

2021 U.S. Ski & Snowboard Ski Jumping / NC Sport Committee Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2021; Online Video/Teleconference

Martina Lussi, Chair

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

9:03am Call to Order – Martina Lussi

Members Present: Martina Lussi, Bryan Fletcher, Blake Hughes, Nick Hendrickson, Colin Delaney, Scott Smith, Paul Jastrow, Jed Hinkley

Others in attendance: Matt Petri, Allen Belshaw, Anders Johnson, Karin Bauer, Bine Norcic, Matt Laue, Zak Hammill, Bill Demong, Guy Larson, Paul Andrews, John Norton

2. Confirmation of SJ/NC Sport Committee Membership 2021

Martina Lussi	Chair	5/2023
Bryan Fish	U.S. Ski Nordic Manager	By employment
Anna Hoffman	Athlete SJ	5/2021
Bryan Fletcher	Athlete NC/BOD	5/2022
Blake Hughes	National Coach SJ	5/2021
Nick Hendrickson	National Coach NC	5/2021
Colin Delaney	Regional Rep, East	5/2021
Scott Smith	At Large/Reg. Coaches	5/2021
Paul Jastrow	Officials	5/2022
Jed Hinkley	At Large	5/2022

3. Confirmation of the Subcommittees

Executive Committee

Martina Lussi – Lake Placid, NY	Chair	5/2023
Bryan Fish – Park City, UT	U.S. Ski Nordic Mgr.	By employment
Bryan Fletcher – Park City, UT	Athlete NC/BOD	5/2022
Blake Hughes – Park City, UT	Coaches	5/2021
Paul Jastrow – Eau Claire, WI	Officials	5/2022

Judicial Committee

Martina Lussi – Lake Placid, NY	Chair	5/2023
Bryan Fish – Park City, UT	U.S. Ski Nordic Mgr.	By employment
Bryan Fletcher – Park City, UT	Athlete NC/BOD	5/2022
Blake Hughes – Park City, UT	Coaches	5/2021
Paul Jastrow – Eau Claire, WI	Officials	5/2022

4. Opening comments by Chair – Martina Lussi

5. Additions to the Agenda

Selection Criteria – See #9

- World University Games Selection Criteria (discussed following Sport Reports)
- Junior World Championship Selection Criteria (discussed following Sport Reports)

6. Approval of minutes, Spring USSA Congress 2020

<https://uskiandsnowboard.org/sites/default/files/files-resources/files/2020/Ski%20Jumping%20NC%20Sport%20Comm%20Meeting%20Minutes%20-%205%202020.pdf>

Motion: Paul Jastrow

To approve the minutes of the 2020 SJ/NC Committee Meeting

2nd Nick Hendrickson

Discussion: none

Vote In Favor: All; Opposed: none

Outcome: *Minutes approved*

7. Domestic calendar report – Jed Hinkley & Alan Johnson

Jed Hinkley:

- Waiting on approval for Steamboat 4th of July as a U.S. Cup
- Potential for making Norge fall tournament a U.S. Cup
- December 10-11 NC COC is moving to the spring
 - Park City, UT COC proposed March 11-12
 - Whistler, BC COC proposed March 19-20
 - Lake Placid, NY COC proposed March 25-26
- Major dates and events have been confirmed
- Waiting on specific venue and date for Olympic Trials
- Checked with Rebecca about interest in New Years Competitions in Lake Placid, NY – competition dates: December 29th (night comp – U.S. Cup) * December 30th (day comp – JWSC qualifier)
- JWSC qualifiers yet to be denoted

Motion: Blake Hughes

To vote on the calendar thus far – we vote on this but note it is a work in progress and subject to change

2nd Nick Hendrickson

Discussion: none

Vote In Favor: All; Opposed: none

Outcome: *Calendar approved*

8. Sport Reports

Women's Ski Jumping Report – Jed Hinkley

- Staffing need
- Review of 2021 season challenges
- Review of 2022 season goals
- Continuation of organized opportunities for NT and JNT athletes
- Continuation of strengthening development opportunities for younger athletes
- More opportunities with larger calendar for 2021/2022 season – with the addition of a North American tour March 2022
- Full team report available upon request

