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USASA RULE BOOK - 2025 SEASON

The competition rules have been established by the USASA, since its inception for the organization, conduct, and judging of our sport. The rules are reviewed every year by the Technical Commission and approved by the Executive Board of Directors. In translation and interpreting these rules, it is understood that the words "shall", "will", and "must" are mandatory, and the words "should", "can" and "may" are permissive.

FUNDAMENTAL RULES

- A) It shall be the sole responsibility of each competitor to decide whether to start.
- B) A competitor shall compete only by using their speed and skill, by individual effort in compliance with the rules, and in accordance with the principles of fair play and sportsmanship.
- C) Competitors, coaches and officials must be members of the USASA, obey the USASA Code of Conduct, and abide by the USASA Official Rulebook.
- D) All competitors are required to inform themselves of the time and place of each event. It is their sole responsibility to be aware of any changes or cancellations.

100 APPLICATION OF THE USASA RULES

100.01 Official Rulebook

The official version of the Rulebook is the one available from the USASA website. All changes to the printed Rulebook and the website Rulebook will be highlighted in a section named "Changes to the Printed Rulebook" and posted on the USASA website.

100.02 Modifications

The Technical Supervisor (TS) may make any necessary modifications or changes to the rules if conditions or situations develop prior to or during a competition. Fundamental rules must be applied.

Under no circumstances may the TS, or any other official, modify the rules pertaining to safety, age categories*, or resort obligations. *Age categories may be combined for the efficient running of an event but must remain as stated for results.

100.03 GRANTING A NEW REGIONAL SERIES

- Some of the factors used in granting a new region status are: distance traveled by competitors, number of members, and effect it will have on surrounding series. In order to start a new series, an application must be completed and submitted to the USASA National Office for review no later than May 1st prior to the season the new series proposes to starting. Applicants for a new series must be USASA members.
- Regional Clubs are a critical component in the support of a regional series. No bias will be shown to any club members in registration, judging , results or access to any other opportunities that are provided by the USASA.

101 MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

101.01 Membership

- Membership fees are non-refundable.
- All members must abide by the laws of the state in which the USASA competition is held.
- All competitors who compete in a USASA sanctioned event must be current members of the USASA.
- The membership year is from July 1st until June 30th
- The Executive Board of Directors set the membership fee annually.
- Competitive members may register as both a snowboarder and a freeskiier. The second member profile including result history and rankings will incur a full price membership fee.
- Competitors must identify with one membership category ONLY (eg youth, open, para, etc.)
- Providing false information or manipulating the memberships system in violation of these rules will result in a sanction or suspension.

Every Competitor practicing or competing in any USASA sanctioned event must attain USASA membership prior to participating. Memberships can only be purchased on-line at usasa.org. In order to comply with the guidelines and recommendations from the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee and the U.S. Center for SafeSport, USASA requires all adult members complete a background check and the online SafeSport training to be an active member in good standing.

There are 4 types of memberships available, valid for one (1) full membership season at any USASA sanctioned event.

A. Full membership: Points may be earned toward Regional and National rankings. A competitor may qualify for the USASA National Championship, provided they meet qualification criteria as described in section 103.05.

B. Judge membership: Required for all USASA Judges. Not eligible to participate as a competitor.

C. Official membership: Required for all USASA Technical Supervisors, Tabulators, Volunteers & Staff. Not eligible to participate as a competitor.

D. Coach membership: Required for all USASA coaches. Not eligible to participate as a competitor.

E. International FIS: This method is specifically provided for international competitors who are of FIS age for their respective disciplines and wish to compete in a Futures Tour or at the USASA National Championship FIS events ONLY. A USASA membership is not required for international competitors. International competitors will enter name, date of birth and FIS Code. This information will be automatically checked against the FIS database for validity. Domestic competitors must hold a USASA membership as this process is not valid for domestic competitors.

101.02 Membership in a Regional Series

Members must designate a home series when registering with USASA for the season. Regional Series Championships can only be won by members of that region. Members can compete in any discipline age group and gender at any event outside of their home series to accumulate National Ranking points but cannot win the Regional Championship outside of their home series.

101.03 Changing Home Series

Members can change their home series during the season, but will forfeit all Regional and National Ranking points accumulated prior to the home series change. Members must declare their home series by January 31st of the current season. Members who change series due to change in residence or other extenuating circumstances may petition the USASA National Office for reinstatement of accumulated points.

102 OFFICIAL USASA CATEGORIES

102.01 Discipline Categories

The categories of disciplines are:

- Freestyle Judged Events: Halfpipe, Slopestyle, Rail Jam
- Alpine Timed Events: Giant Slalom, Slalom, Parallel SL, Parallel GS
- Cross Events: BoarderCross®, Ski Cross

102.02 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, a competitor 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 member.

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 competition 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.

The above guidelines contained in section 102.02 Gender are subject to applicable state laws.

102.03 Age Categories

Age groups are determined by the age of the competitor on December 31 of the first year of the current season. See above 101.01 for the membership year. The following age categories are recognized by the USASA

for both men and women, snowboarders and freeskiers for the season in Slopestyle, Halfpipe, BoarderCross/Ski Cross. Snowboarders only in Slalom and Giant Slalom.

* Rascal (6 & under)	Ruggie (7-8)	Grommet (9-10)
Menehune (11-12)	Breakers (13-14)	Youth (15-16)
Juniors (17-18)	Jams (19-22),	Senior (23-29)
Master (30-39)	Legend (40-49)	Kahuna (50-59)
Methuselah (60 & over)	Open Class	
Kekoa	Para	

The following age categories are recognized by the USASA for both men and women, snowboarders and skiers in Rail Jam

*6 & Under	7 to 10	11 to 14	15 to 22	23 & Over
Open Class	Para	Kekoa		

* Rascals and 6 & Under Rail Jam competitors are not eligible compete at the USASA National Championship.

102.04 Open Class Division

Any individual that is a member of USASA is eligible to compete in this division. They can be professional or amateur. It is aimed at bringing the best Competitor's together out of various age groups, and gives the professionals an opportunity to compete in any USASA sanctioned event and National Championships.

102.04.01 Open Class at National Championships

Entry to Open Class at National Championships will be filled from the current USASA Open class national ranking. Once all competitors have accepted or declined the invitation to participate the USASA will then fill the event using the most current FIS points list.

All Open Class competitors must be of FIS qualified age relative to the discipline & hold a current season FIS license in to compete at the National Championships.

102.05 Changing from Age Group Class to Open Class

Competitors who qualify for the National Championships in their age class may elect to compete in Open Class at the National Championships. Notification must be submitted to the USASA National Office prior to the close of the USASA Regional Points Deadline, Sunday March 10th for the 2024 season. If a competitor chooses to upgrade to Open Class for the National Championships, they must remain in Open Class for the following season. Competitors who start the season registered in a spe-

cific Age Group will be allowed to move up to the Open Class during the same season. Points earned for National qualification in the Age Group class will be eliminated and the competitor will start from zero points towards qualifying for the National Championships in the Open Class.

102.06 Para Snowboard Division

This division was established for snowboarders with physical limitations to compete in USASA Regional and National events. The Para-Snowboard Division aligns with the International Para Snowboard Competition Rules for Regional and National events. Competitors will be registered and compete in the Para-Snowboard Class regardless of classification. All competitors that compete on a regional level will have the opportunity to participate in all disciplines at the National Championship (HP, SS, BX, GS, SL, RJ). USOPC classifications will be honored at the USASA National Championships as required

102.07 Para Freeski Division

This division was established for freeskiers with physical limitations to compete in USASA Regional and National events. The Para-Freeski Division aligns with International Para Snowboard Competition Rules for Regional and National events. Competitors will be registered and compete in the Para-Freeski Class regardless of classification. All competitors that compete on a regional level will have the opportunity to participate in all disciplines at the National Championship (HP, SS, SX, RJ).

102.08 Kekoa Snowboard Division

Kekoa Snowboard was established to support intellectually disabled snowboarders to participate in Slalom and Giant Slalom at USASA Regional and National events. Kekoa Snowboard competitors may participate in USASA events if offered regionally. The regional series offering events for Kekoa Snowboard must be approved in advance by the Technical Commission to offer GS, SL, BX, RJ, HP and SS. USASA categorizes advanced (Kekoa) participants, venues and formats as required by the Special Olympics Rules and Regulations. Kekoa's are required to provide their own certified on-hill coaching and/or support staff. Coaches and Support staff must be USASA members.

102.09 Kekoa Freeski Division

Kekoa Freeski was established to support intellectually disabled freeskiers to participate at USASA Regional and National events. Kekoa Freeski competitors may participate in USASA events if offered regionally. The regional series offering events for Kekoa Freeski must be approved in advance by the Technical Commission to offer SX, RJ, HP and SS. USASA categorizes advanced (Kekoa) freeski participants, venues and formats as required by the Special Olympics Rules and Regulations. Kekoa's are required to provide their own certified on-hill coaching and/or support staff. Coaches and Support staff must be USASA members.

102.11 Officials, Coaches and Judges

Officials, Coaches, Judges, Series Directors and Executive Board must be members of USASA.

- Officials, Coaches and Judges must meet SafeSport compliance as defined for their membership category.
- All prerequisites as defined by the Education Committee must be met on an annual basis.

103 EVENTS

103.01 Regional Series Events

Regional Series events are held at the local grassroots level. The Regional Series must use the national ranking system as prescribed by the USASA.

- A. All sanctioned Series will be limited to hosting maximum of 4 events per day. No more than 2 events in a single discipline will be allowed in a single day. Schedules must be established that require more than one day of competition to qualify for the National Championships as the Regional Series winner.
- B. Regional Series Directors cannot determine their own method for naming Regional Series winners in each discipline. Regional champions will be defined using the USASA regional rankings
- C. All ties that occur in the regional ranking at the end season when determining the Regional Champion will be broken as follows:
 - 1- The next best result in that discipline during the current season.
 - 2- The prior season YENR

3- If still tied then each Series Director will use their pre-determined regional tie breaking criteria. One “Q” will be awarded per series, per age class, per discipline.

