

USSA Jumping & Nordic Combined Officials Pipeline

Areas of Ski Jumping & Nordic Combined Event Officiating / Organization

1. Chief of Competition 2. Chief of Hill (J) 3. Chief of Course (N/C) 4. Chief of Start (J) 5. Chief Distance Measuring Referee (J)	6. Chief of Start / Finish (N/C) 7. Chief of Grooming (N/C) 8. Timing, Results & IT 9. Competition Control (Equipment, Technique, Bib, Access, etc.) 10. Competition Secretariat
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Level 1: Club Event Official

- Criteria:
1. Volunteer in any position at local Ski Jumping or Nordic Combined events
 2. Participate in USSA educational activities, such as attending local or Divisional clinics and seminars
 3. Become licensed USSA official and receive national education material including rulebook

Level 2: Divisional USSA Official

- Criteria:
1. Officiate satisfactory at least once every 2 years at Level 2 Ski Jumping or Nordic Combined events (see “Venue and Event Organizer’s Pipeline”),
 2. Attend Divisional or National USSA Officials' clinic at least once every 2 years .
 3. Maintain a current USSA official’s license, and be tracked in the national USSA officials’ database
 4. Begin specializing in certain area(s) from the list of “Areas of Ski Jumping & Nordic Combined Event Officiating / Organization.”

Level 3: National USSA Official

- Criteria:
1. Officiate satisfactory at least once every 2 years at Level 2 or 3 Ski Jumping or Nordic Combined events (see “Venue and Event Organizer’s Pipeline”) in a key position (Chief or assistant chief of competition, hill, start, distance measuring, course, stadium, timing or secretary, or in other position supervising a large group of people)
 2. Attend national USSA Officials' Clinic at least once every 2 years
 3. Maintain a current USSA official’s license, and be tracked in the national USSA officials’ database.
 4. Achieve high level of expertise in certain area(s) from the list of “Areas of Ski Jumping & Nordic Combined Event Officiating / Organization.”

Level 4: International USSA Official

- Criteria:
1. Officiate satisfactory at Level 4 Ski Jumping & Nordic Combined events (see “Venue and Event Organizer’s Pipeline”) in a key position (Assistant or Chief of Competition, Chief of Hill, Chief of Start, Chief Distance Measurer, Chief of Course, Chief of Stadium, Chief of Timing and Results or Secretariat, or in other position supervising a large group of people)
 2. Lecture at or organize a USSA National Officials' Clinic once every 4 years.
 3. Maintain a current USSA official’s license, and be tracked in the national USSA officials’ database.
 4. Demonstrate highest level of expertise in certain area(s) from the list of “Areas of Ski Jumping & Nordic Combined Event Officiating / Organization” at major international event.
 5. Pursue special projects under the direction of the USSA Officials’ Committee

USSA Ski Jumping & Nordic Combined Venue and Event Organizer's Pipeline

Level 1: **Local Events (USSA sanctioned or non-sanctioned)**
Criteria: Organize successful local events. Is encouraged to adhere to USSA rules for all events and is responsible for adhering to USSA rules if event is sanctioned by USSA. A list of responsibilities and a USSA rulebook is provided by USSA upon request.

Level 2: **National Ranking Event / Junior Qualifier**
Criteria:

1. Event is nominated to USSA by regional coordinator, and is included in USSA competition schedule.
2. Chief of competition is a licensed USSA national official with prior officiating experience, and knowledge of rules concerning all competition formats and techniques.
3. Event organization works and consults with regionally appointed USSA TD
4. Event uses advanced timing equipment and data processing for results (electronic equipment recommended)
5. Event uses advanced grooming equipment (appropriate and sufficient for the task), track setting, course grooming (Nordic Combined)

Level 3: **National Championship / Junior Olympics / North Americans / Super Tour / Olympic or WSC trial / USSA Approved National Series**
Criteria:

1. Event has applied through USSA "Request for Proposal" process
2. Venue and courses are USSA certified, and have submitted current stadium and course plans and profiles to the USSA J/NC Technical Committee.
3. Technical Delegate has approved venue and organization as satisfactory at prior level 2 or 3 events, or USSA J/NC Officials' or Junior Committee (as applicable).
4. Chief of competition is a licensed USSA National level official with prior officiating experiences at level 2, 3 or 4 events.
5. Event organization works and consults with nationally appointed TD
6. Event uses advanced electronic timing and data processing system with back up for timing and results
7. Event uses advanced grooming equipment mechanical track setters, (large grooming machines with tiller capabilities). Organizer prepares hill and course for official training day before race.
8. Event produces and submits results and TD evaluation report according to USSA guidelines to USSA national office within 1 week of the event.
9. Organizer conducts in cooperation with USSA Officials' Committee training program for local officials in the period leading up to the event.

