitor's place point/s, SBX;
- competition bracketing, SBX;
- USCSA team results and team time/score, to include the top three times (GS) or scores (SBX) of each scoring member;

### 3.00 JOINT REGULATIONS OF THE COURSE

3.01 All courses must comply with standards set by USCSA, following the USASA standards if sanctioned by USASA or following USSA and FIS if sanctioned by USSA.

3.02 When visibility is poor, pine boughs or dye shall be used to spread on the sides of the course to aid in depth perception.

3.03 When possible appropriate warm up slopes, closed to the public, must be made available for all courses.

3.04 On a closed course, no one except for the Jury is permitted to change gates, flags etc. or modify the course structure (jumps, bumps, etc.).
3.05 Competitors who enter a closed competition course at times other than those published by the Jury may be disqualified. Trainers, servicemen, coaches etc. who are allowed on a closed competition course are to be determined by the Jury.

3.06 Gates (alpine events): All poles used in the alpine events are divided into rigid poles and flex poles.

Rigid Poles: Round, uniform poles with a diameter between 25 mm and 32 mm, without joints, are allowed as rigid poles. Rigid poles may only be used as the outside pole of a slalom gate and the non-impact pole of a GS gate system with a gate panel. They must be of such a length that, when set, they project at least 1.80 meters out of the snow and they must be made of a non-splintering material.

Flex Poles: Flex poles must conform to the rigid pole specifications but are fitted with a spring-loaded hinge.

Stubby Poles: Stubby poles are flex poles with not more than 20 cm of pole above the hinge. Stubby Poles may be used for Parallel events

3.07 The Chief of Course must provide enough of the following:
- blue and red slalom poles;
- a corresponding number of flags, divided by colors;
- sledgehammers, crowbars, drills, wedges, etc.
- gate numbers;
- spare poles;
- and dye for marking the position of the poles.

3.08 Marking Gates: The positions of the gate poles are to be marked with an easily recognizable coloring substance that remains visible throughout the entire race.

3.09 Numbering Gates: The gates must be numbered from top to bottom of the course and the numbers attached to the outside pole. Start and finish are not counted.

4.00 PROTESTS CONCERNING SNOWBOARD EVENTS

4.01 Protests Concerning the Course: Obstacles, danger points, visibility, etc., must be given in writing, by a team officer to the Chief of Competition 60 minutes prior to any competition.

4.02 Protests During the Competition: A team officer who protests against any action by another competitor or an official during the competition must submit his/her protest to the Referee or any other member of the jury within 15 minutes after the ending of the competition. Submitted at the location designated on the official notice board or at a place announced at a team captains' meeting. For Snowboard Cross, before the next heat begins.

4.03 Protests concerning Disqualification's, Timing: A Protest against disqualification's or timing must be given in writing, by a team officer to a voting member of the jury and be accompanied by a cash deposit; for Regionals and Nationals the deposit is $25.00. Such protest must be received within 15 minutes of the posting of a disqualification or unofficial time. The deposit will be refunded if the protest is upheld. (The $25 deposit requirement may be waived at conference level competitions.) In Snowboard Cross the protest must be submitted before the next race or heat begins) or, at the latest, within 15 minutes after the announcement of the disqualification and that protests entered after this are considered null and void. In Snowboard Cross it can be decided that protests can be delivered verbally/orally to the referee. The team captains must be in-formed beforehand.

4.04 Protests Concerning False Calculation and Clerical Errors: A complaint, based not on an alleged breach of the rules on the part of an official or competitor, but on an alleged error
in, calculating the results, shall be considered if it is sent by, a team officer via registered letter to the Race Committee within one month of the date of the competition. If the mistake is proven correct lists of results shall be published.

4.05 **Snowboard Cross:** Protests/DSQ’s will be announced and/or posted immediately after each heat at a designated area at the bottom and top of the course. All protests must be reported to the Chief of Finish before the next heat begins. The protest fee must be paid at or before the conclusion of the competition.

No competitor or spectator will be allowed to approach the judge’s area and talk to the judges during competition.

4.06 **Examination of Protests**

a) The Jury meets to deal with the protests under its jurisdiction at a time predetermined by the Jury and publicly announced on the official notice board. This is a set time following the posting of disqualification’s or unofficial results, whichever of these postings occurs later.

b) In dealing with a protest against disqualification’s, the gate judge in question (and, if need be, the gate judge of the adjacent gate combinations or other involved officials), the competitor in question, and the protesting team officer shall be invited to attend. Further, the requested additional evidence such as videotape, photos, movies, etc. should be checked.

c) At the vote on the protest, only the jury members are to be present. The Technical Delegate chairs the proceedings. Minutes are to be kept and signed by the Technical Delegate. The decision requires a majority of all members named to the Jury, not just of those present. In case of a tie vote, the Technical Delegate’s vote is decisive. The decision is to be made public immediately after the proceedings by posting on the official notice board with notation of the posting time. In Snowboard Cross the decision may be announced orally.

4.07 **Appeals**

a) Appeals against Jury decisions are to be submitted within 24 hours after their publication. Appeals against the official results are to be submitted within 14 days to:

1. The Conference Appeals Board (Conference Competitions)
2. The Regional Appeals Board (Regional Competitions)
3. The USCSA Competition/Rules Committee (National Events)

b) The USCSA Competition and Rules Committee shall hear all protests regarding national events. Any member of the USCSA Competition and Rules Committee who may have served on the jury being protested, or are representatives of schools involved therein, shall be disqualified from the deliberations on that issue.

c) The appeal, in writing and with substantiating particulars, must always be submitted to the appropriate appeals board, or mailed thereto within 14 days after the announcement of the previous decision on the protests (not counting the announcement day).

5.00 **CANCELLATION OF A COMPETITION**

5.01 The Jury has the right to cancel a competition if the safety of the competitors is endangered or if the proper conduct of the competition can not be guaranteed.
5.02 If, however, a protest is lodged with the appropriate appeal board and upheld by that board within 24 hours after cancellation of the race the whole competition must be run again. If there is no protest, the race is canceled.

6.00 GIANT SLALOM (GS)

A giant slalom is a race in which the competitors must follow a course through control gates. A giant slalom should always be decided by two runs. The gates must be reset for the second run. Whenever possible, both runs should be held on the same day.

6.01 Inspection Of The Course

a) The course will remain closed for training on the day of the competition. The gates must be finally set at least one hour before the start.

b) Competitors are allowed to study/inspect the course after its final setting, by slowly sliding down alongside the course. (Method to be determined by Competition Jury). Riding through a gate or practicing turns parallel to those required by gates on the course will lead to disqualification. Competitors are not allowed to touch (hold) the gates during inspection. First offence is penalized by a warning, second offense by a disqualification. Competitors must wear their start numbers so that they are easily visible.

6.02 Other Regulations

a) Marking changes (such as short-cuts for instance) on a closed course is forbidden. A competitor benefiting from such changes shall be disqualified.

b) No competitor is allowed to go up or down a closed course with or without his or her board.

c) Helmets are required for participation in giant slalom events. (509)

6.03 The Competition Committee must provide the required number of forerunners for the given conditions. Normally, at least three forerunners must be available to open the race. Forerunners must command sufficient skiing ability to cover the course in racing fashion. In unusual conditions, the Jury may increase the number of forerunners accordingly. The forerunners must be recognizable as such, and must wear forerunners start numbers (bibs). The times of the forerunners may not be announced, or otherwise made public.

6.04 Forerunners are not allowed to inform competitors about snow conditions on the course. Upon request, the forerunners shall report to the members of the Jury regarding snow conditions, the visibility and the race line.

6.05 Competitors disqualified in the first run are not permitted to start as forerunners in the second run. Competitors suspended for disciplinary reasons cannot be named as forerunners.

6.06 Technical Data
a) The Gates: A Giant Slalom gate consists of one long slalom pole and one stubby pole and one banner. Consecutive gates must alternate in color except banana/delay gates, which must be the same color gates and flags. The slalom poles must carry tri-angular banners matching the color of the pole. The turning pole must be a "Stubby" pole 45 cm. The outside pole must be a rigid pole.

Triangular banner/gate flag: Height long side 110 cm, Height short side 10-20 cm, Base length 130 cm. Triangular banners are fastened between the poles so the lower edge of the banner is on the snow.

Stubby flex pole: Length above snow 45cm (from bottom of hinge to top end), Soft padding 35 cm, Base length 25 cm. The hinge should be as soft as possible.

The triangular banners have to be placed at right angles (90°) to the fall line at the bottom of the gate. The distance between the nearest poles of two successive gates must not be less than 10 m. The gates must be set so that the competitors can distinguish them clearly and quickly even at high speed. The banner of a gate should be set at right angles to the racing line.

b) The giant slalom has to be set as follows:
12-16% of the vertical drop in meters = number of turns by rounding up or down of the decimals. It is recommended to set with a distance of between 25-30 meters between turning gates in GS (exception: bananas). The terrain should preferably be undulating and hilly. The course must be at least 30 m wide.

c) Course Description and Setting. In setting a giant slalom the following principles should be observed: Gates must be finally set at least one hour before the start of competition. Both runs can be set on the same course but the second run must be re-set.

The skillful use of the ground when setting a giant slalom is, in most cases, even more important than for a slalom, since figures play a less important role owing to the prescribed width of the gates and the greater distances between them. It is therefore better to set mainly single gates, while exploiting the ground to the utmost. Figures can be set, but mainly on uninteresting terrain.

A Giant Slalom should present a variety of long, medium and small turns. The competitor should be free to choose his own line between the gates, which must not be set down the fall-line of the slope. The full width of a hill should be used wherever possible. The course should be set "symmetrically" not to favor goofy or regular riders.

7.00 SNOWBOARD CROSS (SBX)

A Snowboard Cross is a competition where, depending on the number of athletes in a race, cluster at the starting line together, and simultaneously ride down a slope studded with various obstacles. The first two to cross the finish line qualify for the next round of competition in this elimination format. The number of riders per round will be decided at the coaches meeting.

7.01 Inspection/Training of The Course

a) The Jury decides the method of inspection. The competitors are allowed to inspect the course by slowly sliding down through or alongside the course. Inspection times are at the discretion of the race Jury but should be a minimum of 30 minutes. Competitors must carry their start numbers and wear their helmets.
b) Training times or open running of the course is at the discretion of the race Jury but should be at least 30 minutes to allow all competitors the opportunity to ride through the course a minimum of one time before the official start of the competition.

c) The setting of the gates must be done before the official training. Minor adjustments in the setting may be necessary during the training to adjust the course for a smooth race line. Any changes made during training should be announced in the start area so all competitors and Team Captains are aware of such changes.

7.02 Execution of Snowboard Cross

a) Formats are dependent on the size of the field, 6 riders per heat or 4 riders per heat or such other numbers as determined by the Jury. SBX will be run according to a double knockout format (in certain circumstances where time is a factor a single knockout format is possible). Times are not required for competition. A timed run the day previous to the actual competition may be allowed to seed or qualify riders into the final competition. Event organizer or jury may have the option to use a best one out of two timed trials.

b) Riders advance as determined by their place of finish in each heat. Place of finish is determined by the first part of the body or snowboard that cross finish line. Whenever possible, a finish line camera (video or photo finish) should be available. In case of a tie only the riders tied for the final place of advancement to the next heat will run again to determine who advances.

All riders shall stop at Scoreboard in finish area to confirm their placement with the Chief of Finish.

c) Race Bibs: May be 4-6 different colors in each heat or numbered bibs with numbers on front, back and sleeves for better visibility by the course judges.

7.03 Technical Data

a) Courses for all SBX must be a minimum of 100 meters and a maximum of 300 meters in vertical drop. Average slope inclination should be 15-18 degrees. The course should not include sections where gradients exceed more than 25 degrees for lengths of 45 meters or more.

b) Gate Description: A SBX gate consists of one long slalom pole, one stubby pole and one triangular banner. Consecutive gates must alternate in color (except banana’s/delay gates). The slalom poles must carry triangular banners matching the color of the pole.

Triangular banners must be used. The turning pole must be a stubby pole. The triangular banner size may be either Slalom or Giant Slalom. It is recommended to use the Giant Slalom size whenever possible. Triangular banners must be placed at the bottom of the gate.

The gates must be set so that the competitors can distinguish them clearly and quickly even at high speeds. The banner of a gate should be set at right angles to the competition line. In certain circumstances riders may be required to pass between two gates of the same colors (for example: corridors).

c) General characteristics of the courses. The slope should preferably be of a medium pitch (not flat/not steep-ideally 15-18 degrees) with varied terrain. The
SBX slope must be a minimum of 30 m wide. Under certain conditions for short sections (50 m or less) the course width may be a minimum of 10 m.

The ideal SBX slope allows for the construction of all or some of the following terrain features: Banks (crescent shaped), Double Banks, Single, Double, or Triple Jumps, Ollie Jumps, Rolls and waves - (Single, double, triple, etc.), Staircase Jumps, Spines and double spines, Pro style jumps, Obelisk or pyramids, Tabletop jumps, and Medium or long GS type turns.

Other terrain features can be built but safety considerations must always be a priority. Gap jumps are not permitted under any circumstances.

The ideal SBX course should be technically challenging, consisting of features suited to the terrain linked by gates to control speed but testing the widest variety of snowboard technique.

It is recommended that gates not be set in the absence of a feature.

d) The finish must be no less than 15 meters wide. In exceptional cases, the T.D. can only decrease this distance for technical reasons or because of the terrain. The width of the finish is considered to be the distance between the two finish posts of banners.

e) Course Preparation: The track should be closed to the public at least 20 hours before the training. Terrain features and jumps must be built with sufficient time so that the snow has been compacted to insure that they can be properly maintained during training and competition. The use of artificial means is permitted (salt, water, etc.). In places where the riders may be in danger, protections (willy bags, mattresses, nets, etc.) must be installed.

7.04 Course Setting

a) The setting of the gates must be done before the official training and should incorporate the skillful use of the terrain with the integration of terrain features and jumps into the setting. Minor adjustments in the setting may be necessary during the training to adjust the course for a smooth race line. Any changes made during training should be announced in the start area so all competitors and Team Captains are aware of such changes.

b) The total number of terrain features and jumps should be at the discretion of the course designer but will incorporate as many different possibilities as is practical. Blind jumps or terrain features where a rider is unable to see the landing from the take-off should be avoided. The course should be designed so as to separate the riders as quickly as possible after the start (i.e. 3-5 rolls, moguls or other terrain features between the start and the first turn). These terrain features should be placed in a straight line from the start to the first turn. Minimum distance of the straight section of the course between the start and the first turn should be 50 meters. The start should be relatively flat (12-14°).

7.05 Six Rider Format

Qualifier #1: Top two finishers in each heat advance to the next round.

Quarter Final: 4 heats of 6. Top 3 riders advance to Semi-Finals.
Semi Final: 2 heats of 6. Top 3 riders advance to the Finals. 4-6 from each heat advance to Consolations.

Consolation Round: 1 heat of 6. Determines final rank 7-12.


Rank of all riders in the final round will be determined by head to head competition. Riders not qualified for the final will be ranked according to qualifying times.

7.06 Four Rider Format

Qualifier #1: Top 2 finisher(s) in each heat advance to the next round.

Quarter Final: 4 heats of 4. Top 2 riders advance to Semi-Finals.

Semi Final: 2 heats of 4. Top 2 riders advance to the Finals. 3 & 4 from each heat advance to Consolations.


Rank of all riders in the final round will be determined by head to head competition. Riders not qualified for the final will be ranked according to qualifying times.

7.07 SBX Parings

Should conditions exist or numbers of competitors exceed the bracket size available to safely execute a race per 7.05 or 7.06, the competition format will be clearly defined at the captains/riders meeting by the jury.

Pairings for the finals will be according to the following:

Ranking for 8 heats/4 per heat (32)

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### 7.08 The Start

The lane position is based off qualifying time. First of the qualification can chose their lane, the second fastest the next lane and so on in each heat. A missed start is a disqualification. It is the rider's responsibility to arrive at the start in time to Compete.

For each heat the competitors choose their lane in order of their qualifying time.

Start lanes. Each starting position is identified by a number. Looking down the course the positions are set from left to right. (Position 1 is very left looking down - Position 4 / 6 is very right looking down)

### 7.09 Contact

Intentional contact by pushing, pulling or other means, which causes another competitor to slow down, fall or exit the course, is not allowed and is an automatic disqualification. Unavoidable "casual contact" may be acceptable. All contact infractions will be at the discretion of the course judges and race Jury.

### 7.10 Disqualifications/Protests

Disqualifications will be announced and/or posted immediately after each heat at a designated area at the bottom and top of the course.

All protests must be reported to the Chief of Finish before the next heat begins. Protests after this time will not be accepted. Protests need not be in writing but all other rules for protests will apply. The Jury will consist of the T.D., Race Director or Chief of Competition and the Chief of Finish. The protest fee must be paid before the conclusion of the competition.

Gate Judges. Between 4-8 Gate Judges (with radios connected with the finish-referee) on a SBX is necessary. They must be familiar with the rules (Inspection, Training, Gate-DQ’s and Contact etc.).

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7.11 **Equipment**

No square tail boards will be allowed in the SBX course.

**8.00 JOINT REGULATIONS FOR GIANT SLALOM, SNOWBOARD CROSS**

**8.01 Seeding: Snowboard**

Participating full teams shall have one competitor placed in each of the 5 seeds. The order of teams shall be generated by random selection within each seed. There shall be separate draws for both giant slalom and snowboard cross time trails. All random selection draws by heat will be processed electronically with software that produces the daily seeds based on randomizing each heat individually, without bias to a specific team. *(See Alpine rules section item 2.02 for random draw procedures)*

a) The seeding of outstanding individual competitors (Regional’s and Nationals) for giant slalom and snowboard cross time trails shall be placed between the first and second seed. The random selection of these individual representatives shall be determined by draw at the seeding meeting. (If the number of outstanding individual competitors out-number the teams, they will be seeded in the team manner.)

Special Snowboard Cross Seeding: Times from the Time Trails are used to place racers in heats. If possible, no athletes from the same team shall be in the same 1st round of heats.

b) The BIBO method of seeding shall be used for giant slalom competition. BIBO seeding is used in the second run of giant slalom events, and *consists of reversing the order of the first 15 finishers, or the number of teams competing, whichever is less*, from the first run and then proceeding in time and place order through the rest of the first run finishers. *In the event there are fewer than 15 finishers, the first 5 finishers will be reversed for the second run.*

If two or more competitors have the same time or same score, the competitor with the greatest number of seed points will be listed first on the first run results. If it is not a point race, the competitor with the lowest bib number will be listed first, therefore will start before the other competitor in the second run.

d) Seeding for the second run of alternate competitors shall be at the discretion of the Chief of Competition, to be announced prior to the event.

**8.02 Re-Runs**

a) A competitor who is hindered during competition by the error of an official, by a spectator, by an animal, or by any other justifiable causes can apply to any member of the Jury for a rerun immediately after the occurrence of the interference. The team captain of the hindered competitor can also make this claim. The competitor must leave the course immediately after the interference and may not ride further down the course. *(Does not apply in snowboard cross.)*

Grounds for Interference:

1) Blocking of the course by an official, a spectator, an animal, or other hindrance.
2) Blocking of the course by a fallen competitor, who did not clear the course soon enough. *(Does not apply in snowboard cross.)*
3) Objects in the course such as equipment of a previous competitor. *(Does not apply in snowboard cross.)*
4) Activities of the first aid service which hinder the competitor.
5) Absence of a gate knocked down by a previous competitor, and not promptly replaced. (Does not apply in snowboard cross.)
6) Malfunction of the scoring system. Other similar incidents, which beyond the will and control of the competitor, cause significant loss of speed or affect the competitor's performance. (Does not apply in snowboard cross.)
8) Competitors who continue after an interference will lose the right to claim a rerun. (Does not apply in snowboard cross.)

b) If the competitor’s explanation appears credible, a re-run shall be granted on condition that the reason for it is later confirmed by the Jury. If the competitor was already disqualified before the incident entitling him/her to re-run, the re-run is not valid. In case the Referee or other Jury members are unable to immediately question the appropriate officials to judge the justification for the re-run, he/she may, to avoid delay for the competitor, grant a provisional re-run. This re-run will be valid only if it is confirmed by the Jury. The provisionally or definitively approved re-run remains valid if it proves slower than the first (original) run. If the claim for re-run is shown to be unjustified, the competitor is disqualified.

c) Re-runs should not be given lightly. Jury members should pay special attention of items in 7.02. After a competitor has already fallen or otherwise delayed his/her run significantly, he/she may not expect a re-run for the loss of a few additional seconds due to a tardy reply of a gatejudge or similar minor delay. As a guideline, very careful scrutiny must be used whenever a re-run is requested after that competitor has already delayed themselves through his/her error.

d) Start Time of the Rerun

The competitor may start after he/she has reported to the start referee, at the start referee’s discretion.

