



Changes to the 2017 – 2018 Rulebook

- The word “should” moved to permissive from mandatory
- The word “rider” replaced with “competitor” throughout
- Add Skicross to all references of Boardercross throughout

100.03 Deleted Sections

- 100.04
- 100.04.1
- 100.05

101.01 Membership

- CHANGE – second member profile price to full membership “The second member profile including result history and rankings will incur a full price membership fee”
- ADD- “Athletes must identify with one membership category (eg. youth, open, adaptive, etc.)”

101.03 Membership in Regional Series

- ADD – “deadline for when a member may change their home series / January 31st.”

ADD - 102.02 Gender

- ADD - Gender
 - The USASA is committed to providing a fair and fun inclusive sporting environment where people of all backgrounds can contribute and participate. People who identify as transgender or transsexual should be treated fairly and with dignity and respect at all times.
- Age Class
 - For the purposes of registration as a USASA competitor, an athlete may register with the gender with which the person identifies, and confirmation sufficient for guaranteeing access shall be satisfied by documentation or evidence that shows the stated gender is sincerely held, and part of a person’s core identity. Documentation satisfying the herein stated standard includes, but is not limited to, government-issued documentation or documentation prepared by a health care provider, counselor, or other qualified professional not related to the athlete.
- Open Class
 - At USASA Open class competitions at USASA National Championships members may have the opportunity to represent the United States and participate in international competition. They may therefore be subject to the policies and regulations of the International Olympic Committee (IOC). At regional Open Class competitions it is recognized that documentation or evidence that shows the stated gender is sincerely held, and part of a person’s core identity may be required upon request.

102.03 Age Class

- ADD - Adaptive Freeskier Class
- ADD – Snowboard Intellectually Disabled (ID) Class

102.04 Open Class Division

- CHANGE the word “qualified” to “**competed**” ie reflects participation in the higher level event.
- “Top 4 result at a FIS Event with at least a 100 point value (example USSA Rev Tour, FIS NorAm Alpine, or FIS SX/SBX)”

102.06 Adaptive Snowboard Division

- CHANGE - This division was established to permit adaptive snowboarders to compete in USASA Regional and National events. The Adaptive Snowboard Division aligns with World Para Snowboard Classification

Rules and Regulations. For Regional and National events, adaptive competitors will be registered and compete in the Adaptive Snowboard Class. Regardless of which discipline the athlete attended on a regional level, they will have the opportunity to compete in all disciplines at the National Championship (HP, SS, BX, GS, SL). International adaptive competitors may compete in either the Adaptive Class or Open Class at the National Championship.

102.07 Adaptive Freeskier Division

- **ADD - Adaptive Freeskier Division** - This division was established to permit adaptive freeskiers to compete in USASA Regional and National events. The Adaptive Freeskier Division aligns with World Para Alpine Skiing Classification Rules and Regulations. For Regional and National events, adaptive competitors will be registered and compete in the Adaptive Freeskier Class. Regardless of which discipline the athlete attended on a regional level, they will have the opportunity to compete in all disciplines at the National Championship (HP, SS, SX). International adaptive competitors may compete in either the Adaptive Class or Open Class at the National Championship.

102.08 Intellectually Disabled (ID) Snowboard Division

- **ADD - Snowboard (ID) Division** - Snowboard (ID) was established to support intellectually disabled snowboarders to participate in Slalom and Giant Slalom at USASA Regional and National events. USASA categorizes advanced (ID) snowboard participants, venues and formats as defined by the Special Olympics Rules and Regulations. Intellectually disabled snowboarders are required to provide their own certified on-hill coaching and/or support staff. Coaches and Support staff must be USASA members..

103.05 National Championship Qualification

- **ADD - H** - Competitors invited to the USASA National Championship via the USSA Rev Tour (REV) typically do not have a USASA National Ranking. These competitors will be evenly distributed into the heats to ensure that a heat is not unfairly overloaded with Rev Tour invited athletes.

103.06 National Remaining Qualification

- **CHANGE** to read "The remaining slots will be awarded based on the National Ranking system."

103.07 National Ranking

- **REMOVED** section B Add to E "National Rankings will consist of the competitors best 3 results"

103.08 National Ranking

- **Section C CHANGE TO** "USASA NATIONAL POINTS SUBMISSION DEADLINE" MARCH 4TH, 2018
- **Section F CHANGE TO** "petition into either Adaptive or Open Class"

104 USASA NATIONAL TEAM

- **ADD** "The Junior National Team is contingent on sponsor support and may or may not be funded each season. On January 15th of each year the USASA will publish the determination to fund the Junior National Team on the USASA website."

