



## CHANGE LOG – USCSA RULES 2017-2018

2017.v.1.1 – Changes Approved by the Full Board on 6/10/2017.

### 1. New Conference Coordinator

Corey Tolkin was approved as the conference coordinator for the Atlantic Highlands Conference.

### 2. Team Registration Fee Structure Changes

Per the USCSA Team and Individual Eligibility rules section 2.1.1.1, the USCSA has established a base fee for registration. Rule 2.1.1.2 was updated to reference individual registration and removed all late fees. A new rule 2.1.1.4 was added, outlining the registration dates and fee payment schedules.

### 3. Updated to Tie Breaking Methodology for Alpine Individual Qualifiers for Nationals section 8.3.3.1

The calculation of tie breaking has been updated to reflect this new methodology:

Should a tie still exist, the sum of the times of the competitors shall be taken as a final tie breaker. Racers that do not start (DNS), are disqualified (DSQ), or do not finish (DNF), will use the standard ghost time (110% of the highest athlete time used in scoring).

Rule 8.3.3.3 was also deemed no longer relevant and was removed from the rule book.

### 4. Creation of Headphones Rules

**Alpine Rule Addition: 3.3.3:** Use of Headphones During Tech Events. Headphones shall not be permitted within the race arena, excluding the start corral.

**Snowboard Rule Addition: 5.10.3.5:** Use of Headphones During Speed Events. Headphones shall not be permitted within the race arena for Alpine and Cross events, excluding start corral.

**Freeski Rule Addition: 6.9.12.5:** Use of Headphones During Speed Events. Headphones shall not be permitted within the race arena for Cross events, excluding start corral.

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### **5. Date of National Championship**

Per National Championships rule 8.4.1, the USCSA National Championship should now begin on the second Tuesday in March.

### **6. Sprint Race Rule Change for Nordic Competitions**

The format of the Sprint Race for Nordic Competitions has been updated and the changes are outlined in section 4.2.3 in detail.

### **7. Creation of a Nordic Wax Equipment Rule 4.2.8**

The use of all high fluorinated additives, which includes pure fluoro powder, liquid or block applied to the glide zone of the ski, is prohibited from all USCSA Nordic competitions for both classic and free techniques. This ban includes all USCSA Regional Competitions and the USCSA National Competition. This rule shall not apply to joint competitions which do not adhere to this rule, such as USSA/FIS Points races, US National Championships, Junior National Qualifiers, etc.

### **8. Clarification of Overall Team Combined Scoring Tie-Breaking for Freeski and Snowboard Competitions**

The rules for Overall Team Combined Scoring Tie-Breaking have been changed to further provide clarity in results tabulation. The rules changed are in section 7.4.4.2 and 7.5.3.2.

### **9. Clarification of Individual Overall Combined Tie-Breaking for Freeski and Snowboard Competitions**

The rules for Overall Individual Combined Tie-Breaking have been changed to further provide clarity in results tabulation. The rules changed are in section 7.4.5.1 and 7.5.4.1.

### **10. Helmet Rules for Snowboard and Freeski Competitions**

The rules for helmet use for Snowboard competitions have been revised in sections 5.8.3, 5.8.3.3, 5.11.12, 5.12.6, 5.13.6, 5.10.4, 5.10.4.

The rules for helmet use for Freeski competitions have been revised in sections 6.9.12.3, 6.10.6, 6.11.6.1, and 6.8.3.

### **11. SB/FS "B" Athlete Participating at National Championships by Jury Approval**

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Rules 7.4.1 and 7.5.1 have been updated to reflect that only 5 athletes are permitted to be seeded in any Snowboard or Freeski competition unless approved by the Jury.

Rules 7.4.1.1 and 7.5.1.1 provide clarity for when the Jury does approve more than 5 athletes to be seeded in any event.

#### **12. Freeski Overall Team/ Individual Combined 50% Rule O.I Clarification (Ghost Score, Team & Individual Application)**

In Freeski Rule 7.5.3.3, the O.I. Clarification of the 50% rule was updated to provide further clarification on how the Freeski Overall Team & Individual Combined scores are tabulated.

#### **13. Start Cadence Revised for Cross Events**

The existing rule was deemed outdated and replaced with the following start cadence rule.

The Starter: After he/she has ascertained that the course is ready, and ten seconds before the start, the starter shall give each competitor a "Ten second" alert. Five seconds before the start he/she shall count "5,4,3,2,1" and then give the audible start command of "GO". The window to start is 10 seconds. For Cross, the starter gives the competitor the warning "Riders ready – Attention –" randomly between 0 to 5 seconds before the doors open.

#### **14. Single Event Team Tie Breaking for National Championships Scoring For Snowboard and Freeski**

The rules 7.4.3.3 and 7.5.2.3 have been updated to reflect that ties will now be broken for the top ten (10) places for each event.

#### **15. Regionals Guest (Western Region)**

The Full Board has voted to remove rule 8.1.2.7 on Guest Team membership dues for Regional Championships in the Western Region.