



2018-2019 UPDATE & REVIEW:

CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR ALPINE OFFICIALS

The U.S. Ski & Snowboard's Alpine Competition Regulations (ACR) for domestic alpine ski racing are adopted from the FIS International Competition Rules (ICR) but are specific to U.S. Ski & Snowboard competitions. The competition regulations are updated annually, are published in the current Alpine Competition Guide and are available at usskiandsnowboard.org.

For all events scheduled by U.S. Ski & Snowboard as FIS events, applicable rules of the FIS must be considered and applied. In cases that are not addressed by the ACR for U.S. Ski & Snowboard events or by the ICR for FIS events, or in cases where the rules must be interpreted, the authority for making such decisions will rest with the Competition Jury.

It is the responsibility of every official, coach and competitor to *know, understand and abide* by the rules for the sport. Coaches, Program Directors and other club officers are encouraged to provide the time and opportunity to instruct their athletes on the rules for the sport. These rules include, but are not limited to, current editions and "Precisions" of the FIS ICR, U.S. Ski & Snowboard ACR, and the appropriate supplemental rules, such as Rules of the FIS Points and Rules for the Alpine Continental Cups. The following pages contain an overview of major rule changes; a review and clarification of existing U.S. Ski & Snowboard and FIS rules are also included. *This update and review, however, does not contain all rule changes.*

U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD COMPETITION CONTINUING EDUCATION (UPDATE) 2018-2019:

1. U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD ALPINE COMPETITION REGULATIONS

Alpine Competition Regulations (ACR) have been updated to include applicable rule changes.

2. SAFESPORT TRAINING

U.S. Federal Law requires adults who have frequent contact with, or who are in positions of authority over athletes, must receive consistent education on prevention and reporting of all allegations of sexual misconduct, bullying, hazing and abuse of all forms. This impacts all U.S. Ski & Snowboard member clubs, coaches, officials and Club Volunteer members.

The initial training is required every two years with a refresher course in between. If you have completed SafeSport training within the past season (17-18) with another organization, you may submit your certificates to Member Services by email to membership@usskiandsnowboard.org.

U.S. Ski & Snowboard membership is required prior to initiating SafeSport training. After membership application/renewal is completed, you will receive email notification containing instructions and a time limit for completion of training. Failure to complete training prior to deadline will result in membership being inactivated.

Basic instructions for SafeSport training are:

- Follow link above your "MY ACCOUNT" page or go to safesport.org and create an account
- Affiliate account with U.S. Ski & Snowboard and enter your 7-digit membership number
- Choose the learning dashboard under your name (on left) and begin the course
- Complete each module of the course; all three modules must be completed to earn certificates

Due to length of course, you may choose to complete one module at a time. You may log in and out at your convenience.

3. NON-SCORED STUDENT MEMBERSHIP

The membership is designed for students aged 14-24, prior to December 31 and is primarily for interscholastic and intercollegiate racing. This membership provides access to all levels of U.S. Ski & Snowboard scored and non-scored competitions at the local, divisional, regional and national level. However, as the name implies it does not include

access to the U.S. Ski & Snowboard National Points List. Alpine Non-Scored Students age 18-24 may race in Alpine Masters races.

4. COACHES AND OFFICIALS – MEMBERSHIP AGE CHANGE

Due to background screening and the added requirement for SafeSport training requirements, Coaches and Officials must be 18 years of age prior to December 31 of the current competition season in order to apply for applicable U.S. Ski & Snowboard memberships. *Background screening will now be conducted every two (2) seasons.*

5. PARALLEL RACING – U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD

Parallel racing has been approved by U.S. Ski & Snowboard and course setting and timing protocols for standard and drop-down start formats have been established. Refer to 2019 Alpine Competition Regulations (ACR) and its Precisions for current rules and details. Two basic points are:

- A National Points List for Parallel events will be established for seeding/penalty calculation purposes
- A Factor (F-Value) has been established for the purpose of calculating Race Points

6. FACTORS (F-VALUES)

Factors have been reviewed and posted for use as follows:

DH – 1250 SL – 730 GS – 1010 SG – 1190 AC – 1360 P – 870

7. SYNCHRONIZATION OF ELECTRONIC & MANUAL TIMEKEEPING SYSTEMS

Synchronization of the timing systems must occur *as close as possible to the scheduled start for the first run within 60 minutes of the start.* Synchronization of all systems must be maintained and systems *must not be re-synchronized for the second run.*

If an OC is not using manual timekeeping devices (hand watches) that can be synchronized to time of day, it is strongly suggested these devices be validated prior to the start of the second run; e.g. still in correct mode.

8. START CLOCKS AND AUDIBLE START COMMANDS (U613.4)

U613.4 has been added to the ACR in order to clarify the use of a start clock does not replace audible (spoken) start commands.

9. START GATE (611.2.1.1)

The exemption for non-scored events allowing the use of “auto-return” start gates has been removed. Use of homologated start gates is required for all levels of U.S. Ski & Snowboard competition.

