

**USTSA Board of Directors Conference Call
July 6, 2009**

Attending: Russ Hobbs - President, Ken Gay – Treasurer, Tory Hauser – Events Director, Josh Lanzetta – Secretary, Jim Stein – FIS Representative, Christopher Ulm – Past President, Linda Hobbs – member

Absent: Eric Lamb

- 1. Approve minutes from 6/14 meeting**
 - a. Minutes accepted with majority vote
- 2. 2010 World Cup schedule update – Tory / Jim**
 - a. Jim – January 11 & 12 races added in Austria
 - b. Tory – Keystone to add classic; Copper would like to host before Steamboat;
 - c. Tory estimates \$15,000 needed to fundraise for Keystone event, without lift tickets.
- 3. Uniform update**
 - a. No additional Information
- 4. Bylaws revision vote**
 - a. Bylaw revision accepted with majority vote
 - b. Bylaw re-file with state of Utah needs research
- 5. Active Web Site update for new membership classes**
 - a. Membership bullet points need to be added to active.com
- 6. Sponsorship Update**
 - a. Smartwool will sponsor with socks. Charlie Dresen to obtain information on value of products.
 - b. Unicycle sponsorship available
 - c. Scarpa available
 - d. Still finalizing Alpina, Crispi, and Garmont
 - e. Russ to follow up with Leki now that we have submitted forms for interested team members.
- 7. Regional Team Update**
 - a. Carry-forward to next meeting, review document from Roy McKinstry
- 8. Comp Guide Updates**

Note that prior to this Comp Guide revision, the document was renumbered using standard automatic Word numbering to make revision easier. These numbers do not correspond to the previous Comp Guide numbering system. Refer to the attached document titled USTSA Competition Guide Draft 3 Major Changes. The highlighted items in the minutes below will be reviewed for approval at the next BOD meeting.

1.2 approved changes

2.2.3 delete paragraph

2.4.1.1 change to be 35 participants

5.1.1 “Hardwired electronic timing must be used for all events. A waiver may be requested of the USTSA Board to use wireless timing under special circumstances.”

5.3.2.3 ok, leave as it is written, no change

5.7.1 approved (leave discretionary language)

5.7.2 approved

5.7.4 approved

5.1.2.7 approved change protest fee to \$50

6.2.3 use proposed FIS rule change:

“The turns must be linked together in one single, uninterrupted movement from one telemark turn to the next. At all times there must be at least one boot length between the tip of the inner boot and the heel of the outer boot unless the next turn is being executed.”

6.3.6.1 approved no penalty for putting hand down

7.1.1 approved that helmets must be worn by all competitors. Use USSA

wording:

Helmets designed and manufactured for the particular discipline of ski racing being contested are required for all competitors and forerunners in all USTSA events and official training. Helmets must bear a CE mark and conform to recognized and appropriate standards such as CEH.Din 1077, ASTM F2040, SNELL S98 or RS 98.. Protective features integral to the discipline being contested, such as chin guards on slalom helmets are permitted.

7.4.1.1.1 approved, but changed the time to 35-120 seconds (was 35-90 seconds previously)

7.4.2.1.1 Approved change in vertical drop to 200-400 meters

7.4.2.1.2 eliminate this sentence about surface length

7.4.2.1.3 use the USSA wording of direction changes;

“Number of directional changes shall be 11%-14% of the vertical drop.”

7.5.1.2 approved

7.5.2.2 use the USSA wording of direction changes;

“Number of directional changes shall be 11%-14% of the vertical drop.”

7.5.2.5 approved, with additional change of replacing “must” with “shall”

7.5.4.5 approved deletion of this section

7.6.1.2 approved

7.6.2.5.3 agreed that we do not need to establish a number of turning gates for slalom.