- D. Regional Series can hold a maximum of 6 events in a discipline and a maximum of 24 events in a season. Split discipline events will count as a single event.
- E. In the event that a USASA regional series is not able to host a specific discipline, the USASA will name a regional series champion for said series per discipline, gender and age group to the USASA National Championships based on the final national ranking.

103.02 Dual Sanctioned Events

A dual sanctioned USASA event with another organization is not allowed, unless authorized in advance by the USASA Executive Director.

103.03 Exhibition Disciplines

The USASA, with the approval of the Executive Board, may introduce new disciplines to USASA. At the discretion of the Executive Board, such disciplines may be designated as “exhibition”. The USASA will determine the organization of exhibition disciplines including age groups, divisions, formats, National Championship Qualification and National Championship formats. The USASA Executive Board must vote on the discipline’s inclusion as a full event.

103.04 National Championships

- A. Competition groups and event days will be determined by the USASA Executive Director and National Championships Event Manager. Slots for the next year’s the National Championships will be determined by March 1st of each year.
- B. Number of available slots for each competition group and day will be capped at a reasonable number to fair and efficient competition venues at the National Championships.

103.05 National Championships Qualification

- A. Regional Series is allocated one entry for their series winner in each discipline and age/gender group.
- B. Series winner allocations cannot be handed down to the next

available competitor.

- C. In the event that the Regional Series winner is unable to attend the National Championships, that position is forfeited by the Regional Series and entered into the National Rankings.
- D. National Rankings will be used to seed all remaining positions.
- E. Additions to age class start lists are NOT permitted after the close of the National Championships Entry Procedure.
- F. Rascals and 6 & Under RJ competitors are not eligible compete at the USASA National Championship.

103.06 National Championship Remaining Qualification

- A. Remaining positions are awarded from the National Ranking system.
- B. Halfpipe invitations may be extended to those competitors who have attained a slopestyle invitation if there are remaining positions available at the National Championships.

103.07 National Ranking

- A. Any available positions at the National Championships not filled by Regional Series winners, or additional Qualifying Events will be filled via the National Ranking System.
- B. Regional Series are limited to a maximum of 6 events during a season in a discipline to count towards National Rankings.
- C. Points from Regional Series will use the table outlined in Section 700 with 1 bonus points awarded for each Competitor surpassed in that individual event.
- D. Nationals Rankings will consist of the total of a competitors best 3 results. * Points will be awarded according to Section 700.
- E. National Ranking Bonus points will not be awarded for a DNS. DNF results are eligible for National Rankings. Disqualifications (DQ's) for gate faults will receive a result. DQ's for rule violations or unsportsmanlike conduct will not receive National Ranking points.
- F. The final year end National Ranking (YENR) will be solidified after the completion of the National Championships. Competitors will receive a YENR based on their finish place in the National Championship. Those athletes who did not compete in the Cham-

pionships will be ranked in the order of their three highest regional results following the last place competitor from the National Championships. Even if a competitor qualifies and does not participate in the National Championship event he/she will be ranked according to their top three results after the last place competitor. YENR is not carried forward to the next season.

- G. Rascals and 6 & Under RJ competitors are not eligible for regional or national rankings.

** Nationals Ranking bonus points calculation may be changed as determined by the USASA Executive Board and /or by special subcommittee established by the Executive Board.*

103.08 Petitions for National Championship Entry

A petition for entry to the National Championships may be submitted if the ability to secure an entry through the National Championships qualification criteria (103.05 -.07) has not been met. Petitions must be submitted within 48 hrs of the final regional home series qualifying event. National Championships field sizes will not be increased to accommodate a granted petition and if awarded an athlete will assume a position in the prescribed competition field.

There are two types of petitions for National Championship entry:

- 1- Injury Petitions will be granted based on the following criteria:
- a. Current season results before the injury
 - b. Prior National Championships results
 - c. Evidence that the injury impeded the ability to compete
 - d. Late petitions will not be reviewed.

Injury petition decisions will be awarded prior to the start of the National Championships Entry Procedure.

- 2- General Petitions will be granted based on the following criteria:
- a. Current season results
 - b. Prior National Championships results
 - c. Evidence that demonstrates the ability to qualify was impeded by extenuating circumstances.
 - d. Late petitions will not be reviewed.

Regional event cancellations will not be considered as extenuating

circumstances that impede the ability to qualify. A general petition will only be awarded if an event field at the National Championships has not reached the defined capacity.

General petition decisions will be awarded following the close of the National Championships Entry Procedure.

All petitions must be accompanied by a non-refundable \$200 deposit. The deposit will be applied towards entry fees if a petition is granted. If a petition is denied, the deposit money will be applied to the USASA National Championships Grant Fund. All decisions by the USASA Petition Review Committee shall be considered final and are not subject to appeal.

103.09 Foreign Competitors

Foreign competitors who compete in a USASA Regional Series and comply with their home series requirements for the National Championships will be allowed to compete in and receive medals at the National Championships with no restrictions.

103.10 Additional Qualifying Events / Board Additions

Competitors can qualify for USASA National Championships through Additional Qualifying Events sanctioned by other NSA's. The USASA Executive Board or designated subcommittee will determine annually the Additional Qualifying Events and develop criteria for admission to USASA National Championships from these events. Criteria will be posted on the USASA website. All Competitors qualifying through these additional events must compete in Open Class. All Competitors qualifying through Additional Events must be USASA Members to compete in USASA National Championships. If a Competitor qualifies for a discipline through their Regional Series in an age class then subsequently qualifies for another discipline through the additional criteria, they must compete in all disciplines in Open Class if they wish to accept their additional event invitation.

103.11 Overall Snowboard National Champion

The competitor with the most points combined from Halfpipe, Slopestyle, Slalom, Giant Slalom and BoarderCross® in their class will be the Overall National Champion.

103.12 Overall Freeskier National Champion

The competitor with the most points combined from Halfpipe, Slopestyle and Ski Cross in their class will be the Overall National Champion.

103.13 Coaches at The National Championships

Only current certified coaches, USASA, US Ski & Snowboard or those coaches certified by their National Governing Body (NGB) will have access to competition venues at the National Championships. All Coaches must be current USASA members.

103.13.01 Provisional Coaching Certification

In the event a coach / candidate has not received certification at the close of the clinic schedule, the coach may petition the US 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.

104 ORGANIZATION AND CONDUCT

104.01 Event Organization

- A. The USASA
- B. A USASA Sanctioned Series Director
- C. A USASA Certified Technical Supervisor

104.02 Rule Authority

The organizing authority, the USASA Technical Commission, the appeals committee, and all other bodies and persons concerned with the organization, conduct, and judging of an event or series shall be governed by the USASA rules. The USASA, USASA National Office and USASA Executive Board oversee all USASA Regional Series and personnel.

105 ENTRY FEES

105.01 Regional Events

The Regional Series Director shall set the entry fees at these events.

105.02 Higher Level Events

At higher-level events the Organizing Committee shall set the entry fee.

106 INSURANCE & LIABILITY

106.01 USASA Officials as Additional Insured

The Series Director may list all the USASA officials as additional insured on the event liability insurance policy.

106.02 Competitors Release

Competitors must complete the release and waiver of liability & agree to the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPP) before being permitted to participate at any USASA competition. Competitors must have a current medical insurance policy. Competitors under 18 years of age must have the appropriate release and waiver signed by a parent or guardian.

120 ADMINISTRATION

120.01 Entry Forms

All event entry forms shall contain notification to entrants that USASA membership is compulsory and that USASA dues must be paid prior to the event, or they will not be allowed to enter the event.

120.02 Start Lists

The start lists should contain all required information generated by the software provided by the USASA.

121 COMPETITOR'S MEETING

121.01 Purpose

The Competitor's Meeting shall be held, before each competition, and shall include information about the organizational aspects of the competition; including, but not limited to, the weather forecast, the members of the Jury, the time of competition, the location of the competition, the format, and the start order. Official rule changes from the printed rulebook shall also be disseminated on the official posting board.

121.02 Competitor's Attendance at Meetings

All competitors or their representative must attend the Competitor Meet-

ing prior to the competition. It is the sole responsibility of the competitor to know the content of the Competitor's Meeting.

122 RESULTS

122.01 Content of Result Report

The official results report must contain the information generated by the software provided by the USASA, or as required by any other reporting agency & must be signed by the Technical Supervisor of the event.

122.02 Official Results

Results are official only when they have been signed by the TS and/or Head Judge. Results communicated over the public address system, on the information boards or via live internet scoring systems are unofficial. At freestyle competitions, the Head-Judge must sign and approve the official scores of the judges and the results list.

123 TIES

123.01 Tie Breaking

Refer to sections: 313.02, 503.05, 614.01.01, 614.02.01 614.03.01 & 614.04.01 for instructions.

124 COMMUNICATION OF OFFICIAL INFORMATION

124.01 TS Signature

The event TS shall review & sign all official communications.

124.02 Information Boards

There should be two official announcement and communications boards at each competition. Official posting board should be defined and must be used during every USASA event. One will be placed in the Race Office for posting of official communications; official changes from the printed rulebook and announcements from the Competitor's Meetings. The other, for official competition announcements, shall be placed in the arrival area.

124.03 Public Address

Official announcements may be made by a public address system.

