

## UNITED STATES SKI & SNOWBOARD ASSOCIATION

### 2006-2007 UPDATE & REVIEW – ALPINE

In May 1999, the United States Ski and Snowboard Association's Alpine Sports Committee ratified competition regulations for domestic alpine ski racing. These regulations are adopted from the FIS ICR, but are specific to USSA competitions. The Alpine Competition Regulations (ACR) are updated annually, are published in the current Alpine Competition Guide and are available at [www.ussa.org](http://www.ussa.org). *The FIS International Competition Regulations (ICR) and adjuncts shall govern any and all issues not addressed therein.*

For all events scheduled by USSA as FIS events, *only* the rules of the FIS apply. In cases that are not addressed by the ACR for USSA 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 read and be familiar with the rules for the sport. These rules include, but are not limited to, current editions and "Precisions" of the FIS ICR, USSA ACR, and the appropriate supplemental rules, such as Rules for the Alpine Continental Cups, World Cup Rules and Rules of the FIS Points.

#### **GENERAL REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION – USSA AND FIS:**

1. **USSA ACR:** Rules have been renumbered to mirror, where possible, FIS ICR numbering. USSA exceptions to ICR rules are identified with a "U" preceding the rule number; the "U" is a part of the rule number.
2. **HOMOLOGATION INSPECTION REPORT:** This document contains the inspector's recommendations regarding placement of on-hill security/protection installations. A Jury may find that, due to existing conditions and/or course set, additional measures may be required.
3. **JURY INSPECTION:** The Jury must inspect final installation of all on-hill competitor security measures as well as course set. Jury Minutes must be generated to document this inspection and approval.
4. **VERTICAL DROP MEASUREMENT AND REPORTING:** The Technical Delegate must physically verify the actual vertical drop of a race course with GPS, altimeter or topographic map and must also verify that the vertical drop is correctly noted on all required documentation. Automatic use of vertical drop listed on the Homologation Certificate or on previous race documentation is not acceptable.
5. **DOWNHILL EVENT PREPARATION:** An organizer is required to have the entire venue race-ready by the first day of official training. This includes, but is not limited to, availability of all required officials – including Start Referee, Finish Referee, medical personnel, Gate Judges and manual (hand) timekeepers.
6. **PROVISIONAL RUNS:** Any competitor who is granted a "provisional" start or run must be reminded of its provisional nature. Granting a "run"/"start" and not clarifying its "provisional" nature will not allow the Jury to address the validity of the competitor's request.
7. **ON-SITE USSA COMPETITOR MEMBERSHIPS:** Because a membership may not be considered valid until received and processed by USSA, an ROC does not have to accept on-site membership applications, but the event fact sheet, both hard copy and online versions, should stress this policy. If an ROC does agree to accept on-site competitor membership applications, the following procedures must be followed:
  - a) Competitor must be prepared to complete required payment with a credit card.
  - b) Membership Application (personal data, insurance information and release) must be completed.
  - c) Application must be marked "**ON-SITE**" and faxed to USSA Membership at **435-647-2052, Attn: Lois**.
  - d) Competitor's USSA membership status will be updated on the USSA web site and will be available for competitor event data information and event participation.
  - e) Membership applications that are successfully received by USSA, as evidenced by web site update, may either be shredded or,
  - f) May be included in official results packet. If submitted, they must be placed in a separate envelope addressed to "**Membership Department, Attn: Lois**".
8. **USSA BACKGROUND SCREENING FOR COACHES AND OFFICIALS:** Over 75% of USSA's membership is under the age of 18. In order to help ensure that these members are in a secure environment, USSA is implementing a strict policy that is in keeping with the standards of many youth sports organizations, schools and recreational

programs in the US. All USSA employees, member coaches and officials are subject to the background screening process. The procedures to be followed are:

- a) Apply for your USSA coach or officials membership as usual, submitting your membership form with dues payment to USSA.
- b) Upon receipt and processing of your membership, USSA will advise you of the specific online procedure for screening registration.
- c) Within 10 days, register online with NCSI for screening. Your screening will be processed within 10 days. (Site is [https://www.usssa.org/PublishingFolder/272\\_7115.htm](https://www.usssa.org/PublishingFolder/272_7115.htm); similar to that used by financial institutions.)
- d) During this screening process, a coach or official will show “PENDING” in USSA’s online member lookup tool.
- e) Coach/Official must not be appointed to serve as a Jury member, Jury Advisor (Start/Finish Referee), Chief of Course or Course Setter until “Pending” status is cleared and full membership status is in effect.
- f) When USSA receives a ‘green light’ from NCSI, your membership will be finalized and a USSA membership card will be issued.