7.7.1.2 approved

7.7.2.2 Sprint Classic, direction changes was not discussed at this meeting, but should be reviewed at next BOD meeting. “The ~~course shall consist of 15-20 giant slalom gates~~ number of directional changes shall be 11%-14% of the vertical drop. as per section 47.4.2.1.3 and 7.5.2.2

8.1.1 approved that helmets must be worn by all competitors. Use same wording as 7.1.1

8.1.2 approved

9.1 approved new section about membership and licenses

- 9.2.3 approved
- 10.1.2 approved
- 10.3.1.1.6 approved delete this paragraph
- 10.3.1.1.7 approved
- 10.3.1.1.8 approved
- 10.4.1.3.2.1 approved, delete this paragraph
- 10.4.3.1 approved
- 11.1.3 approved
- 11.1.4 approved
- 11.5 Information about the regional team will be added at next call.
Suggested wording:
During the 2009-2010 Season the USTSA will establish a Regional Team in an effort to recognize those athletes that have demonstrated a commitment to the sport of telemark racing and continue to improve their skills. The regional team members will be ambassadors for USTSA in their local ski area and surrounding region.
- 12.1.1 approved
- 12.1.2 approved

9. Next Call – Monday July 20, 2009 7:00 pm MDT

- Discuss Regional Team Plans
- Finalize Comp Guide
- Review Team Call/Sponsorships
- Colorado PO Box discussion

Carry forward items from past minutes:

- Most of the previous carry over items were related to the Competition Guide and have been incorporated in the revised guide; they have been removed from this list.
- Process to get Ken and Tory approved as FIS technical delegate
- Review Regional Team info from Roy and finalize at next meeting.

Major Changes proposed for USTSA Competition Guide 6/2/09

1.2 Sanctioning

- 1.2.2 All racers must be licensed ~~in order~~ to race in the Elite category at sanctioned events or to have their USTSA points calculated for that race. ~~The racer may have an annual license/membership or they may purchase an event license at the race.~~
- 1.2.3 Race results, event licenses and payment, and the original signed copies of the USTSA waiver forms must be sent in to USTSA within 5 days of race completion. USTSA officials will calculate the points for each race.

2.2 Organizing Committee

- 2.2.3 The Organizing Committee is responsible for submitting an event proposal and sanction form to USTSA. Additionally, the Organizing Committee must secure an event venue contract with the hosting ski area and submit the contract to USTSA **(We have never done this...should we remove this clause?)**

2.4 Race Jury

2.4.1 Overview

- 2.4.1.1 A Race Jury is necessary in races containing ~~(need #)20 or more participants.~~ **(We've said in "larger races", but haven't quantified how large.**

5.1 Start

- 5.1.1 Electric timing must be used for all regional championship and national championship events. [RRH1] **(Is electric timing the same as wireless and if not, can wireless be used for local races?)**

5.3 FINISH

5.3.2 For a valid finish, the racer must:

- 5.3.2.3 If a racer loses a ski during the race, the racer will be disqualified and must exit the course[RRH2]. **(Clarify that we still want this rule as it is different from FIS)**

5.7 Start Order

- 5.7.1 At most regional races, the start is bib order, first to register, first to start. All citizens classes usually run before ~~points~~Elite, and men run after women within the same category. **(don't elites usually run 1st at all races?)**
- 5.7.2 At the US Nationals, ~~points~~the start order will be Elite Women then Men, followed by Junior 2 women and men, Junior 1 women and men, Citezens women and men and then Masters women and menracers will run before citizens, andAll Elite ~~points~~ racers shall be seeded for first run according to their national points ranking for that discipline, with the top fifteen randomly mixed.
- 5.7.4 At the US Nationals, only racers with USTSA Competitive licenses will be allowed to race in the Elite category. Racers that purchase an event license will not be allowed to race in the Elite category.