103.12 National Overall Champion - Move section from 105 to subsection of 103

- **CHANGE** the name of 03.12.1 to **Overall National Snowboard Champion**
- **ADD 103.12.2 - Overall National Freeski Champion** (defines the events a HP, SS & SX ")

109 Official Communication

- **REMOVED**

120.01 Entry Forms

- **REMOVED** - "The Regional -Series Directors shall use the software supplied by the USASA"

120.02 Startlists

- **CHANGE** - "must" to should

122.03 Distribution

- **REMOVED**

103.11 Coaches at The National Championships DONE

- **REMOVED** - and be eligible for complimentary lift tickets at the National Championships.
- **REMOVED** - to receive this benefit.
- **ADD - 103.12 Provisional Coaching Certification**

- In the event a coach has not received certification in advance of the National Championships, the coach may petition the Coaches Education Committee for provisional access to the event. All prerequisites and background screening must be completed as part of the application process. The application must be submitted before March 1 and include a non refundable \$100 application fee. This fee does not include clinic materials, USASA membership or additional certification costs.

131 Types of Protest

- REMOVED - “The Regional Series Director” will set the costs and times for their series.....”
- ADDED – “It is understood that this table applies to Regional Series events and the National Championships.

135 & 136

- MOVED - to section 137

137

- REMOVED “& Disciplinary Sanctions from Title”

140.01 Duties- DONE

- REMOVED – “Participating on the USASA Junior National Team Selection Committee”

141 USASA Freestyle Commission

- REMOVED - “The Freestyle Commission is comprised of a chairperson as well as 4-6 national educators/regional judge coordinators

142.02 Event Guidelines

- REMOVED

151.01 COMPETITORS EQUIPEMENT

- REMOVED - Snowboard retention devices shall be used when mandated by the resort.
- REMOVED - Rider’s acknowledge that the sport of snowboarding is a hazardous activity with inherent risks of serious personal injury, disability and death. It is the sole responsibility of the rider to select appropriate safety equipment for their event.

151.03 Safety Equipment

- ADD - skiing to last bullet point
- REMOVED - “The Technical Commission shall not recommend or provide any specifications on any design or brand of helmet or other body protection. Moreover, the Technical Commission shall not assume any responsibility or liability in relation to any recommendation or requirement that helmets or other body protection be used referred to in this Rulebook.”

151.04 Start Numbers / Bibs

- REMOVED - The competitors may not change the shape and or size of the bibs.

151.05 Forbidden Equipment

- CHANGE to read - “Slalom, Giant Slalom, Boardercross & Skiercross competition suits must be two piece – pants and separate top. Form fitting speed or downhill suits are not permitted.”

152.01 Prohibited Substances

- CHANGED - IOC with WADA
 - <https://www.wada-ama.org/en/what-we-do/prohibited-list>

152.04 - USASA Concussion Policy

- **ADD - 152.04 USASA Concussion Policy**
 - Competitors are required to abide by the USASA Concussion policy. Competitors will be placed on membership hold pending clearance from a licensed health care provider trained in concussion management.
 - Remove “minor” and replace with “competitor” in the concussion policy doc

202.01 Primary Duties of a Gate Judge

- CHANGED - Decisions to Primary Duties

202.02 Additional Duties of a Gate Judge

- CHANGED - Decisions to Additional Duties

202.03 Head Gate Keeper

- REMOVED - ASSISTANCE in title

202.06 Information to a Competitor

- ADD - Can provide no physical assistance

204.01 Composition

- REMOVED - "National Event Director" from the jury
- CHANGED - SBX / SX & Alpine - Jury consists of:
 - Finish Ref
 - TS
 - Venue Manager / Chief of Competition
- CHANGED - Freestyle - Jury consists of:
 - TS
 - Venue Manager / Chief of Competition
 - Head Judge
- CHANGED - The following officials act as jury advisors and shall have no voting rights
 - ADD - National Comp Director & Nationals Head TS

206 START & FINISH PERSONNEL

- CHANGED - Group Start with start and Finish with finish

210 RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF CERTIFIED COACHES

- CHANGED - USASA trainers division to-US Coaches Education Committee.

252 COURSE

- REMOVED - first bullet "finish area"

262 GATE PASSAGE

- CHANGED - to Gate Passage

262.01 Reasons

- CHANGED - The gate line in triangular banner Slalom, Parallel Slalom, Giant Slalom, Parallel Giant Slalom, Snowboard & Skier Cross is the extension of the line past the turning pole which connects the two points at the base of the banner.

300 GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR ALPINE EVENTS

- CHANGED to "shall" in 3rd bullet

304 HEAVY SNOWFALL

- MOVED – to Section 260.04

304.01 Start Cadence

- ADD - Start Cadence – "Red course ready, blue course ready, attention, go"

305 FINAL RANKING

- CHANGE - to "should be no less"

307 DISQUALIFICATION

- ADD – "in a parallel format to 2nd bullet"

312 START CADENCE

- CHANGED – " shall to should"

316 PENALTY TIME

- REMOVED - bullet 6 & 7

403 RIDERS EQUIPMENT

- REMOVE - entire section

501.02 & 501.03

- CHANGED - Merge into section 250

502 INSPECTION / PRACTICE

- ADDED - "A starter shall be present at the top of the course to control entry and regulate the flow"