Program is more fully explained in “Member Announcements” on the USSA web site or at [http://www.usssa.org/PublishingFolder/272\\_7115.htm](http://www.usssa.org/PublishingFolder/272_7115.htm).

#### 9. USSA MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:

- a) **USSA-SANCTIONED NON-FIS EVENTS:** Jury members, Jury Advisors (Start & Finish Referees), Chief of Course, Course Setters, Competitors and Forerunners are required to be *participant members of USSA* as an Official, Coach or Competitor. *“Participant members” are those whose membership application required that they sign the “USSA Assumption of Risk and Release of Liability”. USSA Associate members are not “participant members”. Qualified members of foreign federations recognized by FIS must hold a valid USSA membership in order to take part in any capacity at a USSA-sanctioned non-FIS event.*
- b) **USSA-SANCTIONED FIS EVENTS:** Jury members, Jury Advisors (Start & Finish Referees), Chief of Course, Course Setters, Competitors and Forerunners are required to be *participant members of USSA* as an Official, Coach or Competitor *or qualified members of foreign federations recognized by FIS*. Age-eligible USSA participant members who are **not** FIS inscribed and who are serving as Forerunners **must** sign the “FIS Athlete’s Declaration”. *FIS Technical Delegate, however, may choose to use only current FIS members as Forerunners.*
- c) **USSA members whose status is PENDING on the USSA web site membership roster must not be appointed to serve as Jury members, Jury Advisors, Chief of Course or Course Setters.**

10. **JURY MEMBERS AS FORERUNNERS:** Using a Jury member as a Forerunner is not acceptable.

#### 11. REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPETITION IN A USSA-SANCTIONED FIS EVENT:

- a) All athletes, foreign or USSA, who wish to compete in FIS-sanctioned events, **must** have a valid FIS inscription code number prior to entering an event. A competitor who does not have a valid FIS inscription code number **must not** appear on a Start List or be included in the Official Results. Allowing a competitor to compete who does not have a valid FIS inscription may invalidate the event and may also invalidate the event liability insurance. If the XML transmission file does not contain a **valid** FIS inscription code number for each competitor, the FIS result database will refuse the results.
- b) USSA athletes must have *either* a “no-points/provisional” or “points” FIS inscription and must also be *competitor* members of USSA. Points or no-points/provisional FIS inscriptions must be requested through USSA. *No-points/provisional FIS inscriptions are available only for USSA-member athletes.*
- c) No-points/provisional FIS inscription code numbers are assigned on FIS list valid dates. A no-points/provisional FIS inscription code number will allow an athlete to compete in FIS races, however he/she will not appear on the FIS Points List until a points FIS inscription is complete.
- d) USSA web site may show inscription requirements have been fulfilled (date applied for and date paid) by a USSA member, but the FIS Bureau may not yet have assigned an inscription code number. Contact USSA national office for information regarding competitor’s status.
- e) USSA-member FIS inscription information is highlighted in yellow for members holding points FIS inscription; inscription information for no-points/provisional inscriptions is highlighted in blue. FIS inscription information not highlighted in either yellow or blue indicates the competitor has not completed FIS requirements for the current season.
- f) When FIS inscription information (date applied for and paid) is highlighted either in yellow (points) or blue (no-points/provisional), but no inscription code number is assigned, the Race Administrator must contact the USSA

National Office. It is also possible to access competitor biographies at [www.fis-ski.com](http://www.fis-ski.com) in Competitor Biographies. If the FIS Bureau has already processed the request, the competitor will be designated as being “start authorized” or “active”, the assigned number will be shown, and the competitor may compete.

