

Rule Book

Southwest Collegiate Ski and
Snowboard Conference (“USCSA
Southwest”) Rules and Regulations
Manual



2017 – 2018
Race Season

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IMPORTANT DATES

ASAP!

Reserve house/condo(s) for the season

Friday 10/20/17 at the LATEST

Request a check from your school for all funds needed – conference and national.
Our Federal Tax Identification Number is 91-2168500

Wednesday 11/1/17 – First Deadline for USCSA Registration

- Each racer must register at www.uscsa.com/registration and click “Start Individual Registration.” Make sure each individual takes a screenshot of their final confirmation/receipt – some did not finish the process last year.
- Captains must register each team at www.uscsa.com/registration and “Start Team Registration (captains/coaches)” or fill out the physical form and mail it to the National Office. If done online, **take screenshots of ALL confirmations/receipts**, and if sent by mail, **make copies of everything**. The national office has a gift for losing these things.

Friday 12/1/17 – Second Deadline for USCSA Registration

Saturday 12/2/17 – USCSA Southwest Payment & Docs due

Jordan Pine of the USCSA Southwest must have received:

1. Signed USCSA Southwest Liability form – one per athlete
2. Completed Team Roster – one per team
3. Completed Payment Form – one per team
4. Payment (PayPal, Venmo or check) received to match your Payment Form total! See fees below. Make checks payable to 'SCCSC' (**not** USCSA Southwest). Mail to: **6264 Via de Adriana, San Jose, CA 95120**

Make copies of everything just in case it gets lost in the mail!

Thursday 12/28/17 @ 7:00pm

- Our First Coaches and Captains meeting!!
- Meet at 7:00pm (location TBD) to pick up your team bibs
- Must bring the following:
 - Registration materials (USCSA Southwest AND Mammoth Mountain liability forms) for any new racers
 - A check for \$110 for each new racer you want to register
 - Your ski and snowboard seeding for the first GS race on Friday, 12/29/17, if not already submitted

Tuesday 1/1/18 – third deadline for USCSA registration

REGISTRATION PROCESS

1. Register with the USCSA national league:

- Go to www.uscsa.com/registration
- Carefully read the Registration Guide
- Each Individual must follow the link to START INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION, fill out all required information and pay the individual fee
- Make sure each athlete has acknowledged the USCSA Southwest and Mammoth Mountain liability forms
- Captains must follow the link to START TEAM REGISTRATION, fill out all required information for each discipline, and pay the Institution (\$155) and Team Fees
- Deadlines and corresponding fees are as follows:

Individual fees/deadlines:	Team fees/deadlines (per team):
Prior to Nov 1, 2017 = \$15	Prior to Nov 1, 2017 = \$155
Nov 1, 2017 – Nov 30, 2017 = \$20	Nov 1, 2017 – Nov 30, 2017 = \$180
Dec 1, 2017 – Dec 31, 2017 = \$25	Dec 1, 2017 – Dec 31, 2017 = \$205
Jan 1, 2018 – Jan 31, 2018 = \$30	Jan 1, 2018 – Jan 31, 2018 = \$230
After Feb 1, 2018 = \$35	After Feb 1, 2018 = \$280

2. Register with the USCSA Southwest:

- Collect Signed USCSA Southwest Liability forms from every single individual athlete. Scan, save copies, and upload to Google docs or Drop Box. Email link to jordan@sccsc.com.
- Complete the USCSA Southwest Payment Form & Team Roster with every registered racer. Scan, save copies and email to jordan@sccsc.com.
- Complete payment via PayPal, Venmo or check. Make checks out to 'SCCSC' (**not** USCSA Southwest) and mail to: **6264 Via de Adriana, San Jose, CA 95120**
- Jordan must have received all forms and payment by Saturday, December 2, 2017, otherwise a late fee of \$20 per racer will be applied immediately, which falls on the responsibility of the team.

****Always make copies of ALL mailed/submitted forms and payment receipts or confirmations!!!**

REGISTRATION FEES

National Registration Fees*:

Institutional Fee: **\$155.00**

Individual Fee and Team Fee Per Discipline

(Note: Men's & Women's Alpine Ski Team consists of two disciplines; Men's & Women's Freestyle Ski Team consists of two disciplines; and Men's & Women's Snowboard Team consists of two disciplines):

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USCSA Southwest Individual Racer Registration Fees**:

Paid on or before Dec 2, 2017 **\$115.00**

Paid between Dec 3 and Dec. 31, 2017 **\$125.00**

Paid after Jan. 1, 2018 **\$135.00**

USCSA Southwest Official Race Slot Fees***:

Option 1: Racer is charged per race fee of **\$30.00**

Option 2: Team Slot is purchased in advance for the entire season and is transferable among any team member for any given race day.