130 DISQUALIFICATION, PROTEST & SANCTION

130.01 Reasons for Disqualification

A competitor shall be disqualified:

- For not wearing a helmet in the venue
- If a helmet comes off during a run
- If there is an infraction under, Competitor's Obligations, Competitor's Equipment, Doping, Gate Faults, Provisional Start or False Start.
- Presenting false information to the USASA, Series Director / OC
- For un-sportsmanlike conduct
- For using foul or obscene language
- For making foul or obscene gestures toward USASA officials
- For shadowing a competition course, or a coach/parent shadowing a competitor.
- For modifying the setting of a competition area
- For doing anything to disrupt an event by destructive means, such as destroying or moving a safety fence or changing a gate setup
- For accepting assistance during a run.
- For not wearing a bib properly during any competition phase
- For competing in a bib other than the bib assigned.
- For letting another competitor compete for them.
- For not starting properly.
- For not respecting the host resort's regulations.
- For being under the influence or in the possession of illegal drugs or alcohol at a competition venue.
- For not respecting the venue rules.
- For using fluorinated waxes

130.02 Event vs Rulebook Disqualification

Competitors disqualified from an event for a gate fault are still eligible to receive a finishing result and National Ranking Bonus Points.

Disqualification based on behavioral issues, doping, drug use or un-sportsmanlike conduct will not receive a finish result or any points.

Further sanctions will be determined at the discretion of the Event TS, Series Director, USASA National Office or USASA Technical Commission.

131 TYPES OF PROTEST

	Deposit US \$	Deadline	Place of Submittal	Communications of the Settlement
The Start List	\$100	Before the end of the Competitor's Meeting	Technical Supervisor	Posted on the official notice boards
The Course	\$100	30 minutes after the start of the inspection	In the timing cabin/ at the judge podium	Announced on the public address system and posted on the official notice board
Disqualification	\$100	15 minutes after the official posting*	In the timing cabin/ at the judge podium	Announced on the public address system and posted on the official notice board
Timing & Calculation	\$100	15 minutes after the official posting*	In the timing cabin/ at the judge podium	Announced on the public address system and posted on the official notice board
Results Lists	\$100	24 hours after the competition	USASA Technical Commission	Communicated by letter
Jury Decisions	\$100	24 hours after the competition	USASA Technical Commission	Communicated by letter

The deposit will be returned if the protest is upheld, otherwise it will be forfeited to the sanctioning body. It is understood that this table applies to Regional Series & National Championships. Competitors have the right to appeal to the USASA Technical Commission.

*In BX / SX, DQ and finish place are discussed in the finish corral.

132 FORMS OF PROTESTS

132.01 In Writing

All protests shall be submitted in writing.

132.02 Invalid Protests

A protest that is not submitted in writing within the required period of time or without a deposit shall be invalid when received. A protest against another competitor shall be invalid. An exception exists in rule 611.

132.03 Authorization

Only USASA member competitors or Certified Coaches with current memberships in good standing are authorized to present a protest. If the member is under age 18, the protest may be presented by the member's parent or legal guardian. USASA member competitors or Certified Coaches with current memberships are authorized to present a protest.

132.04 Recipient

At all events, protests shall be directed to the TS.

133 SETTLEMENT OF PROTESTS

133.01 Responsibility

The Jury (see rule 204) has the responsibility to issue a ruling on protests. They shall announce at the Competitor's Meeting the time and place for such determinations.

133.02 Evidence

In making its determination, the Jury shall include statements from officials who worked at the competition and others whom it considers to have pertinent information.

133.03 Final Decision

Only members of the jury will be present when they make a final decision on a protest. The TS will act as chairperson of this meeting. Minutes shall be kept of this meeting and they must be signed by the TS. The decision requires a majority of all voting members of the Jury, whether or not they are present. In case of a tie, the TS's vote shall be the deciding vote.

134 APPEAL

Once a final decision has been rendered on a protest, an appeal can be made to the Technical Commission. The appeal must be filed within 30 days following the initial communication of the settlement. The appeal has to be filed through the USASA National office. Technical Commission decisions will be reviewed by the USASA Executive Board for final resolution.

135 SANCTIONS

135.01 Categories

There are five categories of sanctions:

1. Written warning
2. Monetary fine payable to the USASA
3. Withdrawal of accreditation
4. Suspension from the competition
5. Suspension for a definite or indefinite period of time

135.02 DISCIPLINARY SANCTIONS BY THE JURY

The Jury may impose disciplinary sanctions for the duration of a competition. The TS may impose disciplinary sanctions for the duration of a competition, the event, or the remainder of the season. All sanctions must be communicated in writing to the USASA Technical Commission.

135.03 DISCIPLINARY SANCTIONS BY THE USASA

Based upon the recommendations of the Series Director, Jury or TS, the USASA Technical Commission may impose disciplinary sanctions against Competitors, Course Setters, Team Captains, Coaches, Judges, Technical Supervisors, Media Representatives, Parents, Organizing Committee Members, or Sponsors.

135.04 Fines

Fines shall be paid before the sanctioned person can register for USASA events.

COMMISSIONS

140 USASA TECHNICAL COMMISSION

The Technical Commission is made up of the USASA National Championships Head TS, Head Tabulator and the discipline TS's from the National Championships. The Technical Commission aims to control the quality of USASA events at all levels. This is accomplished through the writing and timely updating of the USASA Rules, the education and certification of officials, the publishing and distribution of guidelines and educational material, the settlement of protests and appeals, and the constant quest to follow the evolution and the development of the sport.

140.01 Duties

The USASA Technical Commission shall be responsible for:

1. Overseeing the preparation, editing and updating of the Rulebook
2. Education and certification of the USASA Technical personnel.
3. Creating and updating educational materials.
4. Preparing a list of qualified USASA Technical Officials
5. Responding to questions or concerns regarding the USASA Rules.
6. Penalties/sanctions for any violation of the USASA Rules.
7. Hearing appeals

141 USASA Freestyle Commission

The role of the Freestyle Commission is to educate USASA judges and select the judges for the National Championship. The Freestyle Commission oversees all judging related activities within the USASA. The Commission consists of two chairpersons to represent both Snowboard and Freeskiing, as well as 4-6 national educators/regional judge coordinators.

141.01 Duties

The Freestyle Commission shall be responsible for

1. Preparing & editing the Freestyle Manual
2. Education and certification of judges
3. Creating and updating educational materials
4. Providing a list of judges and their level of certification
5. Answering all questions pertaining to judging
6. Assign judges for the USASA National Championships

All material prepared by the Freestyle Commission shall be approved by the USASA Technical Commission.

150 COMPETITOR'S OBLIGATIONS

Each Competitor who competes in an USASA event must:

- Review information posted by the regional series on their official website and social media platforms.
- Have the appropriate membership to participate in the event.
- Familiarize themselves with and follow the USASA Rules.
- Comply with special instructions from authorized officials.
- Possess current primary accident and medical insurance coverage.
- Execute the appropriate liability release, waiver and image release.
- Behave in a courteous and polite manner.
- Take responsibility for their physical and mental ability to compete.

151 EQUIPMENT

151.01 Snowboard

A snowboard is equipment, which permits gliding on all snow conditions.

- The bindings must be affixed in a sideways manner on the longitudinal axis of the board. Boots cannot overlap each other horizontally.
- Two individual skis held together by mechanical means are not allowed.
- Split boards not allowed
- The bindings must be affixed in a sideways manner on the longitudinal axis of the board.
- Hand held devices to aid with propulsion or balance are not allowed except for para competitors.

151.02 Skis

A ski is equipment, which permits gliding on all snow conditions.

- All competitors shall use a recognized release DIN binding system and devices to prevent runaway ski(s)

151.03 Safety Equipment

- The use of helmets is mandatory for all coaches and competitors during inspection, training and competition at all USASA events
- Helmets shall be specifically designed and manufactured for use in snow sports and shall bear a CE mark and conform to recognized and appropriate standards such as CEE 1077 or US/ASTM 2040
- Helmets for use in Ski Cross events shall be specifically designed

and manufactured for the respective discipline. The helmet shall be certified under both ASTM 2040 and EN 1077 (class A – hard sided)

- Helmet conformity to the rules may be checked at any event, and the lack of an approved helmet is grounds for refusal to allow a competitor to participate in an event.
- The helmet must be attached as per manufacturer's specifications. There are no physical modifications to the helmet are permitted. The use of helmet mounted cameras is not allowed.
- Snowboard retention devices shall be used when mandated by the resort.
- The use of a properly fitted mouthguard is highly recommended
- Competitors acknowledge that the sport of snowboarding and freeskiing is a hazardous activity with inherent risks of serious personal injury, disability and death. It is the sole responsibility of the competitor to select appropriate safety equipment for their event.

151.04 Bibs / Credentials

Bibs and credentials must be worn correctly and visible at all times within the competition venue during all phases of the event (inspection, training and competition). Bibs & credentials must be returned as instructed by the Series Director or the Organizing Committee.

151.05 Forbidden Equipment

Equipment that is worn or used for the purpose of balance, increased weight, or other improper physically enhancing purposes, is strictly forbidden. This rule may be waived for the Para Class. Slalom, Giant Slalom,

151.06 Fluorinated Waxes

The use of fluorinated waxes, which have been shown to have negative environmental and health impacts, are banned from use in all USASA disciplines.

152 DOPING & MEDICAL EXAMINATION

152.01 Prohibited Substances

The use of dope (reference is made to the official WADA list) by a USASA competitor is strictly forbidden. Tests may be performed upon any competitor to determine the presence of prohibited substances and any such positive result of a doping test may result in the competitor being

ineligible & removed from the competition.

152.02 Personal Responsibility

Competitors are responsible for their medical condition upon taking their start at a USASA event.

152.03 Examination

The jury may request a competitor to undergo a medical examination before or after a USASA Event.

- A. The purpose of the examination is to determine whether the competitor is eligible to compete based upon results from doping or medical tests.
- B. If illegal substances are present or if the competitor is unable to compete safely for medical reasons, the competitor shall not compete.
- C. A competitor refusing to undergo the examination shall not be permitted to start.

