



SEASON 2022 UPDATE & REVIEW: CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR ALPINE OFFICIALS

U.S. Ski & Snowboard's Alpine Competition Regulations (ACR) for domestic alpine ski racing are based in large part on 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.

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 as well as the "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 rule change and 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.*

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.

PLEASE NOTE: Local health authority restrictions may require ski area management to implement procedures to protect the wellbeing of their employees and guests. These procedures may vary from venue to venue, county to county, and state to state. Procedures which impact your event operations and programs must be relayed to all event officials, Team Captains, and competitors. The procedures must – without question – be respected and observed.

U.S. Ski & Snowboard will maintain a [COVID-19 resource page \(usskiandsnowboard.org/covid-19\)](http://usskiandsnowboard.org/covid-19).

U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD COMPETITION CONTINUING EDUCATION (UPDATE) SEASON 2022:

1. MEMBERSHIP

- **Background Screening:** Any athlete who turns 18 years of age (YOB 2003 or YOB 2004), during the competition season will receive notice of requirement for background screening.
- U.S. Ski & Snowboard must receive a screening determination within 45 days from the member's birthday.
- Membership will become inactive on the 46th day, and athlete shall not be allowed to participate in any capacity in U.S. Ski & Snowboard events until their membership is current.
- **Other Membership Requirements:** Requirements for SafeSport Training, Introduction to Avalanches, and Coaching Fundamentals remain in place.
- **Age Classes:** U19 age group has been realigned to U18.

2. HELMETS

For all events, helmet-mounted cameras and/or their mounts are not allowed for use by either competitors or forerunners. The helmets shall have no spoilers nor protruding parts. [U606.4, U707, U807, U907, U1007, FIS Equipment Specifications]

3. GATE JUDGES

The Jury along with the support of the Organizing Committee may opt to not use Gate Judges for DH, DH Training, SG, SG Training, and GS, provided they take measures to cover the entire course with sufficient Jury members, Jury Advisors, Eyes of the Jury, and Connection Coaches [U669.3] *Slalom requires regular assignment of Gate Judges.*

4. MINIMUM PENALTY FOR EVENTS THAT DO NOT MEET VERTICAL DROP REQUIREMENT

If an event does not meet required minimum vertical drop (MVD), the greater of the calculated penalty or the minimum penalty of 60.00, shall be applied.

5. TEAM CAPTAINS' MEETINGS

Team Captains' Meetings for all U.S. Ski & Snowboard events are to be held either in person or online. Regardless of the format, an attendance list and minutes of the meeting must be generated. [604.3] For an online meeting:

- Verify availability of internet connectivity with sufficient bandwidth
- Choose an online meeting platform and test its functions; e.g., sharing screen
- Include platform, URL, time, and date in Race Announcement
- Follow up with log-in information for registered clubs/Team Captains
- Establish procedure for posting required documents; e.g., Medical Plan, Program, etc.

If an in-person meeting is required, e.g., areas with poor/limited connectivity, inclement weather, Championship events, Nor-Am Cup events, other events with special seeding, the following suggestions are offered:

- If possible, stage meeting in an outdoor environment; e.g., morning before an event, after an event and in preparation for the next day's event
- Provide all required meeting documents via a well-publicized online format and in a timely manner; e.g., Program, Medical Plan, area rules
- Regardless of location, require all attendees wear masks
- Regardless of location, maintain social distancing at a minimum of 6 feet
- If indoors, adhere to current COVID-19 vaccination requirements
- Regardless of location, request that each team be represented by only one (1) Team Captain *
- Regardless of location, refrain from offering refreshments. If refreshments are provided, they should be in individually packaged, single-serving sizes.

* Events with Divisional Quotas: athletes with private coaches should be represented by the Divisional Team Captain, not the private coach.

* Accommodations may be required for same-nation foreign athletes not represented by a Team Captain already representing the team with which they train.

6. DOCUMENTS & SIGNATURES

The list of documents that must be submitted to U.S. Ski & Snowboard and the FIS Office has been reduced, but rules still require signatures on many documents including, but not limited to TD Report, TDTR, Jury Minutes, Team Captains' Meeting Minutes, Report by the Referee, Protests. Signatures confirm that rules and procedures were followed, and original, signed documents may be required in a legal review.

If the Technical Delegate agrees to the use of electronic signatures on certain documents, s/he must verify availability of legally-acceptable document signing software, e.g., DocuSign, eSign, etc., which certify signatures with time and date, etc. *Copying and pasting a facsimile of a signature is not legally acceptable.*

It is strongly suggested that Technical Delegates request copies – either paper or electronic – of all event-related documents.