Men's Ski Jumping Report – Jed Hinkley

- Overview of 2020/2021 season results
- Overview of challenges: cancellations, Covid, limited training opportunities
- Currently have 3 quota spots for OWG
 - Can earn 4th spot
- Overview of 2022 season goals
- Overview of long-term goals: steps from COC to WC stage
- Continuation of development pipeline
- Increase NT & JNT training camp opportunities

- Will work to incorporate more club/regional coaches on trips this year
- Full team report available upon request

Women's Nordic Combined Report – Nick Hendrickson

- Overview of 2021 season
- Overview of 2022 season goals
- Overview of long-term goals
 - More equitable WC and COC schedules
 - Continuation of development pipeline
 - Work to incorporate club/regional coaches on trips
 - Promoting Nordic Combined as a viable option for women in the U.S.
- Noted: Tara taking a step back from NC this year and pursuing Biathlon – in the past Tara was a member of JWSC team for Biathlon
- Full team report available upon request

Men's Nordic Combined Report – Nick Hendrickson

- Overview of results from 2020/2021 season
- Overview of challenges from past season
- Overview of goals for 2021/2022 season
- Keep 6 spots in COC events – only nation, other than Germany, Norway, and Austria, to have 6 spots)
- Overview of long-term goals
 - Earn 4 WC quota spots consistently
 - Top 6 in team events
 - Medal at WSC
- Continue development pipeline and opportunities for JNT athletes to score COC points
- Continue developing junior pipeline and focusing on foundational skills
- Full team report available upon request

Sport Development Summary – Karin Bauer

- Brief summary of overall athlete numbers
 - On a national level we saw a 16% increase in participation this winter
 - Focus will be on retention and continuing to aid clubs with proper resources, information, and programming.
- Full report available upon request

9. Selection Criteria

World University Games Selection Criteria

- World University Games will be hosted in Lake Placid, NY in 2023
- Noted that there are required sports and optional sports due to hosting location facilities
 - SJ/NC are optional sports
 - Lake Placid has decided to include them in the events for 2023
 - SJ/NC will not be included in 2025
- Overview of Bryan Fish's criteria for Cross Country
 - Generic to FIS regulations
 - Eligible being a university student
- Cross Country has their commitment by October 15th – early timeline
 - Lake Placid is working on contract – contract is dictating date – Lake Placid would like to change that if they can
 - Would like to have deadline be end of October – National Championships, other events as qualifiers that we could include
 - Qualification period is still TBD
- Criteria:
 - Unable to find SJ/NC quota guidelines
 - CX is allowed 8 competitors – 6 take part in individual and 4 in the relay

- Jed will check on quotas
- SJ selection based on World Ranking list, WC points, COC points, FIS points, then US Cup
- NC selection would be same as SJ – omitting FIS points
 - Lenient on full-time student
- Dates are good for SJ/NC participation

Motion: Jed Hinkley

To approve draft of WUG criteria

2nd Nick Hendrickson

Discussion: none

Vote In Favor: All; Opposed: none

Outcome: *Draft criteria approved*

Junior World Championship Criteria

- Criteria will go back to what we had 2 years ago
 - Due to COVID – last year’s criteria was altered
- Date of JWSC: Feb 27th-March 6th
- Qualification period: November 13th, 2021-January 30th, 2022
 - Event is later this year, thus the extended qualification period
 - No objections to extended qualification period
 - Tentative qualifiers: #1 Steamboat Springs, CO, #2 Lake Placid, NY, #3 Eau Claire, WI
 - Selection in order of WC points, COC points, Junior World Qualifiers
 - NC selection for JWSC qualifiers will be points back
 - SJ selection for JWSC qualifiers will be cumulative points for all 3 competitions
- Athletes must declare their sport by November 20th, 2021
- Race lengths for JWSC qualifiers TBD for venue approval
 - Length of race based on location/quota
 - Men: 2, 10km & 1, 5km race OR 3, 10km races
 - Women: 3, 5km races
 - Venues can decide between themselves to determine who will host which length
- WUG as tie-breakers for both NC and SJ – this received the coaches approval
- Criteria lives on USANS website under “teams”, then “criteria”