8.03 Competitors' Clothing and Equipment

a) Safety leashes are optional unless required by the organizer or the ski area.

b) Snowboards must have a minimum width as described:

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c) Bindings must be fixed diagonally on the long axis of the board. Boots cannot overlap each other.

d) Competitors are not allowed to use any kind of device to additionally support their balance or reduce or accelerate their speed.

9.00 RULES SPECIFIC TO PARALLEL EVENTS

9.01 Technical Data

The parallel is a competition where two competitors ride simultaneously side by side down two courses. The setting of the courses, the configuration of the ground and the preparation of the snow are to be as identical as possible.

a) Vertical Drop: Parallel slalom courses must be a minimum of 80 meters and a maximum of 120 meters in length.

b) In general the course should be between 17-22 degrees average in steepness.

c) Recommended distance between gates should be 11 to 13 meters.

d) Parallel giant slalom courses must be a minimum of 120 meters and a maximum of 200 meters.
e) The parallel giant slalom has to be set as follows: 11-15% of the vertical drop in meters = number of turns by rounding up or down into the nearest decimal number.

f) The recommended distance between gates should be 20 to 25 meters.

9.02 The Gates

a) Slalom gates should be used for PSL, and GS gates for PGS. If necessary, GS gates may be used for both PSL and PGS courses.

b) Poles to be used must be hinged at snow level.

9.03 Parallel Course Description

a) Choose a slope wide enough for two courses, preferably slightly concave. The terrain variations must be the same across the surface of the slope. The course must have the same profile and the same difficulties. Over the full width of the chosen slope, the snow must be consistent, so it is possible to offer equal conditions on both courses.

c) The courses must be entirely closed off by fence, flagging or rope.

9.04 Course Setting

a) When the two courses are set, the left course (looking from the top) will be set with red gate poles and red gate flags and the right course will be set with blue poles and blue gate flags.

b) The same course setter establishes both courses and makes sure they are identical and parallel. The setter must insure the course flow is smooth and there is a variety in the turn shape and the course causes changes in rhythm. In no case should a parallel competition resemble a long straight run from top to bottom. It is permitted to set double and triple combinations. Recommended number of gates for a PSL are 25 to 32.

c) The first gate must be placed no less than 8 meters and no more than 10 meters from the start. The distance between each course (from turning pole to turning pole) must be no less than 5 meters and no more than 8 meters for PSL and no less then 7 meters and no more than 12 meters for PGS.

d) Shortly before the finish line, and after the last gate, the separation between the two courses must be well defined so that they direct the competitor toward the finish line. The course setter must place the last gate in such a manner that the competitors are guided towards the center of each finish line.

9.05 Competitor Inspection

a) The course must be in perfect condition from the time the competitors' inspection starts until it ends.

b) Course workers must not disturb competitors during the inspection.

c) Competitors must wear their bibs during inspection.

d) Competitors may not ride down the prepared course or through the gates.

e) Competitors are not permitted to enter the course without being attached to their board.

f) Competitors are not allowed to "shadow ride" the course.

g) During Finals riders are allowed a minimum of 10 minutes to inspect the parallel courses by sliding down once from top to bottom on the sides.

9.06 The Start

a) Two separate start gates will be used, one for each course, each with separate start wands.

b) The distance between the starting gates must be no less than 4 meters.
c) The start gates must open simultaneously and it must be impossible for a competitor to open the gate him/herself.
d) The T.D. and the starter together control the start. In order to coordinate their function, the T.D. should have a platform set between the two start gates either in front or behind so the entire racecourse is visible.
e) The start signal can only be given after the T.D. has given the competitors permission to start. Any starting system can be used provided the system guarantees a simultaneous start.
f) Start Intervals: The start takes place at irregular intervals. The Chief of Timing and Calculations or their assistant tells the starter when each competitor should start. The competitor on course need not cross the finish before the next competitor starts.
g) Start Signal: The start command which shall be given is “Red course ready?”, “Blue course ready?”, “Racers ready?”, “Go”. Both competitors should leave the start gate on “Go”.
h) False Starts: Disqualification will take place if:
   1. A competitor manipulates the starting gate.
   2. A competitor is trying to pass the starting gate before the start signal has been given.

9.07 The Finish

a) The finish area must be symmetrical. The line of the finish must be parallel with the line of the starts.
b) Each finish line is marked by two poles connected by a banner, which forms the finish. Each finish must be at least 8 meters wide.
c) The finish lines are separated by a post or vertical banner with a maximum width of 1 meter.
d) For safety reasons, it is necessary to set up virtually separate finish approaches and exits.

9.08 Execution of Parallel Events on Two Courses

a) Each match between two competitors consists of two runs, the two competitors change courses for the second run.

9.09 Qualification

a) A separate qualifying run has to be set. This run must be similar to the Parallel courses, (i.e. number of gates, fall line, inclination). All riders get one run on this course.
b) The top 16 men and women, in cases where there are less than 50 riders only 8, will take part in the parallel finals. If time allows, the jury may permit 16 M/W to compete in the finals. This must be announced a minimum of one hour before the start of qualifications.

9.10 Parallel - Finals

a) 8 respective 4 pairs are formed as follows using the results from the Qualifications.

Groups 16 Finalists 8 Finalists
Place 1 - Place 16 Place 1 - Place 8
Place 8 - Place 9
Place 5 - Place 12 Place 4 - Place 5
Place 4 - Place 13
Place 3 - Place 14 Place 3 - Place 6
Place 6 - Place 11
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b) Each pair of competitors has to make two runs. The competitors change courses for the second run. A competitor, who does not finish or is disqualified in the first run, starts the second run with a 5% penalty. (See 9.11)

c) For each pair the competitor which is listed on top of the pairing will do his first run on the red course.

d) Start Order (16 men, 8 women) following the order in the table, from the top to bottom, all groups race in succession. For the second run the competitors change course. The same system is used for all elimination rounds.

e) Place 5 to 8 and 9 to 16 are determined by the times of the qualification run (runs).

f) This process continues according to the ladder until a winner emerges.

g) Semi-finals and Final:

1. The four remaining riders start according the rounds 7 - 18.
2. The losers of the elimination rounds 7 - 10 race their first run for the 3rd and 4th positions before the finalists race their first run, then the losers of the third elimination round run their second run and then the finalists run their final race.

9.11 Penalty Time

The penalty time will be calculated using the best time of the qualifications for women and men. A 5% penalty of his time will be used in the parallel finals. In all cases the maximum time difference for the first run of each pairing can never be higher than the penalty time. i.e. the actual time difference is 3 seconds, the penalty time is 1.5 seconds, then the second run will be started with a handicap of 1.5 seconds for the losing competitor of the first round. If both competitors are tied after the second run by their respective penalty times, the competitor who wins the second run advances to the next round.

9.12 Disqualifications

a) Causes for disqualification are the following:

1. False start
2. Changing from one course to another
3. Disturbing the opponent, voluntarily or not
4. Interference
5. Incorrect gate passage
6. Not finishing or going through the wrong finish.

b) The competitor, who does not finish or is disqualified in the first run, will start in the second run with a penalty time.

c) The competitor who is disqualified or gives up in the second run is eliminated.

d) In case of both competitors not being able to finish, the competitor that passes the most gates:

1. First run: wins the first run
2. Second run: qualified for the next round

9.13 Helmets

Helmets manufactured for ski sports are required for all competitors.
10.00 RULES SPECIFIC TO HALFPIPE

10.01 Technical Data

a) Recommended Halfpipe Dimensions

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b) Exact Dimensions

- Vertical 0.3m at 85 degrees
- Bottom Flat 5m one snowcat width
- Drop in Area 4m
- Banner fence from wall 2m
- Outside fence from banners 1m

10.02 The Halfpipe is a channel constructed in, or of the snow. The course should be as even and as hard as possible. The use of artificial means is permitted (salt, water, etc.) to aid in compaction.

10.03 Course Setting

a) The Halfpipe course must conform to specifications.
b) The Halfpipe course must be finished and ready for training at least two hours before the start of competition.
c) The drop in area shall give the riders the opportunity to enter the Halfpipe with speed and shall not be used to attempt a maneuver.
d) The lips (tops of each wall) of the Halfpipe must be clearly marked with color.
e) No finish line should be marked in a Halfpipe

10.04 Competitor Training

a) Competitors are not required to train.
b) There shall be no specific start order during training.
c) Training times will be communicated by the competition committee during the team captains' meeting.

10.05 The Start

a) The Head Judge shall communicate to the starter when the judges are ready for the next competitor.
b) Start Order Rules For Halfpipe

First Run: For all Halfpipe competition, the start order is as follows: The start order for the group is created by random draw of all competitors, with the women starting first. See alpine rule section item 2.02 for random draw procedures.

c) Use of Heats in Halfpipe Competitions

1. Competitors can be run in heats of 20-30 when appropriate breaks occur in the formation of the start list. During breaks, they would be given a 30 minute practice and then take their two scored runs.
d) Second Run

The start order for the second run will be in the same start order as the first. When in heats, this takes place in the same heat right after the last rider goes. If there is a final in the competition then the final competitors will start in reverse order from their qualifying scores.

e) Start Signal

After the starter has received acknowledgment for the next competitor from the Head Judge, the starter will give the command, "Ready", "Go" to the competitor. The competitor may leave the start at anytime after the command.

10.06 Execution of the Halfpipe

Halfpipe Qualifications

Competition format will be clearly defined at the Captains/Riders meeting by the jury.

10.07 Helmets

Helmets manufactured for ski sports are required for all competitors in Halfpipe competition and official training.

10.08 Judges' Stand

a) The minimum size of the scaffolding area must be 8 meters by 2 meters. The judges' viewing area should be constructed to provide ample room for the appropriate number of judges and provide room for viewing and all proper amenities for the operation of the competition.

b) No competitor, team representative or spectator may approach the judges' stand or speak with the judges during competition.

10.09 Halfpipe Judging and Scoring

a) Scoring

1. Only maneuvers performed in the Halfpipe will be scored.

2. Each judge shall use a ten point system. Judges will score by ones and tenths; 3.8, 6.7, 7.3 etc.

3. The score card shall be used to record the score given by the judge.

2. A memory board shall be used by each judge to make all necessary notations depicting each competitor's run.

3. If a competitor lands out of the Halfpipe, they have ten seconds to reenter before they are disqualified.

4. Each competitor's scores must be posted after each run.

b) Judging Format
1. 3-6 judges can be used at USCSA Halfpipe events.
2. When three judges are present there will be a total of 40.
3. The judging duties are as follows:
   - One judge giving a separate score for standard airs and rotation
   - One judge for amplitude
   - One judge for OI.
4. When four judges are present each judge will evaluate a specific category, standard airs, rotations, amplitude, and overall impression for a total of 40 points.
5. When five judges are present, three judges will evaluate and score a specific category: standard airs, rotations, amplitude, and there will be two overall impression judges for a total of 50 points.
6. When six judges are present, three judges will evaluate and score a specific category: standard airs, rotations, amplitude, and there will be three overall impression judges for a total of 60 points.

   c) Judging Criteria. The value for each run will be based on the judges’ evaluation of the following criteria:

1. Standard Airs: These include all airs or tricks that are less than 360 degrees. The basic kinds of standard airs all grouped into one of the following: straight airs, air to fakie/fakie to forward, alley oop airs, straight switch stance airs, 180 hand plants and lip tricks less than 360 degrees. In order to score a high variety, a rider should include a maneuver from as many sub-groups as possible.

   For example, performing different backside airs with grabs shows a good variety, but including a switch stance air, an alley oop air, and an air to fakie, shows a much greater range of variety as well as increasing the difficulty. Plus if the tricks are performed well, it increases your score for execution.

   The grab should be solid and smooth, the legs and body maneuvered into the appropriate position, and then the grab released, all in one fluid motion.

   Emphasis for judging will be the variety, difficulty, and execution of tricks in the category. Falls occurring during any attempted maneuver within this category shall be factored into the score.

2. Rotations: These are all maneuvers that include a rotation of 360 degrees or more. Rotations can be separated into sub-groups including horizontal rotations (720 spin), vertical rotations (back flip), and hybrids (wet cat, inverted 900).

   A key point: A grabbed 540 is certainly better than a 540 without a grab. A higher score means doing maneuvers that are more dissimilar, such as, a 540, a 720, a McTwist, inverted 7 or 9. Execution for rotations means smooth, precise, and under control rotating.

   Higher difficulty may be added by including stalling or off axis combinations and adding an extra half or full rotation.

   Emphasis for judging will be the variety, difficulty, and execution of tricks in the category. Falls occurring during any attempted maneuver within this category shall be factored into the score.
3. Amplitude: Measures the height of the maneuvers. Amplitude is distance measured from the lip of the pipe to the rider's center of mass. The amplitude score is derived from the sum of all hits, divided by the number of hits taken. The value of each hit is equal to the number of feet between the lip of the pipe and the rider's center of mass (either above or below the lip) added to the point value assigned to the lip.

The lip value shall be determined by the Head Judge and Amplitude Judge based on observations made during practice. The purpose of this floating value is to ensure consistency in scoring levels among the different criteria and to have a relative value for both men and women competitors.

4. Overall Impression: The OI judge is looking at how a rider designs his/her run to show a variety of tricks that are well executed and difficult. If a rider is getting high scores from the other judges, they will do equally as well in this criterion. All phases of each trick are evaluated by the OI judges.

The judges will score the run by evaluating the run's overall precision including the execution of the run and the routine attempted.

The overall impression judge evaluates the precise nature of the run in relation to maneuvers attempted, both individually and as a sequence and looks at line, the use of the pipe, amplitude in relation to the tricks and overall flow in the pipe.

The overall composition of the run is the most important as the O.I. judge evaluates the sequences of tricks, the amount of risk in the routine and the progression of new material in the pipe. The Overall Impression judge does take falls into consideration.

d) Tie-breaking

1. Best of Two formats: If a tie exists, the rider with the highest score from the other run shall be declared the winner.
2. If both runs are tied then a comparison of the OI judges shall be used. The competitor with the highest combined OI scores from both runs shall be declared the winner.
3. If all the OI judges are tied the amplitude scores will be compared for both runs and the highest total shall be determined the winner

11.00 RULES SPECIFIC TO SLOPESTYLE

11.01 Technical Data

a) Slopestyle Course Measurements

1. Average slope inclination should be 12 degrees
2. The Slopestyle course must be a minimum of 30 meters wide
3. Course for all Slopestyle must be a minimum of 150 Meters and a maximum of 200 Meters in vertical drop.
4. The course should not include sections where gradients exceed more than 20 degrees for lengths of 50 meters or more.
5. The slope should preferably be of moderate pitch, not flat and not steep ideally 10 to 15 degrees.

b) Slopestyle Course Description
1. A Slopestyle course shall contain a variety of hits, with two or more lines that the competitor may choose to perform.

2. A Slopestyle course must have a minimum of six features, not favoring regular or goofy foot riders, which shall include, at least 2 table top jumps or fun boxes, 2 quarter pipes, and two other forms of terrain park features which could include waves, rails, spines or other approved features.

3. The ideal slopestyle allows for the construction of all the features to be used both by male and female competitors. All competitors shall run the same course for official scoring.

4. Other terrain features can be built but safety considerations must always be a priority.

5. The ideal Slopestyle course should be technically challenging, with a wide variety of features in diverse combinations. The course must have a smooth flow with a balance of features, and allow the riders to set-up for the next feature.

11.02 Competitor Training

Training times or open running of the course is at the discretion of the competition jury but depending on the size of field should be at least 30 - 60 minutes to allow all competitors the opportunity to ride through the course a minimum of two times before the official start of the competition.

11.03 The Start

a) The start order will be determined by the competition jury and will be announced at the Team Captains/Rider Meeting the night prior to competition.

b) The Head Judge shall communicate to the starter when the judges are ready for the next competitor.

11.04 Execution of Slopestyle Format

Competition format will be clearly defined at the Captains/Riders meeting by the jury.

11.05 Helmets

Helmets manufactured for ski sports are required for all competitors in Slopestyle competition and official training.

11.06 Judges Stand

a) The minimum size of the scaffolding area must be 8 meters by 2 meters.

b) The judges’ viewing area should be constructed to provide ample room for the appropriate number of judges and provide room for viewing and all proper amenities for the operation of the competition.

c) The judges stand needs to be elevated and centered along the side of the course to view the complete slopestyle course. If this is not possible then two judging stands need to be constructed as the judging crew will need to be split up to view the course.

d) The judges’ area should be fenced or protected from competitors and spectators.

e) No competitor, team representative or spectator may approach the judges’ stand or speak with the judges during competition.
11.07 Slopestyle Judging

a) Slopestyle judging shall be done using Overall Impression.

b) In Slopestyle, the run's overall precision will be evaluated, including the execution of the run and the line attempted. The overall composition of the run is key; the sequences of tricks, the amount of risk in the routine, the progression of new tricks and using the slopestyle features.

c) The three main elements in the Slopestyle judging are trick difficulty, execution, and amplitude for each trick in the slopestyle run. Falls are part of execution and will be taken into consideration on every trick.

d) When two to four judges are judging Overall Impression, all scores will count.

e) When five judges are judging Overall Impression, the highest and the lowest scores will be thrown out and the three remaining scores may be added together for the competitor's score.

11.08 Slopestyle Scoring

a) The Head Judge will announce which scoring system will be used for the competition during the first Team Captains'/Riders' meeting.

b) Overall Scoring System. The judges score each run based on the Overall Impression category. The score of each judge is between 0 and 10 using one decimal or 0 and 100.

c) Ranking System. The judges look at all of the runs and note down the trick names, difficulty, amplitude and landing. According to their impressions and using their notes, they will make a personal ranking of the competitors at the end of the round. Points will be given according to the competitor's placement (1. Place = 1 point, 2. Place = 2 points, a.s.o.) To determine the final ranking, the points of all the judges are added up and the winner is the rider with the lowest points.

12.00 CAUSES FOR DISQUALIFICATION

An individual competitor may be disqualified if he/she:

a) Is not qualified according to amateur ruling.

b) Participates in the competition under false pretenses.

c) Trains on a course closed to competitors, alters the course in a manner forbidden or acts contrary to the instructions of the Jury as to the execution of the training or the competition.

d) Appears late at the start, makes a false start, or violates the regulations for starting.

e) Fails to cross the gate lines with at least one foot buckled to the board.

f) Accepts outside help in any form during the competition. Outside help consists of, but is not limited to, another person, course equipment and poles that make up the course. {
g) Fails to give way to an overtaking competitor at the first call or interferes with their run. (Does not apply in snowboard cross).

h) Fails to cross the gate lines without at least one foot attached to the board. A gate has been passed correctly when the rider has at least the front foot fixed in the binding on the board and the entire board crosses the gate line. In case of a fall, the rider must pass through the turning line. A competitor who knowingly has not corrected a missed gate may not continue through further gates for a start in the second run.

i) In the event that a competitor removes a pole from it’s vertical position before the competitor's board and both feet have passed the gate line, the board and feet still must pass the original gate line (marking in the snow).

j) Does not wear the official start number (bibs) or alters it in a prohibited manner.

k) Does not comply with the safety regulations.

l) Does not comply with the regulations for sponsorship and equipment (see 7.03).

m) Interrupts or disturbs another competitor during his/her run.

n) Unsportsmanship like conduct- swearing, maliciously knocking down gates or tearing up the course.

o) In Giant Slalom. A time limit of 200% of the average time of the fastest 4 competitors in the first seed shall be imposed as cause for disqualification. This shall be announced at race registration and seed meetings.

p) Contact in Snowboard Cross. Intentional contact by pushing, pulling or other means, which causes another competitor to slow down, fall or exit the course is not allowed and is an automatic disqualification. Unavoidable "casual contact" may be acceptable. All contact infractions will be at the discretion of the course judges and race jury.

13.00 ORGANIZING COMMITTEE AND ITS DUTIES

If the organizing club or association does not act as organizing committee it will designate an organizing committee. The organizing committee will appoint a competition committee for all technical matters and make the necessary preparations and directly carry out the running of the competition at the resort.

13.01 The organizing committee must assume all responsibility to ensure that the details involved in hosting competitions are properly controlled. The importance of efficient communication with all individuals and participating teams is essential to a well-planned competition.

13.02 The organizing committee should provide an announcement that provides to all participants and guests materials on accommodation and travel details.

13.03 The Organizing Committee is responsible for providing results to individuals participating in the competition immediately following the competition.

14.00 COMPETITION COMMITTEE AND ITS DUTIES

a) Competition Committee and Competition Officials

The Competition Committee is composed of the following:
1. The Chief of Competition
2. The Chief of Course
3. The Chief of Timing and Calculation
4. The Chief Gatejudge (giant slalom)
   Head Judge (snowboard cross)
5. Chief of Finish for snowboard cross
6. The Competition Secretary
7. The Competition Committee appoints all additional Officials not already designated.

b) The Competition Committee is responsible for all technical matters, including the selection and preparation of the courses.

14.01 The Chief of Competition directs and controls the work of all Officials, summons the meetings of the Competition Committee for consideration of technical questions and generally acts as chairperson of the team officers meetings, after consultation with the Technical Delegate (TD).