Team Slot Fees:

Paid on or before Dec. 2, 2017 **\$145.00**

Paid between Dec 2 and Dec. 31, 2017 **\$155.00**

Paid after Jan 1, 2018 **\$165.00**

* National fees are mandatory and per USCSA guidelines, your team will not be able to compete in USCSA Southwest sanctioned events unless these dues are recorded as paid.

** Does not include lost bib fee of \$40.00 – due by May 15th of the given year for EACH lost bib.

*** A slot is good for one racer to compete in all races, all season, and is not constrained to a particular individual. For example, if Race A chooses to participate in only GS and Racer B chooses to race in only Slopestyle, this then counts as one slot. If your team purchases 15 slots, you may then have 15 racers at each event (combined male and female since they are the same discipline). If you have 16 race GS, you will be charged \$30 for that extra individual. If you were to have 16 racers at each event in a single race weekend, such as GS, slalom and Slopestyle, then you would pay \$90. Therefore, it is highly recommended that you purchase slightly over the number you anticipate.

2017-2018 SCHEDULE

December 2:	USCSA Southwest Forms and Fees Due to Jordan Pine
December 28:	Coaches/Captain's Meeting @ USCSA Southwest Condo
December 29-31:	Race #1 – Mammoth Mountain Friday: Ski GS @ 10am, Snowboard GS @ 1pm Saturday: Ski Slalom @ 10am, Slopestyle @ 12pm Sunday: Skier/BoarderX @ 10am
January 13-14:	Race #2 – Mammoth Mountain Saturday: Ski GS @ 10am, Snowboard GS @ 1pm Sunday: Ski Slalom @ 10am, Skier/BoarderX @ 12pm
January 27-28:	Race #3 – Mammoth Mountain Saturday: Ski GS @ 10am, Snowboard GS @ 1pm Sunday: Ski Slalom @ 10am, Rail Jam @ 12pm
February 3-4	Race #4 – Mammoth Mountain Saturday: Skier/BoarderX @ 10am Sunday: Slopestyle @ 10am
February 17-18:	Far West Regionals @ Mammoth Mountain Saturday: Ski GS/Snowboard Slopestyle @ 10am Snowboard GS/Ski Slopestyle @ 1pm Sunday: Slalom @ 9:30am, BoarderX @ 10am, SkierX @ 1pm
March 5-10:	USCSA Nationals @ Lake Placid, NY
March 31:	Alumni Fun Race (not for points) – Mammoth Mountain Saturday: Ski GS @ 10am, Snowboard GS @ 1pm, B4BC @ 4pm
Beginning of May:	Awards Banquet & Spring Assembly – required for at least one captain

*** Schedule and events are subject to change due to weather/snow conditions. Please contact your captain for the latest updates (captains – check your email!!).**

RACE WEEKEND TIME TABLE*

Thursday:

8:00pm Deadline for seeding must be emailed to **Shawndrea@sccsc.com**

Saturday (GS schedule*):

8:30am Race Seeding Is Closed. No more changes can take place.
 9:00-9:50am Skier GS Course Inspection
 10:00am Women's Alpine Ski Start 1st Run (Men's Alpine ski immediately after)
 10:45am Women's Alpine Ski Start 2nd Run (Men's Alpine ski immediately after)
 12:00-12:50pm Snowboarder GS course inspection
 1:00pm Women's Snowboard Start 1st Run (Men's snowboard immediately after)
 2:15pm Women's Snowboard Start 2nd Run (Men's snowboard immediately after)

Sunday (Slalom, and Boarder/SkierX, Slopestyle, Halfpipe or Rail Jam schedule*):

8:45am Race Seeding Is Closed. No more changes can take place.
 9:00-9:50am Slalom Course Inspection
 10:00am Women's Alpine Ski Start 1st Run (Men's Alpine Ski immediately after)
 10:45am Women's Alpine Ski Start 2nd Run (Men's Alpine Ski immediately after)
 10:00am-11:45am Boarder/SkierX, Slopestyle, Halfpipe or Rail Jam Course Inspection
 11:50am All Competitors meet at the start for explanation of rules and start order.
Substitutions to brackets will be made during competition so all competitors should stay in the start area.

Every racer will make two runs (optional for Rail Jam and Slopestyle) UNLESS they are disqualified for the following reasons:

- DSQ - Disqualified for missing a gate, or losing equipment
- DNF - Did Not Finish the Race
- DNS - Did Not Start the Race

Monday:

11:59pm Results for prior race weekend posted on website, unless last day of races is not Sunday. Go to www.USCSA.com for results.