503 JUDGING PODIUM

- CHANGED - Moved to section 250

503.03 DQ : Disqualification

- ADDED - "Barring an injury during the competitors judged run"

503.04 Re-Runs

- REMOVED - "competitor dropped in without approval"

504 HALFPIPE / SLOPESTYLE / RAIL JAM JUDGES

- CHANGED - Moved section 200

505.04 Judges Duties

- REMOVED - entire section

603 EQUIPMENT

- CHANGED - Title to Equipment / delete Safety
- REMOVED - Delete bullet 2
- CHANGED - poles are allowed for Skiercross
- ADDED - Boardercross & Skiercross competition suits must be two piece – pants and separate top. Form fitting speed or downhill suits are not permitted

604 TRAINING / INSPECTION

- Change to "groups of up to 4 competitors" (last bullet)

605.01 Start Gate

- CHANGED - to "simultaneous departure for 4 competitors"

605.02 Finish Video Control

- ADDED - When possible the finish referee should establish video control for all finishes. Video review should be placed in a manner to offer a clean line of site for each finish. All close heats should be reviewed and confirmed by the finish referee.

606 COURSE JUDGES

- ADDED - to communicate any disqualification, injury, course damage & obstructions

610 DISQUALIFICATION

- ADDED - "A competitor will be disqualified for intentional contact by pushing, pulling or holding another competitor's arm, leg or pole or other means, which causes another competitor to slow down, fall or exit the course. A competitor is not allowed to bring their arm, leg, ski pole in front of another competitor's body to avoid being passed. Blocking by intentional movement of the body or leaving the natural racing line is not allowed. The natural racing line is defined as the fastest way between the features and around the gate line. All contact infractions will be at the discretion of the gate judges and the jury.

ADDED - The leading competitor shall have the right to choose his line on the course and through the corners. When on a straight section of the course, a competitor shall not intentionally block another competitor from passing.

611 RESULTS AT THE FINISH LINE

- REMOVED - "or 1st to 6th"

614 FORMAT

- ADDED - 614 FORMATS
 - One of the following formats must be used to establish a seeding order for heat racing: 620.01, 620.03 or 620.04. Cuts to field size based on place of finish in seeding may not be made, except at

the National Championships as required. Format must be announced in the official event announcement and confirmed at the riders meeting.

- **ADDED -Time Trials**
 - There are two (2) timed qualification formats.
 - a) Qualification – One Run: -- all competitors take one (1) timed run.
 - b) Qualification – Two Runs – all competitors take two (2) timed runs – the best time one (1) run out of two runs timed runs determines the qualification ranking.
 - Competitors who did not start (DNS) finish (DNF) or were disqualified DSQ in qualification run one (1) can participate in qualification run two (2).
 - At the National Championships Rider's may be eliminated by the time trials. Each competitor will start individually. Time Trials alone should not be considered as qualification to the National Championships.

- **ADDED - 614.01.01 Ties in Time Trials**
 - In Time Trials, if a tie cannot be broken amongst the tied competitors to 1000th of a second, the competitor starting the latest in the event will be seeded ahead of the competitor they are tied with.

- **ADDED - 614.02 National Ranking**
 - The athletes will be seeded according to their national ranking within their respective age groups. Those ranked athletes will be seeded first according to rank and those without rank will be arranged in random order after the ranked athletes.

- **ADDED - 614.02.01 Ties in National Ranking**
 - Seeding for competitors with a tied National Ranking will be broken by random selection by the tabulator and seeded accordingly.

- **ADDED - 614.03 Round Robin**
 - A random seed order will be created for EACH race and the athletes will race against their age group three times. Place at finish will be recorded and ranking points will be awarded as follows for each race.
 - First = 5 points
 - Second = 3 points
 - Third = 2 points
 - Fourth = 1 points
 - Points from all three races will be added and the final ranking order / results will be established based on the finish order of the Round Robin results.

- **ADDED - 614.03.01 Round Robin Ties**
 - If there is a tie athletes will run an additional heat to finalize seeding.

- **ADDED – 614.04 Heat Racing**
 - Once a seeding order has been established using one of the three approved seeding methods. It is recommended that the USASA Single Elimination Boarder- Cross® ladder with Consolation finals be used.
 - The rider with bib1 (rank1 from the format used will be placed in the ladder as Seed 1 and so on.
 - It is recommended that Rider's choose the gate in each race according to the Time Trial Results. (i.e. best seed in the race chooses his gate first, second best seed in the race chooses second...).
 - Up to 6 Competitors may start together in each race (lower level events may have only 4 competitors per race).

- **ADDED - 614.04.01 Ties in Heats DONE**
 - If a tie occurs in the Heats, ties will be broken, unless otherwise decided by the TS, by comparing tied competitors seeding order .
 - If four of more competitors are disqualified whilst competing in one of the Semi Final races, the rider who successfully completed the most distance in the course before being disqualified shall advance to the Final, and the other three Rider's shall advance to the Consolation Final.
 - If this is not possible to determine, then the race shall be rerun with all the disqualified competitors. They shall start in the same gates as the original race.