14.02 The Chief of Timing and Calculation is responsible for the coordination of officials at the start and finish, including timing and calculation. In giant slalom, he/she or a special assistant will decide the interval between starts. The following officials are under his/her direction: Starter, Assistant Starter, Start Recorder, Chief Time Keeper, Assistant Time Keepers, Finish Controller, Chief of Calculation and his/her assistants.

14.03 The Chief of Course is responsible for the preparations of the course in accordance with the decisions of the Competition Committee and the Jury. He/she must be familiar with local snow conditions on the terrain concerned.

14.04 The Course Setter, who may also act as Chief of Course, is responsible for the setting of gates for giant slalom and snowboard course. Course setters are appointed by the Jury. Each run of a competition is to be set by a different course setter. He/she must give exclusive priority to the safety of the competitor. Course setters must take care to set symmetrical courses that do not favor goofy or regular riders. Where especially bad weather and snow conditions warrant, the Jury may take measures to safeguard the competitors. The Course Setter’s work is otherwise supervised by the Chief of Course and by the Jury.

14.05 The Chief Gatejudge (giant slalom) organizes and supervises the work of the gate judges. He/She designates the gates each will supervise and places them in position. At the end of the first run and the end of the competition, he/she will collect the gate judges’ control cards for delivery to the Referee. He/She must distribute, in good time to each gate judge, necessary materials (control card, pencil, start list, etc.) and be prepared to offer assistance during the event. e.g., keeping the spectators off the course, helping maintain the course, etc. He/She must make sure the numbering and the marking of the gates is done within the required time.

14.06 The Head Judge (snowboard cross) organizes and supervises the freeskiing judges. He/She designates the category each judge will evaluate and supervises their conduct on the judges' stand. At the end of the first run, the Head Judge will collect all the score cards and deliver them to the Chief of calculation. He/She will check to make sure each judge’s scores are in range with the others. He/She will offer assistance to the judges when necessary to keep spectators and competitors away from the judges' stand.

14.07 Gate judges Obligation and Duties

a) Gate judges observe the passage of competitors through the gates. Each gate judge must have a thorough knowledge of the competition rules. The gate judge's
decision must be clear and nonpartisan. His/Her conduct must be calm, watchful and prudent. In case of a doubt, the gate judge should give the competitor the benefit of doubt. The gate judge must declare a fault only when he/she is convinced that a fault has been committed.

b) In case of a protest, he/she must be able to explain clearly and definitively how the fault was committed.

c) If the gate judge is in doubt whether a fault has occurred, he/she must make a careful investigation. He/She can consult the adjacent gate judge in order to confirm his/her notes. He/She can even demand, via a member of the Jury, that the race be briefly interrupted so he/she may check the tracks on the course.

d) The opinions of the public cannot be allowed to influence the gate judges' judgment. Likewise, they may not accept the opinions of witnesses, even though they may be experienced ones.

e) The responsibility of the gate judge begins with the competitor approaching the first gate they control and ends when the competitor has passed through the last gate under their jurisdiction.

f) Responsibility to the Competitor: A competitor, in case of an error or a fall, can turn to the gate judge and question him or her. The gate judge must inform the competitor if he/she has committed a fault that would lead to disqualification. With a clear, decisive voice, the gate judge answers the competitor's question with one of the following words: -"Go!" if the competitor should expect no disqualification, since the gate judge has ruled the gate passage as correct; -"Back!" if the competitor may expect disqualification. The competitor is fully responsible for his/her action and, in this respect, can not hold the gate judge liable.

g) In accordance with the instructions given by the Jury, the Chief Gate Judge (or assistant gate judge) collects all the gate cards, and then passes them on to the Referee. At the conclusion of the first run, the Chief Gate Judge distributes the gate cards for the second run.

h) Each gate judge who has recorded a disqualifying fault or who has been witness to an incident leading to a rerun must be available to the Jury until after the settlement of any protests. It is the responsibility of the T.D. to dismiss a gate judge who is waiting to be called by the Jury.

i) Other duties: Replace gate poles vertically (a leaning pole can aid or hinder a competitor). Replace knocked out poles in their exact positions; the position is marked by the dye in the snow. Replace, if possible, torn or missing flags or banners. Replace broken gate poles according to color (blue or red); the pieces of broken poles must be stored in a way that will not endanger competitors or spectators. Maintain and repair their section of the course. Keep the course clear.

j) No gate judge should be responsible for more than two gates in Giant Slalom.

k) In the case of Snowboard Cross all gate judges must be equipped with radios to ensure communication to the chief of finish during the whole competition.

14.08 Chief of Finish – Snowboard Cross

The chief of finish is responsible for the organization and supervision of the finish line Judges. The chief of finish will accept protests in the finish area. The chief of finish must report all protests immediately to the other Jury members immediately.
14.09 Judging Procedure - Snowboard Cross

a) Each judge will use scorecards, which indicate who the judge is, and the bib number of the competitor. All scorecards will indicate a place for each competitor in each race or heat.

b) No competitor or spectator will be allowed to approach the judges area and talk to the judges during competition.

c) Judges for Snowboard Cross must determine the order of finish for each race or heat and communicate the finish order directly to the chief of finish.

d) For Snowboard Cross there must be a minimum of four judges.

14.10 The Competition Secretary is responsible for all secretarial work for the technical aspects of the competition and among others for preparation of the draw and the start order. The Secretary must ensure that the official results contain the information required by the organizing Competition Committee. He/she is responsible for the minutes of the Competition Committee, Jury, and team officers meetings. He/she must ensure that all forms for start, finish, timing, calculation and gate judging and judging are well prepared and handed over to the officials concerned in good order and at the proper time. The Secretary receives any official protests and gives them to those who are concerned. He/she must facilitate the calculation of results by appropriate preparation, and ensure that they are duplicated and published as quickly as possible after the completion of the competition.

15.00 COMPOSITION AND DUTIES OF THE COMPETITION JURY

15.01 Composition of the Jury is as follows:

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15.02 The T.D. and Head Judge are appointed by the organizing committee. The Referee is selected by the T.D. A competitor may not be a member of the Jury.

15.03 Voting: The T.D. is chairman of the Jury. He/She conducts the Jury meetings. Each of the following members has one vote in the Jury:

- T.D.
- Chief of Competition
- Referee (alpine events) or Chief of Finish (snowboard events)

Decisions are made by simple majority vote of members present and voting. In the case of a tie, the T.D. casts the deciding vote.

15.04 Duties of the Jury

The Jury monitors the adherence to the rules throughout the entire competition, including the official training.

From a technical standpoint particularly by: checking the set course, checking the snow conditions on and beside the course, checking the preparation of the course, approving the use of snow compactors and other chemicals, checking the crowd control systems,
checking the start, the finish and the finish outrun, checking the first aid service, appointing the course setters, setting the time of course setting, overseeing the work of the course setters, checking the fastening of the gate flags, as to the risk of injury, opening or closing the competition courses for training in consideration of the technical preparations and the prevailing weather conditions, determining the manner of course inspection, inspection of the course before the competition, determining the number of forerunners for each run and setting the start order of the forerunners, debriefing the forerunners, changing the start order in consideration of course conditions, in extraordinary conditions, changing the start intervals, giving instructions to and obtaining information from the gate judges, checking the judges stand and the judges working conditions.

Questions not covered by Rules: In general, the Jury takes decisions on all questions not clarified by the rules.

15.05 The Technical Delegate (T.D.)

Responsibilities. The primary duties of the T.D. are:
- to make sure that the rules and directions of snowboard are followed.
- to see the event runs smoothly.
- to advise the organizers, within the scope of their duties.

Before the competition, the T.D.:
- inspects the competition and training courses and checks on the safety measures taken.
- controls the fastening of the gate flags which may constitute any risk of injury to the competitor.
- collaborates in the administrative and technical preparations.
- checks on the presence of sufficient radios for all members of the Jury.
- checks courses with regard to preparation, marking, crowd control, as well as the layout of start and finish areas.
- supervises the course setting together with the Jury.
- checks the location of towers and sees they are adequately protected.
- checks all technical installations such as timekeeping, hand timing, communications, judges stand, transport of people, etc.
- takes part in all meetings of the Jury and of the team captains.
- works closely with the officials of the Organizing Committee...
- has the right, if an event cannot be carried out on the selected course because of "force majeure", to move the event to a substitute course proposed by the organizer. This, on the explicit condition that the necessary safety measures can be fulfilled.

During the competition, the T.D.:
- keeps watch on whether the valid rules and directives are obeyed in regard to advertising, etc., on clothing and race equipment.
- keeps watch on the technical and organizational conduct of the event.
- punishes breaches of the rules.

After the competition, the T.D.:
- helps with the compilation of the Referee's disqualification report.
- presents properly submitted protests to the Jury for decision.

15.06 Referees (alpine events)
The team captains appoint the Referee and assistant referee.

In critical cases, especially those involving danger to the competitors, the directions of the T.D. are also binding for the Referee and assistant referee. In particular, prerequisites should be established by the T.D. together with the referees, to ensure the best possible technical running of a competition.
Duties of the Referee and Assistant Referee:
- Drawing start numbers, if necessary.
- Inspection of the course immediately after it is set, alone or accompanied by members of the Jury.
- Changing the course by removing or adding gates; if the Referee inspects the course alone, his decision is final. The course setter must be informed of such changes, if he/she was not present at this inspection.
- Receiving the reports of the start and finish referees and the competition officials about the infractions of the rules and the gate faults at the end of the first run, and again at the end of the competition.
- Checking, signing and posting the Referee's minutes, immediately after each run, on the official notice board and also at the finish. The minutes should include the names of the competitors disqualified, the gate numbers where the faults occurred, the names of the gate judges who noted the faults leading to the disqualifications and the exact time the disqualifications were posted.

Collaboration with the T.D.:
The Referee and the assistant referee must work very closely with the T.D. The assistant referee can substitute for the Referee, if necessary.

15.07 Start Referee

The start referee must remain at the start throughout training and competition. He/She must make sure the rules for starting and the start order are properly observed.

- He/She determines late and false starts.
- He/She determines the violations against the rules for equipment and immediately takes the measures provided for by the rules.
- At the end of the competition, he/she reports to the Referee the names of the competitors who did not start, have made false or late starts or other infringements.

15.08 Finish Referee

The finish referee must remain at the finish throughout training and competition. He/She must make sure that and the rules for finishing are properly observed.

- He/She supervises the finish controller, the timing and the crowd control in the finish area.
- He/She must be able to communicate, immediately, with the start at all time.
- The finish referee must report to the Referee immediately after the competition.

15.09 Start and Finish Officials

The Starter:
For snowboard cross events, the starter must have radio contact with the Head Judge during training and competition.

For giant slalom events, the starter must synchronize his/her watch with those of the assistant starter and the chief timekeeper within ten minutes of the start. The starter is responsible for the warning signal and the start command, as well as for the accuracy of the intervals between these signals. He/She assigns the supervision of the competitors to the assistant starter.

15.10 Chief Timekeeper (alpine events)

The Chief Timekeeper is responsible for the accuracy of the timing. He/She synchronizes the watches with the starter as shortly before and after the
competition as is possible. He/She must publish unofficial times as quickly as possible (on the scoreboard). If the electric timing fails, the chief timekeeper must communicate immediately with the start referee and the T.D.

Finish Controller / Chief of Finish (snowboard cross)
The finish controller has the following duties:  
-Supervision of the finish.  
-Supervision of the proper crossing of the finish line. 
-Recording the finishing order of all competitors who complete the course.
0.01 If the USCSA competition is sanctioned by FIS (ICR) and USSA, then FIS and USSA rules shall govern USCSA Freeskiing competition in all areas not specifically covered in the USCSA Rule Book. FIS and USSA rulings are referenced with {FIS} (USSA) brackets. FIS and USSA rule books are available from USSA, PO Box 100, Park City, UT 84060, ph. (435) 649-9090 and from each organizations website. USCSA competitions shall be governed first by the USCSA rules, second, in all areas not specifically covered, the USSA Competition rules shall be used, and third, in all areas not specifically covered the FIS (ICR) shall be used.

0.02 In all instances of competition, the sanctioning governing body should be the primary rule provider. When ambiguity arises by following the rules of the sanctioning governing body, then use of the alternate governing body rules will be used.

1.00 THE START AREA

The start area must be closed off so that only the starting competitors and officials concerned with the start are located in the area. The start area must be protected appropriately against inclement weather. A special roped off area must be provided for trainers, team captains, etc., in which they may take care of the waiting competitors without being interrupted by the public.

1.01 The Start ramp shall be prepared in such a way that the competitors can stand relaxed on the starting line, and can quickly reach full speed after leaving the starting gate. Push off posts will be installed at the starting gate for all events. The specifications will be adjusted to the needs of the specific events.

1.02 The posts supporting the SkiCross Time Trial starting gate should be approximately 60-90 cm apart and shall not project more than 50 cm above the snow. The starting gate, consisting of a starting mechanisms connected on to a wand (set below the knee), will be placed so that starting is impossible without its opening.
1.03 No official or attendant who could possibly give an advantage to or disturb the starting competitor may be behind him/her. All outside help is forbidden. By order of the starter, the competitor must take his/her place behind the starting gate. The starter must not touch the competitor at the start. Pushing off from the start posts or other similar aids is allowed.

1.04 The Starter: After he/she has ascertained that the course is ready, and ten seconds before the start, the starter shall give each competitor a "Ten second" alert. Five seconds before the start he/she shall count "5,4,3,2,1" and then give the audible start command of "GO". The window to start is 10 seconds. For SkiCross, the starter gives the competitors the warning “Skiers ready – Four Seconds” randomly 1-4 seconds before the doors open.

1.05 A competitor who is not ready to start 1 minute after being called, will be disqualified. The Start Referee may, however, excuse such a delay if, in his/her opinion, the delay is due to "force majeure", and allow the start provisionally. (For example, breakdown of a competitor's personal equipment or minor sickness of a competitor does not constitute "force majeure".) In this case, the delayed competitor starts at the end of the current seed. The Start Referee will make the necessary decisions in the case of a late start and immediately inform the referee, giving the start number and name of the competitor(s) who were to be allowed to start because of late appearance, or who were allowed to start provisionally in spite of late appearance.

1.06 Valid and False Starts:
In competitions with a fixed start interval, the competitor must start on the start signal. The start time is valid if it occurs within five seconds before or five seconds after the official start time. A competitor who does not start within that span of time will be disqualified.

1.07 Immediately after the competition, the start referee will inform the Referee of the start numbers and names of the competitors who made a false start or have compromised the starting rules.

2.00 THE FINISH AREA

2.01 The finish area must be plainly visible to the competitor approaching the finish. It must be wide, with a gentle sloped smooth out run. It must be especially well prepared and smoothly packed to make stopping easy.

2.02 The finish area is to be completely fenced in. Any unauthorized entry must be prevented.

2.03 Snow walls, straw or hay bags, foam rubber or other appropriate safety materials shall be used to prevent any possibility of a collision with the finish structures.

2.04 The finish line is marked by two posts or vertical banners that are connected by a horizontal banner marked "Finish". In SkiCross, the finish must be no less than 10 m wide. The posts used to mount the timing devices must also be at least as far apart as the finish posts and shall be protected just as carefully and adequately as the finish posts. The timing posts are to be placed directly behind the finish posts or banners, on the downhill side. The finish line must be clearly marked with dye.

2.05 With electric timing, the time is taken when a competitor crosses the line between the finish posts with any part of his/her body or equipment and so breaks the contact or beam. In SkiCross the competitor's place of finish is determined when any part of the body crosses the finish line.

2.06 In case of a fall at the finish, the time can be taken without both of the
competitor’s feet having crossed the finish line. In this case the time is taken when any part of the competitor’s body or equipment stops the timekeeping system. With hand timing, the time is taken when any part of the competitor crosses the finish line. For this time to become valid, the competitor must immediately completely cross the finish line.

2.07 Electric Timing: There must be communication (radios) between the start and finish. Photoelectric cells are placed at such a height that a competitor finishing normally, cuts the beam with the lower half of his/her legs, between the ankle and the knee.

2.08 In case of a failure in the main electric timing system, the results of the backup electric timing will be valid. Utilization of times taken by hand; hand times may be used in the official results after a correction has been calculated.

2.09 Hand Timing. For all competitions back-up hand timing must record the 1/10ths or 1/100ths of a second. It must be completely separate and independent of the electric timing at the start and finish. The watches must be synchronized with the electric timing.

Calculation of the correction (E.E.T.): To calculate the difference between the times taken by hand and the electric times of the 6 competitors starting before the missing time and the 6 starting after or if necessary the 12 nearest competitors. The two times showing the greatest differences are eliminated. The sum of the remaining 10 time differences is divided by 10 to give the correction, which must be applied to the hand time of the competitor without an electric time.

2.10 Results:

Organizers shall provide appropriate facilities for continuous visual or acoustic presentation of all registered times or scores of all competitors.

As soon as possible after completion of the competition (race or heat in SkiCross), unofficial times, scores and disqualification’s shall be posted on the official scoreboard/notice board, and at the finish; including names of competitors who have been disqualified and the names of officials who have noted the faults leading to the disqualification’s, and include the exact time the disqualification’s were posted. The time limit for protests is counted from the moment of this notification. Protests entered later are considered null and void.

In SkiCross a scoreboard(s) shall be provided at both the top and the bottom of the course.

Unofficial Results: Results shall be considered unofficial until approved by the T.D. Unofficial results shall be posted on a scoreboard, which shall be readily visible from the area provided for the competitors who have finished. Whenever possible, unofficial results should be announced to the public over loudspeakers.

The Chief of calculations is responsible for quick and accurate calculation of results. He/She supervises the immediate duplication of unofficial results and the publication of official results after expiration of the protest interval, or after any protests have been decided.

All results are to be submitted separately for men and women.

Competition results shall include:
- the name of the organizing club or association;
- the name of the competition;
- the date of the competition;
- the location of the competition;
- the type of competition (SKX, SLP, HP);
- the T.D., SKX;
- the Chief of Competition, SKX, SLP, HP;
- the Chief of Course, SKX, SLP, HP;
- the referees (including the assistant, start, finish referees), SKX, SLP, HP;
- the Head Judge, SKX, SLP, HP;
- the start referee, SKX, SLP, HP;
- the names of all judges, SKX;
- the length of the course, SKX;
- the degree of inclination of the course, SKX;
- the width of the course, SKX;
- the height of the course, SKX;
- competitor's bib number;
- competitor's name;
- competitor's school name;
- first run time, SKX TT;
- second run time, SKX TT;
- total time, SKX TT;
- competitor's place point/s, SLP, HP;
- competition bracketing, SKX;
- USCSA team results and team score, to include the top three scores (SKX, SLP, HP) of each scoring member, along with the sum of the top 3 placepoint finishers for each team;

3.00 JOINT REGULATIONS OF THE COURSE

3.01 All courses must comply with standards set by USCSA, following USSA and FIS if sanctioned by USSA.

3.02 When visibility is poor, pine boughs or dye shall be used to spread on the sides of the course to aid in depth perception.

3.03 When possible appropriate warm up slopes, closed to the public, must be made available for all courses.

3.04 On a closed course, no one except for the Jury is permitted to change gates, flags etc. or modify the course structure (jumps, bumps, etc.).

3.05 Competitors who enter a closed competition course at times other than those published by the Jury may be disqualified. Trainers, servicemen, coaches etc. who are allowed on a closed competition course are to be determined by the Jury.

3.06 Gates (SkiCross): All poles used in the alpine events are divided into rigid poles and flex poles.

Rigid Poles: Round, uniform poles with a diameter between 20 mm and 32 mm, without joints, are allowed as rigid poles. They must be of such a length that, when set, they project at least 1.80 meters out of the snow and they must be made of a non-splintering material (plastic, plasticized bamboo or material with similar properties). Flex Poles: Flex poles must conform to the rigid pole specifications but are fitted with a spring-loaded hinge.

Stubby Poles: Stubby poles are flex poles with not more than 20 cm of pole above the hinge.

3.07 The Chief of Course must provide enough of the following:
- blue and red poles;
- a corresponding number of flags/panels, divided by colors;
- sledgehammers, crowbars, drills, wedges, etc.
3.08 Marking Gates: The positions of the gate poles are to be marked with an easily recognizable coloring substance that remains visible throughout the entire race.

3.09 Numbering Gates: The gates must be numbered from top to bottom of the course and the numbers attached to the outside pole. Start and finish are not counted.

4.00 PROTESTS CONCERNING FREESKIING EVENTS

4.01 Protests Concerning the Course: Obstacles, danger points, visibility, etc., must be given in writing, by a team officer to the Chief of Competition 60 minutes prior to any competition.

4.02 Protests During the Competition: A team officer who protests against any action by another competitor or an official during the competition must submit his/her protest to the Referee or any other member of the jury within 15 minutes after the ending of the competition. Submitted at the location designated on the official notice board or at a place announced at a team captains' meeting. For SkiCross, before the next heat begins.