*Race schedule subject to change based on weather and snow conditions. These are simply the most typical days and times. Contact your captain for the most up-to-date schedule.

RACE DAY INFORMATION

RESETTING THE COURSE: Race Department Officials will reset the course slightly between skiers and snowboarders when they feel it necessary, and between first run and second run.

SLIPPING THE COURSE: For the hour prior to a race, the race department will have the course set up and open for racer's inspection. Racers may side slip or snowplow through the course along the path taken by a racer, or when the course is closed to slipping, it can be inspected to the side. All racers must wear their bibs to slip the course. Two or more consecutive turns on the racecourse or to the side of the course is considered free-skiing and will lead to racer disqualification. The course closes for inspection 10 minutes before the start of the race.

BIBS: You MAY NOT race without a bib. If you have forgotten your bib, you are responsible for telling your captain before you are registered in order for a new bib to be assigned (subject to a fee). Bibs must be visible at any time you are on the race hill, even when slipping the course. You may not turn another bib inside out and write in your bib number.

SEEDING: Individual seeding is done based on racer's finishing times. Captains will use prior times or personal judgment to seed for the first run, while the second run is seeded by the league officials based on times from the first run. The top 10-15 times are reversed and the second race begins with the 15th place finisher. This is called BIBO. After the 1st place finisher races, the order continues with the 16th through the last place finisher. BIBO order may be lowered depending on the number of racers present. Team order within a seed is random for each seed.

LOSING EQUIPMENT: For GS (ski and snowboard), slalom and Skier/BoarderX, if you lose a ski/snowboard on the course, you are automatically disqualified from that run and MUST ski/board off the course. If you lose one pole, you may finish with three pieces of equipment. In a slalom course, if you wipe out at one of the last two gates, you may finish with two pieces of equipment. In a Giant Slalom course, if you wipe out at the last gate, you may finish with two pieces of equipment. For Slopestyle and Rail Jam, competitors will be registered as a DNF if they stop for more than 30 seconds or leave the course. Competitors in any race are disqualified if their helmet or bib is removed for any reason. For an official interpretation, please refer to the USCSA Rule Book at USCSA.com.

HIKING: If you wipe out and both skis/snowboard are still attached to your feet, you may finish the course. If you have slid past a gate without crossing the plane between the two flags, you must hike up and cross through the gate (applies to all events). Both feet must cross the plane. If you happen to straddle a gate, you must hike up and cross the plane with both feet.

RERUNS: If you feel you have had an unfair race due to a skier or loose race equipment on the course, you must find an USCSA Southwest Executive Committee member and get an initialed rerun card. Abusing this privilege will result in a fine.

PROTESTS: Protests must be filed within 15 minutes after the DSQ list has been posted (immediately following the last racer), and the racer cannot leave the finish corral. Notify an USCSA Southwest Executive Committee member, not the mountain Race Department. Once the racer lodging the protest has exited the finish corral, a protest can no longer be filed. Racer, coach and/or captain must have official USCSA Protest form and \$50 CASH to file the official protest.

FINES: Fines, and possible disqualification, may apply in any of the below situations:

1. Bib not visible at all times when on the racecourse, including course inspection.
2. Free-skiing on the course
3. Loud swearing during your race or on the course.
4. Arguing with the officials or mountain Race Department.
5. Alcohol of any kind at the Start, Finish, or on the course.

LIFT TICKETS: All racers are entitled to a discounted lift ticket on race days. Bring picture I.D. and your bib with you. Tickets are sold in the Race Department, just West of Chari 1.

RACE DEPARTMENT: Do not argue with the Mammoth Mountain Race Department. If you have a problem, discuss it with your captain, team officer, or any of the USCSA Southwest Executive Committee members. The race department will not be able to resolve problems as they are employed by the USCSA Southwest to facilitate race setup and execution only.

SAFETY & AWARENESS

There is acute concern with skier and snowboarder safety, awareness and education throughout the ski and snowboard industry in the United States. All skiers and snowboarders, including competitors in racing and training situations, are responsible for their own safety - and must be aware at all times of conditions affecting their own safety and the safety of others around them.

In addition, USCSA and the USCSA Southwest encourage all racing programs, event organizers, coaches, officials, parents and racers to become more aware of safety in ski and snowboard competitions and training situations. The following guidelines are provided courtesy of the US Ski Coaches Association and the Mammoth Mountain Race Department.