10. SUBMITTAL OF TIMING DATA TECHNICAL REPORT (TDTR)

A Timing Data Technical Report (TDTR) is required for all levels of competition and the Chief of Timing & Calculations is the official now responsible for submitting a copy of completed/signed TDTR’s to the appropriate member of U.S. Ski & Snowboard Timing Working Group. ***If an event requires calculation of a replacement time (EET), copies of all calculations must be included.***

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PNSA:	PNSA Office	tdtr@pnsa.org
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11. MINIMUM PENALTIES AT U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD NON-FIS EVENTS

U.S. Ski & Snowboard Minimum Penalties will not change until season 2020. Season 2019 results will be adjusted through the process of zeroing National Points to FIS Points.

12. INJURY / ACCIDENT REPORTING

Online filing of the American Specialty Insurance Report (ASI) is preferred. If an OC chooses to not use the online American Specialty Insurance Report (ASI), paper copy must be sent to: compservices@usskiandsnowboard.org.

If an accident requires filing of a 4-page "TD Accident Report" as detailed in the "Guidelines", you must immediately contact Competition Services.

NOTE: Refrain from discussing accidents/injuries via text, email or social media!

13. EVENT RESULT DOCUMENT PACKETS – ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- SkillsQuest: Following transmission of a list of participants in XML format (as prepared by Split Second or Vola) to alpineresults@usskiandsnowboard.org, a packet containing the following documents must be submitted to resultpackets@usskiandsnowboard.org:
 - Program
 - Team Captains' Meeting Minutes
 - Jury Minutes
 - Injury Report(s)
- Official Freeski Session: If an OC schedules an official freeski session, the following documents must be included in the Result Document Packet submitted to resultpackets@usskiandsnowboard.org:
 - Program/Schedule (official form is not required; club/area/event letterhead is acceptable)
 - Jury Minutes documenting approval of conditions, on-hill competitor security and Program

14. CERTIFICATION GUIDELINES

Guidelines have been amended to include the recommendation that an official attend a yearly Continuing Education Clinic (Update). The requirement for biennial attendance in order to retain certification(s) remains unchanged.

15. U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD NATIONAL POINTS LIST

National Points Lists will be published every two weeks. Lists will close on Sundays and new lists will go into effect on Thursdays; results not received prior to closing dates will not be considered until the next cycle.

16. U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD COURSE SETTING SPECIFICATIONS (SCORED AND NON-SCORED)

The 2018-2019 U.S. Ski & Snowboard Course Setting Specifications for scored and non-scored non-FIS events are available in the current Alpine Competition Guide and also on the website at usskiandsnowboard.org. Please note, for non-FIS events, the number of gates/direction changes is based on distance between gates, not percentage of vertical drop.

17. MASTER PACKET OF FORMS

All forms in the Master Packet of Forms (MPF) have been reviewed, have been updated and approved. Please use current forms without alterations and/or personalization. *Remember these are legal documents.*

FIS COMPETITION CONTINUING EDUCATION (UPDATE) 2018-2019:

1. FIS ICR

A current version is posted on the FIS website; a link is available on the U.S. Ski & Snowboard website.

2. PENALTY CALCULATION

Z-value is no longer considered. Factors (F-values), have been reviewed and posted for use as follows:

DH – 1250 SL – 730 GS – 1010 SG – 1190 AC – 1360

3. FIS MINIMUM PENALTIES

FIS Minimum Penalties will not change until Season 2020. During Season 2019, FIS will maintain a parallel scoring system using the new minimums, but they will not be utilized until calculation of the FIS Base List for Season 2020. Results posted on the FIS website will display current points as well as Season 2020 points. *U.S. Ski & Snowboard minimum penalties will also increase for Season 2020. U.S. National Points earned during season 2019 will be adjusted as required.*

4. FIS POINTS LIST

FIS Points Lists will be published every two weeks. Lists will close on Sundays and new lists will go into effect on Thursdays; results not received prior to closing dates will not be considered until the next cycle. *Base Points must not be used for seeding or penalty calculation purposes.*

5. SYNCHRONIZATION OF ELECTRONIC & MANUAL TIMEKEEPING SYSTEMS [611.2.1]

Synchronization of the timing systems must occur *as close as possible to the scheduled start for the first run within 60 minutes of the start.* Synchronization of all systems must be maintained and systems *must not be re-synchronized for the second run.*

6. CHIEF OF FINISH [601.3.9.1]

In coordination with the OC's Finish Area Coordinator, the Chief of Finish is responsible for coordinating the various pre/during/after-competition requirements in the finish area. These include, but are not limited to, construction/coordination of mixed zone, media interviews, winner ceremonies, doping control and security coordination.

7. COMPETITION SUITS – FIS EVENTS

For Downhill, Giant Slalom and Super G upper-level FIS competitions (OWG, WSC, WC, COC, WJSC), competition suits must have either a plomb or a label attesting conformity with FIS specifications. **[606.2.1] Only new suits will have labels; suits with plombs are acceptable at these upper-level competitions only thru the end of season 2019.**

8. PARALLEL RACING – FIS EVENTS

FIS Office has reviewed rules for Parallel events. Please refer to current edition of the FIS ICR and its Precisions for current rules and procedures.

9. COURSE SPECIFICATIONS

Refer to current edition of FIS ICR and its Precisions for minimum/maximum vertical drop and gate requirements for FIS events.