4.03 Protests concerning Disqualification's, Timing: A Protest against disqualification's or timing must be given in writing, by a team officer to a voting member of the jury and be accompanied by a cash deposit; for Regionals and Nationals the deposit is $25.00. Such protest must be received within 15 minutes of the posting of a disqualification or unofficial time. The deposit will be refunded if the protest is upheld. (The $25 deposit requirement may be waived at conference level competitions.) In SkiCross, the protest must be submitted before the next race or heat begins (while the protesting athlete remains in the finish area), after this protests are considered null and void. In SkiCross it can be decided that protests can be delivered verbally/orally to the referee. The team captains must be informed beforehand AND the athlete must still submit the necessary protest deposit.

4.04 Protests Concerning False Calculation and Clerical Errors: A complaint, based not on an alleged breach of the rules on the part of an official or competitor, but on an alleged error in, calculating the results, shall be considered if it is sent by, a team officer via registered letter/email to the Race Committee within one month of the date of the competition. If the mistake is proven, correct lists of results shall be published.

4.05 SkiCross: Protests/DSQ's will be announced and/or posted immediately after each heat at a designated area at the bottom and top of the course. All protests must be reported to the Chief of Finish before the next heat begins. The protest fee must be paid at or before the conclusion of the competition.

No competitor or spectator will be allowed to approach the judge’s area and talk to the judges during competition.

4.06 Examination of Protests

d) The Jury meets to deal with the protests under its jurisdiction at a time predetermined by the Jury and publicly announced on the official notice board. This is a set time following the posting of disqualification’s or unofficial results, whichever of these postings occurs later.

e) In dealing with a protest against disqualifications, the gate judge in question (and, if need be, the gate judge of the adjacent gate combinations or other involved officials), the competitor in question, and the protesting team officer shall be invited to attend.
Further, the requested additional evidence such as videotape, photos, movies, etc. should be checked.

f) At the vote on the protest, only the jury members are to be present. The Technical Delegate chairs the proceedings. Minutes are to be kept and signed by the Technical Delegate. The decision requires a majority of all members named to the Jury, not just of those present. In case of a tie vote, the Technical Delegate's vote is decisive. The decision is to be made public immediately after the proceedings by posting on the official notice board with notation of the posting time. In SkiCross, the decision may be announced orally.

4.07 Appeals

a) Appeals against Jury decisions are to be submitted within 24 hours after their publication. Appeals against the official results are to be submitted within 14 days to:

1. The Conference Appeals Board (Conference Competitions)
2. The Regional Appeals Board (Regional Competitions)
3. The USCSA Competition/Rules Committee (National Events)

b) The USCSA Competition and Rules Committee shall hear all protests regarding national events. Any member of the USCSA Competition and Rules Committee who may have served on the jury being protested, or are representatives of schools involved therein, shall be disqualified from the deliberations on that issue.

c) The appeal, in writing and with substantiating particulars, must always be submitted to the appropriate appeals board, or mailed thereto within 14 days after the announcement of the previous decision on the protests (not counting the announcement day).

5.00 CANCELLATION OF A COMPETITION

5.01 The Jury has the right to cancel a competition if the safety of the competitors is endangered, or if the proper conduct of the competition can not be guaranteed.

5.02 If, however, a protest is lodged with the appropriate appeal board and upheld by that board within 24 hours after cancellation of the race the whole competition must be run again. If there is no protest, the race is canceled.

6.00 JOINT REGULATIONS

6.01 Seeding

Participating full teams shall have one competitor placed in each of the 5 seeds. The order of teams shall be generated by random selection within each seed. There shall be separate draws for each event; Slopestyle, Halfpipe, and SkiCross time trails. All random selection draws by heat may be processed electronically with software that produces the daily seeds based on randomizing each heat individually, without bias to a specific team. Random draw can also be done manually, should computer systems for randomization be unavailable. (See Alpine rules section item 2.02 for random draw procedures).

a) The seeding of outstanding individual competitors (Regional’s and Nationals) for Slopestyle, Halfpipe & SkiCross time trails shall be placed between the first and second seed. The random selection of these individual representatives shall be determined by draw at the seeding meeting. (If the number of outstanding individual competitors out-number the teams, they will be seeded in the team manner.)
Special SkiCross Seeding: Times from the Time Trails are used to place racers in heats. If possible, no athletes from the same team shall be in the same 1st round of heats.

d) Seeding for the second run of alternate competitors shall be at the discretion of the Chief of Competition, to be announced prior to the event.

6.02 Re-Runs

a) A competitor who is hindered during competition by the error of an official, by a spectator, by an animal, or by any other justifiable causes can apply to any member of the Jury for a rerun immediately after the occurrence of the interference. The team captain of the hindered competitor can also make this claim. The competitor must leave the course immediately after the interference and may not ride further down the course. (Does not apply in SkiCross.)

Grounds for Interference:
7) Blocking of the course by an official, a spectator, an animal, or other hindrance.
8) Blocking of the course by a fallen competitor, who did not clear the course soon enough. (Does not apply in SkiCross.)
9) Objects in the course such as equipment of a previous competitor. (Does not apply in SkiCross.)
10) Activities of the first aid service which hinder the competitor.
11) Absence of a gate knocked down by a previous competitor, and not promptly replaced. (Does not apply in SkiCross.)
12) Malfunction of the scoring system. Other similar incidents, which beyond the will and control of the competitor, cause significant loss of speed or affect the competitor's performance. (Does not apply in SkiCross.)
8) Competitors who continue after an interference will lose the right to claim a rerun. (Does not apply in SkiCross.)

b) If the competitor's explanation appears credible, a re-run shall be granted on condition that the reason for it is later confirmed by the Jury. If the competitor was already disqualified before the incident entitling him/her to re-run, the re-run is not valid. In case the Referee or other Jury members are unable to immediately question the appropriate officials to judge the justification for the re-run, he/she may, to avoid delay for the competitor, grant a provisional re-run. This re-run will be valid only if it is confirmed by the Jury. The provisionally or definitively approved re-run remains valid if it proves slower than the first (original) run. If the claim for re-run is shown to be unjustified, the competitor is disqualified.

c) Re-runs should not be given lightly. Jury members should pay special attention of items in 7.02. After a competitor has already fallen or otherwise delayed his/her run significantly, he/she may not expect a re-run for the loss of a few additional seconds due to a tardy reply of a gatejudge or similar minor delay. As a guideline, very careful scrutiny must be used whenever a re-run is requested after that competitor has already delayed themselves through his/her error.

d) Start Time of the Rerun

The competitor may start after he/she has reported to the start referee, at the start referee's discretion.

7.00 SKICROSS (SKX)
SkiCross is a competition where, depending on the number of athletes in a race, cluster at the starting line together, and simultaneously ski down a slope studded with various obstacles. The first two to cross the finish line qualify for the next round of competition in this elimination format. The number of riders per round will be decided at the coaches meeting.

7.01 Inspection/Training of The Course

a) The Jury decides the method of inspection. The competitors are allowed to inspect the course by slowly sliding down through or alongside the course. Inspection times are at the discretion of the race Jury but should be a minimum of 30 minutes. Competitors must wear their start numbers and wear their helmets.

b) Training times or open running of the course is at the discretion of the race Jury but should be at least 30 minutes to allow all competitors the opportunity to ride through the course a minimum of one time before the official start of the competition.

c) The setting of the gates must be done before the official training. Minor adjustments in the setting may be necessary during the training to adjust the course for a smooth race line. Any changes made during training should be announced in the start area so all competitors and Team Captains are aware of such changes.

d) At least one official training run prior to the actual competition is mandatory – normally the training runs should be 1-2 hours in length and should be held the day before the actual event takes place (under certain mitigating circumstances the Jury may decide other possibilities).

7.02 Execution of SkiCross (SKX)

a) Formats are dependent on the size of the field, 6 riders per heat or 4 riders per heat or such other numbers as determined by the Jury. SkiCross will be run according to a single knockout format. A timed run the day prior to the actual competition is used to seed or qualify riders into the final competition. Event Organizer or Jury may have the option to use a best one out of two timed trials.

b) Riders advance as determined by their place of finish in each heat. Place of finish is determined by the first part of the body or Ski that cross finish line. Whenever possible, a finish line camera (video or photo finish) should be available. In case of a tie only the riders tied for the final place of advancement to the next heat will run again to determine who advances.

All riders shall stop at Scoreboard in finish area to confirm their placement with the Chief of Finish.

c) Race Bibs: May be 4-6 different colors in each heat or numbered bibs with numbers on front, back and sleeves for better visibility by the course judges.

d) If two or more competitors are tied for the last place position leading into the finals, then a ski-off will be held between the two or more competitors, before the start of the SkiCross Final competition. The competitor who wins the run will qualify and advance to the Final.

7.03 Technical Data
Courses for all SkiCross must be a minimum of 130 meters and a maximum of 250 meters in vertical drop. Average slope inclination should be 15-18 degrees. The course should not include sections where gradients exceed more than 22 degrees for lengths of 45 meters or more.

Gate Description: A SkiCross gate consists of one long slalom pole, one stubby pole and one triangular banner. Consecutive gates must alternate in color (except bananas/delay gates). The slalom poles must carry triangular banners matching the color of the pole.

Triangular banners must be used. The turning pole must be a stubby pole. The triangular banner size may be either Slalom or Giant Slalom. It is recommended to use the Giant Slalom size whenever possible. Triangular banners must be placed at the bottom of the gate.

The gates must be set so that the competitors can distinguish them clearly and quickly even at high speeds. The banner of a gate should be set at right angles to the competition line. In certain circumstances riders may be required to pass between two gates of the same colors (for example: corridors).

General characteristics of the courses. The slope should preferably be of a medium pitch (not flat/not steep-ideally 12-20 degrees) with varied terrain. The SkiCross slope must be a minimum of 30 m wide. Under certain conditions for short sections (50 m or less) the course width may be a minimum of 10 m.

The ideal SkiCross slope allows for the construction of all or some of the following terrain features: Banks (crescent shaped), Double Banks, Single, Double, or Triple Jumps, Ollie Jumps, Rolls and waves - (Single, double, triple, etc.), Staircase Jumps, Spines and double spines, Pro style jumps, Obelisk or pyramids, Tabletop jumps, and Medium or long GS type turns.

Other terrain features can be built but safety considerations must always be a priority. Gap jumps are not permitted under any circumstances.

The ideal SkiCross course should be technically challenging, consisting of features suited to the terrain linked by gates to control speed but testing the widest variety of Freesking technique.

It is recommended that gates not be set in the absence of a feature.

The finish must be no less than 15 meters wide. In exceptional cases, the T.D. can only decrease this distance for technical reasons or because of the terrain. The width of the finish is considered to be the distance between the two finish posts of banners.

Course Preparation: The track should be closed to the public at least 24 hours before the training. Terrain features and jumps must be built with sufficient time so that the snow has been compacted to insure that they can be properly maintained during training and competition. The use of artificial means is permitted (salt, water, etc.). In places where the riders may be in danger, protections (willy bags, mattresses, nets, etc.) must be installed.
should be announced in the start area so all competitors and Team Captains are aware of such changes.

b) The total number of terrain features and jumps should be at the discretion of the course designer but will incorporate as many different possibilities as is practical. Blind jumps or terrain features where a rider is unable to see the landing from the take-off should be avoided. The course should be designed so as to separate the riders as quickly as possible after the start (i.e. 3-5 rolls, moguls or other terrain features between the start and the first turn). These terrain features should be placed in a straight line from the start to the first turn. Minimum distance of the straight section of the course between the start and the first turn should be 60 meters. The start should be relatively flat (12-14°).

7.05 Six Rider Format

Qualifier #1: 8 Heats of 6. Top three finishers in each heat advance to the next round.

Tie for Last Place: In the case of a tie for the last qualifying position, the affected riders will ski-off before the commencement of the round. The first rider to the finish in the ski-off advances.

Quarter Final: 4 heats of 6. Top 3 riders advance to Semi-Finals.

Semi Final: 2 heats of 6. Top 3 riders advance to the Finals. 4-6 from each heat advance to Consolations.

Consolation Round: 1 heat of 6. Determines final rank 7-12.


Rank of all riders in the final round will be determined by head to head competition. Riders not qualified for the final will be ranked according to qualifying times.

7.06 Four Rider Format

Qualifier #1: 8 Heats of 4. Top two finishers in each heat advance to the next round.

Tie for Last Place: In the case of a tie for the last qualifying position, the affected riders will ski-off before the commencement of the round. The first rider to the finish in the ski-off advances.

Quarter Final: 4 heats of 4. Top 2 riders advance to Semi-Finals.

Semi Final: 2 heats of 4. Top 2 riders advance to the Finals. 3 & 4 from each heat advance to Consolations.


Rank of all riders in the final round will be determined by head to head competition. Riders not qualified for the final will be ranked according to qualifying times.

7.07 SkiCross Parings

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7.08 **The Start**

The lane position is based off qualifying time. First of the qualification can chose their lane, the second fastest the next lane and so on in each heat. A missed start is a disqualification. It is the rider's responsibility to arrive at the start in time to compete.

For each heat the competitors choose their lane in order of their qualifying time.

Start lanes. Each starting position is identified by a number. Looking down the course the positions are set from left to right. (Position 1 is very left looking down - Position 4 / 6 is very right looking down)

7.09 **Contact**

Intentional contact by pushing, pulling or other means, which causes another competitor to slow down, fall or exit the course, is not allowed and is an automatic disqualification. Unavoidable incidental "casual contact" may be acceptable. All contact infractions will be at the discretion of the course judges and race Jury.
7.10 Disqualifications/Protests

Disqualifications will be announced and/or posted immediately after each heat at a designated area at the bottom and top of the course.

All protests must be reported to the Chief of Finish before the next heat begins. Protests after this time will not be accepted. Protests need not be in writing but all other rules for protests will apply. The Jury will consist of the T.D., Race Director or Chief of Competition and the Chief of Finish. The protest fee must be paid before the conclusion of the competition.

Gate Judges. Between 4-8 Gate Judges (with radios connected with the finish-referee) on a SkiCross is necessary. They must be familiar with the rules (Inspection, Training, Gate-DQ’s and Contact etc.).

7.11 Equipment

a) Thickness of ski boot sole. The distance between the ski boot sole and the base of the heel including all hard and soft parts: Women/Men: Maximum 43 mm.

b) The maximum height (distance between the bottom of the running surface of the ski and ski boot sole) is 50 mm.

c) Helmets. The competitors are required to wear helmets. Full face helmets are recommended for all inspection, training, timed trials and competition.

d) Ski Suits. Ski suits must be two pieces. Pants and a separate top. Form-fitting Lycra, speed or downhill suits are not permitted. Competition suits may not be plasticized. Non-protruding body protection and padding is recommended.

8.00 RULES SPECIFIC TO HALFPIPE

8.01 Technical Data

a) Recommended Halfpipe Dimensions

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b) Exact Dimensions

- Vertical 0.3m at 85 degrees
- Bottom Flat 5m one snowcat width
- Drop in Area 4m
- Banner fence from wall 2m
- Outside fence from banners 1m

8.02 The Halfpipe is a channel constructed in, or of the snow. The course should be as even and as hard as possible. The use of artificial means is permitted (salt, water, etc.) to aid in compaction.

8.03 Course Setting
f) The Halfpipe course must conform to specifications.
g) The Halfpipe course must be finished and ready for training at least two hours before the start of competition.
h) The drop in area shall give the riders the opportunity to enter the Halfpipe with speed and shall not be used to attempt a maneuver.
i) The lips (tops of each wall) of the Halfpipe must be clearly marked with color.
j) No finish line should be marked in a Halfpipe

8.04 Competitor Training

d) Competitors should be given at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the competition.
e) There shall be no specific start order during training.
f) Training times will be communicated by the competition committee during the team captains’ meeting.

8.05 The Start

a) The Head Judge shall communicate to the starter when the judges are ready for the next competitor.
b) Start Order Rules For Halfpipe

First Run: For all Halfpipe competition, the start order is as follows: The start order for the group is created by random draw of all competitors, with the women starting first. See alpine rule section item 2.02 for random draw procedures.

c) Use of Heats in Halfpipe Competitions

Competitors can be run in heats of 20-30 when appropriate breaks occur in the formation of the start list. During breaks, they would be given a 30 minute practice and then take their two scored runs.

d) Second Run

The start order for the second run will be in the same start order as the first. When in heats, this takes place in the same heat right after the last rider goes. If there is a final in the competition then the final competitors will start in reverse order from their qualifying scores.

e) Start Signal

After the starter has received acknowledgment for the next competitor from the Head Judge, the starter will give the command, "Ready", "Go" to the competitor. The competitor may leave the start at anytime after the command.

8.06 Execution of the Halfpipe

Halfpipe Qualifications

Competition format will be clearly defined at the Captains/Riders meeting by the jury.

8.07 Equipment

a) Helmets. Helmets manufactured for ski sports are required for all competitors in Halfpipe competition and official training.
b) Loss of Skis. If a competitor loses a ski, he/she may finish on one ski. The competitor will be judged according to their performance. If the competitor does
not continue the run and fails to put their ski back on in a 10 second time limit, they will be judged up to that point. If a competitor loses both skis, they will be judged up to that point. If a competitor stops in the Halfpipe for more than 10 seconds, the competitor will be scored up to that point. The competitor should exit the pipe as soon as possible.

8.08 Judges' Stand

a) The minimum size of the scaffolding area must be 8 meters by 2 meters. The judges’ viewing area should be constructed to provide ample room for the appropriate number of judges and provide room for viewing and all proper amenities for the operation of the competition.

c) The judges' area should be fenced or protected from competitors and spectators.

d) No competitor, team representative or spectator may approach the judges' stand or speak with the judges during competition.

8.09 Halfpipe Judging and Scoring

a) Scoring

i. Only maneuvers performed in the Halfpipe will be scored.

ii. Each judge shall use a ten point system. Judges will score by ones and tenths; 3.8, 6.7, 7.3 etc.

iii. The score card shall be used to record the score given by the judge.

iv. A memory board shall be used by each judge to make all necessary notations depicting each competitor's run.

v. If a competitor lands out of the Halfpipe, they have ten seconds to reenter before they are disqualified.

vi. Each competitor's scores must be posted after each run.

b) Judging Format

1. 3-6 judges can be used at USCSA Halfpipe events.

2. When three judges are present there will be a total of 40.

7. The judging duties are as follows:
   - One judge giving a separate score for standard airs and rotation
   - One judge for amplitude
   - One judge for OI.

8. When four judges are present each judge will evaluate a specific category, standard airs, rotations, amplitude, and overall impression for a total of 40 points.

9. When five judges are present, three judges will evaluate and score a specific category: standard airs, rotations, amplitude, and there will be two overall impression judges for a total of 50 points.

10. When six judges are present, three judges will evaluate and score a specific category: standard airs, rotations, amplitude, and there will be three overall impression judges for a total of 60 points.

c) Judging Criteria. The value for each run will be based on the judges' evaluation of the following criteria:

1. Standard Airs: These include all airs or tricks that are less than 360 degrees. The basic kinds of standard airs all grouped into one of the following: straight airs, air to fakie/fakie to forward, alley oop airs, straight
switch stance airs, 180 hand plants and lip tricks less than 360 degrees. In able to score a high variety, a rider should include a maneuver from as many sub-groups as possible.

For example, performing different backside airs with grabs shows a good variety, but including a switch stance air, an alley oop air, and an air to fakie, shows a much greater range of variety as well as increasing the difficulty. Plus if the tricks are performed well, it increases your score for execution.

The grab should be solid and smooth, the legs and body maneuvered into the appropriate position, and then the grab released, all in one fluid motion.

Emphasis for judging will be the variety, difficulty, and execution of tricks in the category. Falls occurring during any attempted maneuver within this category shall be factored into the score.

2. Rotations: These are all maneuvers that include a rotation of 360 degrees or more. Rotations can be separated into sub-groups including horizontal rotations (720 spin), vertical rotations (back flip), and hybrids (wet cat, inverted 900).

A key point: A grabbed 540 is certainly better than a 540 without a grab. A higher score means doing maneuvers that are more dissimilar, such as, a 540, a 720, a McTwist, inverted 7 or 9. Execution for rotations means smooth, precise, and under control rotating.

Higher difficulty may be added by including stalling or off axis combinations and adding an extra half or full rotation.

Emphasis for judging will be the variety, difficulty, and execution of tricks in the category. Falls occurring during any attempted maneuver within this category shall be factored into the score.

3. Amplitude: Measures the height of the maneuvers. Amplitude is distance measured from the lip of the pipe to the rider's center of mass. The amplitude score is derived from the sum of all hits, divided by the number of hits taken. The value of each hit is equal to the number of feet between the lip of the pipe and the rider's center of mass (either above or below the lip) added to the point value assigned to the lip.

The lip value shall be determined by the Head Judge and Amplitude Judge based on observations made during practice. The purpose of this floating value is to ensure consistency in scoring levels among the different criteria and to have a relative value for both men and women competitors.