7. SCOREBOARD & OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD

The scoreboard as well as the Official Notice Board are usually located at or near the finish. However, the OC may opt to only use an online format for either or both of these items. In addition, an Announcer may be announcing DSQ's. In each case, the rules are satisfied, and unofficial results and other documents such as the Report by the Referee are made available for review. *Rules do not specify which system – acoustic, physical, or online – is preferred.*

8. LEVEL 100 COACH

Referee certification will soon be integrated into the Level 100 Coach online certification process. Certification Guidelines have been adjusted to cover associated requirements.

9. CHANGE TO CERTIFICATION MATRIX: REFEREE

Certification Guidelines for individuals wishing to earn Alpine Officials' Referee certification have been adjusted. Requirements for Level 1 certification now require completion of 2 Referee-specific shadow assignments under the supervision of a U.S. Ski & Snowboard Level 3 Alpine Referee, Level 3 Alpine Technical Delegate, (minimum Level 2 RF/TD), or FIS TD.

A "shadow assignment" is more than just showing up on race day. Any individual who is fulfilling their shadow assignment requirements should be prepared to participate in all pre-race, race day, and post-race duties and responsibilities. Pre-event communication with mentors is strongly recommended.

10. CALCULATION OF SEASON 2022 NATIONAL BASE POINTS

National points for Season 2022 will be based on an athlete's best two results from Seasons 2020 and 2021.

11. NATIONAL TEAM COACHES

National team coaching staff members must attend a bi-seasonal Alpine Continuing Education Clinic prepared and presented by qualified UST staff or other official authorized to conduct the clinic.

FIS COMPETITION CONTINUING EDUCATION (UPDATE) SEASON 2022:

1. TEAM CAPTAINS' MEETINGS AND THE DRAW

An actual meeting, attended in person or online by Team Captains, Jury, and race officials is an inseparable part of the competition and is important for communication of Jury instructions, support of the OC, OC requests, and information as well as a critical element for risk management and liability related matters. Art. 216 and 217 apply in all cases. **[604.3]** *This definition of a Team Captains' Meeting also applies to non-FIS events.*

2. LESS THAN FIVE COMPETITORS: MAXIMUM VALUE

If there are less than five competitors with FIS points among the first ten of the result list, or there are not five competitors who started with FIS points, then those competitors without FIS points will receive the maximum value as noted in Rules of the FIS Points.

If less than three competitors with FIS points are ranked within the five or at least three competitors without FIS points are classified, the competition will be considered for FIS points with a double of the maximum value (of the respective event) as minimum penalty. **[4.4.4 Rules of the FIS Points]**

3. FLUORINATED SKI WAX

Effective Season 2022, FIS has prohibited any products containing C8 fluorocarbons/FFOA at all FIS events. A Fluorine Tracker that will instantly detect the presence of fluorine wax on skis has been postponed until after Season 2022.

4. CUT-RESISTANT UNDERWEAR AND AIRBAGS: RECOMMENDATIONS

The use of cut-resistant underwear and airbags has been recommended for Season 2022. Discussions are being held to make these items mandatory as of Season 2023. *Decision on proposed race-level applicability is not currently available.*

5. AIRBAGS – WORLD CUP, WORLD SKI CHAMPIONSHIPS, OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES

The use of Airbag protector is compulsory only at WC, WSC, and OWG speed events, DH/SG/AC. (Level-0 competitions). A non-removable FIS compliance label affixed to the front side of the protector is standard. The label certifies compliance with the FIS equipment specifications and the supplier's safety standards (product description).

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

1. MASTER PACKET OF FORMS

All forms in the Master Packet of Forms (MPF) have been reviewed, updated, and approved; *this includes both national and FIS forms*. Please use current forms without alterations and/or personalization.

2. CHANGES & RECOMMENDATIONS: U12 and U14 Age Groups

- U12 and under competitors are only allowed to use one (1) pair of skis in the race arena as required for an event's inspections and competition. *This mandate is not intended to preclude an athlete using a different pair of skis to freeski while not in the race arena.*
- Wax benches are not allowed in U14 and younger race arenas
- Wax application is not allowed at a U14 and younger competition venue. A "competition venue" is defined as the "ski resort property"

3. RACE ARENA

The "race arena" is defined as being within (the side-to-side fencing) and without (the start area and the finish arena) the confines of the competition area. *Warmup slopes are not under the control of the Jury, are not part of the "race arena", and are not governed by the ICR. [223.2.1, 614.1.3; Precisions]*

4. CERTIFICATION LEVELS

The Chief of Timing & Calculations for Nor-Am Cup and World Cup should be certified as Level 3 T & C. The Alpine Competition Guide specifies: "All events shall have the most qualified officials available." This modification clarified the intent that specific certification levels not be required for certain competition levels; e.g., Level 3 for a FIS event, etc.

