

Statement on the NorAm Tour
February 1, 2021

NorAm Committee Will Not Sanction NorAm Events in the 2020/21 Season

On Tuesday, January 26th after several months of working to find a way to run a NorAm Tour in the 2020-21 season the NorAm Committee approved a proposal to not sanction any events as NorAms this year. Collectively, the US and Canada have spent significant man hours working to find a way to move forward with a tour that provided equitable access to both countries. Ultimately, given the shifting government travel restrictions it became clear that there were too many unknowns and a decision was needed given the timing of the Deer Valley event.

U.S. Ski & Snowboard remains committed to supporting Mogul events this year and we will use alternate FIS categories in order to host valuable FIS events. The Deer Valley event scheduled for February 8 - 11 has been sanctioned as a FIS Open and we are looking forward to a quality event with a high level of competition.

Additionally, the NorAm committee put a preemptive provision into the FIS this fall regarding how personal World Cup spots that are typically awarded to the NorAm overall champion would be managed if we were unable to run a NorAm tour this season. We will need to work with and get approval from all of the FIS subcommittees and the SB FS FK committee to finalize a solution for this situation. We will be sure to publish that information as soon as it is decided after the FIS spring meetings the first week of June.

Collectively the committee is disappointed by this outcome, but feel confident that it was made for the right reasons. In the US we will now turn our attention to putting on great events.

Official Proposal 1 AE - MO - FK Park and Pipe:

Due to the ongoing health risks during the pandemic combined with uncertain and insurmountable travel and quarantine requirements between the USA and Canada the NorAm Committee proposes the following:

1. That the NorAm Mogul series be cancelled for the 2020-2021 season with the intent to return in 2021-2022. All remaining NorAm events on the calendar will be run as FIS, FIS Open, or National Championship events should the organizers be willing and able to proceed.
2. That the following NorAm series be cancelled for the 2020-2021 season with the intent to return in 2021-2022. All remaining NorAm events on the calendar can be run as FIS, FIS Open, or National Championship events should the organizers be willing and able to proceed.
 1. Ski Halfpipe

2. Ski Slopestyle and Big Air
3. That the NorAm Aerial event scheduled for early February 2021 be provisionally kept on the schedule. Should the Canadian travel restrictions come into place before the event, this event will change its level of sanctioning to FIS and the Canadians will return to Canada in advance of the costly required hotel quarantine. If this occurs, all remaining NorAm events on the calendar can be run as FIS, FIS Open, or National Championship events should the organizers be willing and able to proceed.
4. That the NorAm Committee will work with the respective FIS race directors, the FIS Rules Advisory Group, and the FIS SB FK FS Committee to identify how the 2021-2022 NorAm Overall Champion World Cup personal spots will be managed for the 2021-2022 World Cup Tours. The NorAm Committee previously submitted a provision to the FIS to manage this situation knowing it was possible the season would be disrupted due to the pandemic.

The focus of the NorAm committee is to continue supporting organizers to run events, while mitigating risk, and ensuring that competitor access to the events is as fair and equitable as possible given current travel restrictions. Additionally, the NorAm Committee feels it is our role to set a clear direction to our active members in this challenging time to keep communities safe and ensure time on snow is a priority for our developing athletes.