4. Overall Impression: The OI judge is looking at how a rider designs his/ her run to show a variety of tricks that are well executed and difficult. If a rider is getting high scores from the other judges, they will do equally as well in this criterion. All phases of each trick are evaluated by the OI judges.

The judges will score the run by evaluating the run's overall precision including the execution of the run and the routine attempted.

The overall impression judge evaluates the precise nature of the run in relation to maneuvers attempted, both individually and as a sequence and looks at line, the use of the pipe, amplitude in relation to the tricks and overall flow in the pipe.
The overall composition of the run is the most important as the O.I. judge evaluates the sequences of tricks, the amount of risk in the routine and the progression of new material in the pipe. The Overall Impression judge does take falls into consideration.

d) Tie-breaking

1. Best of Two formats: If a tie exists, the rider with the highest score from the other run shall be declared the winner.
2. If both runs are tied then a comparison of the OI judges shall be used. The competitor with the highest combined OI scores from both runs shall be declared the winner.
3. If all the OI judges are tied the amplitude scores will be compared for both runs and the highest total shall be determined the winner.

9.00 RULES SPECIFIC TO SLOPESTYLE

9.01 Technical Data

a) Slopestyle Course Measurements

1. Average slope inclination should be 12 degrees
2. The Slopestyle course must be a minimum of 30 meters wide
3. Course for all Slopestyle must be a minimum of 150 Meters and a maximum of 200 Meters in vertical drop.
4. The course should not include sections where gradients exceed more than 20 degrees for lengths of 50 meters or more.
5. The slope should preferably be of moderate pitch, not flat and not steep ideally 10 to 15 degrees.

b) Slopestyle Course Description

1. A Slopestyle course shall contain a variety of hits, with two or more lines that the competitor may choose to perform.
2. A Slopestyle course must have a minimum of six features, not favoring regular or goofy foot riders, which shall include, at least 2 table top jumps or fun boxes, 2 quarter pipes, and two other forms of terrain park features which could include waves, rails, spines or other approved features.
3. The ideal slopestyle allows for the construction of all the features to be used both by male and female competitors. All competitors shall run the same course for official scoring.
4. Other terrain features can be built but safety considerations must always be a priority.
5. The ideal Slopestyle course should be technically challenging, with a wide variety of features in diverse combinations. The course must have a smooth flow with a balance of features, and allow the riders to set-up for the next feature.

9.02 Competitor Training

Training times or open running of the course is at the discretion of the competition jury but depending on the size of field should be at least 30 - 60 minutes to allow all competitors the opportunity to ride through the course a minimum of two times before the official start of the competition.
The slopestyle course must be finished and ready for training at least one day prior to the start of competition and must be available for training on the day of the event. See USCSA Freestyle/Freeskiing Rules, Chapter 5, Section (4702.2)

9.03 The Start

a) The start order will be determined by the competition jury and will be announced at the Team Captains/Rider Meeting the night prior to competition.

b) The Head Judge shall communicate to the starter when the judges are ready for the next competitor.

9.04 Execution of Slopestyle Format

Competition format will be clearly defined at the Captains/Riders meeting by the jury.

9.05 Equipment

a) Helmets. Helmets manufactured for ski sports are required for all competitors in Slopestyle competition and official training.

b) Loss of Skis. If a competitor loses a ski, he/she may finish on one ski. The competitor will be judged according to their performance. If the competitor does not continue the run and fails to put their ski back on in a 10 second time limit, they will be judged up to that point. If a competitor loses both skis, they will be judged up to that point. If a competitor stops in the Slopestyle for more than 10 seconds, the competitor will be scored up to that point. The competitor should exit the pipe as soon as possible.

c) The minimum size of the scaffolding area must be 8 meters by 2 meters.

d) The judges' viewing area should be constructed to provide ample room for the appropriate number of judges and provide room for viewing and all proper amenities for the operation of the competition.

e) The judges' stand needs to be elevated and centered along the side of the course to view the complete Slopestyle course. If this is not possible then two judging stands need to be constructed as the judging crew will need to be split up to view the course.

f) The judges' area should be fenced or protected from competitors and spectators.

g) No competitor, team representative or spectator may approach the judges' stand or speak with the judges during competition.

9.07 Slopestyle Judging

f) Slopestyle judging shall be done using Overall Impression.

g) In Slopestyle, the run's overall precision will be evaluated, including the execution of the run and the line attempted. The overall composition of the run is key; the sequences of tricks, the amount of risk in the routine, the progression of new tricks and using the Slopestyle features.
h) The three main elements in the Slopestyle judging are trick difficulty, execution, and amplitude for each trick in the Slopestyle run. Falls are part of execution and will be taken into consideration on every trick.

i) When two to four judges are judging Overall Impression, all scores will count.

j) When five judges are judging Overall Impression, the highest and the lowest scores will be thrown out and the three remaining scores may be added together for the competitor's score.

9.08 Slopestyle Scoring

a) The Head Judge will announce which scoring system will be used for the competition during the first Team Captains'/Riders' meeting.

b) Overall Scoring System. The judges score each run based on the Overall Impression category. The score of each judge is between 0 and 10 using one decimal or 0 and 100.

c) Ranking System. The judges look at all of the runs and note down the trick names, difficulty, amplitude and landing. According to their impressions and using their notes, they will make a personal ranking of the competitors at the end of the round. Points will be given according to the competitor's placement (1st Place = 1 point, 2nd Place = 2 points, a.s.o.) To determine the final ranking, the points of all the judges are added up and the winner is the rider with the lowest points.

10.00 CAUSES FOR DISQUALIFICATION

An individual competitor may be disqualified if he/she:

a) Is not qualified according to amateur ruling.

b) Participates in the competition under false pretenses.

c) Trains on a course closed to competitors, alters the course in a manner forbidden or acts contrary to the instructions of the Jury as to the execution of the training or the competition.

d) Appears late at the start, makes a false start, or violates the regulations for starting.

e) Fails to cross the gate lines with at least one foot buckled to the board.

f) Accepts outside help in any form during the competition. Outside help consists of, but is not limited to, another person, course equipment and poles that make up the course.

g) Fails to give way to an overtaking competitor at the first call or interferes with their run. (Does not apply in SkiCross).

h) Fails to cross the gate lines without at least one foot attached to the board. A gate has been passed correctly when the rider has at least the front foot fixed in the binding on the board and the entire board crosses the gate line. In case of a fall, the rider must pass through the turning line. A competitor who knowingly has not corrected a missed gate may not continue through further gates for a start in the second run.
i) In the event that a competitor removes a pole from it's vertical position before the competitor's board and both feet have passed the gate line, the board and feet still must pass the original gate line (marking in the snow).

j) Does not wear the official start number (bibs) or alters it in a prohibited manner.

k) Does not comply with the safety regulations.

l) Does not comply with the regulations for sponsorship and equipment (see 7.03).

m) Interrupts or disturbs another competitor during his/her run.

n) Unsportsmanship like conduct- swearing, maliciously knocking down gates or tearing up the course.

p) Contact in SkiCross. Intentional contact by pushing, pulling or other means, which causes another competitor to slow down, fall or exit the course is not allowed and is an automatic disqualification. Unavoidable "casual contact" may be acceptable. All contact infractions will be at the discretion of the course judges and race jury.

11.00 ORGANIZING COMMITTEE AND ITS DUTIES

If the organizing club or association does not act as organizing committee it will designate an organizing committee. The organizing committee will appoint a competition committee for all technical matters and make the necessary preparations and directly carry out the running of the competition at the resort.

11.01 The organizing committee must assume all responsibility to ensure that the details involved in hosting competitions are properly controlled. The importance of efficient communication with all individuals and participating teams is essential to a well-planned competition.

11.02 The organizing committee should provide an announcement that provides to all participants and guests materials on accommodation and travel details.

11.03 The Organizing Committee is responsible for providing results to individuals participating in the competition immediately following the competition.

12.00 COMPETITION COMMITTEE AND ITS DUTIES

b) Competition Committee and Competition Officials

The Competition Committee is composed of the following:

1. The Chief of Competition
2. The Chief of Course
3. The Chief of Timing and Calculation
4. The Head Judge
5. Chief of Finish for (SkiCross)
6. The Competition Secretary
7. The Competition Committee appoints all additional Officials not already designated.

b) The Competition Committee is responsible for all technical matters, including the selection and preparation of the courses.

12.01 The Chief of Competition directs and controls the work of all Officials, summons the meetings of the Competition Committee for consideration of technical questions and
generally acts as chairperson of the team officers meetings, after consultation with the Technical Delegate (TD).

12.02 The Chief of Timing and Calculation is responsible for the coordination of officials at the start and finish, including timing and calculation. In giant slalom, he/she or a special assistant will decide the interval between starts. The following officials are under his/her direction: Starter, Assistant Starter, Start Recorder, Chief Time Keeper, Assistant Time Keepers, Finish Controller, Chief of Calculation and his/her assistants.

12.03 The Chief of Course is responsible for the preparations of the course in accordance with the decisions of the Competition Committee and the Jury. He/she must be familiar with local snow conditions on the terrain concerned.

12.04 The Course Setter, who may also act as Chief of Course, is responsible for the setting of gates for the SkiCross course. Course setters are appointed by the Jury. He/she must give exclusive priority to the safety of the competitor. Where especially bad weather and snow conditions warrant, the Jury may take measures to safeguard the competitors. The Course Setter’s work is otherwise supervised by the Chief of Course and by the Jury.

12.05 The Chief Gate Judge (SkiCross) organizes and supervises the work of the gate judges. He/She designates the gates each will supervise and places them in position. At the end of the Time Trials runs and at the end of the competition, he/she will collect the gate judges' control cards for delivery to the Referee. He/She must distribute, in good time to each gate judge, necessary materials (control card, pencil, start list, etc.) and be prepared to offer assistance during the event. e.g., keeping the spectators off the course, helping maintain the course, etc. He/She must make sure the numbering and the marking of the gates is done within the required time.

12.06 The Head Judge organizes and supervises the freestyle judges. He/She designates the category each judge will evaluate and supervises their conduct on the judges’ stand. At the end of the first run, the Head Judge will collect all the score cards and deliver them to the Chief of Calculation. He/She will check to make sure each judge's scores are in range with the others. He/She will offer assistance to the judges when necessary to keep spectators and competitors away from the judges' stand.

12.07 Gate judges Obligation and Duties

   l) Gate judges observe the passage of competitors through the gates. Each gate judge must have a thorough knowledge of the competition rules. The gate judge's decision must be clear and nonpartisan. His/Her conduct must be calm, watchful and prudent. In case of a doubt, the gate judge should give the competitor the benefit of doubt. The gate judge must declare a fault only when he/she is convinced that a fault has been committed.

   m) In case of a protest, he/she must be able to explain clearly and definitively how the fault was committed.

   n) If the gate judge is in doubt whether a fault has occurred, he/she must make a careful investigation. He/She can consult the adjacent gate judge in order to confirm his/her notes. He/She can even demand, via a member of the Jury, that the race be briefly interrupted so he/she may check the tracks on the course.

   o) The opinions of the public cannot be allowed to influence the gate judges’ judgment. Likewise, they may not accept the opinions of witnesses, even though they may be experienced ones.
p) The responsibility of the gate judge begins with the competitor approaching the first gate they control and ends when the competitor has passed through the last gate under their jurisdiction.

q) Responsibility to the Competitor: A competitor, in case of an error or a fall, can turn to the gate judge and question him or her. The gate judge must inform the competitor if he/she has committed a fault that would lead to disqualification. With a clear, decisive voice, the gate judge answers the competitor’s question with one of the following words: “Go!” if the competitor should expect no disqualification, since the gate judge has ruled the gate passage as correct; “Back!” if the competitor may expect disqualification. The competitor is fully responsible for his/her action and, in this respect, can not hold the gate judge liable.

r) In accordance with the instructions given by the Jury, the Chief Gate Judge (or assistant gate judge) collects all the gate cards, and then passes them on to the Referee. At the conclusion of the first run, the Chief Gate Judge distributes the gate cards for the second run.

s) Each gate judge who has recorded a disqualifying fault or who has been witness to an incident leading to a rerun must be available to the Jury until after the settlement of any protests. It is the responsibility of the T.D. to dismiss a gate judge who is waiting to be called by the Jury.

t) Other duties: Replace gate poles vertically (a leaning pole can aid or hinder a competitor). Replace knocked out poles in their exact positions; the position is marked by the dye in the snow. Replace, if possible, torn or missing flags or banners. Replace broken gate poles according to color (blue or red); the pieces of broken poles must be stored in a way that will not endanger competitors or spectators. Maintain and repair their section of the course. Keep the course clear.

u) In the case of SkiCross all gate judges must be equipped with radios to ensure communication to the chief of finish during the whole competition.

12.08 Chief of Finish – SkiCross

The Chief of Finish is responsible for the organization and supervision of the finish line Judges. The chief of finish will accept protests in the finish area. The chief of finish must report all protests immediately to the other Jury members immediately.

12.09 Judging Procedure – SkiCross

a) Each judge will use scorecards, which indicate who the judge is, and the bib number of the competitor. All scorecards will indicate a place for each competitor in each race or heat.

b) No competitor or spectator will be allowed to approach the judges’ area and talk to the judges during competition.

c) Judges for SkiCross must determine the order of finish for each race or heat and communicate the finish order directly to the Chief of Finish.

d) For SkiCross there must be a minimum of four judges.

12.10 The Competition Secretary is responsible for all secretarial work for the technical aspects of the competition and among others for preparation of the draw and the start order. The Secretary must ensure that the official results contain the information required by the organizing Competition Committee. He/she is responsible for the minutes of the
Competition Committee, Jury, and team officers meetings. He/she must ensure that all forms for start, finish, timing, calculation and gate judging and judging are well prepared and handed over to the officials concerned in good order and at the proper time. The Secretary receives any official protests and gives them to those who are concerned. He/she must facilitate the calculation of results by appropriate preparation, and ensure that they are duplicated and published as quickly as possible after the completion of the competition.

13.00 COMPOSITION AND DUTIES OF THE COMPETITION JURY

13.01 Composition of the Jury is as follows:

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13.02 The T.D. and Head Judge are appointed by the organizing committee. The Referee is selected by the T.D. A competitor may not be a member of the Jury.

13.03 Voting: The T.D. is chairman of the Jury. He/She conducts the Jury meetings. Each of the following members has one vote in the Jury:
- T.D.
- Chief of Competition
- Referee and/or Chief of Finish

Decisions are made by simple majority vote of members present and voting. In the case of a tie, the T.D. casts the deciding vote.

13.04 Duties of the Jury

The Jury monitors the adherence to the rules throughout the entire competition, including the official training.

From a technical standpoint particularly by: checking the set course, checking the snow conditions on and beside the course, checking the preparation of the course, approving the use of snow compactors and other chemicals, checking the crowd control systems, checking the start, the finish and the finish outrun, checking the first aid service, appointing the course setters, setting the time of course setting, overseeing the work of the course setters, checking the fastening of the gate flags, as to the risk of injury, opening or closing the competition courses for training in consideration of the technical preparations and the prevailing weather conditions, determining the manner of course inspection, inspection of the course before the competition, determining the number of forerunners for each run and setting the start order of the forerunners, debriefing the forerunners, changing the start order in consideration of course conditions, in extraordinary conditions, changing the start intervals, giving instructions to and obtaining information from the gate judges, checking the judges stand and the judges working conditions.

Questions not covered by Rules: In general, the Jury takes decisions on all questions not clarified by the rules.

13.05 The Technical Delegate (T.D.)

Responsibilities. The primary duties of the T.D. are:
-to make sure that the rules and directions of Freestyle are followed.
-to see the event runs smoothly.
-to advise the organizers, within the scope of their duties.

Before the competition, the T.D.:
- inspects the competition and training courses and checks on the safety measures taken.
- controls the fastening of the gate flags which may constitute any risk of injury to the competitor.
- collaborates in the administrative and technical preparations.
- checks on the presence of sufficient radios for all members of the Jury.
- checks courses with regard to preparation, marking, crowd control, as well as the layout of start and finish areas.
- supervises the course setting together with the Jury.
- checks the location of towers and sees they are adequately protected.
- checks all technical installations such as timekeeping, hand timing, communications, judges stand, transport of people, etc.
- takes part in all meetings of the Jury and of the team captains.
- works closely with the officials of the Organizing Committee...
- has the right, if an event cannot be carried out on the selected course because of "force majeure", to move the event to a substitute course proposed by the organizer. This, on the explicit condition that the necessary safety measures can be fulfilled.

During the competition, the T.D.:
- keeps watch on whether the valid rules and directives are obeyed in regard to advertising, etc., on clothing and race equipment.
- keeps watch on the technical and organizational conduct of the event.
- punishes breaches of the rules.

After the competition, the T.D.
- helps with the compilation of the Referee's disqualification report.
- presents properly submitted protests to the Jury for decision.

13.06 Referees (alpine events)
The team captains appoint the Referee and assistant referee.

In critical cases, especially those involving danger to the competitors, the directions of the T.D. are also binding for the Referee and Assistant Referee. In particular, prerequisites should be established by the T.D. together with the referees, to ensure the best possible technical running of a competition.

Duties of the Referee and Assistant Referee:
- Drawing start numbers, if necessary.
- Inspection of the course immediately after it is set, alone or accompanied by members of the Jury.
- Changing the course by removing or adding gates; if the Referee inspects the course alone, his decision is final. The course setter must be informed of such changes, if he/she was not present at this inspection.
- Receiving the reports of the start and finish referees and the competition officials about the infractions of the rules and the gate faults at the end of the first run, and again at the end of the competition.
- Checking, signing and posting the Referee's minutes, immediately after each run, on the official notice board and also at the finish. The minutes should include the names of the competitors disqualified, the gate numbers where the faults occurred, the names of the gate judges who noted the faults leading to the disqualifications and the exact time the disqualifications were posted.

Collaboration with the T.D.:
The Referee and the assistant referee must work very closely with the T.D. The assistant referee can substitute for the Referee, if necessary.

13.07 **Start Referee**

The start referee must remain at the start throughout training and competition. He/She must make sure the rules for starting and the start order are properly observed.

- He/She determines late and false starts.
- He/She determines the violations against the rules for equipment and immediately takes the measures provided for by the rules.
- At the end of the competition, he/she reports to the Referee the names of the competitors who did not start, have made false or late starts or other infringements.

13.08 **Finish Referee**

The finish referee must remain at the finish throughout training and competition. He/She must make sure that and the rules for finishing are properly observed.

- He/She supervises the finish controller, the timing and the crowd control in the finish area.
- He/She must be able to communicate, immediately, with the start at all time.
- The finish referee must report to the Referee immediately after the competition.

13.09 **Start and Finish Officials**

The Starter:
For SkiCross events, the starter must have radio contact with the Head Judge during training and competition.

13.10 **Chief Timekeeper (SkiCross Time Trials)**

The Chief Timekeeper is responsible for the accuracy of the timing. He/She synchronizes the watches with the starter as shortly before and after the competition as is possible. He/She must publish unofficial times as quickly as possible (on the scoreboard). If the electric timing fails, the chief timekeeper must communicate immediately with the start referee and the T.D.

Finish Controller / Chief of Finish (SkiCross)
The finish controller has the following duties:
- Supervision of the finish.
- Supervision of the proper crossing of the finish line.
- Recording the finishing order of all competitors who complete the course.
SECTION 6

Scoring Rules
SCORING RULES

OF THE UNITED STATES COLLEGIATE SKI & SNOWBOARD ASSOCIATION

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1.00 FOUR EVENT SCORING

Team scoring for the “President’s Award” for 4-way performance is accomplished by using the point by place scoring system for slalom, giant slalom and in Even Years; the Individual Classical race and the Relay (CL, FR, FR.), in Odd Years; the Individual Freestyle face and the Relay (CL, CL, FR.) For scoring the Nordic relay, see Section below (Nordic scoring). To obtain the four-event total, add the points for each of the events as indicated.

1.01 Definition of Point by Place Scoring (Four Way Points)

Team finish places are determined by the sum of placement points of three (3) best individual team members. Five (5) racers per team count toward scoring. (In Nordic events where more than five (5) athletes may be entered, racers finishing 6th, 7th, 8th, etc. for each team do not score or displace points for team scoring). Scoring will be assessed as follows:

1st Place -- one point
2nd Place -- two points
3rd Place -- three points, etc.

When at least three team members fail to finish, the Four Way team scoring procedure is to use the total finish number plus one as the points scored by each non-finishing team member.

1.02. Four waypoints are not to be awarded (or displaced) by the individuals who are not designated as members of teams entered in the competition.

a) If bib #10 finishes 5th in the results, he/she will receive five (5) place points for the individual team event. However, if he/she is 1st in the results as a 4-way invitational competitor, one (1) place point will be awarded towards his/her team score for the 4-way invitational event.

b) A team must enter at least three racers in order to score as a team.

c) Nordic teams not in the 4-Way Invitational Event shall be displaced from this scoring.