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.

200 EVENT PERSONNEL

200.01 Regional Series Directors

The Regional Series Director is responsible for the management and administration of all events and members in an established USASA Region. Their role in event management is to ensure safe, fair and efficient events that take into account the best interests of all USASA members in their region. The Series Director and or host resort will be responsible for the orderly preparation and conduct of the entire USASA Event.

The Series Director and/or host resort shall take all necessary steps and precautions to ensure that competitor safety shall be the number one priority in course design, construction and maintenance. TS or Series Directors acting as TS cannot compete in events that they are supervising. Series Directors will be allowed to compete at National's without qualifying through Regional Series or National Rankings.

200.02 Chief of Competition

The Chief of Competition supervises the work of all course officials, summons the meetings of the competition committee for consideration of technical questions.

200.03 Chief of Course

The Chief of Course is responsible for the preparation of the courses in accordance with the directives and decisions of the Jury. He/she must be familiar with local snow conditions on the terrain concerned.

In addition, the Chief of HP/SS:

- Should be a member of the Organizing Committee
- Is under the direction of the Jury
- Must assure that the Halfpipe/Slopestyle course at all times during training and competition conforms with Halfpipe/Slopestyle recommendations and specifications
- Must have experience in building and maintaining Halfpipe/Slopestyle courses. The USASA has the possibility to request the presence of a technical adviser appointed by the USASA for the preparation and maintenance of the Halfpipe/Slopestyle courses

200.03 Head Judge

The Head Judge must be certified by the USASA for the level of the competition he or she is controlling and is responsible for managing the panel of judges.

The Head Judge's duties are:

- To police the judges' stand
- To conduct a judges' meeting prior to the first day of competition
- To communicate and coordinate between the judges
- To provide the judges with necessary materials and supplies
- To organize the work of the judges
- To approve the construction of the freestyle competition area
- To act as a judge, when necessary
- To serve as part of the jury
- To check the time schedule and format with TS and organizer
- To act as a Referee at Regional events
- Communicate with the starter regarding the Competitor's start.
- Prior to the event, check the visibility of the judges' stand and any possible disturbances of the judges view caused by media
- Control judges' scores, give advice for changes, and oversee the end result (certify the results)
- To call the safety patrol when necessary

200.04 Tabulator

The Tabulator coordinates the start, finish, timing, and scoring functions and the personnel performing those functions:

- Starter
- Start referee
- Electronic time-keepers
- Hand timer
- Finish referee
- Score-board writer

At Freestyle events, the Tabulator coordinates the scoring functions and the personnel performing those functions in cooperation with the Head Judge:

- Score-board writer
- Competition secretary
- Public Address/Music

200.05 Freestyle Judges

A USASA judge must be a minimum of 18 years of age. Judges must attend a USASA judging clinic to become certified. Their level of certification will determine the event level they are allowed to judge. All Regional Series Head Judges should have a minimum of National Level A certification in order to qualify as a Regional Series Head Judge. Upon prior approval from the Freestyle Commission a series may use the next highest certified judge as the Head Judge. Certification is obtained by attending a USASA Sanctioned Clinic. National Level A judges may instruct an approved regional clinic to certify regional judges no higher than National Level B (requires approval from the Chairperson of the Freestyle Commission).

200.06 Number of Judges

For each freestyle discipline, there shall be a minimum of three scoring judges. The Head Judge may be a scoring judge if needed.

200.07 Judging Procedures

Each judge will record the competitor's bib number, score, and the competitor's run in its entirety, from the moment the competitor drops in to the course and up to the moment the competitor exits the course, on specified steno sheets. All judge steno sheets are to be used for verification purposes, but will not be shown to coaches, competitors, or parents, as they are considered confidential proprietary information. No discussion concerning the competitor's results are allowed, except between the judge and Head Judge. Competitors and spectators are not permitted to approach or speak with the judges during the competition. All concerns or issues shall be directed to the TS or Head Judge. The Jury shall oversee the judge panel and Head Judge.

200.08 Judges Duties

The function of a judge is to give a score to each competitor in order to assign ranking. The judges must give scores for each competitor's performance in accordance with the judging criteria. The judges must be fair, without bias, and judge solely based on the performance of the competitor. They shall participate in practice judging conducted by the Head Judge during the practice runs. Judges must assist and be available to the Head Judge during the duration of the event, including practice and to perform other necessary duties. All judges shall articulate any potential

conflicts of interest to the Head Judge. The judges, while in their professional capacity, shall refrain from discussing personal viewpoints of the judging to coaches, parents, competitors, media and spectators during and after the course of the competition. A judge shall be discreet and reasonable in all discussions. A judge shall not predict outcomes in advance. A judge shall accept criticism calmly and maintain composure in all situations. All concerns or issues shall be directed to the TS or Head Judge.

202 GATE JUDGES

The Jury shall determine the number of gate judges and communicate this information to the Technical Supervisor. The Technical Supervisor & Head Gate Keeper shall conduct a meeting of the gate judges prior to the competition to review their duties.

202.01 Primary Duties of a Gate Judge

The Gate Judge shall decide if a competitor is disqualified or not disqualified and report to the jury. The jury will make the final decision related to DQ's. If there is doubt the decision will favor the competitor.

202.02 Additional Duties of a Gate Judge

The Gate Judge must replace or re-plant gates and flags that have been broken, torn, or dislodged. The replaced gates and flags must be of the same color and in the same location as the removed gate or flag. Race-courses must be cleared of any obstruction, spectators must be kept away from the racecourse, and accredited persons informed that they must not disturb the competitor's visibility or obstruct their run. The Gate Judge must maintain the quality of the race course throughout the competition.

202.03 Head Gate Keeper

The Head Gate Keeper is the coordinator of Gate Judges. Organizes and supervises the work of the gate judges and is responsible for them being on time with the proper materials to perform their task. The Head Gate Keeper shall provide assistance to the Gate Judges as required.

The Head Gate Keeper shall distribute to gate judges:

- Spare poles and flags of both colors.
- Shovel and/or rakes.
- Check cards with pencils.

202.04 Position and Dress

The Gate Judge shall choose a position from which all assigned gates are clearly visible and from which the competitors will not be disturbed. Clothing worn by the Gate Judge shall not be of the same color as the gates and gate panels.

202.05 Check Card and Recording Infractions

Each gate judge receives a check card that must be completed with:

- Name of the Gate Judge.
- Numbers of the gates to be monitored.
- Identification of the run: qualification, 1st, 2nd, men, women, etc.
- Identification of the discipline.

If a competitor does not pass a gate correctly, the gate judge must record the following on the check card:

- Bib number of the competitor.
- Gate number where the fault occurred.
- Diagram showing the competitor's fault

Any infraction of Rules 130 disqualification and 262 gate fault, shall be recorded on the check card. If there is interference on the course and the competitor stops, the details of this interference shall be noted.

202.06 Information to a Competitor

If a competitor is uncertain if a gate has been passed correctly, that competitor may request confirmation from the Gate Judge. The Gate Judge can provide no physical assistance to the competitor.

The Gate Judge shall respond clearly and loudly by saying:

- "GO" if the gate passage was correct
- "BACK" if the gate passage was incorrect.

202.07 Duty at the End of the Event

Each Gate Judge who has recorded a disqualifying fault or who has witnessed an incident leading to a re-run, shall remain available to the Jury until after any protest has been settled and released by the Technical Supervisor.

203 MEDICAL SERVICE

At all USASA sanctioned events, ski patrol must be present during all

times of training and competition. They should be available at the top of the course during training and competition. If, due to medical reasons, they must leave the area, another medical team shall replace them. If there is no ski patrol at the course during training or competition the event shall be put on hold. All resorts must provide an Medical Plan which must be kept by the Series Director.

204 JURY

204.01 Composition

The following jury members shall have voting rights:

- SBX / SX & Alpine
 - Finish Referee
 - Technical Supervisor (TS)
 - Chief of Competition / Venue Manager
- Freestyle (SS, HP, RJ)
 - Technical Supervisor (TS)
 - Chief of Competition / Venue Manager
 - Head Judge
- USASA National Championships Events
 - The National Competition Director & Head TS will be included in all jury decisions but are non-voting members of the jury for all disciplines held at National Championship events..

The following jury members shall have no voting rights, unless they have been named to one of the above positions in the absence of a primary member.

- Assistant Referee (appointed at Competitor's' meeting)
- Assistant TS (Freestyle events)
- Chief of Course (appointed by the Series Director / USASA)
- Start Referee (appointed by the Series Director / USASA)
- Connection Coach (appointed at Competitor's' meeting)
- Nationals Comp Director
- Nationals Head TS

204.02 Decisions

Minutes shall be kept of all meetings and decisions of the jury and shall be signed by the TS and Series Director. Decisions shall be made by simple majority vote of jury members with voting rights. If an emergency

situation arises during the competition, each jury member has the right to make provisional decisions based upon the rules. The jury shall confirm these decisions as soon thereafter as possible. If critical situations arise, such as issues of security or safety of the competitors, the decision of the TS is binding, even if it is contrary to the votes of the other members of the jury who are entitled to vote. In this case, the TS must submit his decision and reasons for it in writing to the USASA Technical Commission.

204.03 Duties

Inspection of the course:

The jury must inspect the race or freestyle course, prior to the beginning of the official inspection or training, to ensure that the course, security, and setting are in proper condition. The jury may require certain changes to provide proper conditions.