- g) With their official entry, foreign federations confirm the eligibility of the respective competitor. If the competitor is not on the current FIS Points List, it may be possible to retrieve a valid FIS code in the “all” section of the Competitor Biographies on the FIS web site. If no number is found, the competitor must not be entered. *The “all” section of Competitor Biographies must not be used to verify a USA member’s eligibility!*
12. **FOREIGN ENTRIES AT FIS EVENTS:** Foreign entries in FIS events must be submitted by the athlete’s respective federation; the federation, by its entry, confirms the eligibility of the competitor. Foreign competitors who are training/attending USSA clubs and/or schools must have written consent from their respective federations allowing the club/school to submit their entry in FIS events. A copy of the federation’s consent must accompany the official entry. *Only home federations are authorized to enter their racers in COC and NC FIS-category competitions.*
13. **TIMING TAPES:** Timing tapes from the homologated timekeeping equipment contain the only official timing record for an event. They are to be used for proof reading Official Results.
14. **PREPARATION OF SECOND RUN START LIST:**
- a) **621.10.1:** In competitions with two runs, the starting order for the second run is determined by the result list of the first run except for the first 30 places. Art. 621.10.2 has been revised to address the ranking of this group.
- b) **621.10.3:** The Jury has the right to decide no later than one hour before the start of the first run whether the reversed order shall be reduced to 15.
15. **BIBBO AND THE GOLDEN RULE:** In the case of a Flip 30 second run, the special group starts in the 31st position or in the position immediately following the first run leader when the flip is other than 30 unless their first run time allows more favorable seeding. *Golden Rule is not valid at FIS events.*
16. **CALENDARING OF SCORED RACES:**
- a) **U202.2:** A maximum of two DH or SG races, or one GS or SL race, per gender, may be calendared per day by an organizer.
- b) **U202.2.1:** In cases of “*force majeure*”, where more than two DH or SG races, or more than one GS or one SL race, per gender, is conducted in one day and in one place, then the official Program showing inspection times, start times, course reset/redress times and start intervals for both races must be included with the race results packet submitted to USSA.
- c) **U202.2.2:** By signature on the Technical Delegate Report, the Technical Delegate confirms that the rules were followed in the execution of this procedure.
17. **MULTI-CATEGORY EVENTS:** Multi-category events sanctioned and administered as an event for each involved category, i.e. Ladies’ and Men’s J1, J2, J3 and Youth must have separate results and race codes for each gender and each category: Scored, Non-Scored and Masters. Youth events that consist of two one-run races must have separate results and separate race codes for each of the one-run races.
18. **REFEREE AND JURY ADVISORS:** Referees and Jury Advisors (Start and Finish Referee) are required to attend an Alpine Officials’ update biannually in order to retain Referee or Jury Advisor certification.
19. **APPOINTMENT OF REFEREE AND ASSISTANT REFEREES:** Appointment of Referee and Assistant Referee *is the responsibility of the Technical Delegate* and should be made from among the most qualified, appropriately certified (Referee) individuals present. However, inasmuch as these individuals are the competitors’ representatives on the Jury, the Technical Delegate should make these appointments from among the coaches present for the event.
20. **ACCIDENT FORMS:** USSA must be notified of injuries at *all* USSA-sanctioned events where an injury claim may result. The required form, American Specialty First Report of Accident is available in the “Master Packet of Forms” on the USSA web site and on the Alpine Officials’ CD. In all cases, the ASI form *must not be submitted to the FIS Bureau.* **For accidents that fit the “Guidelines for Serious Accident”, the TD Accident Form (FIS form) must also be filed.** Minor injuries at USSA-sanctioned FIS events, which do not require a TD Accident Report, are to be reported on the FIS “Notice of Injury” form (online form available – refer to FIS Update); distribution is per TD Accident Report requirements.
21. **TD/JURY RESPONSIBILITY REGARDING INJURIES:** FIS Medical Guide states: “Should an injury occur to an athlete during the course of a FIS-sanctioned event where the safety and wellbeing of that athlete is in question, the

Technical Delegate may request an independent review/exam by medical personnel unrelated to the team medical personnel for clearance for that athlete to continue in the competition.” Head injuries, in particular, may be caused by any trauma to the head, face or body, i.e. whiplash. (Evaluation form is available in the Master Packet of Forms). *The FIS Medical Guide is valid for USSA events.*