10. HOMOLOGATION OF COURSES [ICR 650]

This section has been rewritten; please refer to current edition of FIS ICR Precisions for complete information.

NORAM CUP AND WORLD CUP RULES: Rules have been revised; please refer to current rulebooks on FIS website.

GENERAL REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION - U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD AND FIS:

1. RACE ARENA & THE JURY – NON-FIS & FIS EVENTS

The Jury is responsible for the “race arena” which is accepted as being within (the side-to-side fencing) and without (start area and finish arena) the confines of the competition area and any location connected with the competition (training area). **[223.2.1]**

Prior to the event, the Chief of Race should establish contact with ski area management and Ski Patrol and clarify those areas for which the Jury will assume responsibility. This clarification should be made available to all Team Captains.

2. TENURE OF THE JURY

In accordance with Art. 601.4.4.2, the active tenure of the Jury begins with its first meeting and ends, if no protests are submitted at the expiration of the protest deadlines as noted in Art. 643 (Deadlines for Submittal). If protests are submitted, the tenure of the Jury ends after settlement of all submitted protests. *A Jury may re-evaluate a previous decision (Art. 640.2) but only if their tenure has not ended as outlined in Art. 601.4.4.2.*

3. TECHNICAL DELEGATE'S ARRIVAL

An Organizing Committee that requests that the Technical Delegate not arrive until shortly before the Team Captains' Meeting is in violation of ACR and ICR Art. 602.4.3 and risks loss of liability insurance coverage. ACR states Technical Delegate "should" arrive 48 hours prior to first draw for Downhill or Super G and 24 hours prior to draw for all other events; ICR requires the Technical Delegate "must" arrive on site within the same time parameters. Technical Delegates are required to fulfill all the ACR/ICR duties of the Technical Delegate and late arrival does not allow for attention to pre-event duties.

4. CALCULATION OF AN ELECTRONIC REPLACEMENT TIME (EET)

In the case of a failure of the main electronic timing system (system A), the results of the electronic back-up system (system B) will be valid as per art. 611.2.1. **[611.3.2]**

In the case that time of day from either system A or system B are not available for a competitor, the calculated time of day as per art. 611.3.2.1 will be considered valid.

Utilization of times taken by hand: Hand times may be used in the official results after a correction has been calculated. **[611.3.2.1]**

Calculation of the correction: Subtract the electronic time from the time taken by hand for the 10 competitors starting before the missing time. *If there are not 10 times before, complete the calculation with the remaining times after the missed time.* The sum of the 10 time differences is divided by 10 and rounded up or down (0.044 -> 0.04, 0.045 -> 0.05) to give the correction which must be applied to the hand time of the competitor without an electronic time.

5. NON-FIS EVENTS WHERE POINT IMPROVEMENTS EXCEED EXPECTATIONS

The goal of the U.S. Ski & Snowboard scoring system is to ensure fair and accurate events so earned results represent an athlete's ability. An accurate scoring system is critical for athlete ranking, evaluation and selection purposes.

Research has culminated in criteria to identify events where athletes score point improvements far beyond expectations. Every scored event will be subject to these filters and events that exceed the threshold of the criteria - a statistical probability of .0001 - will be marked for review by U.S. Ski & Snowboard Competition Services staff and the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Alpine Classification Working Group. The criteria are:

- Average improvement between seed points and points achieved in the race
- Average percent of point improvement
- Percent of the field that scored a point improvement

The cause of an exceptional event could range from random situational circumstances to penalty manipulation. If the Technical Delegate feels that an event may exceed the criteria, they *should contact the appropriate Regional Alpine Director for guidance.*

6. U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

NON-FIS EVENTS: Jury members, Jury Advisors (Start and Finish Referees), Chief of Course, Course Setters, Chief of Timing and Calculations and Race Administrator are required to be *appropriately certified, current members of U.S. Ski & Snowboard* as a Coach or Official. Competitors are required to have an appropriate competitor's U.S. Ski & Snowboard membership. *Qualified members of foreign federations recognized by FIS must hold a valid U.S. Ski & Snowboard membership in order to take part in any capacity at a U.S. Ski & Snowboard-sanctioned non-FIS event.*

EXCEPTION: A limited number of U.S. Ski & Snowboard non-FIS events – CAN-AM’S – allow a set number of Canadian competitors to compete without U.S. Ski & Snowboard competitor’s membership. Exception does not apply to coaches accompanying these competitors and wanting to serve as Jury members or Course Setters; they may, however function in the capacity of their team’s coach without obtaining a U.S. Ski & Snowboard Coach membership.

FIS EVENTS: The above membership/certification requirements are also in place for U.S. officials at FIS events. If a foreign official is listed on their federation’s entry form, the federation is verifying the official’s ability to serve as a Jury member or Course Setter. All competitors must be actively FIS inscribed.

7. U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD ALPINE OFFICIALS’ CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Referee, Assistant Referee and Course Setter must be certified Referees in order to officiate in the respective capacities at all U.S. Ski & Snowboard-sanctioned events.
- Chief of Timing & Calculations and Race Administrator must be appropriately certified in the respective categories at all U.S. Ski & Snowboard-sanctioned events.
- Chief of Course must be a certified Chief of Course, Chief of Race, Referee or Technical Delegate.
- Jury Advisor (Start/Finish Referee) must be a certified Jury Advisor, certified Referee or certified Chief of Race.