5.12 Protests

- 5.12.7 All protests must be submitted in writing within the deadlines specified, to the race secretary or TD, and shall be accompanied by 25 US dollars [RRH3]refundable if the protest is upheld. **(This seems like too little \$)**

6.2 Telemark Turn Rule

- 6.2.3 The turns must be linked together in one single, uninterrupted movement from one Telemark turn to the next. This means: as soon as the hindmost foot starts to move forwards, ~~this is the start of a new turn, and~~ the movement must be continued without substantial-interruption to a position where the foot is at least one boot length in front of the other foot. **(This is the change we proposed for the FIS rules)**
- 6.3.6 If a racer falls through a gate, FIS rules designate that the "fall" is equivalent to a penalty. Accordingly, no additional penalty shall be assessed.
- 6.3.6.1 If a racer passes through a gate on one ski only, ~~or touches their hand down to prevent a fall,~~ the racer shall receive a penalty for that gate, finish gate excepted. **(this was a change in the minutes from the AGM meeting 2 years ago)**

7.1 Safety

- 7.1.1 All competitors (or all Junior competitors) must wear a helmet during the race. Other safety equipment such as back

braces, knee pads or padded gloves may be worn at the competitor's discretion

7.4 RULES FOR TELEMARK RACE (Formerly GIANT SLALOM)

7.4.1 General

7.4.1.1 The Telemark must consist of two runs, combined time.

7.4.1.1.1 ~~Average Times~~ for the 5 ~~best fastest~~ male competitors must be between 35-90 seconds per run.

7.5 RULES FOR TELEMARK CLASSIC

7.5.1.2 ~~Average Times~~ for the ~~fastest~~ 5 ~~best~~ male competitors must be 120 seconds or more.

7.5.2.2 Number of Turning Gates^[RRH4] = ?

7.5.2.5 The Telemark classic course must consist of (counted in time), 30-40% cross country section and 60-70% Telemark section. Each section will include the appropriate obstacles such as the jump, 360°, whoops, etc. There must also be one or two 360° – at least one jump and other elements, depending on what is possible with the terrain available. Time is based on the time of the top ~~10-5 men and top 5 women~~.

7.5.4.5 If the skating section proves to be less than 20%, or greater than 45%, total course time, then the race will be invalid for USTSA scoring. Percents based on average times for top 5 finishing men.^[RRH5] ***(We can't measure without split times, we should delete this section)***

7.6 Rules for Telemark Slalom

7.6.1.2 ~~Average Times~~ for fastest 5 male competitors must be between 30-70 seconds per run

7.6.2.5.3 Number of turning gates^[RRH6] = ?

7.7 Rules for Telemark Sprint Classic

7.7.1.2 ~~Average Times~~ for the fastest 5 male ~~competitors~~ must be between 50-75 seconds per run.

8 Rules for Telemark Equipment

8.1 Helmets and Safety Equipment:

- 8.1.1 Helmets must be worn by all competitors (by all Junior competitors)
- 8.1.2 Other safety equipment such as back braces, knee pads or padded gloves may be worn at the competitor's discretion

9 USTSA Membership *(Added this section about memberships and moved the member code of conduct to this section)*

9.1 USTSA Memberships and Licenses

9.1.1 Voting Membership

9.1.1.1 Member of USTSA without points calculation or ability to race in the Elite Category

9.1.2 Competitive Membership

9.1.2.1 May compete in any race classification, including Elite and points will be calculated and tracked for the current season

9.1.3 Day License

9.1.3.1 Points will be calculated and tracked for the current season

9.1.3.2 Day license holders will not be eligible to race in the Elite category at US National Championships

9.1.3.3 Day license holders are not eligible for US Team positions

9.1.3.4 Day license holders will receive no other membership benefits.

9.1.4 Junior Membership - youth 14 and under (as of December 31 of race year)

9.1.4.1 Junior members are not eligible for US Team Positions, including Development team.

9.1.4.2 Junior members are not eligible to race in the Elite category at US National Championships.

9.1.5 Alumni Membership – prior members of the USTSA National Team

9.1.5.1 Does not include points calculation or tracking

9.2 USTSA Member Code of Conduct

9.3.3 It is each member's responsibility to have medical and accident insurance and agrees to pay all costs associated with medical care and related transportation without rights of subrogation.