During the event:

- All members of the jury must be in contact by radio during the event. The jury must supervise the technical conduct of the entire competition including inspection, training, and the actual competition. The jury has the right to remove competitors from the competition for violations of the technical regulations or USASA Rules.
- The jury as a whole has the right to interpret the USASA Rules, expand upon their meaning, or, when no rule applies, to make decisions and apply them to particular circumstances in an event.
- The jury has the right to interrupt, postpone, or cancel an event. This decision and reasons for such a decision must be reported immediately in writing to the Series Director, the competitors, and the USASA Technical Commission.
- The jury will determine the number of forerunners for each event.

205 TECHNICAL SUPERVISOR (TS)

A certified Technical Supervisor must be present for all USASA events. At Regional Series events, the TS will be assigned and approved by the Regional Series Director. For higher level events, a Head TS will be assigned by the National Event Director. The Head TS and National Event Director will select and assign the individual discipline TS's.

205.01 Duties

The TS shall enforce the rules and directives of the USASA, ensure

the fairness of the event, protection of the competition venue, advise event organizers, and serve as the official representative of the USASA. USASA Trainer's division must certify all Regional Series TS's.

A Regional Series Director will often perform the task of TS but may delegate this to a designated TS. TS's or Series Directors acting as TS's cannot compete in events that they are supervising.

- Before the event, the TS shall review all insurance certificates from the organizing resort, review competitor listings and verify licenses of the officials.
- During the event, the TS shall lead the jury, supervise and direct the event and take appropriate action when infractions of the rules occur.
- After the event, the TS shall assist the Referee with the disqualification report, review and confirm the decisions of the jury concerning protests, review the results list and sign the official document, confirm the calculation of the USASA points of the competition, prepare and submit the event results and the report on the event to the USASA National Office within 48hrs of the completion of the event. Results sent to the National Office must be signed by the TS to be considered for the ranking.

All official documentation must be shared with the Series Director and shall be kept on file and provided to the Technical Commission on request. All injuries must be reported on the required form and submitted with the results

205.02 Rights

The Series Director shall make initial contact with the TS as soon as possible. The TS shall control the proper operation of the technical systems and if necessary, appoint members of the jury; maintain safe conditions; modify the event schedule, location, or operation as may be required. The Series Director shall reimburse the TS for all necessary expenses, including all travel and accommodations incurred in relation to the event.

206 REFEREE & COURSE SETTER

206.01 Duties of Referee

The referee's responsibilities include:

- Notice Board of: the names of disqualified competitors (if any), the

names of the officials who noted the faults leading to the disqualification, and the exact time the list was posted and the gate number where the fault occurred.

- Review and sign the confirmation form of technical data
- In cases of unusual circumstances during the event or if a difference of opinion exists between the jury members, the Referee may send a report to the USASA Technical Commission.

206.02 Course Setter

The following rights are assigned to the Course Setter:

- To propose safety measures and modifications of the slope (only for safety reasons), to have at least four (4) persons as assistants, and to coordinate with the Competition Director the setting of banners, dye, etc.

The following duties are assigned to the Course Setter:

- Inspect the slope and the course, to insure that USASA course setting specifications are followed,
- Set a course that permits the smooth and fluent motion of competitors in a safe way throughout the event, to provide equivalent race opportunity for all competitors
- Control the setting of banners, dye, etc.

207 START & FINISH PERSONNEL

207.01 Start Officials

Start Referee

- Ensure that the regulations for the start are properly observed.
- Immediately communicated to the appropriate jury members;
 - Any malfunction of the start gate
 - Improper use of equipment or wearing of a bib
- Records failure to start, late and false starts, checking helmets
- File a report with the referee listing the names of competitors who violated any such rules at the conclusion of the competition.

Starter:

- Directs the starting signals and the accuracy of the intervals between actual starts.
- At Freestyle events the Starter is responsible for communicating with the Head Judge according to the communication protocol. The Starter will only send Competitors in the course when he receives

the Head Judges permission.

Assistant Starter:

- Calls the competitors to the start in their correct order and ensures the smooth flow of an event by making sure that a certain number of Competitors are always ready to enter the start area.

Start Referee:

- Records all start procedures: actual start time, late and false starts, re-runs and no shows (DNS).

207.02 Finish Officials

Finish Referee:

- Must ensure that the regulations for the finish are properly observed. Any malfunction of or improper use of equipment must immediately be communicated to the appropriate jury members.
- Supervises the finish controller, timing, and crowd control in the finish area. At the end of each event a report of those competitors who did not finish in accordance with the Gate Fault rule 262 must be submitted to the referee.
- Records information including finish times, disqualifications, DNS. For timed events, serve as member of the jury.
- Provides security for the competitors and in the finish area.

208 CONTROVERSIAL MATTERS

During the event, the TS shall make all final decisions regarding matters that cannot be resolved under the present rules. The TS's decision must be submitted for review by the USASA Technical Commission.

209 FORERUNNERS

The TS may select the forerunners of each competition. Forerunners must be current USASA members. The jury, during the Competitor meeting, shall determine the number of forerunners. Forerunners must sign a liability waiver, wear a bib and a helmet.

210 RIGHTS & DUTIES OF CERTIFIED COACHES

Certified Coaches are USASA members who have met the prerequisites as outlined by the US Coaches Education Committee. In order to achieve Certified status, a coach must hold a current and recognized certification, and be a current USASA member.

210.01 Rights

- To be elected as Assistant-Referee for an event.
- To submit protests to the jury during the competition.
- To be issued credentials during the competition, which permits the Team Captain/Coach to enter all official sites.

210.02 Duties

- To be registered with, approved and certified by the USASA.
- To be responsible for the registration of team members.
- To attend all Competitor's' meetings.
- To disseminate information and bibs received at registration or Competitor meeting to team members.
- To be familiar with and uphold the official USASA Rulebook, Code of Conduct and Ethics Policy.
- To wear a helmet during inspection of the course.

250 COMPETITION AREAS

250.01 Preparation / Arrival Area

The arrival area shall be fenced or enclosed, to provide security for the competitors, and access shall be limited to competitors and accredited persons only. Outside access shall be available through a single opening, approximately one meter wide.

The arrival area may be divided into:

- A place for the competitors to safely leave their belongings.
- A place for the announcer and results board.
- A place for accredited persons.

250.02 Start Area and Drop In

The start area shall be at least 1 meter wide and 2 meters long. It must be flat and level. Starting poles of wood or metal must protrude out of the snow approximately 80 cm and be separated by a distance of approximately 60 cm (In Freestyle minimum of 80 cm). The only people permitted to enter the start area are the Starter, Assistant Starter, Jury members and a maximum of 6 competitors and their coaches. This area must be separated from the preparation area. The Start Area shall permit the competitor to prepare to drop into the course. The Drop In must allow the Competitor to have adequate speed for the first feature.

250.03 Finish Area

The Finish Area must be level and big enough to allow the competitor to come to a safe stop away from the initial slope of landing of the final feature when exiting the course. The Finish Area may be fenced off completely and the fencing should be laid out in a way that there is maximum visibility for officials, media and spectators. The finish area is to be enclosed to ensure maximum security and comfort for the competitors. It may be as flat and wide as possible to permit stopping safely and easily at the end of the course. The finish line must be easily visible and be at least 6 meters wide for each course. An exit measuring approximately one meter wide shall be set in the fencing to access the arrival area.

251 JUDGING PODIUM

251.01 SIZE AND STRUCTURE

The size and structure of the podium varies depending on the resort and the level of the competition. An enclosed podium, with electricity, is the goal whenever possible, allowing for equipment to be with the judges, aiding in the timely posting of results. If an enclosed structure is not available a tent may substitute, but the space should provide the judges with ample room for tables and chairs. The structure must be sufficient enough to keep the judges and their supplies safe from inclement weather. In order to avoid distractions, it is of the utmost importance that the judging podium and all the officials are isolated from competitors, coaches, parents, press, and spectators. The separation between officials and the public must be sufficient enough to inhibit conversations made amongst the officials. This may be done by using fencing, banners, ropes, bamboo & allowing only the designated officials past this barrier.

251.02 Visibility / Podium Location

The judges must be able to clearly view the entire course and judge the full run of each competitor.

Halfpipe Events

The Judging Podium may be situated at the bottom or at the top of the course, providing a clear view of the entire course is the only requirement. In case of fog or limited visibility, the judges may judge from either wall at the middle of the half pipe.

Slopestyle Events

The Judging Podium may be situated on an elevated platform in the middle of the course. The requirement is that the judges can observe the entire run of any competitor regardless of the choice of obstacles. If any of the landings are out of view, the judges should place a "spotter" with flags or radio to signal the execution of the landing. A Split Panel format may be used when it is not possible to judge the course in its entirety.

Rail Jam Events

The Judging Podium will be situated to ensure a complete view of the features. A Split Panel format may be used when it is not possible to judge the course in its entirety.

252 COURSE

252.01 Restricted Access

The course must be closed to any and all public access by the use of fencing or other means.

252.02 Preparation

The course must be closed to the public before the competition. It may be groomed to provide a flat and compacted surface from the start to the finish. The use of artificial means such as salt or water is permitted. The host resort in accordance with the jury shall install protective fencing, padding, or any other safety measures it deems necessary to ensure the safety of the public, the Competitor's and all those involved in the event.

252.03 Maintenance

The course shall be maintained in the best possible condition throughout the competition. It (may) be side-slipped as necessary, by snowboarders or preferably by skiers. Proper maintenance equipment including drills, rakes, and shovels must be available. Snow cats may be used in poor conditions in between the training, qualification, and final runs.

PREPARATION & RUNNING OF DISCIPLINES

260 START & DELAYED START

For Start Cadence refer to disciplines rules 312 & 608

260.01 Delay

In single races, the starter shall determine if a start after missed interval is excused for reasons of force majeure. Racer's equipment malfunction or sickness is not a reason for an excused delay.

A competitor with an equipment malfunction may, by TS or Starter decision, start at the end of his starting group.