Officials are encouraged to attend a yearly Continuing Education Clinic (Update). They must have attended a Continuing Education Clinic (Update) within the last two (2) seasons in order to maintain certifications or to serve in any of the above capacities.

8. MEMBER LOOKUP TOOL

Users are able to search for “current” members as well as “previous” and “all” members. Among other included features is coding to display why a given member may be on pending status. Information is provided regarding those who have purchased short-term memberships and includes validity dates. Color codes are used for easier viewing of a member’s membership status.

9. SHORT TERM MEMBERSHIPS

Short Term memberships are limited to two (2) separate purchases per season and are available for athletes competing in U.S. Ski & Snowboard non-FIS events; receipt for membership must be printed and presented to event Organizer. For additional information, refer to Membership FAQ’s on the U.S. Ski & Snowboard website or contact Member Services via phone, email or online chat. Short Term membership is not available for Officials or Coaches.

10. TRAVEL LETTERS

Only National Ski Associations are entitled to make entries for international competitions. If a National Ski Association issues an entry authorization (travel) letter, non-U.S. Ski & Snowboard athletes training with U.S. Ski & Snowboard clubs or attending USA schools/colleges/universities may be entered by their coaches.

- Every non-USA athlete’s authorization letter must be submitted to chip.knight@usskiandsnowboard.org; *it must also be sent to the Regional Manager for the Region where the athlete is training.*
- Letters must be submitted directly by the respective National Ski Association; they will not be accepted if forwarded by the coach or the athlete.
- A summary of these authorizations will be created and posted on the U.S. Ski & Snowboard website so Race Administrators and Technical Delegates can be confident of their validity.
- Foreign entries that are not submitted by the actual National Ski Association and for whom no authorization letter has been submitted to U.S. Ski & Snowboard for verification must not be accepted. *
- Authorization letters will only be recognized for FIS category and below. Entries for NorAm Cup and National Championships must be submitted directly by the respective National Ski Associations.
- Several nations, e.g. Austria, Canada, Great Britain and Spain, do not issue authorization (travel) letters; entries for competitors from these nations must originate from the respective Federation.

**Prior to denying any FIS entry, please contact U.S. Ski & Snowboard Competition Services.*

11. MEMBER HOLD LIST CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS

- If due to a suspected concussion, an athlete has been placed on the Member Hold List posted on the U.S. Ski & Snowboard website, the athlete must be cleared by a licensed health care provider prior to being allowed to return to training/competition.
- The care provider must be trained in the evaluation and management of a concussion and must have successfully completed a continuing education course in the evaluation and management of a concussion within three years prior to evaluating the athlete.
- The care provider must complete the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Concussion Medical Evaluation, found in the Master Packet of Forms (MPF) and submit it to jeff.weinman@usskiandsnowboard.org.
- *Signature from parents/guardians of athletes under 18 years of age is required.*
- Clearance can take up to 48 hours, so an on-site Jury can accept a properly executed Concussion Medical Evaluation and clear an athlete to return to training/competition.
- Coaches need to work with an injured athlete's parents/guardians to confirm clearance process has been completed; they must cooperate with the OC in verifying athletes on the Member Hold List do not appear on a Start List.

NOTE: A Jury may remove a foreign athlete with a suspected concussion from competition; however, *foreign athletes may not be placed on the Member Hold List. (FIS and CAN-AM events)*

12. NOT PERMITTED TO START - NPS

A competitor will not be permitted to start (NPS) in any competition who does not wear a crash helmet that conforms to the Specifications for Competition Equipment [606.4] or does not have ski brakes on their skis [606.3], **does not wear or carry an official start number according to the rules [606.1, 627, 627.2, 627.6]** *An "official start number" refers to any bib issued by the local event organizer; this includes replacement bibs furnished by the Start Referee.*

13. RECORDING "NPS" SITUATION – NON-FIS AND FIS EVENTS

Due to rule(s) violation(s), athlete is not permitted to start; this could apply to either run of a 2-run event.

- Athlete's status is recorded by the Start Referee as "Not Permitted to Start" (NPS); reason must be stated.
- If current Report by the Referee is not being used, "NPS" must be noted in Report by the Referee as required.
- Applicable rule number(s) must be noted for results.
- Technical Delegate must verify accuracy of Official Results and Penalty posted on U.S. Ski & Snowboard/FIS websites.