1.03 Tie Breaking

Tie breaking is to be used only for the first three teams placing. If a tie exists for places beyond third, they will remain as ties. Tie breaking is accomplished by adding up the percent back of each of the four events, where percentage back is determined by the following formula:
(Sum of the team’s times) - (Sum of the winning team’s times)
(Sum of winning team’s times)

Where the lowest total of the four percentage backs wins.

2.00 NORDIC SCORING

2.01 If an institution enters more than five (5) racers, the team captain/coach must designate the five (5) competitors to be considered “counters” for scoring procedures.

2.02 Team scoring for the Nordic championship is accomplished by adding together the team scores of the individual classical, freestyle and sprint events, and the Nordic relay race. Nordic scoring is by the Point by Place system (see Section A). Nordic relay team scoring is as follows:

- 6 points - First Place Team
- 15 points - Second Place Team
- 24 points - Third Place Team, etc.

The points are to be increased by nine (9) for each team on through the remaining relay results.

2.03 To determine the Individual Nordic Combined Award, total place points will be utilized for the individual classical, freestyle and sprint events. (Individual World Cup Points will be used to break a tie. If a tie still exists, it remains a tie)

2.04 Tie Breaking

Team: The sum of each team’s “Place Points” for the (3) best individual team members is used to determine team ranking for each race. If the team points result in a tie then the by the lowest place of the 4th place athlete from each of the teams will determine the rank. If a team does not have four athletes finish the race then the lowest total time of the three scoring athletes will be used.

3.00 ALPINE SCORING

3.01 The alpine races shall be scored using aggregations.

3.02 Team positions in alpine races shall be determined by the sum of the times of the fastest three racers from each team.

3.03 Should a team not finish three racers, 110% of the slowest time used by any team in the competition shall be the dummy alpine score.

3.04 In each alpine race, one point shall be awarded to the winning team, two points for second, etc., that is points are awarded according to numeric finish (finish points).

3.05 The alpine championship is determined by adding team finish points in slalom to that of giant slalom with the low total being the winner.

3.06 To determine the Individual Alpine Combined Award, total USSA race points will be utilized for the slalom and giant slalom events, with the low total being the winner. Ties shall be broken by using the current world cup system of scoring the top 30. Should a tie exist in the sum of WC points, the sum of finish places shall be taken to break the tie.
Racers that do not start, are disqualified or DNF will receive place points equal to total finishers + 1. Should a tie still exist, the sum of race points for the competitors shall be taken as a tiebreaker. In case of two gold medalists with only one single finish, both will be invited.

3.07 Tie Breaker: The sum of each team’s “Place Points” for the (3) best individual team members are used to break a team tie. Scoring of “Place Points” will be as follows: 1st Place - one point, 2nd Place - two points, 3rd Place - three points, etc. When at least three team members fail to finish, the sum of each team’s “Place Points”, is to use the total finish number plus one as the points scored by each non-finishing team member. Individuals and 4-way invitational teams do not displace points for the Alpine only event. These “Place Points” shall be used to break ties. Should a tie occur using finish points, fractional points (0.5) shall be added to the team with the greatest number of “Place Points”. For Regional and National events, if a tie is not broken with place points, the next step is to use USSA calculation and race points (the “f” factor), not the penalty points. Conferences may still use cumulative times for this decision at conference events.

4.00 SNOWBOARD SCORING

4.01 Alpine Events (SL, GS, P-SL, P-GS)
   a) The alpine races shall be scored using aggregations or place by points if qualifying round dual competitions.
   b) Team positions in alpine races shall be determined by the sum of the times of the fastest three racers from each team.
   c) Should a team not finish three racers 110% of the slowest time used by any team in the competition shall be the dummy alpine score. (If not using aggregate times, see 2. b.)

4.02 Snowboard Cross, Half-pipe and Slopestyle
   a) Team positions in snowboard cross shall be determined by the sum of the places of the best three competitors from each team.
   b) When at least three team members fail to finish, the scoring procedure is to use the total finish number plus one as the points scored by each non-finishing team member.
   c) For team scoring: breaking ties for 9th on down, run more consolation rounds to determine a place for everyone.

4.03 Team Scoring
   a) In each team event, your top 3 competitors combine for a team time or team score. The team with the lowest time (alpine events) or score (freestyle) is the winner.
   b) For the Combined, you add the teams place in each of the events for a team score. The team with the lowest score wins. (Individual place points break the tie. If the score is still a tie, it remains a tie.)
   c) The Individual Combined is scored by using Place Points for all three events. (Individual World Cup Points will be used to break a tie. If a tie still exists, it remains a tie.)

5.00 USCDSA ALL - AMERICAN SKI TEAM
5.01 **First Team:**

The first five finishers in the slalom, giant slalom, individual alpine combined, snowboard giant slalom, snowboard boarder-cross, snowboard freeskiing and individual snowboard combined, Nordic classical, Nordic freestyle, cross country sprint, individual Nordic combined and the winning Nordic relay teams (men and women), shall constitute the First Team.

5.02 **Second Team:**

The second group of ten finishers (6th-15th) in the slalom, giant slalom, individual alpine combined, snowboard giant slalom, snowboard boarder-cross, snowboard freestyle and individual snowboard combined, Nordic classical, Nordic freestyle, Nordic sprint, individual Nordic combined and the 2nd place relay teams (men and women) shall constitute the Second Team.

The number of All-Americans per discipline shall be based on field size. Five All-Americans will be named for each whole multiple of five teams involved in the event, not to be less than ten individuals.

6.00 **USCSA SCHOLASTIC/ATHLETE RECOGNITION**

6.01 **Academic All - American Ski Team:**

The Academic All-Americans will be selected from all Men and Women participating at the United States Collegiate Skiing and Snowboard Championships. Athletes with a GPA between 3.80 to 4.00 will be granted First Team All-American Honors. Athletes with a 3.50 to 3.79 will be named to the Second Team All-American. Those reaching 3.30 to 3.49 will receive Honorable Mention All-American.

6.02 **Holger Petersen Volunteer Award**

The Holger Petersen Volunteer Award will be presented at the United States Collegiate Skiing and Snowboard Championships and announced at the Regional events & at the season ending conference events.

Criteria:

- Recipient must have served on the BOD for a minimum of six years.
- Made significant contribution to the Board, with a positive effect.
- Past recipients are not eligible for the award.
- Only the Nominations & Awards Committee makes Nominations.
- Must receive a minimum of 50% of the BOD votes to receive the award.
National Championship Qualifications
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFICATIONS
(Alpine and Nordic)

1.00 REGIONAL QUALIFICATION PROCESS TOWARDS ATTENDANCE AT NATIONALS

1.01 Team and individual attendance to the 'United States Collegiate Skiing and Snowboarding Championships'(TM) can only be achieved through participation in a conference and regional qualifying process. All teams must have completed the required USCSA team registration and USCSA eligible forms.

1.02 The USCSA mandates that each designated region hold an end-of-season regional championship with the qualifying teams advancing to the national championships. The regionals should be completed ten days prior to the national championships. All participating members of a regional championship team attending the national championship must have proceeded through the qualifying process as members of that team.

i. Regional Championship event Coordinators are responsible for submitting qualified teams to the USCSA National Office on the day immediately following the completion of their competition.

1.03 Regionals shall be a showcase event and regional event coordinators should make a special effort to mimic the national championship event.

a) Required Competitive events at Regional Championships should complement the events that occur at the National Championships. The events, Techniques, dates and location of the Regionals Championships shall seek the input and recommendation by the Vice President of each discipline.

b) There shall be an elimination process (alpine) at the conference/divisional level to qualify for Regional Championships.

c) If there are to be peripheral/additional features or activities at regional championships, (i.e. Banquet, t-shirts, tours, etc.) all involved conferences must agree to the cost this in advance of final planning.

d) The host conference is responsible for presenting the method for recommending the appointment of officials, how timing and calculations will be done, venue selection, date selection and event cost (broken down to indicate race fees, hill fees, and extras not critical to the production of the athletic event) 60 days prior to the event to the visiting conferences for concurrence. All conferences must agree in advance to those actions taken.

e) Each region will determine how hosting responsibility is to be assigned. (i.e. not every region will necessarily want to rotate among all of the conferences to be the regional host.)

f) The hosting conference shall submit a regional’s report to the board each year.

If a guest team (as per Team and Eligibility Rule I. B., paragraph 5, 6 & 7.) is approved to participate at the western regional’s, that team is required to pay a
participation fee equal to 3/5 of the USCSA membership dues, to the regional conference hosting that year.

1.04 To compete at Regionals and Nationals, ALL Competitors AND their institutions must be members in good standing.

1.05 In the event that a run of a race is cancelled at a Regional event or that the entire race event that day is cancelled, results from the existing events will be considered in their entirety for qualifying to nationals. The Jury must make this decision.

2.00 REGIONAL TEAM ALLOCATION TO THE ANNUAL USCSA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Attendance to the annual USCSA national championships is based on the following:

a) **Number of Alpine Competitors At a National Championship:** In order to maintain race and course quality, there exists a goal of having no more than 100 qualified competitors and 50 4-way Invitational competitors in both Men's and Women's disciplines at a national championship race. The regional team allocation shall total 19 qualified teams and 10 4-way Invitational teams of five (5) persons each, with the balance of the field being allocated to five (5) outstanding individual competitors per sex, one (1) from each of the five indicated USCSA regional championship areas whose team failed to qualify. Thus: 29 teams x 5 persons per team = 145 racers plus outstanding individual entries, male and female from each region. The total number of entries cannot exceed 150 per event.

**Number of Nordic Competitors at a National Championship:** Section II.C below dictates the number of teams allowed to compete at the national championships. A team competing at the national championships may register any number of athletes that have qualified for the nationals via the regular procedures. An institution may enter up to five (5) athletes per race and they may compete for three schools in individual events and only three (3) may compete for their school in the relay event. They may compete for their school in the individual events and only three (3) may compete as the relay team. These limits apply separately for the men's and women's squads of a school's team.

All USCSA teams and individuals meeting qualification requirements for the National Championship will be invited to attend. Nordic teams, Nordic individuals, Snowboard teams and Snowboard Individuals must compete in a regional event to be eligible to qualifying for the National Championships. If they cannot, they must petition the National Championship Committee.

Additional racers may be invited to race as non-scoring individuals.

O.I.: Non-scoring means the individual does not receive individual honors or awards, nor do they displace scoring racers.

2.01 **Number of 4-way Invitational Team Competitors at a National Championship:**

a) 4-way invitational teams attending the national championships shall comprise of men’s and women’s teams who have both alpine and Nordic teams and who have not previously qualified through normal regional quota selection.

b) Invitational team selection shall be awarded to the two (2) highest placing 4-way teams at the end of each regional tournament based on the National 4-way scoring rules.
c) Unfilled invitational team quota slots from each region shall remain unfilled at the national championships.

d) Invitational team scoring shall only apply to the 4-way combined event championship. They may not be included in the individual-event-team standing.

e) Alpine teams that qualify in this manner (4-Way Event only) are seeded in the first run after the fifth seed (behind all of the teams that have qualified as alpine teams) thus starting 101 at the latest. (2nd run will be BIBBO)

The 4-Way Invitational Event will continue through the 2012-2013 season. This will be reviewed at the 2014 Board of Directors meeting. (Reviewed every two years.)

2.02 Regional Team Allocations to the USCSA National Championships:
Designated Championship Regions and regional team allocations will be as follows:

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US Collegiate National Championships™
Alpine Quota Determination

U.S. Collegiate National Championships TM Alpine Quotas
The Alpine Quotas are comprised of two components. The first being membership based and the second performance based. The number of female and male quota spots assigned to a region is the same for each sex.
Membership Berths
The membership component is determined as follows. Each USCSA Region is awarded one quota spot for each 22 alpine member teams (a men’s and women’s teams each count as one) or part thereof, as determined by membership applications recorded as complete by the USCSA National office on January 1st of the given competition season. Individuals registered with the National office are not included the calculation. There is no cap on the total number of membership quota spots that can be awarded. The target is 16 quota spots based on memberships. If the formula does not generate 16 quota spots, the USCSA may revise the number of member teams required to earn a quota spot down by one until, a minimum of 16 is achieved.

No region can lose more than one quota spot per year.

Example: Region A has 22 men’s teams and 21 women’s teams totaling 43. Teams 1 through 22 earn the first membership quota spot. Teams 23 through 43 earn the second membership quota spot.

Region A is awarded 2 membership quota spots.

If the total number of spot awarded nationwide is only 15, the process is repeated awarding one quota spot for every 21 teams or part thereof.

Region A has 43 teams. Teams 1 through 21 earn the first membership quota spot. Teams 22 through 42 earn the second membership quota spot. Team 43 earns the third quota spot. Region A is awarded 3 quota spots.

Performance Berths

Three quota spots are awarded based on past performance at the US Collegiate National Championships. The performance based quota spots are calculated in the following iterative manner. The immediate past three years are used to calculate performance quota spots. A region’s performance is determined by summing the place points in the combined results for the best performing men’s and women’s team, from each region over the three year period. The regions are then ranked based on the total place points. The region with the lowest total place points receives the first performance quota spot. The process is then repeated using best performing men’s and women’s team from each region except for the region having received the first performance berth. That region shall use the second best performing men’s and women’s team over the three year period. The second performance quota spot will be awarded to the region with the lowest total place points. The third quota spot shall be calculated in a similar manner eliminating the region receiving the second place performance berth. Ties are only broken for the third performance quota spot. The first tie breaker is the tied region closest to receiving an additional membership berth. The second tie breaker is the region with the best finish used in the performance berth calculation. A region can earn more than one of these quota spots. The performance berths for 2016 will be awarded as follows:

TEAM TOTAL=221

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Performance Berth calculation backup is provided below. Place point totals represent best male and best female team performance for the given year added together. Example: If Region A’s best Women’s team placed second and best men’s team placed third in 2008, they would receive 2 + 3 for a total of 5 place points for 2007. If in 2008 they received a total of 6 place points and in 2009 10 place points their First Place total would be 21. If 21 points is low enough to earn a performance berth, the process of summing place points is repeated for the Region A’s second place teams for the next round.
For unused berths up to 2/2 teams can be reserved for discretionary assignment from any region. Requests should be submitted to the USCSA Cross Country Vice President and the USCSA President.

2.03 National Championship Events:

a) Events

Alpine:
- Men’s and Women’s Giant Slalom
- Men’s and Women’s Slalom
- Men’s and Women’s Dual Slalom

Nordic:
- Men’s and Women’s 1.5k Individual Sprint
- Men’s and Women’s Freestyle
- Men’s and Women’s Classic
- Men’s and Women’s Relay
- Men’s and Women’s Sprint Relay
- Men’s and Women’s Ski Jumping

Snowboard:
- Men and Women’s Parallel GS
- Men’s and Women’s Boarder-X
- Men’s and Women’s Slope Style
- Men’s and Women’s Half Pipe

* Freeskiing:
- Men’s and Women’s Boarder-X
- Men’s and Women’s Slope Style
- Men’s and Women’s Half Pipe
4-way Invitational: Men’s and Women’s Giant Slalom
Men’s and Women’s Slalom
Men’s and Women’s XC Individual Race
Men’s and Women’s XC Relay

Ski Jumping Men and Women
Men’s and Women’s Small Hill
Men’s and Women’s 60-90 Meter Hill

b) National Titles

Alpine: Men’s Combined Team
Women’s Combined Team

Nordic: Men’s Combined Team
Women’s Combined Team

Snowboard: Men’s Combined Team
Women’s Combined Team

Freeskiing: Men’s Combined Team
Women’s Combined Team

Ski Jumping Men and Women
Men’s and Women’s Small Hill
Men’s and Women’s 60-90 Meter Hill

2.04 USCSA Alpine Individuals: A USCSA region may appoint USCSA individuals to attend the national championships, such individual not having been given the opportunity to qualify as part of a team. No more than one (1) individual per event may qualify per region.

If an individual is selected and is also a member of a 4-Way Invitational Event team, no other individual will be selected. Therefore, he/she will be eligible to compete at the national championships as both an individual (seeded with the individual seed), eligible to qualify for individual results, and as a member of his/her team, eligible to score 4-way points for the 4-Way Invitational Event title.

The individual representative from each region to the National Championships shall be determined by the aggregate sum of World Cup points (scoring the top 30) earned in the slalom and giant slalom. World Cup points are awarded as follows:
First Place            100 points
Second Place  80 points
Third Place   60 points
Fourth Place   50 points
Fifth Place   45 points
Sixth Place   40 points
Seventh Place  36 points
Eight Place   32 points
Ninth Place   29 points
Tenth Place   26 points
Eleventh Place 24 points
Twelfth Place  22 points
Thirteenth Place 20 points
Fourteenth Place 18 points
Fifteenth Place 16 points
Then decreasing by 1 point per place to…
Thirtieth Place    1 point

Should a tie exist in the sum of world cup points, the sum of finish places shall be taken to break the tie. Should a tie still exist, the sum of the times of the competitors shall be taken as a final tie breaker.

2.05  **USCSA Nordic Individuals:** Additional individuals may qualify by placing in the Top 20 places of all individual races in either technique of Classical or Freestyle in the respective regional events. The maximum number of individuals to qualify from each region shall be as follows: Western 4M/4W, Far West 1M/1W, Mid-West 2M/2W, East 6M/6W, and Mid-Atlantic 1M/1W. * For unused berths up to 2/2 individual can be reserved for discretionary assignment from any region. Requests should be submitted to the USCSA Cross Country Vice President and the USCSA President.

2.06  **Changes In Regional Allocation:** The Alpine and Nordic Competition & Rules Committees shall annually review regional team allocations to the 'United States Collegiate Skiing Championships' for the purpose of guaranteeing the strongest regional team representation.

2.07  **Outstanding Alpine Individuals:** Each of the six USCSA Regions has the opportunity to allow up to five skiers per gender entry into their Regional Championships as guest skiers. The selection is based on the best USSA points of those requesting entry. Guest skier’s results do not count towards USCSA team or individual scoring, and do not affect the team scores of represented colleges. The USCSA, as well, may invite the top guest male and female skier from the Regional Championships to attend the National Championships, where the same scoring rules will apply. To be eligible you:
- must be within the top 500 on the most recent USSA points list in SL or GS,
- have graduated from high school, and
- Are not currently listed on a USCSA or NCAA team roster.

Requests should be submitted to the USCSA National Office.

3.00  **NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP HOSTING AND SITE SELECTION PROCESS**

3.01 The site of the 'United States Collegiate Skiing Championships' will be rotated between two geographical locations (East & West). The USCSA will approve its' National Championship sites, at the annual Board meeting, two years prior to the date of that competition. The National Championships shall begin on the first Tuesday in March. The USCSA will make every attempt to have signed contracts with National Championship sites, announced at the annual Board Meeting, two years prior to the date of that competition.
3.01 National Championship Committee

a) The coordination of a national championship is a complex and substantial task. For that reason, the USCSA places a great value on being able to assemble its top race people from throughout the country in order to achieve the highest quality event. The following positions comprise the National Championship Committee:

- Chairperson
- Alpine Coordinator
- Nordic Coordinator
- Snowboard Coordinator
- Executive Director

b) Any individual, conference or region seeking to have their home mountain included in the selection process should submit a formal request to the National Championship Committee Chairperson. The National Championship Committee will do their due diligence on the site based on key criteria to determine overall feasibility. The National Championship Committee will publish deadlines for these requests and any accompanying documentation by the requestor.

c) Championship site selection is based upon the following key criteria:

1) Availability of national quality alpine, jumping, snowboard, freeskiing Nordic and courses.
2) Proximity of the Nordic, alpine, snowboard, and lodging facilities to each other.
3) Availability of adequate lodging and banquet facilities able to seat a minimum of 500 people.
4) A local experienced Nordic race organization.
5) A local experienced alpine and snowboard race organization.
6) Adequate snow conditions for all events, available through the second week in March.
7) Proximity to airports and population centers; news media availability.
8) National events are scheduled over a 5 day period (not to include Sunday) with men and women's alpine and the individual nordic races to be on separate days.
9) Efforts will be made to not use resorts more than 1 time in 4 years.

4.00. THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

4.01 EVEN YEAR FORMAT

Day prior other events: Men and Women’s 8.5k Freestyle, 30 second interval start
Day one: Men & Women’s 1.5k classic Sprint
Day two: Nordic, rest day
Day three: Men and Women’s 15k Classic
Day four: Men and Women’s Team Sprint Relay FF,FR,FR
(FIS Description: Team Sprint is a relay-competition with two athletes who alternately ski between 3 – 6 legs each.
USCSA Description: Team Sprint is a relay-competition with three athletes who alternately ski 3 legs of a minimum of 1km and a maximum 1.5km each with all competitors skiing the same loop)

4.02 ODD YEAR FORMAT

Day prior other events: Men and Women’s 8.5k Classic, 30 second interval start
Day one: Men’& Women’s 1.5k freestyle Sprint
Day two: Nordic, rest day
Day three: Men and Women’s 15k Freestyle
Day four: Men and Women's 3 x 5k relay; CL, CL, FR

4.02.1 ALPINE EVENTS:

Men’s and Women’s Giant Slalom
Men’s and Women’s Slalom
Men’s and Women’s Dual Slalom

4.03 Men's and Women's Jumping
SECTION 8

Articles of Incorporation and By-laws
These Articles of Incorporation are signed and acknowledged by the incorporators for the purpose of forming a corporation under the provisions of Chapter 181 of the Utah Statutes, without stock, and non-profit.