260.02 Provisional Start

The Start Referee shall determine if circumstances surrounding a delayed start need further investigation and may grant a provisional start to that competitor. The Jury may determine when a provisional run can be made.

260.03 False Start by a Competitor

A competitor must immediately stop their run when the Starter signals a false start.

260.04 Heavy Snowfall

If prior to or at the beginning of the event heavy snowfall conditions exist, the Jury may decide to send the last six competitors on the start list before the first person on the list.

261 RE-RUNS

261.01 Reasons

- Obstructions of any kind (apart from snow) in the competition venue, which interfere with the competitor. Except in BoarderCross®, see rule 612 Obstructions.
- A gate out of position which causes an obstruction (see above point). Except in BoarderCross®, see rule 612
- Failure of hand timing, back-up timing and the main timing system.
- Judges missing a run
- Course Malfunction

261.02 Required Actions

- Competitor shall immediately stop their run and alert an official of an obstruction and exit the course.
- Competitor must not cross the finish line.
- Competitor must immediately ask the closest gate judge to record the situation on the check card.
- Competitor must fulfill these conditions or the right to a re-run is forfeited.

At Freestyle events, the competitor must stop immediately, lift one hand up to signal, and go directly to the finish area and report to the TS, Head Judge or the Finish Referee. Under the direction of the TS, head judge and starter the competitor may have the option of a re-run.

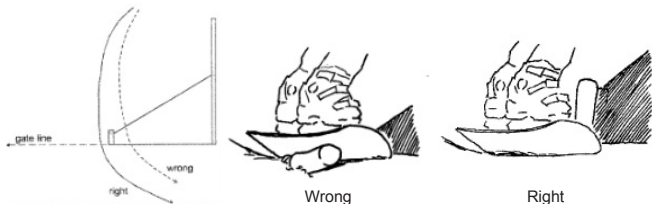
261.03 Validity

- The TS or Head judge may authorize a provisional re-run if the Jury is not available to make the decision.
- Only the Jury shall officially declare a re-run.
- If a re-run is official, the result of that re-run will be the official result.

262 GATE PASSAGE

262.01 Snowboard Gate Faults

A gate has been passed correctly when the competitor has both feet fixed in the bindings on the board and the entire board crosses the gate line. In case of a fall, the competitor must pass through the turning gate line. The gate line in Slalom, Parallel Slalom, Giant Slalom, Parallel Giant Slalom, & Boardercross is the extension of the line past the turning pole which connects the two points at the base of the banner.



262.02 Gate Faults in Ski Cross

A gate has been passed correctly when both the competitor's ski tips and both feet engaged in the bindings have passed across the gate line. The gate line in Skier Cross is the extension of the line past the turning pole which connects the two points at the base of the banner.

263 TIMING EQUIPMENT

Timing equipment shall be used for all Alpine disciplines, Ski Cross and BoarderCross® time trials.

263.01 Electronic Timing

Electronic-timing systems, which measure results to the nearest one-one hundredth (1/100) of a second, are required. Timing capability to the hundredth (1/100) of a second shall be used to break ties. If competitors are still tied then the higher seeded competitor receives the higher place.

263.02 Backup Timing

Two separate backup timing systems are recommended. One shall be a separate electronic timing system and the other shall be a hand timing system. All back-up timing systems must have a separate and entirely independent means of communication between the start and finish from that of the primary electronic timing system. At the National Championships, there must also be a secondary electronic timing system as a backup to the primary system. Hand timers will also be used to ensure accuracy of timing.

263.03 Start and Finish

The start gate must be placed in such a way that all starts will initiate the timing measurement. Photocells on each side of the finish line shall be placed in such a height that a competitor finishing normally cuts the beam with the lower half of his legs, between the ankle and the knee.

263.04 System Failure

If there is a malfunction or failure of the electronic timing system, then the backup timing shall be used for the official time. To verify the accuracy of the back-up system, the average difference between the primary timing

and back-up timing of ten other competitors may be taken. These results may be from the five competitors who competed before and the five who competed after the failed result. The start or finish referee must immediately inform the jury when a failure occurs. In the case of failure of all timing systems, the competitor(s) shall re-run.

264 SETTING OF THE GATES

264.01 Definition of a gate

A gate is composed of a pole, stubbie and a panel.

264.02 Panels of a gate

- Triangular panels may be used. They must be designed for ease of attachment and for instant release from the pole(s) upon moderate impact.
- Panel colors must be in clear contrast with the white snow.
- Colors shall either alternate every other turn or be the same on all turns.
- The base & vertical sides of triangular panels shall measure between 100 and 140 cm.

264.03 Setting of gates

- The use of horizontal, vertical, delayed, and slanting gates is permitted.
- If a long gate is not visible, because of natural obstacles, it shall be extended.
- The location of the gates may be marked with spray paint or dye.
- The use of wedges or water is permitted.

265 SETTING OF THE COURSE

The TS will make available all necessary personnel to assist the Course Setter in performing the duties of that position. The TS is assigned to provide appropriate items to the course setter, such as long and stubby poles; triangular or rectangular panels in designated colors; hammers, shovels, rakes, and drills; wedges and water; paint or dye to mark the positions of the gates; and string or ropes to measure the settings.

265.01 Change of setting

The TS and/or the Jury may require a change to the course prior to the racers' inspection. Any such change must be coordinated with the course setter. If necessary, the inspection or training must be delayed.

ALPINE EVENTS

300 GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR ALPINE EVENTS

- There may be rhythm changes, rollers, jumps, or delays.
- The course may be reset between 1st and 2nd runs.
- Combined time of 1st and 2nd run shall be used for results.
- KO refers to the Knock Out system of elimination

301 RACE COURSE GIANT SLALOM / SLALOM

- Vertical drop is recommended to be a minimum of 90 meters.
- Racecourse shall be at least 20 meters wide
- Slalom - the distance between turning poles must be between 10 - 14 meters
- Giant Slalom - the distance between turning poles must be between 20 - 27 meters
- If visibility on the course deteriorates, the use of small flags or dye is recommended.
- Equipment shall conform to the Rules 250 to 252 Competition Areas

302 LAYOUT OF THE COURSE

Refer to the USASA Course Setters Manual

303 INSPECTION

- Course inspection shall only occur during the official time specified unless otherwise specified by the TS.
- Inspection shall be conducted as designated by the TS.

304 START INTERVAL

The start interval between competitors should be no less than 30 nor more than 120 seconds. The start interval shall be announced during the Competitor's meeting. A competitor may start before the previous competitor has completed the course.

304.01 Start Cadence

The Starter shall prepare competitors for their start. Beginning five seconds prior to the start, the Starter shall announce in a smooth-flowing manner the start cadence;

- Red course ready
- Blue course ready
- Attention
- Go

A competitor must start within a window of time, from 5 seconds prior to 5 seconds following the starter's call of "Go". A start before or after this window is grounds for disqualification.

305 FINAL RANKING

- The combined times of both runs shall determine their final ranking.
- The finalists who DNF, DQ, or DNS will be ranked at the end of these competitors according to their results of their combined runs

306 DISQUALIFICATION

A competitor's run shall be disqualified if:

- The competitor does not stop when the starter gives the signal for a false start.
- The opponent is obstructed by a competitor in a parallel format race
- The competitor does not pass a gate correctly.

307 PARALLEL SLALOM / PARALLEL GIANT SLALOM

307.01 RACE COURSE

- Vertical drop: Parallel Slalom recommended minimum of 80 meters
- Vertical drop: Parallel GS recommended minimum of 135 meters
- Width: Parallel Slalom minimum 20 meters
- Width Parallel GS minimum 35 meters

308 LAYOUT OF THE COURSE

- Refer to the USASA Course Setters Manual

309 INSPECTION

- Course inspection shall be conducted as designated by the TS during the official time specified unless otherwise specified by the TS.

310 STARTING SYSTEM

A Parallel starting system with starting gates that allows simultaneous-synchronized departure should be used.

311 START CADENCE

Prior to giving the start command, which may be an audio or visual cue, or other appropriate means, the starter shall ensure that the competitors are ready. Approximately five seconds before the start, the starter shall prepare the racers by announcing the following:

- Red course ready
- Blue course ready
- Attention

312 False Start

- A competitor must immediately stop their run when the Starter signals a false start.
- If a competitor false starts during the first run of the KO Final, they will receive the maximum allowable time differential for that run. If the competitor false starts during the second run of the KO Final, the Competitor loses that round of the Final.
- If the second false start occurs during the Semi-finals, the competitor will move on to the Consolation Final. During the Consolation and Final, an additional false start per Round (2 runs) will be allowed.

313 QUALIFIER

313.01 Qualification:

Start order shall be as follows: seed 1 against 2; 3 against 4; and so on. Odd seeds (1,3,5) shall start on the right course (looking down from the start area). Even seeds (2,4,6) shall start on the left course (looking down from the start area). Competitors may make only one run. The 16 (or 8) fastest competitors on the left course and on the right course will be qualified for the 2nd Qualification. OR All competitors may make one run on the right course and one run on the left course. The 16 (or 8) fastest competitors will be qualified for the Final based on their combined times. The number of competitors qualified for the 2nd Qualification may be changed at the 'Competitor's'/ Team Captains meeting based on participation levels but must not exceed 32 competitors.

313.02 Ties

In qualification, if a tie cannot be broken to 100th of a second, the competitor starting the latest in the event, will appear first, in relationship to those they are tied with on the result list. If the tie occurs at 8 or 4 women and 16 or 8 men the first 8/4 and 16/8 appearing on the Official Qualification Results will advance to the final. In the KO Final, if a tie occurs, the winner will be determined by the results of the 2nd run.

314 FINAL

- The Final shall be organized using the KO-System
- A "Round" consists of two runs: once on the right course, once on the left course
- Time difference between the two competitors shall be measured to 100th of a second
- Penalty time applied to the first runs shall be shown to 100th of a second.
- The Final will be run according to the Single Elimination with Consolation Final.