14. DUE PROCESS [224.7]

Prior to the imposition of a penalty (except in cases of verbal reprimands and withdrawal of accreditation), the person accused of an offense shall be given the opportunity to present a defense at a hearing, verbally or in writing. Defense can include, but is not limited to the following:

- Calling witnesses
- Questioning witnesses upon whose testimony the Jury relies

Considering information from a witness who is unavailable for questioning by the accused would create a serious issue. It is also unwise for Jury members to discuss a situation and consider possible penalties prior to hearing all testimony. The Jury must adhere to the following policy:

- Consider infraction
- Hear and consider all testimony and evidence
- Allow accused person the opportunity to present a defense and review all evidence (question witnesses, etc.)
- Deliberate

- Make a fair decision
- Review, vote and sign prepared Jury Minutes of decision
- Notify affected parties

15. MINUTES – REQUIREMENTS

- **EVENT MEDICAL PLAN:** An event medical plan must be in place for all U.S. Ski & Snowboard-sanctioned events and must be reviewed and approved by the Jury prior to being presented to the Team Captains. *Separate Jury Minutes documenting the review are required for each gender. * For an event series, all of gender's codex/transmittal #'s may be listed on one set of Minutes. Presentation of Event Medical Plan to Team Captains is documented in Team Captains' Meeting Minutes.*
- **JURY INSPECTION:** The competition Jury must inspect course set and final installation of on-hill competitor security measures for all U.S. Ski & Snowboard-sanctioned events and confirm the daily Program (schedule); *Team Captains are encouraged to attend course inspections.* Necessary changes to course set and on-hill competitor security measures are the responsibility of the Jury. *Separate Jury Minutes documenting the inspection and acceptance of course set and on-hill competitor security measures by the Jury and Team Captains, confirmation of the Program (schedule) and other Jury decisions, are required for each gender/codex/transmittal number. **

** Exception: "Mixed-Gender" events that have only one Jury.*

- **JURY MEMBERS' VOTES:** The Start and Finish Referees are voting members of the Jury only for Olympic Winter Games and World Ski Championships. For all other events, they **should not** be listed under "Jury Members Present" as they have no vote and do not sign Jury Minutes. **Marking "NO" means an official voted: "NO"; it does not mean the official does not have voting rights.**
- **TEAM CAPTAINS' MEETINGS:** An actual meeting, attended in person by Team Captains, Jury, and race officials is a critical and mandatory part of the competition and is important for communication of Jury instructions, support of the Organizing Committee ("OC"), as well as conveying requests and information. It is also a critical element for risk management and liability-related matters. [Refer to **216, 217.5, 604.3**]

Suggested content does not need to be in complete sentences/narrative format, but should contain the following:

Roll call of competitors and/or nations conducted and whether or not unrepresented competitors are removed from the competition. *If competitors who are not represented are left on the Board, a reason should be stated.*

- Event Medical Plan discussed
- Race day schedule (program) discussed; reference should be made to Team Captains' comments were requested and whether or not any were offered.
- Area rules, etc., should be discussed and clarified
- Any additional information that Team Captains need to convey to competitors
- List of Competitors or Board accepted as set, including what rules were used to set the list/Board (NorAm, Division/Region/Series rankings, etc.)
- If entries are based on quotas, this should be noted. If quotas are expanded, Minutes should note date of request for quota expansion.
- Validity date of applicable Points List
- Start List preparation procedure: double draw or computer-generated draw.

16. JURY MINUTES: DELAYS, POSTPONEMENTS, TERMINATIONS OR CANCELLATIONS

- If an event (training or part of race) is rescheduled for a later time slot on the same day, it is **delayed**.
- If an event is rescheduled for a different day within the same series, it is **postponed**.

- When an event (training or part of a race) *is started but cannot be finished*, it is **terminated**. *This terminology is used even if only one Forerunner starts.*
- If an event (training or part of a race) cannot be rescheduled *within the same series*, it is **canceled**, the U.S. Ski & Snowboard race code/FIS codex number is vacated and the event liability insurance is no longer valid. *A new Schedule Agreement will be required.*

17. PROTEST AND SANCTION FEES – FIS EVENTS

Protest fees for a protest that is upheld are returned to the protesting party. Protest fees for protests that are not upheld are to be submitted to U.S. Ski & Snowboard Competition Services and must be identified by event, date, codex and name of applicable protest/sanction; this requirement also applies to monetary sanctions that are collected on site. Tendered amount(s) will be forwarded to the FIS Office. [644.4]

18. APPLICATION OF TIME PENALTY

ICR 223.3.1 – Section 200 contains general rules that apply to all disciplines. In the Alpine discipline, a time penalty may only be assessed in a Parallel event, as follows:

- **1232.2** The competitor who is disqualified in, or who does not finish the first run of a heat will start the second run with a penalty time.
- **1232.5** Penalty Time: The maximum penalty time will be 0.50 sec. In all cases the maximum time difference for the first run of each pairing can never be higher than the penalty time.

19. FIS OFFICE COMMUNICATION

- For event changes, etc., written confirmation must be sent from U.S. Ski & Snowboard Competition Services; Organizers and Technical Delegates should not deal directly with the FIS Office.
- Once a Jury is confirmed, however, and a program change is required, only the Technical Delegate should deal directly with the FIS Office; U.S. Ski & Snowboard Competition Services must also be notified of any changes.