22. **SCAT (SPORT CONCUSSION ASSESSMENT TOOL):** Card is to be completed by an individual qualified to medically evaluate the injured athlete. (2-page SCAT card is available in the Master Packet of Forms. Refer to FIS Medical Guide for SCAT card guidelines.)
23. **COACHES’ RESPONSIBILITY REGARDING INJURIES:** When an athlete is injured while participating in event activities that occur within the confines of the event arena (race course or ROC-provided warmup/training area), coaches **MUST** notify the Technical Delegate so that reporting measures may be completed as required.
24. **BINDING RELEASE:** Competitors who continue on course after losing a ski except as allowed by **U629.4** will be disqualified. (**U628.15, U629.4**) **U629.4** states if a competitor in a USSA event loses a ski more than two gates above the finish in SL, GS or SG, or more than one gate above the finish in DH, the competitor may not continue on the course and must immediately remove themselves and his/her equipment off the course to make way for the next competitor. If a competitor loses a ski below the second gate above the finish line in SL, GS or SG or below the last gate above the finish line in DH, then the competitor may finish on one ski. (*This “fall in the finish” rule is a USSA rule only and may be waived by the competition Jury at events that are not scored, i.e.: YSL*)
25. **TEAM CAPTAINS’ MEETING AND THE DRAW:**
  - a) According to USSA and FIS rules, Draw must be conducted at a Team Captains’ Meeting. Online or telephonic Team Captains’ Meetings may create liability issues and are not acceptable.
  - b) **COMPUTER-GENERATED DRAW:** FIS rules require that a representative of each nation must sign the team entry at the team captains’ meeting indicating their acceptance of a random computer-generated Draw. USSA rules, however, state that the *Jury can, with the approval of the Team Captains present for the event,* allow a draw assisted by computer. Only exception to USSA rule would be USSA non-scored events, i.e. YSL, where Start Lists are prepared according to TRS (random Draw within class and gender). In this instance, a *Team Captains’ information meeting* must be held prior to the start of event; meeting may be held morning of race.
  - c) **ELECTRONIC DRAW/SEED BOARD:** Electronic draw/seed boards must have the capability to simultaneously display the entire competition field. Simultaneous display of all competitors allows all Team Captains and officials to verify the actual additions and deletions to the starting order as well as its overall accuracy.
26. **SEED POINTS AT USSA EVENTS:**
  - a) For renewing USSA Alpine competitors, confirmation of USSA Points will be available between lists upon payment of \$100 fee. Contact Divisional Office, Regional Office or compservices@ussa.org for details.
  - b) Foreign athletes who hold current FIS inscriptions and who want to participate in USSA events must complete USSA membership requirements. They will be issued an “X” membership. FIS Points for these competitors may be used for seeding and the Penalty calculation. *Foreign competitors competing in a USSA event and who do have current USSA points must be seeded with their current USSA points; these USSA points must also be used in the Penalty calculation.*
27. **DIFFERENCE BETWEEN EARLY/LATE START AND DELAYED START:**
  - a) Early/Late Start: Competitor is in the start gate and does not start within time limits and is **DISQUALIFIED** (613.7, 629.3, 805.3, 805.4);
  - b) Delayed Start: Competitor is absent when called to the start gate and is **SANCTIONED** which may or may not include disqualification (613.6).
28. **SUBMITTAL OF FIS RACE RESULTS:**
  - a) All results are to be submitted electronically by e-mail in the approved format. Results that are not transmitted in the approved format will not be accepted. If the organizer does not have the proper software, the National Ski Association will have the obligation to transmit the results. ***Races will not be entered manually by the FIS.***
  - b) Results e-mailed in correct format, which conforms to the database, will be posted on FIS web site within minutes. If not in correct format, posting must wait until receipt of Report by the Technical Delegate.
  - c) Hard copy **must not be** included in the electronic transmission to FIS.

**29. SUBJECT LINE FOR E-MAIL RACE RESULT SUBMITTAL IN XML FORMAT:**

- a) Non-FIS USSA-scored events: Use the USSA race code number (alpha + 4-digit number assigned by USSA)
- b) FIS events: Use the FIS codex number (4-digit number assigned by FIS. If only 3 digits are assigned, lead with zero. Codex does not include nation or TD number).
- c) The title of the race, i.e. “Junior Championships”, must not be used as an e-mail subject.

**30. FIS TECHNICAL DELEGATE REPORT AND TIMING TECHNICAL REPORT:** In addition to electronic transmission of the Official Results/Penalty in XML format to **alpineresults@fisski.ch** and **longhi@fisski.ch**, both the Technical Delegate Report and the Timing Technical Report must either be faxed to the FIS Bureau at **+41-33-244-6171** or e-mailed in **PDF** format to **longhi@fisski.ch**. Hard copies of the FIS packet must be submitted as directed in “Distribution of Documents – FIS Events” in “Master Packet of Forms”.