ARTICLE I

The name of this corporation is the United States Collegiate Ski & Snowboard Association, Inc. ("USCSA")

ARTICLE II

The period of existence shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE III

The purpose or purposes of this corporation are as follows: To operate solely for the following purposes which shall remain limited to those aspects thereof which are exclusively educational, charitable and scientific:

1. To be the governing body for intercollegiate team racing competition in the disciplines of alpine, nordic and snowboard for United States colleges and universities; including providing support and participation for U.S. representation in international collegiate ski & snowboard competition.

2. To promote and support amateur national collegiate ski & snowboard competition, to offer training camps and clinics, to support both team and individual training for national competition, including the organizing and administration of a national championship.

3. To foster parity both of representation and ultimately competition to create and maintain a level playing field and do all we can to raise the level of competition throughout all our programs from the bottom up.

4. To develop and procure equipment necessary to offer collegiate racers the best possible environment for advancement in ski & snowboard competition.

5. To be a supportive body, on the collegiate level, of the United States Ski & Snowboarding Association, including the administration of specific programs beneficial to the USSA, in recognition of it being the officially sanctioned body by the U.S. Olympic Committee, the U.S. Senate, and the FIS for governing U.S. ski & snowboard competition.

6. To promote the ideals of amateurism in competitive events, good sportsmanship, justice and fair play.

7. To promote intercollegiate ski & snowboard competition for the benefit of U.S. college students.

8. To cooperate with other snowsport governing bodies and their respective committees in promoting and securing the foregoing purposes.

ARTICLE IV
The location of corporate and principal office is PO Box 180 Cummington, MA 01026. Shipping address is 320 Stage Road Cummington, MA 01026.

ARTICLE V
The total number of directors shall be fixed by the corporation's By-Laws, but shall not be less than three.

ARTICLE VI
The names and addresses of directors constituting the initial board are listed in the initial Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE VII
The By-Laws of the Corporation shall set forth in detail the method of accepting and discharging members, any denial or restriction of voting rights, classification of members, including distinguishing features of each class.

ARTICLE VIII
No part of the net earnings of this corporation shall be used for purposes other than are set forth in Article III above, and no part of such earnings shall inure to the benefit of any member, director or officer, except as they may benefit from either their membership, or participation in its activities. No part of the activities of the Corporation is carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation or to participate in or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Upon dissolution of this Corporation, if ever, all remaining assets and trademarks hereof shall be distributed to organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

ARTICLE IX
The name and address of incorporate (or incorporators) are as follows:

USCSA
 c/o Druffner Associates
 1912 Sidewinder Dr., # 211
  Park City, Utah 84060

BY-LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES
COLLEGIATE SKI & SNOWBOARD ASSOCIATION, INC.

Mission Statement
To be the National governing body of team ski and snowboard competition at the collegiate level.

To promote and increase awareness of and participation in alpine skiing, nordic skiing and snowboarding in the United States.

To provide competition and development opportunities for student-athletes in a team atmosphere leading toward National Championships in each discipline.

Article I -Offices
1.01 **Principal and Business Offices.** The Corporation may have such principal and other business offices, either within or outside the State of Utah, as the Board of Directors may designate or as the business of the Corporation may require from time to time.

1.02 **Registered Office.** The registered office of the Corporation required by the Utah Business Corporation Law to be maintained in the State of Utah may be, but need not be, identical with the principal office in the State of Utah, and the address of the registered office may be changed from time to time by the Board of Directors. The business office of the registered agent of the Corporation shall be identical to such registered office.

**Article II - Meetings**

2.01 **Annual Meeting.** The annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held at the date and hour in each year as designated by the Board of Directors, but at least once a year, for the purpose of electing directors and officers, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting. The annual meeting is to take place in the spring or early summer of each year, with notice of the meeting to be given at least thirty (30) days in advance of such meeting.

2.02 **Special Meetings.** Special meetings may be called by standing committees, by the Board of Directors, or by the President, as the occasion may demand; to take care of necessary business as may be required. Thirty (30) days advance notice has to be given for any special meetings, this to include time, date and location in addition to all material to be covered by such a meeting. Special Meetings may be conducted by conference call, e-mail, physical presence at a meeting site or by any other agreed upon method. The method for the conduct of a Special Meeting will be determined by the members of the Executive Board.

2.03 **Place of Meeting.** The Board of Directors may designate any place, either within or outside the State of Utah, as the place of meeting for any annual meeting or for any special meeting called by the Board of Directors.

2.04 **Notice of Meeting.** Written notice stating the place, day and hour of the meeting, and, in case of a special meeting, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called, shall be delivered not less than the number of days set forth in Section 2.01 and 2.02. Such notices shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail or as dated in E-mail, and addressed to the most recently provided Director address.

2.05 **Quorum.** Due to the special status of this Corporation, and taking into consideration the composition of the board of directors, a quorum shall exist for a duly authorized meeting by virtue of the attendance of those persons eligible to vote on the affairs of this corporation. Matters approved at such an authorized and duly publicized meeting, shall be considered valid and in force until amended by a subsequently held meeting.

2.06 **Conduct of Meetings.** The President, or in his absence the Executive Vice-President, or in their absence in the order provided under section 4.01, shall call the meeting to order, and act as Chairperson of the meeting. The appointed Secretary, but in the absence of the Secretary the presiding officer, may appoint any other person to act as Secretary, shall record all minutes and actions taken at the meeting.

2.07 **Unanimous Consent Without Meeting.** Any action required or permitted by the Articles of Incorporation or By-laws, or any provision of law to be taken at a meeting of the Board of Directors, may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by all members of the Board of Directors entitled to vote with respect to the subject matter thereof.

2.08 **Board Member Replacement and Proxy Votes at Meetings.** A Board member, if not attending a meeting, may designate in writing to the President, and prior to the meeting, a
replacement to represent him/her on the Board of Directors at that meeting. An Executive Board member may not designate a replacement to represent him/her in case of absence at a Board meeting. If a replacement cannot be found by a Board member to replace him/her at a Board meeting, a proxy vote request can be sent to the President, in writing, for that meeting. The written request shall outline the specific issue(s) to which the proxy vote shall apply, and shall name the voting member of the Board to whom the proxy vote shall be assigned. A proxy vote shall not be permitted for an Executive Board member.

**Article III - Board of Directors**

3.01 **General Power, Number, and Selection.** The business and affairs of this Corporation shall be managed by its Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall set policies, rules, guidelines and the direction of the corporation. The number of directors of the Corporation shall be such as to provide the necessary nucleus to represent and direct the activities of this Corporation from the territory serviced by this Corporation. The Directorship size shall be kept to a necessary minimum as decided yearly by the Board of Directors. Directors shall be elected by a majority vote within their respective committees to fill available vacancies. Temporary director vacancies may be filled through appointment by the President of the Corporation, in consultation with appropriate committee chairpersons. *If a person holds two or more voting positions, that person shall receive only one vote.*

3.02 **Tenure and Qualifications.** Each Director shall hold office for a period of one year or until his prior death, resignation, or removal from office by affirmative vote involving a majority of the directorship, taken at an appropriately scheduled meeting. A Director may resign at any time by filing his/her written resignation with both the President of this Corporation and the elected Secretary. The selection of becoming a Director of this Corporation shall be based upon a willingness to serve this organization, as prescribed by the Articles of Incorporation, by the By-laws of this Corporation, and by the guidelines established for directorship qualification within the Competition Committee. The President, Executive Vice President, Vice President of Alpine, Vice President of Nordic, Vice of President Snowboard, Vice President Academic Affairs and Treasurer shall serve 3-year terms.

3.03 **Members**

**Conference Coordinators:** Each Conference will appoint its representative to the Board, and will inform the organization of the name of that individual. Eleven (11) votes come from the conference coordinators, one per each conference. Authorized and voting conference representatives have to be identified prior to the start of a Board meeting.

**Executive Board:** All are voting members except the Corporate Secretary, Executive Director, Immediate Past President and President Emeritus. This is a total of nine (9) votes. Individuals having dual positions, such as Conference Coordinator and Executive Board, will have only one vote.

**Student Athlete Representatives:** There shall be two (2) Alpine, two (2) Nordic, and two (2) Snowboard student athlete representatives. All are voting members.

**USSA Representative:** One appointed member (non-voting). This position is optional.

3.04 **Student Athlete Representatives.** There will be six representatives from among the student-athletes: Two Alpine, two nordic, and two snowboard - one female and one male for each. They will be selected for consideration by the Board through applications to serve as voting members of the USCSA Board of Directors. Each representative will serve a two-year term and may be re-elected for two terms. May serve in this position within five years following graduation.
The student-athlete representative’s mission is to:
1) Support the student-athlete by representing their interests to the Board of Directors.
2) Work with the Board to ensure that the goals of the USCSA are focused on the student-athletes.
3) Develop and implement programs to enhance the student-athletes’ ski & snowboard competition experience.
4) Be actively involved with the USCSA student-athletes.
5) Generate interest among the student-athletes to become involved with the USCSA at the conference, regional and/or national level(s).

Election Procedures: The election of the student-athlete representatives should be done by selecting one nordic, one snowboard and one alpine representative each year. Elections shall be one female nordic athlete, one male snowboard athlete and one male alpine athlete in odd years, and one male nordic athlete, one female snowboard athlete and one female alpine athlete in evens. Student-athletes wishing to become representatives will submit an application in writing consisting of a brief resume and position statement, as well as two written recommendations, one from outside ski & snowboard. Applications will be submitted to the National Office and reviewed by the student-athlete representative nomination committee. The committee will consist of the six student-athlete representatives and the chairperson of the Board’s Nomination Committee. Representation will be from geographical areas within the USCSA members to the extent possible from the applications received. The committee will review and discuss the applications and present the final recommendations to the Board of Directors for approval. Any representative seeking a second term will not participate in reviewing the applications for that position. The nominations open November 1. Nominations to be closed February 15. The new Student/Athlete Representatives to be selected prior to the National Championships.

3.04 a Student Athlete Reimbursement Policy

1. Student Athlete Reps may receive reimbursement up to $500 for travel to USCSA National Championships and Board of Directors Meeting.
2. Student Athlete Reps will not be eligible for reimbursement for travel to the USCSA National Championships should they qualify and compete in a given year, as these costs are incumbent upon all student athlete competitors in the organization.
3. In all instances where reimbursement will be sought by the Student Athlete Reps, notice of intention to attend the event and prior approval must be obtained from the USCSA. Requests should be sent to the National Office 30 days prior to the event for review and response.

3.05 USSA Representative of the Board of Directors. The President of the United States Ski & Snowboard Association has the option of selecting a member of its Executive Committee to sit on the Board of Directors of the United States Collegiate Ski & Snowboard Association for the purpose of assisting in the advisory role to the Board of Directors and such representative is not eligible to be voted or designated as an officer of this Corporation. Nor shall said representative vote on USCSA corporate business.

3.06 Vacancies. Any vacancy occurring in the Board of Directors may be filled until the next succeeding annual election by the President of this Corporation, in consultation with appropriate committee chairpersons, if it is determined that their expertise and services are required.
3.07 **Compensation.** This Corporation, being non-stock and non profit, may, with discretion, authorize reasonable compensation to Directors, not to exceed personal expenses while they are engaged in approved corporate activity.

3.08 **Presumption of Assent.** A Director of the Corporation who is present at a meeting of the Board of Directors, or a committee thereof of which he is a member, at which action on any corporate matter is taken, shall be presumed to have assented to the action taken, unless his dissent or abstention shall be entered in the minutes of the meeting, or unless he shall file his written dissent or abstention to such action with the person acting as the Secretary of the meeting before the adjournment thereof, or shall forward such dissent or abstention by registered mail to the President of the Corporation immediately after the adjournment of the meeting. Such right to dissent or abstention shall not apply to a Director who voted in favor of such action.

3.09 **Committees.** The Board of Directors by resolution so adopted by the affirmative vote of a majority of the number of Directors present, may designate one or more committees, each committee to consist of two or more Directors elected by the Board of Directors, which to the extent provided in said resolution as initially adopted, and as thereof supplemented or amended by further resolution adopted by a like vote, shall have and may exercise, when the Board of Directors is not in session, the powers of the Board of Directors in the management of its assigned affairs of the Corporation, except action in respect to election of the principal officers or the filling of vacancies on the Board of Directors or committees created pursuant to this section. In addition, such committees may not allocate or expend funds, not commit future corporate assets, if such allocations and commitments are not authorized by the overall Board of Directors and President of this Corporation. Emergency authorizations can be granted if there is unanimous agreement to such by the President, Executive Vice-President, and Treasurer of this Corporation. Each such committee shall fix to its own rules governing the conduct of its activities and shall make such reports to the Board of Directors and the President of its activities, as may be requested.

3.10 **Unanimous Consent Without Meeting.** Any action required or permitted by the Articles of Incorporation, or By-laws, or any provision of law to be taken by the Board of Directors or committee thereof at a meeting or by resolution, may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by all of the Directors or members of the committee then in office.

3.11 **Duties.** All Directors must actively participate on at least one of the permanent Standing Committees as described in Article V, Section 5.01 of the By-laws. Failure to demonstrate such participation to the respective committee chairperson and/or Board of Directors would be grounds for removal and replacement.

3.12 **Staff.** The Executive Board or the Board Of Directors may appoint individuals to serve the Corporation in corporate positions as required.

3.13 **Conference Coordinators** There will be 11 conference coordinators representing the 11 USCSA Conferences, respectively. Each of the conferences will hold elections for their Conference Coordinator, according to their by-laws. It is strongly recommended the conferences adopt similar by-laws to the USCSA operating by-laws for officers and terms of office. If a new Conference Coordinator is elected, the USCSA Board of Directors will be charged with approving or denying the candidate elected by the conference. Conference coordinators duties include, but are not limited to: upholding the tenants of the USCSA Mission Statement, representing the USCSA at a local level, registration, and adherence to the standard operating procedures for Conference Coordinators, fiscal responsibility and reporting, upholding USCSA rules, upholding eligibility requirements, and the USCSA code of conduct. Removal of a USCSA conference coordinator would be subject to violation of the requirements put forth for the Conference Coordinators and be
decided by a addhoc panel made up of the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and two Conference Coordinators appointed by the president

**Article IV - Officers**

4.01 **The Executive Board.** The Executive Board shall be made up of the principal officers of the Corporation, consisting of the President, Executive Vice-President, Vice-President of Alpine Competition and Rules, Vice-President of Nordic Competition and Rules, Vice-President of Snowboard Competition and Rules, Vice President of Academic Affairs, Treasurer, two Executives-at large, Corporate Secretary (non voting), the President Emeritus (non voting), the Immediate Past President (non voting), and the Executive Director (non-voting). The Board may authorize the President to create other positions deemed necessary on a temporary or experimental basis. Any two or more offices may be held by the same person except the office of President and Treasurer, and those of President and any Vice-Presidency. The Executive Board may also select an Executive Director to manage the day to day operations of the Corporation.

4.02 **Election And Term Of Office.** Members of the Executive Board are nominated and elected by the Board of Directors at an annual meeting, except for the Corporate Secretary, who is appointed by the President, and the President Emeritus, Immediate Past President and Executive Director, who are all Ex-officio. The President may not serve more than two 3-year terms in succession. All other members serve 3-year terms, with no limit on the number of consecutive terms, except that the Immediate Past President shall serve only one three year term. The President, Exec-Vice President, VP Alpine, VP Nordic, VP Snowboard, VP Academic Affairs and Treasurer will be elected in alternating years. Each officer shall hold office until a successor shall have been duly elected or until his prior death, resignation or removal.

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Nominations shall be sought by the President/Nominations & Awards Committee 8 weeks prior to the annual BOD Meeting. Nominations shall be closed 4 weeks later. Following receipt of nominations, the list of nominations shall be distributed to the existing directors with the name of the nominator(s). The nominees with a single nominator shall be put forth for seconding of their nominations by the existing directors. Seconds will be accepted for 1 week following distribution. Candidates will be notified of nomination and requested to submit a candidate’s statement within 1 week. All statements received will then be distributed to the directors. The election of officers shall be the first item of new business on the meeting agenda. In the case of more than two nominees (or 4 for the Executive –at-Large position), a primary election shall be held to reduce the field to two candidates prior to the general vote. Elections shall be conducted using a single paper ballot with all nominees’ names listed for the available position. In the case of a candidate receiving the greatest number of votes for two positions, they will be allowed to relinquish one position and the process will be repeated, primary & election, including all the original nominees still available. The term of office for directors will begin with the start of next fiscal year of the organization.
4.03 **Removal.** Any officer or agent may be removed by the Board of Directors whenever the judgment is that the best interest of the Corporation will be served thereby.

4.04 **Vacancies.** A vacancy in any principal office because of death, resignation, or removal, disqualification or otherwise, shall be filled by the Board of Directors for the un-expired portion of the term. If required, the President may appoint an acting replacement for any vacant elected position with the consent of the Executive Board.

4.05 **Chairperson of the Board.** The Chairperson of the Board is the President, and he/she shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors at which he/she is president. The President may select another member of the Board to chair the meeting if he/she so designates. In the absence of the President, the Board meeting will be chaired by the Executive Vice-President. In the absence of both, the Board of Directors may select one of the Directors to chair that particular meeting.

4.06 **President:** He/she shall be Ex-officio a member of all Standing Committees and shall be chairperson of such committees as is determined by the Board of Directors. He shall have such other powers and duties as may from time to time be prescribed by the by-laws or by resolution of the Board of Directors. The President shall be responsible for executive and managerial duties in conjunction with the Executive Director, and subject to control of the Board of Directors. He shall assure that the financial affairs of the organization, including daily disbursements, collections, audits, and financial reviews, are properly maintained and executed. He shall have the authority to sign, execute and acknowledge, on behalf of the Corporation all contracts, leases, reports, expenditures, and all other documents or instruments necessary or proper to be executed in the course of the Corporation's regular business affairs, except those which require annual Board approval as designated by the Board of Directors (pertaining to imposed restrictions which limit the assigned rights and duties of standing committees); and, except as otherwise restricted, authorize the Executive Vice President or other officers or agents of this Corporation to sign, execute and acknowledge such documents or instruments in his place instead. The President will serve on the USSA Collegiate Committee and be in attendance of that meeting, or may delegate this responsibility.

4.07 **Executive Vice-President.** The Executive Vice-President assists the President in the discharge of supervisory, managerial and executive duties and functions. In the absence of the President, or in the event of his death, inability or refusal to act, the Executive Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President. He shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors or the President.

4.08 **Vice President(s).** The Vice-Presidents will be Committee Chairpersons with assigned committee responsibilities, such as alpine, nordic, snowboard, and academic affairs committees. He or she may have such other duties and exercise such authority as from time to time may be delegated or assigned to him or her by the President or by the Board of Directors.

4.09 **Corporate Secretary.** The Secretary shall:

A. Keep the minutes of all Board meetings and conference calls.
B. Send all notices as stipulated in these by-laws.
C. Be the custodian of the Corporate Records.
D. Have such other duties and exercise such authority as from time to time may be delegated or assigned to him or her by the President or Board of Directors.

4.10 **Treasurer.** The Treasurer shall:

A. Be responsible for acting as a guardian over the financial transactions of the organization.
B. Investigate financial matters and records concerning financial health of the organization, particularly as directed by the Executive Board.

C. Bring forth issues to the Executive Board concerning the fiscal operation of the organization.

D. In conjunction with the President, assure that the financial affairs of the organization, including daily disbursements, collections, audits, and financial reviews, are properly maintained and executed.

4.12 Executive Director: The Executive Board may designate an individual to manage and administer the daily affairs of the Association and assign responsibilities as may be deemed necessary. The Executive Director serves at the discretion of the Executive Board. The Executive Director shall, in general, supervise and control the business affairs of the Corporation, and shall serve on all committees in a non-voting position.

4.13 Executive-At-Large. The Executives-At-Large will be representatives elected from the USCSA at-large pool, to the Board of Directors by the full board. These positions will be two (2) (3) year terms and they will rotate in election. The Executives-At-Large will be the primary advisors and administrative for the Student Athlete Representatives. The Executives-At-Large are also members of the Executive Board of Directors.