10 USTSA National Ranking Points List

10.1 Purpose

10.1.2 Points will only be tracked forOnly USTSA licensed members ~~will be ranked.~~

10.3 Race Penalty

10.3.1.1.6 If women and men run the same course (typically SL, GS and SC), the top ranking women's seeding points may be included in the Race Penalty calculation if required to have 5 seeded racers. If they do not run the same course, USSA rules must be followed in scoring the event.[RRH7]

10.3.1.1.7 In the case that a race course is missing a required element such as a jump or the times of the top 5 males competitors do not fall within the parameters specified in the Competition Guide, the race penalty shall be increased as follows:

10.3.1.1.7.1 Course is missing a required jump – increase the calculated race penalty by 5%.

10.3.1.1.8 Time for at least 1 of the top 5 competitors is lower than that specified for the event, increase the calculated race penalty by the % any of the top 5 racers were lower than that specified.

10.3.1.1.8.1 In a sprint classic race, the fastest male time was 45 seconds, 5 seconds faster than the minimum time of 50 seconds specified in the Competition Guide. The time for all other racers was above the minimum. The calculated race penalty must be increased by 10% (5 seconds faster than the minimum divided by the minimum of 50 seconds)

10.3.1.1.8.2 In a sprint classic race, the fastest male time was 47 seconds and the second fastest male finished in 49 seconds. Combined, they were 3 seconds faster than the minimum time of 50 seconds specified in the Competition Guide. The calculated race penalty must be increased by 6% (3 seconds faster than the minimum divided by the minimum of 50 seconds)

10.4.1.3.2 If there is only one result, a double (44%) penalty is added to that result to determine the Current Season Race Points.

10.4.1.3.2.1 If the single event is a Slalom or Sprint Classic and the racer is thus missing the required Telemark or Classic result, the double penalty may be applied to the prior year "pre-zeroed out" Telemark or Classic event points and then averaged with the single result [RRH8] *(We didn't do this in 09, we should delete this clause)*

10.4.1.3.2.2 If the racer does not have a prior year result, the maximum points (equal to the F Factor for that event) will be averaged with the single Slalom or Sprint Classic result.

10.4.3.1 Points totals will be calculated and maintained as long as the racer remains an active competitive dues paying member of USTSA or purchases at least one event license each season.

Example 1 – a racer purchases a competitive license or an event license during the 2009 season. If the racer does not purchase a

competitive license or an event license during the 2010 season, the racers points will be dropped from the USTSA points lists for the 2010 final calculation.

Example 2 - a racer purchases a competitive license during the 2009 season and only purchases an event license for one race during the 2010 season. The racers points will be calculated and maintained for the 2010 final calculation..

11 USTSA National Telemark Teams

11.1.3 All US Team sponsored gear and financial assistance remains the property of USTSA until the satisfactory fulfillment of that year's contract. Documented medical reasons or unique circumstances will be weighed by USTSA in support of any athletes' inability to fulfill their contract.

~~1.1~~ 11.1.4 Team members must purchase a Competitive License. Junior members will not be eligible for team positions. Racers that only purchase event licenses will not be eligible for team positions.

11.5 Regional Team (add info about regional team)

12 World Cup

12.1 World Cup Events

12.1.1 All World Cup events are open to ~~all nationally licensed~~ competitors provided:

12.1.1.1 They have a record of racing in the Elite category and have competitive times.

12.1.1.2 They have approval of the USTSA Board of Directors

12.1.1.3 They have a USTSA Competitive License-

12.1.1.4 They have a FIS license

12.1.1.5 They provide proof of medical insurance and emergency contact information. These events run mostly by the same rules as US events and include the fastest Telemark racers in the world. All licensed competitors are encouraged to race in these World Cup events and challenge the best in the world. For a complete international schedule, please contact USTSA.

12.1.2 All World Cup and World Championship events can be scored as US National Points events so long as there are 5 US competitors in the race. Women's Classic races will not have points calculated as they run a shorter course than the men, as results are received by USTSA within 3 weeks after the event.