20. HELMETS AND CAMERAS – U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD EVENTS

- All competitors and forerunners must wear a helmet for Giant Slalom, Slalom, Downhill and Downhill Training, Super G and Alpine Combined that meets current equipment specifications. [606.4, 707, 807, 907, 1007, and additional U.S. Ski & Snowboard and FIS regulations.]
- Athletes U14 and older must use helmets that meet the FIS standards for all U.S. Ski & Snowboard Giant Slalom, Super G and Downhill. U14 and older competitors whose helmets are not in compliance will not be permitted to start.
- Regulations for helmets for Slalom, Giant Slalom, Super G and Downhill are applicable without exception at all levels of FIS competition [2.3.3]
- Soft ear protection is only permitted for helmets used in Slalom and Parallel. [807]

21. HELMET AND BODY MOUNTED CAMERAS

- Helmet and body-mounted cameras are not approved for use at U.S. Ski & Snowboard non-FIS events. *Athletes who have personalized their helmets, e.g. camera mounts, bling, stickers, etc., are allowed to start.*
- Competitors and forerunners at FIS alpine events are prohibited from using cameras; camera mounts are also prohibited. *This prohibition does not apply to properly credentialed FIS media, e.g. POV runners.*

22. RERUNS

When deciding on the validity of a provisional rerun, the Jury must evaluate the following, many of which are included in the provisions of Rule 623:

- Did the competitor cross the finish line? *Unless the claimed obstruction occurred in close proximity to the finish line and the competitor's racing speed did not allow sufficient time for the competitor to avoid crossing the finish line, the Jury may consider the run is over.*

- When interference did not occur in immediate proximity to the finish line, did competitor stop immediately after the obstruction or interference occurred and *report the incident to the nearest Gate Judge or Jury member*?
- Does the claimed obstruction/interference meet the requirements of 623.1.2 (Technical Failure), 623.1.3 (Yellow Flag) or 623.2 (Grounds for Interference)?
- Did a “similar incident” occur that caused significant loss of speed or lengthening of the racing line and consequently affect the competitor’s time? [623.2.6] *Please note the reference to “competitor’s time” refers to “time on course” – not “competitor’s assigned time”. Example would be if a competitor is forced to ski around a hole in the course, this would lengthen his racing line and affect his time. Rules 623.1.2, 623.1.3, and 623.2.1 – 623.2.5 list specific definitions of obstructions/interference, and rules cannot be written to address all issues that could be so defined. Rule 623.2.6 refers to “similar incident” which gives the Jury latitude to address these issues. This could apply to an obstruction that occurred in immediate proximity to the finish line, a gate that is not replaced in the correct position and requires a reaction time of one or more gates; weather issues, e.g. fog, lightning, snow swirl, etc.; course condition, e.g. surface breakdown, etc.*
- Did competitor commit a fault (gate fault or start procedure fault) prior to the obstruction or interference? [628.7]
- Only the Jury can authorize a provisional start or validate a provisional run.
- A provisional or definitively approved rerun remains valid even if it proves slower than the obstructed run.
- For provisional reruns required by broken gates, every case must be checked individually; the Jury on site is the only group that can decide, based on the particular and detailed circumstances, if interference occurred.

EXCEPTION: If actual interference is witnessed by a Jury member, Jury Advisor or a Connection Coach, and upon request from the competitor or their coach, a rerun – not a provisional – should be authorized. If prior to the incident for which a rerun was granted, an infraction was committed that would result in disqualification, the rerun is not valid. The rerun remains valid even if it proves slower than the obstructed one.

23. DRONES AT ALPINE COMPETITIONS

Any use of aerial drones must comply with Federal, State and Local laws as well as ski area regulations. If a drone operator can show compliance with these regulations, at the direction of the Jury, a drone may be used as a point of view camera (POV) prior to forerunners. Drones may not be used during the conduct of the competition. If a drone breaches the boundaries of the course, the competition should be halted until the drone withdraws.

24. GATE PANELS

All U.S. Ski & Snowboard Giant Slalom, Super G, Downhill and Parallel (including Masters) competitions must use gate panels that conform to the current specifications and should be installed according to manufacturer’s specifications. *A list of homologated panels is published on the FIS website.* Articles 901.2.2 and 1001.3.2 remain valid.

25. FLEX POLES

- All U.S. Ski & Snowboard non-FIS scored events as well as all FIS events must use FIS homologated flex poles.
- All poles on a course must be of uniform height and diameter.
- For U.S. Ski & Snowboard-scored Slalom events, women should use FIS type B poles and men can use FIS type A or FIS type B (FIS type B recommended) poles.
- For U16 Slalom event, poles must be full length, 180 cm; women should use FIS type B poles and men can use FIS type A or FIS type B (FIS type B recommended) poles.
- For U14 and younger Slalom races, poles must be FIS type B and 60” off the snow surface. This applies to events that are exclusive to U14 and younger; it is not applicable to mixed age races which include athletes U14 and older. Stubby poles are allowed for U14 & under non-scored competitions.
- In Giant Slalom, Super G and Downhill, poles should be full height for all age groups and genders. U14 and younger should use FIS type B poles.
- FIS type B poles are 25-28.9 mm in diameter and FIS type A poles are 29-32 mm in diameter.