10. Proposals and Report from the Officials’ Subcommittee – Paul Jastrow

- Finished where we left off during the USANS summit meeting
- Rewording of team criteria for Junior Championships
- Women’s NC – team sprint under one age group if necessary and fair for competition
- Priority of division team vs mixed-division team
 - Both eligible for awards
- Elimination Jump Bracket format made official
 - Have used this format for 3 years – Paul officially putting rules in the guidebook
- Call for any other rule changes – none
- Paul will bring to Officials Sport Committee
- Alissa Johnson, Jessica Jerome, and Linsey Van have been nominated to be added as TDs in accelerated program through FIS
- New members of Officials Subcommittee
 - Blair Tomten/Alissa Johnson (co-chairs – 1 vote) – IMD
 - Ken Hatch – Alaska
- New officials with National Qualification:
 - National Level:
 - Scott McGuire – Central Judge
 - Janette Manke – RMD Judge
 - FIS Level
 - Alissa Johnson – IMD TD
 - Jessica Jerome – Central TD

- Lindsey Van – IMD TD
- Reconfirmed ski length for youth skiers (U16 and under) – 140% of body height NO BMI
 - Will work to increase education for coaches and skiers
- Assigned individuals to form Officials Pipeline Review Working Group to outline path to becoming an official
- Worked with Zak in AK to help create a working officials group with parents in Alaska and to fill vacant position on subcommittee – when they host JC's next in 2024 AK will have a judge
- Working to develop annual rules review testing program
- Continue to work towards FIS licensing for COC that oversee FIS level events
- Discussion for officials committee to look at rules and come up with a suggestion for term limit for FIS Obman role – Paul agreed to bring that to the subcommittee

Motion: Colin Delaney

To approve rules proposed (will be located in competition guide)

2nd Nick Hendrickson

Discussion: none

Vote In Favor: All; Opposed: none

Outcome: *Rules approved*

11. Proposals and Report from the Coaches' Subcommittee – Jed Hinkley

- Criteria – this was gone over following the sport report (see #9)

12. Announcement of U.S. Ski and Snowboard Award Winners (list attached)

- Some of the awards are based on National Championships – which were not hosted last year. Thusly, these awards were not given
- Norge Ski Club awarded overall U.S. Ski and Snowboard Club of the Year
 - Voted on by a separate committee
 - Some challenges this year with club compliance but it was resolved within the timeline given to be eligible for the award
- A congratulations to all of our winners

13. Expiring Terms

- **Expiring Terms 2021**
 - Anna Hoffman – Athlete – 5/2021
 - Blake Hughes – SJ Coach – 5/2021
 - Nick Hendrickson – NC Coach – 5/2021
 - Colin Delaney – Regional Rep, East – 5/2021
 - Scott Smith – At Large/Reg. Coach – 5/2021
- Blake agrees to serve another 2-year term as SJ Coach
- Nick agrees to serve another 2-year term as NC Coach
- Colin agrees to serve another 2-year term as Regional Rep (EAST)
- Athlete Nomination – Decker Dean
 - Bine confirmed Decker accepts his 2-year term
- Matt Petri accepted 2-year term as At Large position

Motion: Bryan Fletcher

To accept these candidates for a 2-year term

2nd Nick Hendrickson

Discussion: none

Vote In Favor: All; Opposed: none

Outcome: *Candidates approved*

14. Final Words & Adjourn

- Bryan Fletcher: looks like USSA is adding another athlete rep to the board (can be 10 years post competition) standard 4-year term - qualify: have to have competed in at least a world cup - they can submit an application to it and they will be voted on it by the AAC. Still being finalized, if anyone is interested, they can send their resume/nomination to Bryan and he can forward to the committee. He will get more details as they move forward.
 - Athlete council meets monthly (sometimes twice a month) - athlete would be on the executive committee, then they can also join subcommittee as a voting member (can take on as much as you want) - open to all sports
 - AAC will be voting committee
Bryan is on his last year (completes his 8-year stint and we'll need a new person from the SJ/NC community to take over when his position opens up)

Motion: Nick Hendrickson

To adjourn

2nd Martina Lussi

Discussion: none

Vote In Favor: All; Opposed: none

Outcome: *Meeting adjourned*