**31. JURY MINUTES FOR DELAYS, POSTPONEMENTS, TERMINATIONS OR CANCELLATIONS:**

- If a run (training or part of race) is rescheduled for a later time slot *on the same day*, it is **DELAYED**.
- If it is rescheduled for a *different day*, it is **POSTPONED**.
- When a run (training or part of a race) is started but cannot be finished, it is **TERMINATED**.
- When Jury Minutes document a **CANCELLATION**, the USSA race code/FIS codex is vacated and the event liability insurance is no longer valid. *The USSA race code/FIS codex from a canceled event cannot be used unless reassigned by the applicable party. FIS codex numbers are event and gender specific and can only be reassigned by the FIS Bureau.*

**32. OTHER COMMENTS REGARDING JURY MINUTES:**

- Using “**MUST**” implies an action is mandatory.
- Using “**SHOULD**” implies an action is strongly recommended.
- Using “**MAY**” implies an action is optional.
- Using “**SAFE**” implies “free from danger” and **MUST NOT** be used.
- Jury Minutes must only be written regarding actual decisions. Do not write Minutes similar to: “1<sup>st</sup> Run completed, no issues, no DSQ’s.” or “Team Captain will file an appeal.”
- Jury Minutes regarding sanctions should be prepared on a separate form.
- With the exception of OWG and WSC, the Start and Finish Referee are not voting members of the Jury; their names must not be included on the form.
- Speed event Jury Minutes **MUST** include wording similar to the following: “Course and competitor on-hill security inspected by the Jury and found to be acceptable.” (Due to increasing speeds being attained in technical events, the Technical Delegate may also require this type of Jury Minute for GS.)

**33. REQUEST FROM USA FIS TD COMMISSIONER:** Mail copies of *all* USA FIS race result packets and copies of *all* FIS Technical Delegate Expense Reports regardless of nationality of the Technical Delegate to: Tom Winters; 4250 East Placita Baja; Tucson, AZ 85718

**34. NATIONAL OFFICE SUPPORT:** If a Jury or ROC requires urgent technical support during an event, they may call Competition Services at **(435) 647-2037**. On weekends, this number will roll over to a designated Competition Services support staff member.

**USSA COMPETITION UPDATE 2006-2007:**

1. **USSA ACR:** With the exception of the addition of ICR Art. 640.1, regarding acceptance of a Protest by the Jury, USSA rules have been updated to incorporate required FIS **ICR** changes. USSA also did not adopt the Slalom gate count and vertical drop changes [801.1.2 - 801.2.4.2] nor the Super G gate count and vertical drop changes [1001.1.1, 1001.3.4]
2. **CRASH HELMETS:** Effective, 2006-2007, appropriate helmets will be required for all disciplines, including Slalom, at all USSA-sanctioned events.
3. **TIMING TECHNICAL REPORT FORM:** Effective 2006-2007, the revised FIS TTR will be used for both USSA and FIS events.
4. **FACTORS (F VALUES) 2006-2007:** *These are used to calculate both FIS and USSA race points.*

SC - 1000\*    DH - 1350    SL - 610    GS - 880    SG – 1030

\*No special combined events are calendared by USSA for 2006-2007

5. **MULTI-CATEGORY EVENTS:** Multi-category events sanctioned and administered as an event for each involved category, i.e. Ladies' and Men's J1, J2, J3 and Youth must have separate results and race codes for each gender and each category: Scored, Non-Scored and Masters. **Youth events that consist of two one-run races must have separate results and separate race codes for each of the one-run races.**
6. **RESULTS FOR USSA NON-SCORED EVENTS:** Results for USSA-sanctioned non-scored events, (J3, J4, Youth, etc.), will be posted on USSA web site. This process requires that ROC must obtain Transmittal #'s for each "event" as outlined under **MULTI-CATEGORY EVENTS** (#17 on page 3). In addition, results must be submitted in XML format.
7. **HEAD TAX EXEMPTIONS:** In order to encourage their continued participation in USSA-sanctioned events, entry and lift fees are to be waived for these special cases: Kristina Koznick, Kristen Mielke, Chip Knight and Daron Rahlves. Their names have been added to the list of UST and USDST members who are Head Tax Exempt. (A complete list of exempt athletes is available in the Master Packet of Forms.)
8. **"CERTIFICATION GUIDELINES":** Guidelines have been revised to include the combination of Chief of Timing 1, Chief of Race 2 and JA 1 certification as a path for Technical Delegate certification.