26. COURSE SETTING GUIDELINES FOR MULTIPLE AGE CLASS COMPETITIONS

For multiple age class competitions, course setting guidelines for Super G, Giant Slalom and Slalom events are based on one class older than the youngest age class competing, e.g., U16, U14, U12 and U10 will follow U12 guidelines. Downhill event course setting is based on the youngest age class competing. **U8, although recognized by U.S. Ski & Snowboard, as well as additional classes for younger competitors are established for the purpose of awards and are subject to U10 course setting guidelines.**

27. SUPER G TRAINING RUNS AT YOUTH COMPETITIONS

Official training for U12 and U14 Super G is an integral part of the competition. The schedule must include at least one training run *without posted times* prior to the first competition, and all athletes are required to participate [U1256.4]. If competition includes U16 athletes, U1256.4 applies. For U16 Super G, an official training run is recommended and, if scheduled, all entrants are required to participate according to the decisions of the Jury. [U1003.2.1]

In exceptional cases, which must be documented in Jury Minutes, a controlled free-ski run may be authorized in lieu of an official training run.

28. START STOP

When necessary to address critical situations,

- ANY Jury member
- ANY Eyes of the Jury (Connection Coach, Chief of Course)
- ANY Jury Advisor (Start Referee or Finish Referee)

MAY call a “Start Stop”; no other official is authorized to call a “Start Stop”. Failure to comply may result in a “radio walk-over”, effectively canceling the Start Referee’s ability to receive the transmission.

29. EVENT DOCUMENT PACKETS - REVIEW & IMPORTANCE

Event Document Packets are required for all levels of U.S. Ski & Snowboard competition: non-scored and scored; this also applies to speed training and SkillsQuest. Event Document Packets are important for risk management purposes.

Instructions for content, preparation and submittal of Event Document Packets – both non-FIS and FIS, have been updated and are available in the Master Packet of Forms (MPF) on the U.S. Ski & Snowboard website.

30. COMPETITION EQUIPMENT

Equipment is the responsibility of the athlete and in the case of a minor, their parents or guardians. Equipment must be maintained and utilized in accordance with manufacturer’s instructions. Protests against equipment at a U.S. Ski & Snowboard non-FIS event must be handled in accordance with current “Guidelines Regarding Equipment Control and Protests at U.S. Ski & Snowboard non-FIS Events” that can be found in the Master Packet of Forms (MPF). Protests against equipment at a FIS event must be handled in accordance with current FIS rules. Please refer to current FIS and U.S. Ski & Snowboard Equipment Regulations for season 2018-2019 and/or the current edition of FIS Specifications for Competition Equipment.

31. KOMBI RULES

- Youth Kombi events must be set using appropriately homologated hills. Slalom/Giant Slalom format (technical orientation) using a hill homologated for Giant Slalom and Giant Slalom/Super G format (speed orientation) using a hill homologated for Super G.
- Soft ear helmets are not allowed.

Please refer to all sections of **ACR U1259.3.2** for complete details.

32. U10 AND U12 MIXED-GENDER EVENTS WITH YEAR-OF-BIRTH SEEDING

Format allows for mixed-gender and Year of Birth seeding. Start Lists will be generated using a TRS system* and results will be generated by YOB; team results may also be generated. [*Descriptions of these systems is available on the U.S. Ski & Snowboard website.]

33. HOMOLOGATION FILES

U.S. Ski & Snowboard course homologation files are available at media.ussa.org/Public/Athletics/CompServices/Homologation/. Login is required: **User ID = homologation;** **Password = Allout2018!**

ALPINE OFFICIALS' INFORMATION

- 1. CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT:** Biennial attendance at a Continuing Education Clinic (Update) is required in order to maintain certification. Yearly attendance is strongly recommended.
- 2. CHIEF OF TIMING AND CALCULATIONS:** This official supervises, documents and enforces quality control of timing operations. With exception of lower-level events (e.g. YSL), where staffing might require it, Chief of Timing and Calculations should not be operating the timekeeping equipment or the timing/race result software. The Chief of Timing and Calculations for National Championship, NorAm Cup and World Cup events should be certified as Level 3 or higher Chief of Timing and Calculations. In addition, U.S. Ski & Snowboard's Schedule Agreement requires that the Chief of Timing and Calculations be appropriately certified for all U.S. Ski & Snowboard-sanctioned events; this requirement carries the responsibility of current U.S. Ski & Snowboard-membership.
- 3. RACE ADMINISTRATOR:** Due to requirements for preparation of accurate event documentation (these are all legal documents), it is strongly recommended that the Race Administrator not also assume the duties and critical event responsibilities of the Chief of Timing and Calculations.
- 4. ALPINE OFFICIALS' CLINIC STUDY GUIDES:** Study Guides for each specialty area are posted on the U.S. Ski & Snowboard website. Clinic attendees should download, print and read the applicable Study Guide prior to attending a U.S. Ski & Snowboard-approved Clinic, however, ***downloading, printing and reading the Study Guide must not be substituted for actual attendance at a U.S. Ski & Snowboard-approved Clinic; it must not be used as a replacement for actual instruction at any U.S. Ski & Snowboard-approved Clinic.***