5. SUBMITTAL OF RESULTS AND PREPARATION OF EVENT RESULT DOCUMENT PACKETS

Requirements for submittal of results and preparation of Event Result Document Packets differ depending on the level – non-FIS or FIS – and type of event. Please refer to current requirements posted in the Master Packet of Forms (MPF) posted on the U.S. Ski & Snowboard website.

6. FLUORINATED WAX

U.S. Ski & Snowboard has prohibited wax products containing fluorocarbons from use in all sanctioned competitions.

7. TIMING & DATA TECHNICAL REPORT (TDTR) – non-FIS Events:

A Timing Data Technical Report (TDTR) is required for all levels of competition, and the FIS TDTR software (available for Windows 8.1, 10, MAC OSX 10.10+), is to be used for preparing and submitting the report for non-FIS events. The Chief of Timing & Calculations is responsible for submitting the report in XML format to tdtr@usskiandsnowboard.org. The PDF report must still be printed and signed as noted in instructions for preparing event document packets located in the Master Packet of Forms (MPF). The U.S. TDTR in the MPF is intended for making note of items required by the FIS software. *If an event requires calculation of a replacement time (EET), copies of all calculations must be included with the PDF copy.*

8. CLINIC ATTENDANCE

In addition to applicable certification and current U.S. Ski & Snowboard membership, an official must have attended a bi-seasonal Continuing Education Clinic prior to serving as a Course Setter, Chief of Course, Chief of Race, Referee, Assistant Referee, Jury Advisor (Start or Finish Referee), Chief of Timing & Calculations, or Race Administrator at U.S. Ski & Snowboard sanctioned events.

9. "CLEAN HILL INITIATIVE"

A Power Point presentation, "Clean Hill Initiative", is a mandatory part of the following Alpine Officials' Clinics: Continuing Education, Chief of Race, Chief of Course, Referee (Jury Advisor), and Technical Delegate.

"Courses" and "B-Net" Power Point presentations are recommended viewing for those officials who have not seen them in the previous two seasons.

10. TECHNICAL DELEGATES' WORKSHOP

In addition to applicable certification and current U.S. Ski & Snowboard membership, a Technical Delegate must attend a seasonal workshop approved for the continuing education of Technical Delegates prior to serving as a Technical Delegate at U.S. Ski & Snowboard sanctioned events.

It is strongly recommended each Division establish a system of communication that will enable continuing support for its Technical Delegates throughout the season. Informal meetings – either actual or virtual – can provide an excellent forum for the sharing of best practices. An end-of-season follow-up is also recommended.

11. VENUE ACCESS

“Blocks” of coaches’ tickets must not be provided for participating clubs. This practice does not allow the OC to “make their best effort” to comply with SafeSport requirements.

An OC may choose to only allow/require that one coach pick up all of a team’s coach credentials/lift tickets. In this case, using the “Venue Access” form (Refer to #19. Venue Access) located in the MPF, or equivalent, the designated team coach must use this process:

- List the names to whom each credentials/lift tickets will be issued,
- RA must verify membership status for each of the recipients, and
- The coach must sign for receipt of the credentials/lift tickets, thereby confirming identity of the recipients

If the OC chooses to have each individual coach pick up their own credentials/lift tickets, the following process will need to be followed:

- Each coach will have to individually request credentials/lift tickets
- RA must verify membership status for each recipient
- RA must verify identify of each recipient

Either of the above procedures will allow OC’s representative (RA) to make their ‘best effort’ to enforce membership requirements.

12. COURSE HOMOLOGATION DATA VERIFICATION

Paper copies of homologations located in ski area/club files may be outdated. The only accurate sources for course homologation data verification are the U.S. Ski & Snowboard and FIS websites.

U650.1.2 A new inspection of an existing course (FIS or National) voids the previous homologation of an existing course.

13. VERIFICATION OF MEMBERSHIP, CERTIFICATION, UPDATE STATUS

U.S. Ski & Snowboard Memberships Department has a list online of those individuals whose membership status is “pending” due to incomplete fulfillment of one or more of the following membership requirements: Background Screening, SafeSport Training, Introduction to Avalanches Course, Coaching Fundamentals Course. The list will be updated daily between 10:00 – 11:00 AM (MST).