315 PENALTY TIME

Penalty time is used with the KO-System as follows:

- In Parallel Slalom the penalty time equals 4 % of the fastest time on the first run of the day, but cannot be greater than 1.5 seconds.
- In Parallel GS the penalty time equals 4% of the fastest time on the first run of the day, but cannot be greater than 1.5 seconds.

During the first run:

- The penalty time shall be used for a disqualified competitor or when the time difference between two competitors is greater than the penalty time.

During the second run:

- There is no penalty time during the second run, the normal time difference shall be used.
- If both competitors are DQ'd, the competitor who passes the highest (greatest) number of gates will be qualified for the next round. If both competitors are DQ'd at the same gate, then it shall be considered a tie for this run and the winner of the first run shall be then qualified for the next round.

- If the penalty time attributed to one Competitor in the first run equals the actual time difference attributed to the other Competitor in the 2nd run, the winner will be determined by the results of the 2nd run.

316 FINAL RANKING

- The official results from the Qualification shall determine the final ranking for Competitors not qualifying for the Final.
- Competitors who DNF, DQ or DNS will be listed at the end of the rankings, with times displayed and the aforementioned rank displayed (DNF, DQ or DNS)

The finalists will be ranked as follows:

- 1-2-3-4 according to their results in the Final and Consolation Final, 5 to 8 according to the combined time from the Qualification, 9 to 16 according to the combined time from the Qualification.
- Likewise, competitors who DQ or DNF during the KO Final, will be ranked according to the combined time from the Qualification.
- A Competitor who DNS in the KO Finals will be ranked after all other Competitors who reached the same stage in the competition.

500 HALFPIPE / SLOPESTYLE / RAIL JAM

501 FREESTYLE VENUE REQUIREMENTS

Freestyle venues must meet the required course construction specifications. Adequate space shall be made available for a start and preparation area, as well as, an arrival and finish area. Course construction and fencing, should be finished before the start of the first practice sessions.

501.01 Course Design

- A. The Halfpipe must be of adequate size for the level of competition.
- B. The Slopestyle course must contain at least three features, including at least one jump feature and one rail feature, and must be of adequate size for the level of competition.
- C. The Rail Jam course must contain an adequate number and size of features for the level of competition.

502 INSPECTION / PRACTICE

Inspection / Practice sessions are recommended. There may be a

special starting order for the practice sessions. The competitors may be divided into practice groups if there are a large number of competitors. During the Competitor's Meeting, the TS or Head Judge will announce the schedule and procedure for Inspection / Practice sessions.

Bibs must be worn and visible during official Inspection / Practice sessions.

Practice is subject to competition rules.

502.01 INSPECTION / PRACTICE PROCEDURE

All competitors must inspect the course prior to commencing their practice runs. It is recommended that the course be fenced on all sides with only one or two entry gates at the top.

- Competitors must enter the course from the Start Area and Drop In.
- A starter shall be present at the top of the course to control entry and regulate the flow.
- Competitors are allowed to drop into the course, once the previous competitor has hit the first feature.

503 JUDGED RUNS

503.01 Judged Run / Scored Run

A judged run begins when the competitor exits the start area and enters the course. A judged run ends when the competitor completes their final maneuver and exits the course. After the completion of the run, the competitor will receive a score which is used to assign ranking. Scores are to be communicated unofficially to the competitor either electronically or manually written on the scoreboard at the completion of the judged run.

503.02 Para

Judging criteria for Para Freestyle disciplines will reflect the same high standards for able-bodied competitors.

503.03 DNF : Did not finish

Barring an injury during the competitors judged run, the judges will stop judging and in place of a score, a competitor will receive a DNF, only for that particular run, if the competitor:

- Removes both feet from their board/skis and proceeds to exit the course.

- Exits the competition area prior to completing their run.
- Stops during their run for more than 30 seconds.

503.04 Re-Runs

If a competitor is called back by the TS, Head Judge or Starter for a re-run, the Competitor must return to the Start Area immediately. While that Competitor is returning, the Starter may send the next Competitors in order to maintain the flow of the competition. A re-run may be issued due to:

- Obstructions in the course which interfere with the execution of the competitor's run. Snow conditions do not constitute an obstruction.
- It is the competitor's responsibility to alert the TS or Head Judge of a possible obstruction.
- Judge's view of the run was obstructed and resulted in judges missing the competitor's run.
- Competitor was sent by starter when the judges were not ready and resulted in judges missing the competitor's run.

503.05 Ties

Ties are to be broken by comparing the highest scored run by each competitor. The Competitor with the highest Overall Impression score in the tied run shall be declared the winner. If there is still a tie, then the second highest Overall Impression score in the tied run shall be declared the winner. If there is still a tie, then the third highest Overall Impression score shall be declared the winner. This will continue as necessary. If the tie-breaking systems have failed to break a tie between two or more competitors, they shall all be awarded the same highest finish place.

504 JUDGING FORMAT

504.01 Overall Impression

Snowboard and Freeski Judges consider the following criteria when evaluating and comparing competition runs.

- 1 - Execution
- 2 - Difficulty
- 3 - Amplitude
- 4 - Variety
- 5 - Progression

All criteria are considered equally and are not in any particular order.

The judges use these criteria to evaluate the precise nature of the run, in

relation to the maneuvers attempted, both individually and as a sequence. The overall composition (flow) of the run is very important as the judges evaluate the sequences of tricks, the amount of risk in the routine, and how the competitor uses the course.

The judges also take each fall, mistake and stop into consideration and will evaluate these considerations when calculating the rank/score for that judged run. When the judges are evaluating and comparing competition runs, they must consider the 5 Judging Criteria: Progression, Amplitude, Variety, Execution, and Difficulty.

504.02 Scoring

- There shall be a minimum of three scoring judges
- When three or four judges are scoring, all scores will count
- When five or more judges are scoring, the highest and the lowest scores may be thrown out and the remaining scores will be used to determine the competitor's score.

Slopestyle and Halfpipe

- Scores shall be given to provide a ranking to all competitors.
- All scores should be posted after each run
- Judges will use a 100 point scoring system. This is accomplished by using a 1 – 100 range.

Rail Jam

- Competitors will be ranked accordingly and points will be awarded for place in ranking.
- When there is a finals at an event the competitors progressing to the finals will be ranked based on their performance in the final.
- Competitors not advancing to the finals will all receive the next highest ranking available as well as its associated points.
- Competitors who participate in an event that does not have a final will be ranked through the final competitor and receive the associated points for the place assigned.

505 COMPETITION FORMATS

Competition Formats used at the Nationals are set by the Technical Commission and are communicated to the National and Regional educators. If there are any changes during the season the Regional Directors will be informed as well as the clinicians. At the regional level flexibility becomes

very important, the following formats are the basic ones to build upon. Competition formats are at the discretion of the event organizer, Series Director, TS or Head Judge. Whichever format is used, each age category must compete entirely in the same format. The TS or Head Judge will announce which competition format system will be used during the Competitor's Meeting /Judges Information Meeting (J.I.M.). For further Information refer to the USASA Freestyle Judging Manual

505.01 Heat System

Competitors in large groups are divided into Heats. Each heat shall include a manageable number of competitors. Practice sessions directly before each heat are recommended. A Double Up system may be used to run two Heats at the same time. The Double Up system can only be used if there are an adequate number of judges per heat group. Competition runs will be a best run format, where the highest scoring run is used to determine ranking.

505.02 Split System

Split format is used when it is not possible to judge the course in its entirety. Judges are split into judging panels along the course in order to evenly weigh features. Competition runs will be a best run format, where the highest scoring run is used to determine ranking.

505.03 Jam System

Competitors are given a set amount of competition time, instead of a predetermined number of runs. Multiple competitors may be on course at any given time. Competition runs may either be a best run format or an overall impression format in order to determine rankings.

600 BOARDERCROSS® / SKI CROSS

601 COURSE

- The recommended vertical drop shall be a minimum of 80 meters and a maximum of 300 meters and the minimum length of the course should ensure that it cannot be completed in less than 30 seconds and not more than 75 seconds for the fastest Competitor.
- It is recommended that the course be a minimum of 30 meters wide.
- The track shall conform to rules 250 & 252

602 COURSE LAYOUT

- Separation features are recommended between the start and first turn.
- Track width must be start gate plus 4m minimum (2m on each side) up to the first turn, unless the distance to the first turn is over 100m.
- 15 to 20 degrees Inclination at the start until first turn is preferable.
- The first terrain feature should be a maximum of 20m beyond the start gate. This feature should be built to separate the Competitors.
- The track should be in the fall line until the first turn.
- It is recommended that the course be wide enough to allow passing in two or more sections.
- Course should have tables, jumps, rollers, banked turns, hips, overtaking sections.
- The jury shall decide if the course needs to be changed

603 EQUIPMENT

- Recommended that Competitors select appropriate body protection
- Snowboards with square tails or pointed tips are not allowed.
- Poles are allowed in Ski Cross
- Boardercross competition suits must be two piece – pants and separate top. Form fitting speed or downhill suits are not permitted
- Ski Cross suits may be one or two pieces.
- Ski Cross suit base material shall be textile fabrics excluding rubber, neoprene, leather or vinyl like materials or fabrics. Patches of different material are allowed provided that textile fabrics shall remain, in any event, predominant. Material shall be uniform for the entire suit from top to bottom.
- Skicross suits shall have no stiffening or layering of material to create a shape or form to the pants lower cuff.
- Ski Cross protection equipment including back protector or any other padding or body armor must be worn on the body and separate from the Ski Cross competition suit (outerwear). Protection and padding must not be attached to the Ski Cross suit by a zipper, velcro or any other external means.
- Helmets for use in Ski Cross events shall be specifically designed and manufactured for the respective discipline. The helmet shall be certified under both ASTM 2040 and EN 1077 (class A – hard sided)

604 TRAINING / INSPECTION

- The training can be divided into two or more groups (men / women and the very young Competitor's should train separately from the adults whenever possible), to be determined by the TS.
- Course inspection shall only occur during the official time unless otherwise specified by the TS.
- It is recommended that there be two training runs before the Time Trials.
- One training session before the Time Trials
- Training can be single Competitor's or groups of up to four Competitor's.

605 SPECIAL EQUIPMENT

605.01 Start Gate

A parallel starting gate with simultaneous departure (manually or mechanically) for 4 competitors shall be used. Each competitor shall have individual hand positions for starting.

605.02 Finish Video Control

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

An adequate number of judges shall be placed on course. The judges are responsible to communicate any disqualification, injury, course damage & obstructions immediately on the race channel to the Finish Referee. Judges should use flags to signal competitors.

607 START INTERVAL

The start interval between competitors cannot be less than 30 seconds. The start interval shall be announced during the Competitor's meeting. A racer may start before the previous racer has completed the course.

608 START CADENCE

608.01 Time Trials Start Cadence

The Starter shall prepare competitors for their start. Beginning five seconds prior to the start, the Starter shall announce in a smooth-flowing manner the start cadence. A competitor must start within a window of time, from 5 seconds prior to 5 seconds following the Starter's call of "Go". A start before or after this window is grounds for disqualification.

608.02 Heat Racing Start Cadence

- The Starter shall prepare competitors for their start by announcing "We are ready for the next Heat, proceed to the Start Gate". "Enter the Start Gate" (approximately 30 seconds before the start command).
- "Rider Ready....?" then "Attention....!" followed by the Starter opening the start gate randomly 1– 5 seconds
- During the final start command no coaching is permitted (no coaches present at the start device, no radio information from the course, etc.)

609 FALSE START

- A false start involves a competitor jumping over the start gate or forcing the gate open before the starters signal.
- A competitor must immediately stop their run when the Starter signals a false start.

610 DISQUALIFICATION

Disqualification of Position:

A competitor is disqualified from position if:

- The competitor makes a false start in either the small or big finals.
- The competitor does not correctly pass all "sections" of the course. A "section" shall be identified by a flag, pole or feature.
- A competitor disqualified for missing a gate or not finishing the course in the Semi Finals will be allowed to run in the small finals and seeded last.
- 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.

- 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 blocking infractions will be at the discretion of the gate judges and the jury.
- This type of blocking infraction will result in a disqualification from the position gained in the heat only and will be scored last in the heat they were disqualified from.
- A competitor disqualified for missing a gate in time trials will be seeded last in their respective age class.

** In the event that multiple competitors in the same age class are DQ's for missing a gate the furthest point on the course legally passed will determine rank for heats.*

Disqualification from an Event

A competitor is disqualified from the event for:

- Being flagged for multiple (2) blocking infractions during an event.
- 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. All contact infractions will be at the discretion of the gate judges and the jury.

** A competitor disqualified (for intentionally pushing, holding, or hitting) will not be allowed to start in the next event of the same level or above*

- A competitor disqualified (for pushing, holding, or hitting) will not be allowed to advance to a further round at this race and may be sanctioned.
- A competitor disqualified (for pushing, holding or hitting) will not receive any rank or points at the race in which the infraction occurred. If this occurs during Finals the competitor will be listed at the end of all other competitors in the Finals but with 0 rank and 0 points.
- In the eventuality of a competitor being disqualified for "pushing, holding, or hitting" the heat in which the infraction occurred can be re-run only if the infraction changed the outcome of those advancing.

611 RESULTS AT THE FINISH LINE

- Finish line results shall be announced to all competitors competing before they leave the corral in that race (1st to 4th)
- Competitors shall not leave the finish area until they have received and accepted the official result.
- If a competitor disagrees with the result they may speak with the finish referee and a 30 second review period will be conducted.
- If the competitor is not satisfied with the decision of the review they may file an official protest at that time.
- Competitors lose their right to protest the result once they have left the finish area.

612 OBSTRUCTIONS

Fallen competitors, fallen gates, gates out of place, and safety netting out of place are not considered obstructions and are not reasons for re-runs in BoarderCross® or Ski Cross

613 FINISHES

A racer finishes the course when any part of his body board or ski crosses the designated finish line. Racers must cross the finish line with both feet engaged in the bindings. In a case where more than one competitor does not complete the course nor cross the finish line, the rankings in that heat will be based on the location where the competitor(s) have completed the course. The competitor that has made it further down the course will receive the higher rank.

614 COMPETITION FORMAT

One of the following formats must be used to establish a seeding order for heat racing: 614.01, 614.02 or 614.03. Cuts to field size based on place of finish in seeding may not be made, except at the National Championships as required. The format must be announced in the official event announcement and confirmed at the riders meeting.

614.01 Time Trials

There are two (2) timed qualification formats.

- Qualification – One Run: -- all competitors take one (1) timed run.
- 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.

Each competitor will start individually. Competitors who did not start (DNS) finish (DNF) or were disqualified DQ in qualification run one (1) can participate in qualification run two (2). At the National Championships competitors may be eliminated by the time trials. Time Trials alone should not be considered as qualification to the the National Championships.

614.01.01 Ties in Time Trials

In Time Trials, if a tie cannot be broken amongst the tied competitors to 100th of a second, the competitor starting the latest in the event will be seeded ahead of the competitor they are with tied with.

614.02 National Ranking

The competitors will be seeded according to their national ranking within their respective age groups. Those ranked competitors will be seeded first according to rank and those without rank will be arranged in random order after the ranked competitors. Ties in the National National ranking seeding will be broken by using the competitors two best results.

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.

614.03 Round Robin

A random seed order will be created for EACH race and the competitors 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 point

Points from all three races will be added and the ranking order / results will be established based on the finish order of the Round Robin results.

614.03.01 Ties in Round Robin

If there is a tie competitors will run an additional heat to finalize seeding

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 Boardercross® / Ski Cross ladder with small and

big finals be used.

- The rider with seed 1 (rank1 from Time Trials will be placed in the ladder as Seed 1 and so on.
- It is recommended that competitors 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 4 Competitors may start together in each race.

614.04.01 Ties in Heat Racing

- 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 or 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 big final, and the other three rider's shall advance to the small final.
- If not possible to determine, the race shall be rerun with all the disqualified competitors, starting in the original race order.

615 Final Ranking

1. For the non-finalists, the official result of the Time Trials shall determine the final ranking. After each round in the Final the eliminated competitors will be ranked by comparing all tied Time Trials result (comparing all 4th places together, all 5th places together, all 6th places together).
2. Rider's who DNF or DQ will be ranked after these Rider's.
3. Ties between two or more Rider's who DNF or DQ shall be broken by comparing their Time Trials result.
4. Rider's who DNS will be ranked after all other Rider's and ties. In the KO Final the remaining 8 Rider's (races of 4) shall race for their final ranking.
5. The Series Director may combine age categories to give the competitors a chance to experience riding "in traffic" and be prepared for the National Championships. The final results shall remain divided by the official age categories.

700 POINT SYSTEMS

The table below will be used to award points by place at all Events.

1. 1000	13. 400	25. 160	37. 100	49. 40
2. 900	14. 375	26. 155	38. 95	50. 35
3. 800	15. 350	27. 150	39. 90	51. 30
4. 750	16. 325	28. 145	40. 85	52. 25
5. 700	17. 300	29. 140	41. 80	53. 20
6. 650	18. 275	30. 135	42. 75	54. 15
7. 600	19. 250	31. 130	43. 70	55. 10
8. 550	20. 225	32. 125	44. 65	56. 9
9. 500	21. 200	33. 120	45. 60	57. 8
10. 475	22. 190	34. 115	46. 55	58. 7
11. 450	23. 180	35. 110	47. 50	59. 6
12. 425	24. 170	36. 105	48. 45	60> 5

701 REGIONAL SERIES POINTS

All Regional Series will use the same ranking system throughout the nation. Refer to section 103.07 C for bonus points calculation.

Regional Series points will be not awarded for Futures Tour events. The results from Futures Tour events are used by FIS for points assignment and for use in producing the Futures Tour Overall Rank.

702 NATIONAL POINTS

National Points will be assigned using the same ranking system throughout the nation. Refer to section 103.07 D for points calculation.

National points will be not awarded for Futures Tour events. The results from Futures Tour events are used by FIS for points assignment and for use in producing the Futures Tour Overall Rank.

703 NATIONAL RANKINGS

The National Ranking and Selection System will be communicated by the National Office, and will be the basis for filling the extra openings at the National competition. Refer to rule 103.04 thru 103.10.

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Central Oregon Series	Adam Brown
Dakota Badlands Series	Benton Obregon
Grand Canyon Series	Josh Nelson & Scott Sawyer
Great Lakes Series	Greg Flowers & Jeff Vagg
Inland North West Series	Steven & Grace Byrd
Maine Mountain Series	Chrissy Hamel
Mid Atlantic Series	Kyle Beach
Mid West Best Series	Dana & Brian Wilson
Mt Hood Series	Ali Sacash-Johnson, Leslee Schader
New Hampshire Series	Joshua Nicolaisen
North Tahoe Series	Simon Haskell
Northern Vermont Series	Abby Parker & Jason Trask
Rocky Mountain Series	Paul Krahulec
SnowOhio Series	Jody Proudfit
Southeastern Series	Andy & Stephanie McDaniel
Southern New England Series	John Friends & Marc Lombard
South Lake Tahoe Series	Jack Pipin & Ryan Zaczek
Southern California Series	Shawn Hill & Cynthia Rivera
Southern Vermont Series	Ross Powers & Paul Kelly
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