#### **FIS UPDATE 2006-2007:**

1. **ICR PRECISIONS:** Precisions for the Southern Hemisphere are available on the FIS web site; Northern Hemisphere Precisions will be posted when approved by FIS Council.
2. **VALIDITY OF FIS RESULTS:** FIS results are only valid for 13 months.
3. **HELMETS:** Crash helmets shall be compulsory for all Alpine events. Helmets used in FIS Snow sports shall be specifically designed and manufactured for the particular discipline and shall bear a CE mark and conform to recognized and appropriate standards such as CEH. Din 1077. ASTM F2040. SNELL S98 or RS98 etc.
4. **FIS DECLARATION:** New 2-page FIS Declaration has been issued; it is available in the Master Packet of Forms.
5. **FIS TIMING TECHNICAL REPORT:** Form has been revised for the 2006-2007 season; it is available in the Master Packet of Forms.
6. **FIS TIMING RULE ADDITION:** ICR Art. 611.3.5 requires that computer software that calculates net times must use precision of Time of Day (ToD) as used in the timing device.
7. **NON-ESSENTIAL COURSE CHANGES:** ICR Art. 614.1.5 states that in cases of immediate non-essential but necessary changes on the course, such as small removals of gates, an additional inspection or training run is not necessary. Details must be communicated to all Team Captains and competitors must be informed by the Referee at the start. (Start Referee)
8. **FIS PENALTY CALCULATIONS:** *Confirm all data on the header page of each FIS list.*
  - a) **Factors (F Values) for 2006-2007:** *These are used to calculate both FIS and USSA race points.*  
 SC - 1000      DH - 1350      SL - 610      GS - 880      SG - 1030
  - b) **FIS Category Adders for Levels 1 – 4:**  
*Separate adders are established for each gender and discipline for each of the four lower levels (1, 2, 3, and 4), and may be updated with each points list. They are published on the cover page of the FIS Points List.*
  - c) "Z" for each gender/discipline are updated with each points list and published on cover page of FIS Points List.
9. **SPECIAL COMBINED COMPETITION:** Rules have been updated for FIS Special Combined competition; refer to current Precisions for these rules.
10. **APPEAL:** ICR Art. 626 Appeal has been struck from the ICR.
11. **PROTESTS:** (New articles and change; change is underlined.)
  - ICR Art. 640.1 A Jury may only accept a protest if it is based upon physical evidence.
  - ICR Art. 640.2 A Jury is only permitted to re-evaluate its previous opinions where new evidence exists that relates to the original Jury opinion.
  - ICR Art. 640.3 All Jury decisions are final except those that may be protested under 641 or appealable under 647.1.1
  - ICR Art. 641.6 Against instructions of the Jury.
  - ICR Art. 642.2 place of submittal has been struck from the ICR.

## 12. **DEADLINES FOR SUBMITTAL:** (Changes underlined)

### ICR Art.643.6 Against all decisions of the Jury

- immediately and no later than the deadlines for submittal of protest according to the art. 643.4.
- against the decisions of the Jury regarding monetary fines as per art. 224.10
- against the decision of the Jury to terminate a race (art. 625)
- against the recommendation of the Jury that a terminated competition should count for FIS points
- against the official result lists. This appeal has to be directed exclusively against an obvious and proved calculation mistake.

## 13. **SLALOM**

- ICR Art. 801.1.2 Ladies' Courses. For Olympic Winter Games, FIS World Ski Championships and FIS World Cup: 140 - 220 m. For all other FIS races: 120 - 200 m
- ICR Art. 801.2.3 A gate must have a minimum width of 4 m and a maximum of 6 m. The distance between two gates may not be less than 0.75 m. This distance must exist between the poles of different gates as well as between the gate line of one gate and the poles of another. The distance from turning pole to turning pole of successive gates may not be less than 0.75 m not more than 13 m.
- ICR Art. 801.2.4.1 eliminates maximum/minimum counts for OWG, WSC and WC. It states direction changes must equal 30/35% of vertical drop (+/- 3) for Ladies'/Men's OWG, WSC, WC, COC and FIS Slalom.
- ICR Art. 801.2.4.2 lists minimum/maximum number of direction changes for Ladies'/Men's COC and FIS Slalom, including FIS Children I and II and ENL

## 14. **SUPER G**

- ICR Art. 1001.1.1: Vertical drop for Men's courses has been changed to 400 m -650 m. Allowance for additional exceptions has been struck.
- ICR Art. 1001.3.4 will be reworded as follows: The Super-G has to be set as follows: 10% of the vertical drop equals the maximum number of gates, respectively changes of direction. If the vertical drop is between 400 and 500 m a minimum of 32 direction changes must be set for Men. Vertical drop between 500 and 650 m a minimum of 35 direction changes for Men. A minimum of 30 must be set for Ladies. The minimum number of gates (men 35, ladies 30) counts only those requiring change of direction.
- In case of Ladies and Men's event held together (same Start/same Finish), the Men's rule is valid (minimum 32 direction changes if the VD is less than 500 m and 35 direction changes if the VD is higher than 500 m).
- The distance between the turning poles of two successive gates must be at least 25 m (exception: art. 1003.1.1).  
Children I and II: minimum 10%, maximum 12% of the vertical drop  
Entry League (ENL) Men: minimum 10% of the vertical drop

## 15. **COMPETITION EQUIPMENT:** Refer to current "FIS and USSA Equipment Regulations for Season 2006-2007" and/or current edition of FIS Specifications for Competition Equipment.