In addition to current active membership, a Coach or Official must also be appropriately certified for the respective position as required by the current ACR and have attended a bi-seasonal Continuing Education prior to the event (Season 2022 requires minimum of Season 2021 attendance).

NOTE: Technical Delegates are required to attend a Technical Delegates’ Workshop prior to every season.

14. COURSE SETTING SPECIFICATIONS FOR MULTIPLE AGE CLASS COMPETITIONS

For multiple age class competitions, course setting specifications 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 events will follow U12 specifications. 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 specifications.

These specifications only apply to course setting; they do not apply to maximum vertical drop. Unless an athlete is competing with a “Ski Up Agreement”, they are not permitted to compete in events where the vertical drop exceeds the

allowance for their chronological age group. Example: GS field consists of U16, U14, U12, and U10 athletes, U12 course setting specification will apply, but the maximum vertical drop of 200m for U10 athletes must be respected.

15. KOMBI RULES

- Kombi events must be set using appropriately homologated hills. Slalom/Giant Slalom format (technical orientation) using a hill homologated for Giant Slalom; Giant Slalom/Super G format (speed orientation) using a hill homologated for Super G
- Rules are those that apply to the faster of the events: e.g., Slalom/Giant Slalom events are governed by Giant Slalom rules; e.g., Start commands and start intervals; helmets

U1259.10 clarifies In Kombi competitions, athletes must use the helmets designed for GS, SG, or DH. Athletes U14 and older must use helmets that meet the FIS standards.

16. PARALLEL

Rules for Parallel events continue to evolve. Events are referred to only as “Parallel”. Please refer to current editions of ACR/ICR and their precisions.

U614.2.3 Competitors may step back (hike) in qualification round(s) only; stepping back (hiking) is not allowed in bracket round(s). FIS rules do not allow for stepping back (hiking) in any portion of Parallel events.

17. 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 freeski run may be authorized in lieu of an official training run.

18. FORCE MAJEURE

In Alpine competitions, "force majeure" describes those uncontrollable/unexpected events (such as extreme weather, extreme surface conditions) that are not the fault of any party and that make it difficult or impossible to carry out an event. *Force majeure is “uncontrollable and unexpected”; it is not “planned”.*

- An unexpected weather occurrence that requires a program/course/assignment change
- A last-minute ski area management decree

19. 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.

- If the Jury is no longer empaneled, they may not re-evaluate a previous decision
- If the Jury is no longer empaneled, they may not alter an athlete’s status; e.g., assign/unassign DSQ based on previously unavailable video, etc.
- Jury decisions are final except those that may be protested (641) or appealed (647)
- A Jury may re-evaluate a previous decision (Art. 640.2) but only if tenure has not ended (Art. 601.4.4.2)

20. JURY MEMBERS’ VOTES

Start and Finish Referees are voting members of the Jury only for Olympic Winter Games and World Ski Championships. For other events, they must not be listed as “Jury Members Present”, as they have no vote; they do not sign Jury Minutes. *Marking “NO” indicates a “NO” vote; it does not mean an official does not have voting rights.*

21. 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, including athlete, coach, Gate Judge, etc.
- Questioning witnesses – including athlete, coach, Gate Judge, etc. – 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 considering all evidence. The Jury must adhere to the following policy:

- Consider infraction
- Hear and consider all testimony and other 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.

22, 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 party involved in the 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] Protest fees collected at non-FIS events remain with the Organizer.

23. VALID AND FALSE STARTS [613.7, 805.4] AND DELAYED STARTS [613.6, 805.3.1]

- Early/late start violation occurs when a competitor is in the start gate and does not start within the required period with respect to the start command – “GO”!
- Course workers and officials must have a reasonable expectation of when a competitor may be approaching their position. Competitors who either start early or late can minimize this expectation and potentially create an environment that is not secure. For these reasons, early/late start violations require DSQ. [613.7, 805.4]
- A “delayed” competitor is one who is not present in the start area or who is not ready to start when called [613.6, 805.3.1]
- A provisional start may be allowed by the Start Referee (*force majeure*) or the Jury (in case of doubt)
- Athletes who are given provisional starts are subject to SANCTION, which *may or may not* include DSQ

24. PROVISIONAL STARTS – IMPORTANT POINTS:

- An athlete who is granted a provisional start that is later found to be unjustified is subject to “sanction”
- Depending on circumstances, the sanction may include a DSQ. Prior to imposing the DSQ, Jury must decide whether or not the competitor’s later start provided an unfair advantage, e.g., improved weather conditions, etc.
- A competitor shall only be disqualified if their mistake would result in an advantage for them with regard to the end result, unless the Rules state otherwise in an individual case, e.g., gate fault; early/late starts. [223.3.3]
- If a provisional start is not approved, the competitor’s status must not be changed to DNS. The only available option is DSQ, but then only if the provisions of 223.3.3 have been met.