Article V -Permanent Standing Committees

5.01 Number. The following are to be considered the permanent Standing Committees of the Corporation:

1. Alpine Competition and Rules Committee
2. Nordic Competition and Rules Committee
3. Snowboard Competition and Rules Committee
4. Academic Affairs Committee
5. National Championships Committee
6. Business and Legal Committee
7. Nominations and Awards Committee
8. Student Athlete Committee
9. Technology Committee
10. National Office and Executive Director Committee
11. Historian Committee

5.02 Administration. The permanent Standing Committees shall be headed by and coordinated through respective committee Vice-Presidents. The Vice President of each committee shall represent that committee to the Board of Directors.

A. The Alpine Competition and Rules Committee, the Snowboard Competition and Rules Committee and the Nordic Competition and Rules Committee shall be chaired by the Vice-Presidents of Alpine, Snowboard and Nordic. There Directors. The committees shall update and submit new USSA and FIS rules to the Board of Directors each year; run sub-committee meetings for rules and changes to be submitted; report results to the Board of Directors for approval; field questions during the year as pertaining to that discipline; and, be an advisor for the national championships and assist in site recommendations for the national championships.

B. The Academic Affairs Committee is an authority on the rules of USCSA and NCAA, and should have access to NCAA Offices. There shall be one vote from the chairperson of this committee on the Board of Directors. The committee shall:

1) Receive copies of appeals regarding eligibility.
2) Review eligibility registration forms of select institutions.
3) Keep the eligibility forms up to date in terms of our rules of eligibility.
The committee will include a chairperson and three members. A USCSA staff person will be an Ex-Officio member to the committee.

C. The National Championships Committee and chairperson shall be appointed by the President with approval of the Board of Directors. The members will include: Chairperson, Alpine Coordinator, Nordic Coordinator, Snowboard Coordinator, Host School or Conference Representative, USCSA Executive Director (non-voting), Immediate Past President (Ex-officio), and two Student Representatives. This committee shall be in charge of overseeing the National Championships.

D. The Business and Legal Committee and chairperson shall be appointed by the President with approval of the Board of Directors. The committee will include up to five additional members that the President appoints. The Executive Director will serve as a non-voting member.

E. The Nominations and Awards Committee chairperson and two additional members shall be appointed by the President.

F. The Student/Athlete Committee chairperson shall be appointed by the President with approval of the Board of Directors. The committee will include the six student/athlete representatives.

G. Technology Committee charged with proposing, evaluating, and recommending implementation of new technologies to advance the mission, efficiency, and accuracy of the business of the USCSA. Committee is comprised of 4 members initially appointed by the president. Going forward, annually, the president will consider nominations from the committee for new appointments. The committee will select a chair annually from the committee members following the annual Board of Directors Meeting.

H. National Office and Executive Director Committee membership: Executive Vice President, Treasurer, Immediate Past Presidents remaining active on the BOD Committee Duties: Overseeing all aspects National Office operations. More specifically, to a) make decisions regarding any capital improvements (phone, computer, computer software, etc.) needed at the national office, b) to act as a liaison between our membership and our Executive Director whenever questions or concerns might arise, c) to act as a liaison between board members and our Executive Director whenever questions or concerns might arise, c) to act as a liaison between the President and our Executive Director whenever questions or concerns might arise, d) to conduct annual reviews, including salary reviews, for our Executive Director.

I. The Historian Committee is charged with researching, maintaining and publishing the history of the USCSA. The Committee Chair shall initially be appointed by the President. The Chair and the President shall name additional committee members. The committee will be assigned two orders of business:

1. Create and adopt operating rules and procedures for committee membership and election of the Committee Chair

2. Document the past National Championships (i.e results, photographs, article clippings, etc.) throughout the history of USCSA/NCSA Championships
5.03 **Committee Responsibilities:** Committee chairpersons shall annually submit to the Board of Directors for approval, all proposals of operation for their respective committees, in time for the annual meeting of the Board of Directors, or as required.

5.04 **Additional Special or Ad Hoc Committees.** The President, Executive Board and Board of Directors can create whatever additional committees that may be required to meet short term objectives. The number of permanent standing committees (see section 5.01) shall remain fixed unless these By-Laws are amended accordingly. The President shall be responsible for appointing the chairperson and members of special and ad hoc committees.

**Article VI -Executive Board**

6.01 **Members.** The Executive Board of this Corporation consists of the President, Executive Vice President, Vice president of Alpine, Vice President of Snowboard, Vice President of Nordic, Vice President of Academic Affairs, Treasurer, Corporate Secretary (non-voting), two Executives At-Large, President Emeritus, Immediate Past President (non-voting), and Executive Director (non-voting). The Corporate Secretary is appointed by the President.

6.02 **Function.** The Executive Board shall assist and advise the President, or, if required, act on his or her behalf in developing or implementing programs or policies beneficial to the Corporation. The Executive Board is responsible for the day-to-day execution of programs as approved by the Board of Directors and in harmony with available resources. The Executive Board shall have the authority to prescribe the powers, duties, responsibility; to provide compensation; and, to delegate authority to the chairpersons of the Corporation. The Executive Board is empowered to act on behalf of the Board of Directors, with the same power as the Board of Directors on all matters brought before it between regular meetings of the Board of Directors. If necessary, the Executive Board may fill the vacated post of the President rather than having automatic ascendancy.

**Article VII -Membership and Membership Obligations**

7.01 **Team Membership.** A college ski or snowboard team can gain membership in the USCSA only through membership in an USCSA sanctioned and affiliated conference, these constituting:

Region 1 – West
Northwest Collegiate Ski Conference
Rocky Mountain Collegiate Ski Conference
Grand Teton Collegiate Ski Conference

Region 2 – Far West
Southern California Collegiate Ski & Snowboard Conference
Northern California Collegiate Ski Conference

Region 3 - Midwest
Midwest Collegiate Ski Conference

Region 4 – Eastern
Eastern Collegiate Ski Conference

Region 5 – Mid-Atlantic
Allegheny Collegiate Ski Conference
Southeastern Collegiate Ski Conference
Atlantic Highlands Collegiate Ski Conference

Region 6 – Mideast
7.02 **Conference Jurisdiction.** No Conference may expand its territory into another USCSA conference’s assigned area of jurisdiction, without permission of the conference affected and by affirmative vote at a meeting of the Alpine, Snowboard and Nordic Competition & Rules Committees. The USCSA does not recognize any other college racing program for jurisdictional purposes if such program holds no USCSA affiliation. USCSA member teams may compete in any affiliated conference on the basis of proximity and convenience.

7.03 **Canadian Team Participation.** The USCSA permits Canadian team membership as part of an USCSA affiliated conference structure based in the continental United States. Canadian teams must petition the USCSA Board of Directors for membership through a regional USCSA conference. Membership will be granted only if a conference votes unanimously in support of such petition.

7.04 **Conference Obligations.** An USCSA affiliate conference is the official USCSA competition sanctioned structure within the assigned conference territory, and, therefore, represents the USCSA and has the obligation to execute for that region all official policy and rule requirements. No affiliate Conference shall have the independent authority to implement policy which is not in agreement with USCSA policy unless waived by committee decision to accommodate a unique and justifiable regional abnormality, and to do so could be cause for loss of affiliation or sanctions.

7.05 **Conference Liabilities For USCSA Assets.** Each conference is held responsible for any and all equipment loaned to it by this Corporation, this to be returned in good working order or that replacement financial restitution is made in the event of an affiliate status termination, or as may be ordered by the SPECIFIC Competition & Rules Committees.

7.06 **USCSA rights to Conference Assets:** Each USCSA conference shall stipulate in its by-laws that, in the event a conference is dissolved, or in the event of becoming inactive, all remaining conference assets shall immediately become property of the USCSA.

7.07 **Suspension.** The USCSA Competition Committee may terminate, suspend, or fine any team, coach or affiliate which behaves in such manner as to jeopardize the good name of this Corporation or that of another member or affiliate. Membership in this Corporation should be considered an honorable distinction which is only extended on an invitational basis.

7.08 **Sanctions by USCSA.** When deemed necessary, the USCSA shall utilize its powers to assure fair treatment, protection and favorable conditions for all members and affiliates in their financial and competitive dealings with others, and vice versa. These powers include, among others, such sanctions as financial penalties, ineligibility to participate in USCSA functions, boycott, legal action, etc.

7.08.1 A confirmed qualified team or individual who doesn’t participate in a regional or national championship may have sanctions brought against them by the USCSA Board of Directors.

7.08.2 **Institutions/Teams/Individuals allowing membership to laps or terminating membership while sanctioned by the organization must petition the USCSA Executive Board of Directors for reinstatement of membership privileges**

7.09 **USCSA Financial Aid For Regional Affiliate Programs.** The USCSA may make available grants-in-aid to partially cover the expense of operation for regional affiliate conferences. Until fully used for intended purposes, all remaining funds shall remain the
property of the USCSA. Full documentation of all funds utilized must be provided to the USCSA to meet the requirements of USCSA internal and external audits. In the event of program termination, all remaining USCSA provided funding shall be returned to the USCSA treasury. This holds true also for moneys obtained through commercial sponsors, in which the USCSA negotiated and guaranteed performance on behalf of its affiliates and committees. Any equipment purchased in part or in whole with such funds shall become the property of the USCSA and be subject to USCSA policy.

7.10 **Application Of Rules.** USCSA competition and eligibility rules shall uniformly govern all affiliated conference competitive events and the teams participating in them. It is the responsibility of the Competition Committee to fairly develop and administer those rules in joint cooperation between representative conferences. In the event that a school's athletic department eligibility policy differs from USCSA policy, USCSA eligibility rules are the minimum standards for eligibility and competition, (some institutions may exceed these minimums). USCSA ski & snowboard teams are required to become familiar with all applicable competition eligibility rules of the Association.

7.11 **Board of Director Representation.** Affiliated teams of the USCSA shall be represented on the Board of Directors of the Corporation through their elected conference representative, and the appointed representatives on the Alpine, Nordic and Snowboard Competition & Rules Committees, and by the Student-Athlete representation on the Board of Directors.

7.12.1 **Principles of Sportmanship and Ethical Conduct.**

In order to fulfill the mission and purposes of the Association the rigid observance of a set of “principles of conduct” is required.

To enable USCSA programs and events to promote the character and development of participants, enhance the integrity of higher education, promote fair and safe competition, and promote civility in society, all student-athletes, coaches, and all others associated with USCSA programs and events shall adhere to such fundamental values as respect, fairness, civility, honesty and personal responsibility. These values should be manifest not only in specific USCSA programs and events, but also in the broad spectrum of activities involved with and affecting the USCSA programs. To maintain the desired level of sportsmanship and ethical conduct, it is the responsibility of each member program to be aware of and adhere to their institution’s policies regarding sportsmanship and ethical conduct in intercollegiate athletics, to include applicable NCAA rules when applicable and the following USCSA Principles of Conduct.

**USCSA Principles of Conduct**

Membership in the United States Collegiate Ski and Snowboard Association is a privilege, not a right. All USCSA members (athletes, coaches, officials and volunteers) when participating in any USCSA activity must agree to conduct themselves according to USCSA’s core values and abide by the spirit and dictates of this Principles of Conduct. All members must agree to conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner, and are responsible for their actions while attending or participating in all USCSA activities (including but not limited to camps, competitions, projects, meetings and related business associated with the aforementioned).

Sportsmanlike conduct is defined as, but is not limited to: respect for following members, competition officials, volunteers, USCSA and resort employees, and the skiing and snowboarding public, respect for facilities, privileges and operating procedures, the use of courtesy and good manners, acting responsibly and maturely, refraining from the use of profane or abusive language, and abstinence from; illegal use of alcohol, legal use of alcohol during competitions & use of illegal or banned drugs.

While participating in any USCSA activity:
1. USCSA members shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the USCSA Bylaws, and the USCSA Principles of Conduct.

2. USCSA members shall conduct themselves at all times and in all places as befits worthy representatives of the United States of America, USCSA, their conference, division, or school and in accordance with the best traditions of national and international competition.

3. USCSA members are responsible for knowledge of and adherence to competition rules and procedures. Members are also responsible for knowledge of and adherence to the rules and procedures of the USCSA Conferences, Divisions and ski resorts or site at which a function has been calendared.

4. USCSA members shall maintain high standards of moral and ethical conduct, which includes self-control and responsible behavior, consideration for the physical and emotional well-being of others, and courtesy and good manners.

5. USCSA members shall abide by USCSA rules and procedures while traveling to and from and participating in official USCSA activities.

6. USCSA members shall abstain from illegal and/or immoderate consumption of alcohol. Absolutely no consumption of alcohol is permitted during a athletic event (competition, training) or for individuals under the age of 21.

7. Members under 21 years of age shall not participate in gatherings involving consumption of alcohol unless it is an official USCSA or event.

8. No USCSA member shall commit a criminal act.

9. No USCSA member shall engage in any conduct that could be perceived as harassment based upon gender, age, race, religion, disability or sexual preference.

10. No USCSA member shall engage in any conduct that could be perceived as bullying as presented in the USCSA Anti-Bullying Policy or by state and federal laws.

11. USCSA members will avoid profane or abusive language and disruptive behavior.

12. USCSA members agree to abide by anti-doping rules and procedures established by WADA, USADA, and/or FIS.

Failure to comply with any of the above provisions may lead to disciplinary action by the appropriate USCSA Division, Conference or National Bodies. Disciplinary action may include:

- Removal from the event(s).
- Suspension from competition(s).
- Elimination of coaching, officiating, volunteering and/or competition privileges, and other benefits.
- Forfeiture of USCSA membership.

USCSA is committed to principles of fairness, due process and equal opportunity. Members are entitled to be treated fairly and in compliance with USCSA’s Bylaws, policies and procedures. Members are entitled to notice and an opportunity for a hearing. Information on the processes for grievances, suspensions and appeals is available at www.uscsa.com.

Nothing in this Code shall be deemed to restrict the individual freedom of a USCSA member in matters not involving activities in which one could not be perceived as representing USCSA. In choices of appearance, lifestyle, behavior and speech while not representing USCSA, Competitors, coaches, officials and volunteers shall have complete freedom, provided their statements and actions do not adversely affect the name and reputation of the USCSA. However, in those events where one is representing or could be perceived as representing USCSA, USCSA demands that its members understand and agree to behave in a manner consistent with the best traditions of sportsmanship and USCSA’s core values.
7.12.2 ANTI-BULLYING POLICY

USCSA is committed to providing all members a healthy and safe environment.

USCSA will ensure that procedures exist to allow complaints of bullying to be dealt with and resolved within USCSA, without limiting any person’s entitlement to pursue resolution of their complaint with the relevant statutory authority. USCSA is committed to the elimination of all forms of bullying.

This policy applies to all members of USCSA. It applies at all times when members might be interacting to carry out the objectives of the USCSA. There will be no recriminations for anyone who in good faith alleges bullying.

DEFINITIONS

Bullying is unwelcome or unreasonable behavior that demeans, intimidates or humiliates people either as individuals or as a group. Bullying behavior is often persistent and part of a pattern, but it can also occur as a single incident. It is usually carried out by an individual but can also be an aspect of group behavior (see “mobbing” below). Some examples of bullying behavior are:

- Verbal communication
  - Abusive and offensive language
  - Insults
  - Teasing
  - Spreading rumor and innuendo
  - Unreasonable criticism
  - Trivializing of work and achievements

Manipulating the work environment
- Isolating people from normal work interaction
- Excessive demands
- Setting impossible deadlines

Psychological manipulation
- Unfairly blaming for mistakes
- Setting people up for failure
- Deliberate exclusion
- Excessive supervision
- Practical jokes
- Belittling or disregarding opinions or suggestions
- Criticizing in public

Context is important in understanding bullying, particularly verbal communication. There is a difference between friendly insults exchanged by long-time work colleagues and comments that are meant to be, or are taken as, demeaning. While care should be exercised, particularly if a person is reporting alleged bullying as a witness, it is better to be genuinely mistaken than to let actual bullying go unreported.

Mobbing and Hazing

Mobbing is a particular type of bullying behavior carried out by a group rather than by an individual. Mobbing and Hazing are social isolation of a person through collective unjustified accusations, humiliation, general harassment or emotional abuse. Although it is group behavior, specific incidents such as an insult or a practical joke may be carried out by an individual as part of mobbing and hazing behavior.

CONSEQUENCES OF BULLYING

Bullying is unacceptable behavior because it breaches principles of equality and fairness, and it frequently represents an abuse of power and authority. It also has potential consequences for everyone involved.
The purpose of this policy is to communicate to all members that the USCSA will not in any instance tolerate bullying behavior. Members found in violation of this policy will be disciplined, up to and including revocation of membership privileges in perpetuity.

Bullying may be intentional or unintentional. However, it must be noted that where an allegation of bullying is made, the intention of the alleged bully is irrelevant, and will not be given consideration when meting out discipline. As in sexual harassment, it is the effect of the behavior upon the individual which is important.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Officers and Coordinators

Ensure that all members are aware of the anti-bullying policy and procedures

- Ensure that any incident of bullying is dealt with regardless of whether a complaint of bullying has been received
- Provide leadership and role-modeling in appropriate professional behavior
- Respond promptly, sensitively and confidentially to all situations where bullying behavior is observed or alleged to have occurred

Members

- Be familiar with and behave according to this policy
- If you are a witness to bullying, report incidents to your Division or Conference Coordinator, or an Officer of the USCSA as appropriate
- Where appropriate, speak to the alleged bully(ies) to object to the behavior

O.I.: An athlete who qualifies for a non-USCSA event calendared in conflict with some or all of the USCSA Collegiate Skiing & Snowboarding National or Regional Championships shall remove themselves from competitions held for the purposes of qualifying teams to USCSA event in conflict.

Article VIII - Affiliation, Jurisdiction, And Commercial Sponsor Obligations

8.01 Affiliations. The Board of Directors of this Corporation may enter into agreements of affiliation in order to achieve corporate program objectives with other non-profit incorporated ski & snowboard industry related associations.

8.02 Territory. This Corporation shall have operational jurisdiction in the continental United States and Alaska.

8.03 National Sponsorship Agreements: This Corporation may enter into national sponsorship agreements, the implementation of which shall be accomplished through all respective committees and USCSA Competition Conferences. National sponsorship programs and their implementation shall have priority over regional considerations.

Article IX - Advisory Board

9.01 Advisory Board. This Corporation may invite members of the ski & snowboard industry community and from industries or professions which may be of aid to the Corporation, as members of a special Corporate Advisory Board.

9.02 Chairman. The Chairperson of the corporate Advisory Board shall be the Chairperson of the Board of the Corporation (USCSA President) or may be appointed by the President. In his absence or at his direction, this function may be performed by the Executive Vice President.
9.03 **Meetings.** An annual meeting may be called. Emphasis is to be placed on keeping the Corporate Advisory Board abreast of all developments through regular correspondence.

9.04 **Tenure.** Members of the Corporate Advisory Board shall hold their position for a one year term, with the option of renewal by mutual consent.

9.05 **Powers.** The USCSA Advisory Board shall act in an advisory capacity to the Board of Directors, and may make specific program recommendations.

9.06 **Selection.** Selection shall be by invitation of the President of this Corporation and the Executive Director, with approval of board of directors.

**Article X - Commercial Membership**

10.01 **Commercial Membership.** The USCSA Board of Directors may annually permit the establishment of a commercial membership. Proceeds from such membership classification shall be used exclusively to defray the cost of the annual USCSA “United States Collegiate Skiing and Snowboard Championships”.

10.02 **Benefits To Commercial Members.** The Board of Directors of this Corporation may approve whatever inducements it sees appropriate in order to attract such membership.

**Article XI - Alumni Membership**

11.01 **Association of USCSA Alumni:** The USCSA shall offer an alumni membership, with the benefits and dues to be annually determined by the Board of Directors. The management and promotion of the USCSA alumni program shall be implemented through a standing committee and the national office.

**Article XII - Amending of By-Laws**

12.01 **By-Laws Amendments.** Any portion of these By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors at a duly authorized Board meeting, with the details of recommendation for change having been mailed to all Board members no less than thirty (30) days prior to such date of meeting.

**Article XIII - General Conducting of Meetings**

13.01 **Parliamentary Procedures.** All meetings of the Board of Directors and those of the standing committees shall be governed by parliamentary procedures as outlined in Robert’s Rules of Order. The chairperson for each meeting shall designate a parliamentarian for that meeting. The Board of Directors and committees may move to suspend parliamentary procedures for portions of a meeting.

13.02 **Advance Notice of Meeting Agenda.** The Board of Directors and standing committee representatives shall receive the meeting agenda no less than thirty (30) days in advance. No formal action may be taken on any item not appearing on such advance agenda unless approved by the Board at the meeting.

**Article XIV - Executive Compensation**

14.01 **Executive Compensation.** The Corporation may engage the services of professional and non-elected paid administrators, to implement Board approved programs and supervise other staff and volunteer activities.

**Article XV - Compliance with the USCSA By-Laws**
15.01 **By-Law Enforcement.** It shall be the obligation of the Board of Directors of this corporation to enforce the By-laws as stated and amended, by any suitable means to ensure compliance on behalf of the membership of this Association.

(End of USCSA Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws)