



SEASON 2024 UPDATE & REVIEW: CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR ALPINE OFFICIALS

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

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

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

PLEASE NOTE: Procedures which impact your event operations and programs must be relayed to all event officials, Team Captains, and competitors. The procedures must – without question – be respected and observed.

Alpine Officials' resource materials are prepared to be accurate and in compliance with current rules and procedures while maintaining a nationwide outlook. The content of the material is reviewed by senior Alpine Officials prior to being submitted for acceptance by appropriate U.S. Ski & Snowboard authorities. If an item included in the resource materials appears to be in conflict with current rules and procedures, please contact U.S. Ski & Snowboard Competition Services for clarification and/or interpretation.

U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD COMPETITION CONTINUING EDUCATION (UPDATE) SEASON 2024:

1. RACE ENTRY and LIFT TICKET COST

Race Announcements must provide a breakdown showing actual entry fee separate from lift ticket fee.

2. EVENT REGISTRATION and HEAD TAX CALCULATION/VERIFICATION/PAYMENT

U.S. Ski & Snowboard will no longer provide an online Event Registration platform. Race Organizers are encouraged to use systems currently being provided by private vendors; (e. g., skireg.com or adminskiracing.com). Regardless of whether or not the registration system of choice calculates and submits required Head Tax, the Organizing Committee is responsible for calculation, verification, and payment of all National, Regional, and Divisional Head Taxes. *All Head Tax forms must be submitted with Head Tax submitted by an Organizing Committee.*

3. GOLDEN RULE CLARIFICATIONS

Athletes who have requested Golden Rule seeding may compete using the equipment appropriate to their disability.

4. U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD FIRST REPORT OF ACCIDENT

Lockton Companies is the new insurance carrier for U.S. Ski & Snowboard. All injury reporting forms and procedures can be found at usskiandsnowboard.org/sport-development/club-development/club-insurance under [Participant Accident](#). Online filing is preferred and a copy of the completed First Report of Accident can be printed for inclusion in the required Event Document Packet. If online filing is not an option, the site also includes a 2-page First Report of Accident in PDF format. *The First Report of Accident in PDF fill-in format is available in the Master Packet of Forms (MPF).*

5. RESULT PROCESSING – XML FILE and EVENT DOCUMENT PACKETS

The submittal process for race result XML files and Event Document Packets has changed; the email functions will be disabled. (Refer to 2. Procedures for Sending Event Files in MPF for instructions.)

- Individual event XML race result files are uploaded at: race-results.us skiandsnowboard.org/
- Following successful uploading of the XML race result file, individual “Event Document Packets” in PDF format are uploaded at: race-results.us skiandsnowboard.org/

PLEASE NOTE: Login for clubs hosting sanctioned events or a previously-approved login for individuals who do not have access to the club login will be required in order to access the upload platform. If an official is unable to log in, or if uploads are not successful, contact Competition Services for assistance.

6. U14 AND YOUNGER COMPETITION POLICY

- U14 and younger athletes wishing to compete out of their Region must have their home club coach obtain permission from their home Regional Director and the Director of the Region in which they wish to compete
- U14 and younger athletes wishing to compete out of their home Division must have their home club coach get permission from their home Division Director and the Director in the Division in which they wish to compete.

7. U12 and U14 SUPER G TRAINING RUN

Official training for U12 and U14 Super G must include at least one Super G training run prior to the first competition. Official training for these age groups is an integral part of the competition, and all athletes are required to participate. In exceptional cases, a Jury can authorize a controlled freeski run in lieu of an official training run. The Jury decision must be documented in Jury Minutes. If racing with U16 athletes, ACR U1256.4 applies, and a training run must be calendared.

All sanctioned speed training runs/camps – Downhill or Super G – require that a full Jury be empaneled. In addition, they must also carry either liability insurance coverage through the U.S. Ski & Snowboard provider or through the Organizing Committee’s provider.

8. U18 START LIMITATIONS

U18 start limitation for technical events has been modified to 35 (thirty-five) starts for second-year (YOB 2006) athletes; limitation for first-year (YOB 2007) athletes will remain at 30 (thirty) starts. *There is no limitation for speed events (Downhill, Super G, Alpine Combined). In addition, the exception will continue for technical starts at the World Cup, World Junior Championships, Youth Olympic Games, U.S. Alpine Championships, and U18 National Championships.*

9. INTERDICTION TO CONTINUE - SLALOM

U.S. Ski & Snowboard ACR Arts. U614.2.3, U661.4.1, U804.3 are now designated as “U” (non-FIS) rules to indicate competitors in non-FIS Slalom may hike to continue passage of a missed gate and continue on course after coming to a stop. FIS rules do not allow hiking/continuing on course in any event.

10. RANDOM SEEDING – TRS (BUTTERFLY)

Random seeding has been approved – but is not mandatory – for scored single or multi-day events. Start Lists for run 3 and run 4 of a multi-day series will be produced using the TRS Butterfly system. If required from an athletic standpoint, Team Captains may request that the Start Referee increase the interval prior to an individual athlete’s start. (The Start Referee must announce any start interval changes over the Jury radio channel.)

Athletes that are only entered in the second day of a multi-day event using TRS seeding will be inserted in the middle of the start order by class/gender for run 3.

11. THE GOLDEN RULE AND TRS (BUTTERFLY)

- First Run: Adaptive athletes will be seeded in special groups by class/gender with start order: 16-20, 36-40, 56-60, etc., unless TRS affords them a more favorable start position.
- Second and Subsequent Runs: Adaptive athletes will start in the 31st position by class/gender unless TRS affords a more favorable start position.

12. SKILLSQUEST

- The Jury members for a sanctioned SkillsQuest Tournament are: Technical Delegate, Referee, and Chief of Race. *(The Chief of Race may also be serving as the SkillsQuest Tournament Director.)*

- A SkillsQuest Technical Delegate’s Checklist for U.S. Ski & Snowboard sanctioned SkillsQuest events has been drafted and added to the Master Packet of Forms.

13. U16 NATIONALS’ SEEDING

The Super G fields will be randomized. TRS (Butterfly) will be used for Giant Slalom and Slalom seeding.

14. ALPINE OFFICIALS’ CERTIFICATION MATRIX CHANGES

- **Referee:** A minimum of 1 (one) shadow assignment must be successfully completed under the supervision of a U.S. Ski & Snowboard Level 3 Alpine RF or TD (minimum Level 2 RF/TD), or FIS TD. **AO recommendation form must be submitted to the respective Divisional AO chair.**
- **Race Administrator:** Unless excused by Division/Region AO Chair, prior to serving, Race Administrator must attend seasonal Race Administration Continuing Education Workshop (or equivalent). *They must attend a Workshop every two years in order to retain current certification level.*
- **Recommendations for Advancement:**
 - Recommendations for advancement must be submitted by appropriately certified officials with appropriate levels of certification.
 - Submitted recommendations for advancement must be current: Technical events should be within two (2) seasons of submittal; Speed events should be within three (3) seasons of submittal.

15. LEVEL 100 COACH REQUIREMENT - REMINDER

Effective Season 2025, Level 100 Coach requirement must be met in order to access the competition arena. New coaches will be granted a one-year grace period and Junior Coaches are exempt. *Requirement does not prohibit an individual from coaching at the club level, it only prohibits access to the race arena at any U.S. Ski & Snowboard sanctioned event.*

16. SKI CROSS

Ski Cross has been approved to move from Freeski to Alpine. Coordination for events will continue with USASA and the Hole Shot Freeski Tour.

17. WIRELESS TIMING

Wireless timing has been approved for U.S. Ski & Snowboard non-championship events. FIS further restricts its use to FIS Level 3 and FIS Level 4 only. An application for the use of wireless timing at U.S. Ski & Snowboard events has been drafted and is available in the Master Packet of Forms (MPF). Please contact John Jett (jjett@cjtiming.com) or Matt Howard (matt.p1timing@gmail.com) for complete details.

FIS COMPETITION CONTINUING EDUCATION (UPDATE) SEASON 2024:

1. COMPLETE STOP FOR SLALOM EVENT – INTERDICTION TO CONTINUE

- **614.2.3:** If competitors come to a complete stop (e.g., after a fall), they must no longer continue through previous or further gates.
- **661.4.1 and 804.3:** Provisions within these rules regarding climbing back up (hiking) have been stricken from the rules.

2. OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD (Also applicable at non-FIS events.)

The official notice board can be replaced by an official communication channel announced at the first Team Captains’ Meeting by the Jury. [617.2.3]

3. DOUBLE ENTRIES

The following precision of the overall Art. 215.2 is valid:

- If two (2) competitions take place at the same site, competitors can be entered for both events

- If two (2) competitions take place at different sites, the exceptions of ICR Art. 621.12 apply

4. DISTANCE BETWEEN GATES WITHIN TURNING POLES (Also applicable at non-FIS events.)

The distance between the gates within a delayed combination must not be less than 0.75m from either turning pole. **[801.2.3]**

5. COLOR OF SUPER G GATE PANELS (Also applicable at non-FIS events.)

The gates must be alternately red and blue. In special circumstances, where a panel color cannot be seen properly against the backdrop, (e.g., netting), the Jury can decide to use an alternative color for the gate panel for that specific gate to improve visibility.

6. TEAM COMBINED

Provisions of ICR Art. 1211 – Combined Team Event have been stricken from the rules and replaced by rules for Team Combined; rule number will remain the same. **[1211]**

7. TIMING RULE CLARIFICATION

- “Or System B” has been added to clarify replacement times may be calculated using System B times as well as those taken by hand.
- “Of Day” has been added to clarify times being used in the calculation of a replacement time are “time of day times”. **[611.3.2.1]**

8. FIS TIMING BOOKLET

A new FIS Timing Booklet is scheduled for publication. It will include a change to procedure for synchronization, timing guidelines for parallel, and new guidelines for wireless timing. *Please refer to current edition of FIS Timing Booklet.*

9. COMPETITOR TIES IN PARALLEL EVENTS

- Added: In case of a tie in both runs, the competitor with the lower bib will advance to the next round. **[1232.4]**
- Revised: If both competitors are tied after the second run in the Final and/or the Small Final, competitors will be ranked equally (tied). They will be ordered by descending bib number. **[1232.5]**

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

1. MINOR ATHLETE ABUSE PREVENTION POLICY (MAAPP) & SAFESPORT CODE:

- MAAPP should be implemented alongside the SafeSport Code.
- Administration applies – but is not limited to – events, participation requirements, membership requirements, officials’ certification and continuing education, race arena access, volunteers, etc.
- In order to ensure compliance, all requirements must be continually monitored and completed for same-day participants, and they must be informed of the provisions of MAAPP and the SafeSport Code. This can be accomplished by posting a QR code which, when scanned, provides required information.

Please refer to links posted on the U.S. Ski & Snowboard website for access to complete and current information. usskiandsnowboard.org/safesport-athlete-safety/safesport-resources.

2. MISCELLANEOUS NOTE: MAAPP & SAFESPORT

The responsibility for communication and enforcement of MAAPP and SafeSport policies is the responsibility of the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) as well as other individuals and entities as set out in the Competition Administration Summary, the MAAPP, and the SafeSport Code.

All information is available on the U.S. Ski & Snowboard website at usskiandsnowboard.org/safesport-athlete-safety/safesport-resources.

The Jury is only responsible for technical matters within the **closed competition areas**. [601.4] The **closed competition areas** are defined as the “race arena” which is accepted as being those areas which the Jury inspects and accepts as being suitable for competitors’ presence; e.g., start arena, race course, finish arena.

3. HELMET RULES

Soft ear protection is only permitted for helmets used in Slalom. *Soft ear protection is not allowed in Parallel events.* [U707, U807, U907, U1007, U1233, Helmet Rules]

U1233 has been edited as follows: In the case of issues or items not covered in Art. 1220-1233, the rules for Slalom (Art. 800) or Giant Slalom (Art. 900) must be considered.

Reminder: For all events, (FIS, non-FIS scored and non-scored), helmet-mounted cameras and/or their mounts are not allowed for use by either competitors or forerunners. The helmets shall have no spoilers nor protruding parts.

4. FORERUNNERS CLARIFICATIONS

Adult (18+) forerunners at events that include minor participants (U18 and younger) are required to be in good standing with a membership that includes SafeSport training and background screening. *The “Alpine Master” and “Short-Term Alpine Master” memberships do not meet this requirement and are not allowed.*

U18 and younger forerunners, including those with General and Short-Term Memberships, at Masters events where competitors may have the “Master” or “Short-Term Alpine Master” memberships that do not include SafeSport Training and background screening must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian or at least two (2) U.S. Ski & Snowboard members with a membership that includes SafeSport training and background screening (e.g., Coach w/Official, Official, Volunteer, Masters w/requirements).

As with all U18 and younger events, if U18 athletes will be forerunning a Masters event, a communication pertaining to athlete safety policies must be sent to all participants, and the QR code must be posted at the registration area.

5. HOMOLOGATION FILES

Paper copies of homologations and homologation information posted on independent websites may be outdated. The only accurate sources for course homologation data verification are the U.S. Ski & Snowboard and FIS websites. Please note a new inspection of an existing course (FIS or National) voids the previous homologation of an existing course.

Homologation files may be accessed at: media.us skiandsnowboard.org/CompServices/Homologation/

(Login is required: **User ID = homologation; Password = Allout2022!**)

Files may also be accessed at: fis-ski.com/DB/alpine-skiing/homologations.html; maps, photos, reports, etc., are not available at this site.

6. FLUOROCARBONS

At all events sanctioned by U.S. Ski & Snowboard and by FIS, the use of fluorocarbon wax preparation is prohibited.

7. NO ADVANTAGE – NO DISQUALIFICATION

Art. 223.3.3 states: “Competitors shall only be disqualified if their mistake would result in an advantage for them with regard to the end result; unless the Rules state otherwise in an individual case.”

Rules that address grounds for disqualification are:

- Art. 629.2 – jeopardizes the security of persons or property or causes actual injury or damage
- Art. 629.3 – does not pass through a gate correctly in accordance with Art.661.4
- Art. 629.3 – does not start within the time limits defined by Art. 613.7.

Please note unsportsmanlike behavior is subject to sanction which may or may not include disqualification. [Art. 223.1.1; Art. 223.3.2]

8. DUE PROCESS [224.7]

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

- Calling witnesses, including athlete, coach, Gate Judge, etc.
- Questioning witnesses – including athlete, coach, Gate Judge, etc. – upon whose testimony the Jury relies
- Consider infraction
- Hear and consider all testimony and other evidence
- Allow accused person the opportunity to present a defense and review all evidence (question witnesses, etc.)

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

- Consider infraction
- Hear and consider all testimony and other evidence.
- Allow accused person the opportunity to present a defense and review all evidence (question witnesses, etc.)
- Deliberate
- Make a fair decision
- Review, vote, and sign prepared Jury Minutes of decision
- Notify affected parties

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

- Early/late start violation occurs when a competitor is in the start gate and does not start within the required period with respect to the start command – “GO”!
- Course workers and officials must have a reasonable expectation of when a competitor may be approaching their position. Competitors who either start early or late can minimize this expectation and potentially create an environment that is not secure. For these reasons, early/late start violations require DSQ. [613.7, 805.4]
- A “delayed” competitor is one who is not present in the start area or who is not ready to start when called [613.6, 805.3.1]
- A provisional start may be allowed by the Start Referee (*force majeure*) or the Jury (in case of doubt)
- Athletes who are given provisional starts are subject to SANCTION, which *may or may not* include DSQ. However, provisions of Art. 223.3.3 must be met.

10. PROVISIONAL STARTS – IMPORTANT POINTS

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

11. COMPETITION EQUIPMENT – PROTECTORS

The term “competition equipment” implies all items of equipment used by athletes in competitive skiing, including clothing and implements that serve a technical function.

- Competitors are allowed to protect all parts of the body with so called protectors in all events
- It remains in the athlete's/NSA's discretion and responsibility to individually decide about the use of protectors
- In Downhill, protectors may not be integrated into the competition suit itself
- In all events these protectors must be worn underneath the conforming competition suit. [3.5 FIS Specifications for Alpine Competition Equipment]

The only exception is forearm protection used in Super G, Giant Slalom and Slalom and shin protection used in Slalom. *There is no exception for knee braces; they must be worn underneath the competition suit.*

12. COLLECTIVE OFFENSES [224.3]

In accordance with Art. 224.3, a “collective offense” occurs when several persons:

- Commit the same offense
- At the same time
- Under the same circumstances

When addressing sanctions related to collective offenses:

- Jury’s decision as to one offender may be considered binding upon all offenders
- Written decision shall include:
 - Names of all offenders concerned
 - Scope of the penalty to be assessed upon each of them

Decision will be delivered to each offender.

13. RACE ARENA vs RACE VENUE

The Jury is responsible for technical matters within the closed competition areas. [601.4] The closed competition areas are defined as the “race arena” which is accepted as being those areas which the Jury inspects and accepts as being suitable for competitors’ presence:

- **within** (the side-to-side fencing) and
- **without** (start area and finish arena) the confines of the competition area and
- any location connected with the competition [223.2.1]

The Jury does inspect and accept:

- the start and finish areas as well as the ingress and egress to these areas
- the racecourse
- the type and placement of the on-hill competitor security

The Jury does not inspect or accept:

- lift areas
- parking lots
- cafeterias
- terrain parks, public trails, meeting rooms, etc.

14. GATE JUDGES

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

Please note U669.3 is a non-FIS rule. FIS rules require that Gate Judges be present for all events.

15. TEAM CAPTAINS’ MEETINGS

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

16. FIS PENALTY WITH LESS THAN FIVE COMPETITORS: MAXIMUM VALUE

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

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

17. MINIMUM PENALTIES: NON-FIS EVENTS

If an event does not meet required minimum vertical drop (MVD), the greater of the calculated penalty, the calculated penalty plus the addition (for events that also do not meet minimum time), or the minimum penalty of 60.00, shall be applied.

If an event meets required minimum vertical drop (MVD), the greater of the calculated penalty or the minimum penalty of 40.00 shall be applied.

18. DOCUMENTS AND SIGNATURES

Rules require signatures on many documents including, but not limited to TD Report, TDTR, Jury Minutes, Team Captains' Meeting Minutes, Report by the Referee, Protests. Signatures confirm that rules and procedures were followed; original, signed documents may be required in a legal review.

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

19. U12 and U14 AGE GROUP RULES

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

20. ALPINE OFFICIALS' CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

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

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

A Timing Data Technical Report (TDTR) is required for all levels of competition, and the FIS TDTR software is used for preparing and submitting the report for all events, both non-FIS and FIS. The Chief of Timing & Calculations is responsible for submitting the report in XML format as required by the level of the event. The PDF report must still be printed and signed as noted in instructions for preparing event document packets located in the Master Packet of Forms (MPF). The U.S. TDTR in the MPF is only intended for gathering data for entry into the FIS TDTR software. *If an event requires calculation of a replacement time (EET), copies of all calculations must be included with the PDF copy.*

22. COURSE SETTING SPECIFICATIONS FOR MULTIPLE AGE CLASS COMPETITIONS

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

These specifications only apply to course setting; they do not apply to maximum vertical drop. Athletes are not permitted to compete in events where the vertical drop exceeds the allowance for their actual age group.

Example: Giant Slalom field consists of U16, U14, U12, and U10 athletes, U12 course setting specification will apply, but the maximum vertical drop of 200m for U10 athletes must be respected.

23. KOMBI RULES

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

U1259.10 clarifies In Kombi competitions, athletes must use the helmets designed for Giant Slalom, Super G, or Downhill. Athletes U14 and older must use helmets that meet the FIS standards.

24. FORCE MAJEURE

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

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

25. TENURE OF THE JURY

In accordance with Art. 601.4.4.2, the active tenure of the Jury begins with its first meeting and ends, if no protests are submitted, at the expiration of the protest deadlines as noted in Art. 643 (Deadlines for Submittal). If protests are submitted, the tenure of the Jury ends after settlement of all submitted protests.

- If the Jury is no longer empaneled, they may not re-evaluate a previous decision
- If the Jury is no longer empaneled, they may not alter an athlete's status; e.g., assign/unassign DSQ based on previously unavailable video, etc.
- Jury decisions are final except those that may be protested (641) or appealed (U647.1.1, 647.1.1)
- A Jury may re-evaluate a previous decision (Art. 640.2) but only if tenure has not ended (Art. 601.4.4.2)

26. JURY MEMBERS AND THEIR VOTES

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

27. EVENT RELATED DOCUMENTS

For events with no issues (injuries or accidents), it is recommended all event-related documents be kept on file for one (1) year. In the case of an event with serious injury/accident as defined by the Guidelines for Serious Accidents, the Technical Delegate must immediately contact Jeff Weinman, U.S. Ski & Snowboard Competition Services for instructions. The Technical Delegate must coordinate with the Ski Patrol and verify the information contained in the 4-page TD Accident Report.

ALPINE OFFICIALS' INFORMATION

1. **CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT:** With the exception of Technical Delegates and Race Administrators, biennial attendance at a Continuing Education Clinic (Update) is required in order to maintain certification and officiate at events. In order to remain current, yearly attendance is strongly recommended.

Technical Delegates and Race Administrators must attend a certification-specific Workshop; *membership and certification requirements still apply.*

2. **CHIEF OF TIMING AND CALCULATIONS:** This official supervises, documents and enforces quality control of timing operations. With exception of lower-level events (e.g., YSL), where staffing might require it, Chief of Timing and Calculations should not be operating the timekeeping equipment or the timing/race result software.
3. **RACE ADMINISTRATOR:** Due to requirements for preparation of accurate event documentation (these are documents that may be required in a legal review), it is strongly recommended that the Race Administrator not also assume the duties and critical event responsibilities of the Chief of Timing and Calculations.
4. **ALPINE OFFICIALS' CLINIC STUDY GUIDES:** Study Guides for each specialty area are posted on the U.S. Ski & Snowboard website and should be downloaded and reviewed prior to attending a U.S. Ski & Snowboard-approved clinic. Competition Official ("Introduction to Ski Racing") is a pre-requisite for Alpine Official certification and may be completed online. *Education materials expire on June 1; they are updated prior to every season.*
5. **MATERIAL FOR EXAMINATIONS:** Examinations are open-book format and must be administered in person. Allowing use of computers for calculations, Second Run Start List preparation, Penalties, article research, and location, etc., is not acceptable. *With the exception of the Competition Official examinations via an online platform are prohibited.*
6. **EXAMINATION FAILURE:** An official who does not earn the points required to pass an examination is NOT allowed to retake the failed examination within the same competition year. A retake cannot occur until an updated version of the examination is available the following season. An appeal of a failing examination may be filed; refer to "Appeal of an Official's Examination Grade" contained in Chapter XI. Alpine Officials' Program in the Alpine Officials' Manual, for detailed information.