- a) The Children I and Children II measurements will be enforced at all international children's races. There are no international children's races scheduled in the USA. Athletes competing in the Whistler Cup and at Topolino must adhere to these as well as additional equipment specifications. The responsibility for equipment remains with the athletes!
- b) FIS has published separate equipment standards for Masters Competitors; refer to current rules.
- c) USSA-approved devices for checking boot sole thickness as and standing height are available:  
Contact Bob Calderwood (fistd@upbob.com) for information regarding boot sole devices  
Contact Tom Winters (skicomusa@aol.com) for information regarding calipers
- d) Effective 2007-2008, FIS Equipment Regulations regarding stack height, boot sole thickness, ski width and radius will be adjusted and will be enforced at WC and COC events.

***NOTE REGARDING TIP DEFLECTORS: When a ski tip different from the main ski part is used, the measurement will only be taken into account to the extent it covers a surface corresponding to the natural shape of the ski. Manufacturers have to mark the tip showing the limit of the natural shape to allow easy measurement. For the avoidance of doubt, specific designs of the ski tips as part of the main body of the skis will be allowed.***

## 16. **RACE PACKET REQUIREMENTS FOR EVENTS WITH NO PROBLEMS:** For an event with no problems, i.e. no injuries, protests or sanctions:

- a) Original (signed) Results, Penalty, Program, Technical Delegate Report, Timing Technical Report and Team Captains' Minutes may be E-mailed to Prisca Longhi (longhi@fisski.ch); use the FIS-assigned codex as the subject.
  - b) The following formats are acceptable:
    - PDF electronically signed files or
    - Scanned copies of the original documents
  - c) Successful transmission eliminates the need for mailing a hard copy result packet to the FIS Bureau; separate fax transmission of the TD Report and TT Report will not be necessary in this scenario.
  - d) XML transmission of Official Results is still required.
  - e) The original (signed) hard copies must be retained. Suggestions for location of these original documents are: Race Administrator or Technical Delegate; instructions of the Technical Delegate prevail.
  - f) Other packet requirements must be observed; i.e., FIS TD Commissioners, National Associations, etc.
- For events with problems - Protests, Sanctions, Injuries, etc. - standard procedures apply, i.e., submittal of hard copy packets and electronic transmission of the signed TD Report and signed TT Report.

17. **FIS RACE RESULT DISTRIBUTION:** Hard copy of FIS Results is now sent to Richard Beare, 5607 Dalcastle Rise N.W., Calgary, Alberta T3A 2A6, CANADA; results are no longer sent to Jacques Morin.

18. **FIS ONLINE ACCIDENT REPORT:** An accident report form is available for online reporting of injuries at FIS events. Hard copies of form will still need to be submitted as required in distribution procedures; copy of online form is available in Master Packet of Forms.

**NOR-AM CUP RULES:** Rules have been revised to eliminate confusion created by differences in EC and NAC seeding, etc. Please refer to current rule book.

**WORLD CUP RULES:** Rules have been revised. Please refer to current rule book.

**ALPINE OFFICIALS' INFORMATION:**

1. **Alpine Officials' Clinic/Seminar Study Guides:** Study Guides for each specialty area will be posted on the USSA web site. It is suggested that attendees download, print and read the applicable Study Guide prior to attending a USSA-approved clinic/seminar. *Downloading, printing and reading the Study Guide must not be substituted for actual attendance at a USSA-approved clinic/seminar or used as a replacement for actual instruction at any USSA-approved clinic/seminar.*
2. The **Chief of Timing and Calculations** is responsible for supervising, documenting and enforcing the quality control of actual timing and official results. With the exception of lower-level non-scored events, (i.e. YSL), where staffing issues may require it, the Chief of Timing and Calculations is not the individual operating the electronic timing equipment or the timing/race result software.
3. **Officials' Listing/History:** When viewing results for an event, list of competitors as well as list of officials will be displayed; select an individual officials' USSA code number, to view their personal work history.
4. **Security of Examinations and Keys:** These documents, either current or from previous years, must not be made available for general study prior to actual testing. *This type of availability, when documented, will result in non-acceptance of examination results.*
5. **Material for Examinations:** Examinations are open-book format. Allowing use of computers for calculations, 2nd Run Start List preparation, Penalties, etc., defeats the purpose of having to KNOW how to perform the function and is strongly discouraged.
6. **Examination Expirations:** Specialty-area examinations expire on June 1 of the of the respective competition year.