25. START STOP

- 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” when necessary to address critical situations; no other official is authorized to call a “Start Stop”. Failure to comply may result in a “radio walk-over”, impairing the Start Referee’s ability to receive the transmission.

26. FIRST REPORT OF ACCIDENT

A First Report of Accident is required for all injuries involving U.S. Ski & Snowboard members (both national and foreign) at all sanctioned events. The required form can be found at buckner.com/us-ski-and-snowboard/ under “Participant Accident/Online Accident Report”.

Online filing is available and is preferred; online filing requires completion of final step: “SUBMIT”. Paper filing is also available; applicable form is available at bottom of link section and requires reporting party’s signature. Education materials refer to the reporting form as: “U.S. First Report of Accident” or “1st Report of Accident”. (Refer to MPF for complete instructions.)

27. FIS INJURY REPORTING

A FIS Report of Injury is required for all injuries involving participants in FIS events; form is available in the MPF. If used, please submit to alpine@fisski.com. A copy must also be made available for limited distribution as outlined in “Distribution of Documents – FIS Events”, located in the MPF.

If an accident requires filing of a 4-page “TD Accident Report” as updated in the “Guidelines for Actions in Case of Serious Accidents,” *the Technical Delegate must immediately contact Jeff Weinman, U.S. Ski & Snowboard Competition Services for instructions. The Technical Delegate must coordinate with the Ski Patrol and verify the information contained in the report. If required, this form is submitted in addition to the First Report of Accident.*

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

28. RECOMMENDATIONS: Content of Jury Minutes and Team Captains’ Meeting Minutes

- It is recommended that event medical plans be amended to require a member of the Ski Patrol be present in the start area for an event
- It is recommended that all OC’s add to the medical plan the availability of “Stop the Bleed” kits at the start
- For more information and to obtain “Stop the Bleed” kits:
kellybrushfoundation.org/skiracingsafety/stop-the-bleed/
- It is recommended that Ski Patrol at resorts where there is avalanche potential provide an “Avalanche Control Report” at the Team Captains’ Meetings.

29. SUBMITTAL OF TECHNICAL DELEGATE REPORTS: Event Report and Expense Report

A Technical Delegate Report is required for all levels of competition. A copy of the completed/signed report as well as a copy of the Technical Delegate’s Expense Report should be submitted to the appropriate member of the U.S. Ski & Snowboard U.S. Technical Delegates Working Group.

30. EVENT RELATED DOCUMENTS

For events with no issues (injuries or accidents), it is recommended all event-related documents be kept on file for one (1) year. In the case of an event with serious injury/accident as defined by the Guidelines for Serious Accidents, the Technical Delegate must immediately contact Jeff Weinman, U.S. Ski & Snowboard Competition Services for instructions. The Technical Delegate must coordinate with the Ski Patrol and verify the information contained in the TD Accident Report.

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

Synchronization of timing systems must occur *as close as possible to scheduled start for the first run. After synchronization is done, a new impulse must be sent by the same source to check the synchronization accuracy on Systems A and B.* Synchronization of all systems must be maintained; *must not be re-synchronized for the second run.*

32. 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 & 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 who are not also U.S. Ski & Snowboard competitor members may not be placed on the Member Hold List.*

ALPINE OFFICIALS' INFORMATION

- 1. CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT:** With the exception of Technical Delegates, bi-seasonal attendance at a Continuing Education Clinic (Update) is required in order to maintain certification and officiate at events. Yearly attendance is strongly recommended. Technical Delegates must attend an annual Technical Delegate Workshop; *membership and certification requirements still apply.*
- 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.
- 3. RACE ADMINISTRATOR:** Due to requirements for preparation of accurate event documentation (these are documents that may be required in a legal review), 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 and should be downloaded and reviewed prior to attending a U.S. Ski & Snowboard-approved Clinic. Competition Official ("Introduction to Ski Racing") is a pre-requisite for Alpine Official certification and may be completed online. *Education materials expire on May 1; they are updated prior to every season.*
- 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., is not acceptable.
- 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.