Specialty area Study Guides expire and will be removed from the website on June 1 of each calendar year. *With the availability of online Competition Official (CO) certification, successful completion of the online Competition Official (CO) presentation may be accepted as a replacement for actual attendance at an approved Competition Official Clinic. NOTE: ONLINE CERTIFICATION IS ONLY AVAILABLE FOR COMPETITION OFFICIAL (CO).*
- 5. MATERIAL FOR EXAMINATIONS:** Examinations are open-book format. Allowing use of computers for calculations, Second Run Start List preparation, Penalties, article research and location, etc., defeats the purpose of having to KNOW how to perform the function and is strongly discouraged. ***The Study Guides are not intended as a replacement for notes used during an open-book examination at any U.S. Ski & Snowboard-approved Clinic.***
- 6. EXAMINATION FAILURE:** An official who does not earn the points required to pass an examination is NOT allowed to retake the failed examination within the same competition year. A retake cannot occur until an updated version of the examination is available the following season. An appeal of a failing examination may be filed; refer to "Appeal of an Official's Examination Grade" contained in Chapter XI. Alpine Officials' Program in the Alpine Officials' Manual, for detailed information.

U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD MODIFICATIONS TO ICR

The following is a partial list of U.S. Ski & Snowboard modifications that do not apply to FIS events.

1. **PARALLEL RULES:** U.S. Ski & Snowboard rules for Parallel are in **ACR 1220**. **ACR** U-rules differ from **FIS** rules as follows: vertical drop, distance between courses, distance between gates, gate count, equipment, etc. *Please refer to applicable rule books and their Precisions.*
2. **TIMING RULES:** There are differences between the ICR and the ACR regarding timing. Please review section **611**.
3. **LIMITATIONS IN SECOND RUN:** **ICR 806.2** and **906.2** allows the Jury to limit the second run to one-half of the competitors on the first run start list; announcement must be made 1 hour prior to start of first run. **ACR** only allows second run limitations for collegiate events and states notice must have been given in the official invitation, or on the official notice board before the race started, and at the Team Captains' meeting before the draw.
4. **PLOMBS:** **ICR 606.2.1** requires a label or plomb on Downhill, Giant Slalom and Super G suits attesting to conformity with FIS specifications; U.S. Ski & Snowboard has no such requirement for speed suits.
5. **MONETARY SANCTIONS:** **ICR 223.3.1** allows for monetary sanction at FIS events. **ACR 223.4** prohibits monetary sanction at U.S. Ski & Snowboard events. It also prohibits the Jury from imposing a sanction from one site (current series of events) to another.
6. **VALID FINISHES:** **ICR 615.3** states Finish line must be crossed on both skis, on one ski, or with both feet *in the case of a fall between last gate and finish; time is taken when any part of the competitor's body stops the timekeeping system*. **ICR 611.3.1** states that in case of a fall at the finish where the competitor does not come to a full stop, the time can be taken without both of the competitor's feet having crossed the finish line; competitor must then cross the line. **ACR** states that a binding release more than 2 gates above the Finish line in Slalom, Giant Slalom or Super G or more than 1 gate above the Finish line in Downhill shall be considered as a clear DSQ. [**U628.1.5, U629.4**]
7. **PROTESTS:** **ACR U640.1** adds "eyewitness testimony" as a supplement to the requirement for physical evidence.
8. **PENALTY POINT CALCULATIONS:** U.S. Ski & Snowboard penalty point calculation does not include an "adder". In addition, "Rules of the FIS Points" states at least five competitors have to be classified. U.S. Ski & Snowboard allows for the insertion of "ghost" racers/points and states at least three competitors have to be classified. *(Refer to appropriate section of current Alpine Competition Guide.)*
9. **DNS/NPS/DNF/DSQ SECOND RUN START OPPORTUNITIES IN NON-SCORED EVENTS:** **ACR U621.11.3.2** allows a competitor who does not finish, who has been disqualified or who did not start the first run to take a second run with their original bib after the last qualified competitor, if the Jury and the OC allow. *The latest that announcement of this procedure should be given is the Team Captains' Meeting*. However, when each run counts individually, the competitors may start in their original bib and their first-run starting order.
10. **DNS/NPS/DNF/DSQ SECOND RUN START OPPORTUNITIES IN SCORED EVENTS:** **ACR U621.11.3.1** allows a competitor who does not finish or who has been disqualified in the first run to take a second run with their original bib and their first-run starting order after the last qualified competitor, if the Jury and the OC allow. *The Team Captains' Meeting is the latest time when allowing this procedure should be announced.*
11. **MINIMUM VERTICAL DROP PER RUN, ALTERNATE MINIMUM TIME STANDARDS AND ADDITIONAL PENALTY:** These items are fully explained in the **CURRENT Competition Guide - Alpine**; "Rules for Special U.S. Ski & Snowboard Race Penalty Calculations, Race Fails to Comply with Minimum Technical Standards." *FIS requires that, unless an exception is granted by the FIS Office, vertical drop requirements must be met or the event may result in being scored as an ENL.*
12. **SEEDING**
 - **Adaptive seeding:** Special seeding by the "Golden Rule" or by national points, whichever is more favorable, applies to Adaptive athletes competing in regularly calendared U.S. Ski & Snowboard events. [**U621.3.1; U621.11.3.3**]
 - **Additional seeding methods:** Special seeding formats can be used if currently approved by the Alpine Sport Committee and announced in advance of the competition. These include, but are not limited to, team seeding and TRS. Refer to current U.S. Ski & Snowboard Competition Guide for additional information.