**USSA MODIFICATIONS TO ICR:**

*Any modifications do not apply to FIS events.*

1. **TIMING RULES:** There are significant differences between the ICR and the ACR regarding timing. Please be sure to review section 611.
2. **COMPUTER-ASSISTED DRAW:** ACR 621.11 states the Jury can allow a draw assisted by computer. ICR 621.11 requires that the Team Captains sign their entry before the draw is conducted by computer.

3. **PLOMBS:** ICR 606.2.1 requires a “plomb” on suits used for DH, GS and SG at certain FIS events. USSA has no “plomb” requirement.
4. **MONETARY SANCTIONS:** ICR 223.3.1 allows for monetary sanction at FIS events. ACR 223.4 prohibits monetary sanction at USSA events.
5. **ACCUMULATION OF PENALTIES:** ACR 223.3.2 allows the accumulation of penalties; ICR does not.
6. **VALID FINISHES:** ICR 615.3 states Finish line must be crossed on both skis, or on one ski, or with both feet. ICR 611.3.1 further 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. For the registered time to become valid, the competitor must immediately completely cross the finish line with or without skis. **USSA** states that a binding release more than 2 gates above the Finish line in SL, GS or SG or more than 1 gate above the Finish line in DH shall be considered as a clear DSQ. [U628.1.5, U629.4]
7. **PROTESTS:** ICR 640.1 adds language that restricts the filing of a protest unless it is based on physical evidence. ACR has not adopted this rule.
8. **PENALTY POINT CALCULATIONS:**  

**USSA penalty point calculation** differs from **FIS** in that no “correction value” (adder) or “Z value” is added/subtracted from the basic calculation. In addition, “**Rules of the FIS Points**” states that at least five competitors have to be classified. **USSA** allows for the insertion of “ghost” racers/points and states that at least three competitors have to be classified. (*Refer to appropriate section of current Alpine Competition Guide.*)
9. **USSA APPLICATION OF VERTICAL DROP, MINIMUM TIME AND MINIMUM PENALTY:** When a USSA-sanctioned event is submitted for scoring:
  - a) The minimum penalty for a non-FIS USSA race is 25.00; if penalty calculates lower, 25.00 must be applied.
  - b) If the minimum vertical drop requirement is met, then the minimum time requirement does not apply.
  - c) If the minimum vertical drop requirement is not met, the greater of the calculated penalty or the minimum penalty of 50.00 shall be applied.
  - d) If the minimum vertical drop requirement is not met, but the minimum time requirement is, then the greater of the calculated penalty or the minimum penalty of 50.00 shall be applied.
  - e) If the minimum vertical drop requirement and the minimum time requirement are not met, then the greater of the calculated penalty plus the additional penalty or the minimum penalty of 50.00 shall be applied.

FIS requires that, unless an exception is granted by the FIS Bureau, all vertical drop requirements must be met or the event will not score; there is no minimum time standard for FIS events.
10. **MINIMUM VERTICAL DROP PER RUN, ALTERNATE MINIMUM TIME STANDARDS AND ADDITIONAL PENALTY:** Minimum vertical drops, alternate minimum times and additional penalty adders when neither the minimum vertical drop requirement nor the minimum time requirement are met are fully explained in **2007 Competition Guide - Alpine**; “**Rules for Special USSA Race Penalty Calculations, Race Fails to Comply with Minimum Technical Standards**”; “**Application of Vertical Drop, Minimum Time and Minimum Penalty in Scoring a USSA Alpine Race**”].
11. **SEEDING:**
  - a) **Disabled seeding:** **USSA** allows for special seeding or by USSA points, whichever is more favorable in order to encourage disabled athlete participation in regularly calendared USSA competitions. This “Golden Rule” applies to disabled athletes competing in regularly calendared USSA competitions with 160 points or less in the discipline. They are to be seeded in special groups with start order: 16-20...36-40...56-60...etc., or by seed points whichever is most favorable. (Placement within groups is by USSA point ranking.) [U621.3.1, U621.10.3.1]
  - b) **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 USSA Competition Guide for additional information.
12. **USSA COURSE SPECIFICATIONS and USSA CHILDREN’S RULES:** These specifications differ from FIS; please refer to current edition of USSA ACR.
13. **USSA J4 and younger is FIS Children I. USSA J3 is FIS Children II.**