Level 4: **Olympic Games / World Championship / World Cup / Continental Cup**
Criteria:

1. Organizer applies for event through USSA "Request for Proposal" process (or through OC for Olympic Games)
2. Venue is FIS homologated and certified
3. Venue and organization have prior experience with National Championship
4. Organization is experienced, stable and complete, current in all FIS rules and USSA/FIS certifications, and chaired by a USSA level 3 or 4 official.
5. Venue has top quality grooming equipment and snow making capabilities
6. Venue and organization fulfills all other requirements per USSA/FIS/IOC guidelines

USSA Judges and Technical Delegates Pipeline

Level 1:

Criteria:

Divisional USSA Judge/Technical Delegate in Training

1. Obtain a current USSA Officials membership
2. Sign up as Judge/TD candidate in USSA Judge/TD database
3. Obtain a FIS Ski Jumping ICR (rule book) and a FIS Nordic Combined ICR.
 - a. Read and understand the rules and regulations of each book.
 - b. Books may be purchased or downloaded from www.fis-ski.com
4. Participate in Divisional, National or FIS Judge's/TD clinic
 - a. Divisional and National clinics are usually given in the fall each.
 - b. FIS seminars are given every other year by a representative of FIS.
5. "Trial-Judge" three events as directed by Divisional scheduling committee in one year and score within 75% of judging staff. Scoring will be done by the Divisional Quality Control Committee
6. A written examination regarding the FIS ICR will be administered to assure that the candidate knows how to apply the rules. This is an open book test.
7. Record all assignments, seminars and events in a "Nordic Officials Assignment Book." Books are available from USSA. www.ussa.org
8. Upon completion of trial judging the individual may be recommended by Divisional Committee to the Divisional Level 2.

Level 2:

Criteria:

Divisional USSA Judge / Technical Delegate

1. Meet the criteria above to becoming a Level 1 Judge/TD.
2. Following satisfactory completing Level 1 criteria attend divisional officials seminar and be recommend to be a Divisional Judge / TD upon satisfactory completing the open book Divisional Judges / TD test.
3. Continue to attend Divisional, National or FIS officials' seminar or clinics at least once every 2 years.
4. Attend a National or FIS Judges/TD seminar at least once every 4 years.
5. Be in good physical condition and be able to ski any competition cross-country course.
6. Maintain a current USSA official's license, and be tracked in the national USSA officials' database.
9. Record all assignments, seminars and events in a "Nordic Officials Assignment Book." Books are available from USSA.
7. Demonstrate excellence as a lead official in two or more Officiating/Organizing areas at level 2 or 3 events, or accumulate experience as an Official or Organizer at level 3 or 4 events (see "Venue and Event Organizer's Pipeline"), and indicate interest in Judging and/or TD officiating.
8. After successful completion of at least two years the individual may be recommended for National Judging and or TD candidacy. Recommendation must be by Divisional or National Officials Committee.

Level 3:
Criteria

National USSA Judge / Technical Delegate

1. Must have been recommended by the Divisional or National Officials Committee and have met the criteria above to for becoming a Level 2 Judge/TD be elevated to the National Level
2. After successful completion of at least two years the individual may be recommended for National Judging and or TD candidacy. Recommendation must be by Divisional or National Officials Committee.
3. Maintain at least 3-5 assignments each year.
4. Maintain an average of 85% or better in final Judges score.
5. Organize or present at national officials, Judges and TD's seminar once every 4 years.
6. Attend a FIS or National Nordic Officials Seminar once every two years.
7. Maintain a current USSA official's license, be tracked in the national USSA officials' database and receive national education material.
8. Record all assignments, seminars and events in a "Nordic Officials Assignment Book." Books are available from USSA.

Level 4:
Criteria:

International FIS Judge / Technical Delegate

1. Must have been recommended by the Divisional or National Officials Committee and have met the criteria above to becoming a level 3 Judge/TD to be elevated to the FIS Level.
2. Officiate as Judge, TD or assistant TD at non-domestic FIS events or World Cup events.
3. Present at or organize national USSA Officials' or Judge/TD seminars regularly
4. Assist with preparation of USSA Judges, TD's and Officials educational material
5. Attend international FIS meetings, FIS homologation, FIS Judging Seminar or FIS TD seminars at least once every 4 years
6. Be instrumental in disseminating FIS rules and interpretations to national USSA Judges, TD's and Officials.
7. Be in good physical condition and be able to ski any competition course (Nordic Combined).