Racer Responsibility Code:

1. Bindings must be in good condition and properly adjusted for the conditions. Unbreakable goggles are essential. Racing helmets are strongly recommended.
2. Snowboard leashes are required at all times. Use caution and care when removing your snowboard and/or leash on the race hill.
3. Warm up for training and racing sessions. Stretch for at least five minutes before skiing or boarding. Warm up gradually on snow, skiing and boarding various radius turns, before skiing at racing speed.
4. Always carefully inspect a course before running it. Follow the inspection rules for the training session or race. Do not cross or go onto closed courses at competitions, and always be certain that practice courses are clear before proceeding.
5. If you fall and are unhurt, immediately signal that you are OK and quickly move a safe distance away from the course. Collect your gear and reorganize away from the active course.
6. While attending a race event, stand far enough from the course to allow a racer on course full visibility, room to recover, and room to come to a stop without hitting you.
7. Always remain still while there is a racer on course, and never free ski or snowboard on or near a closed racecourse except as allowed by the established inspection procedures.
8. If a gate pole is knocked out or broken and presents a danger, place it outside the course, preferably totally to the side of the slope or as directed by the coaches.
9. Be sure to communicate with your captain when tired, ill uncertain or afraid, if the course is too difficult or rough, or if visibility is poor. It is your responsibility to communicate your concern to your captain and/or Mammoth Mt. Race Department, and possibly, to withdraw

from the race or training session.

10. Always stop below your coach or training group - never attempt to stop above any skier or group. Always leave room to take "evasive action" should your coach or others in your training group move unexpectedly.
11. When your run is complete, move immediately out of the finish area or away from the course. Make sure that you have an adequate finish area and safe room outside all courses.
12. Never jump or ski or snowboard fast into an uncontrolled "blind spot."
13. When free-skiing outside specific, identified race and training areas you must be aware of others and ski in full control at all times. Respect other skiers' and snowboarders' rights to a safe and pleasant skiing experience.

ACCIDENTS & INSURANCE

In the event that there is an accident on the course, proper documentation must be completed and signed by parties involved to protect the liability of the Southwest Collegiate Ski and Snowboard Conference and to insure that the Southwest Collegiate Ski and Snowboard Conference is co-operating with the insurance provided by NSSP and Lawson Insurance, LLC.

Every member team of the USCSA Southwest must take these situations seriously.

Proper Accident protocol is to inform the USCSA Southwest staff so the USCSA Southwest can work with Mammoth Mountain to complete the necessary paperwork. Please notify USCSA Southwest staff as soon as possible, either via a phone call to the USCSA Southwest President or via a phone call to the host mountain race department.

If you cannot reach any of the USCSA Southwest staff on the date of the accident, please contact any of the USCSA Southwest staff using the provided contact list and leave a detailed message about what took place. Please leave your name, address, and email so the USCSA Southwest can get in contact with you promptly.

ONLINE COMMUNITY GUIDELINES

As a member organization of the USCSA Southwest, all online activity must adhere to the corporate objectives of the USCSA Southwest. Each team website must adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Corporate Branding linking the Team website to the USCSA Southwest home page with USCSA Southwest logo and statement “Part of the Southwest Collegiate Ski and Snowboard Conference.”
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3. All photography placed on team websites must use common sense – posting of images at non-sanctioned events jeopardizes the legitimacy of the USCSA Southwest. Fines will be imposed to any team if these types of images are found on team websites.

USCSA Southwest OWNERSHIP OF MARKETING

As a member organization of the USCSA Southwest, all aspects of USCSA Southwest competition are owned solely by the USCSA Southwest and the USCSA.

1. All photography taken on an USCSA Southwest sanctioned race course are the property of the USCSA Southwest and the USCSA.
2. All marketing that takes place as a result of each individual team under the understanding of competition in USCSA Southwest competition is solely owned by the USCSA Southwest and the USCSA.
3. Any member university entering into a marketing agreement with a sponsor deemed detrimental to the mission of the USCSA Southwest and USCSA will be placed on competitive probation until the agreement has been terminated or a suitable resolution is reached.

USCSA Southwest Constitution

Article 1

Purpose:

To foster amateur collegiate ski and snowboard competitions, for the universities and colleges encompassed within the jurisdiction, as specified by the United States Ski and Snowboard Conference.

Article 2

Organization:

- A. An Assembly and an Executive Committee shall govern the association.
- B. An action taken in the name of the Conference must have the expressed or implied approval of the Assembly and of the Executive Committee.
- C. Decisions of the Assembly shall, in all cases, be considered binding upon the members of the Conference and upon the Executive Committee.

Article 3

Assembly:

- A. The Assembly shall be composed of one voting representative from each member organization. Selection of said member shall be the responsibility of the represented member organization.
- B. Power and duties reserved to the Assembly include, but are not limited to: approval of the expenditures, election of the President, admittance of new members, censure of regular members, expulsion of regular members, approval of any agreement made by the Executive Committee with outside agents, amendments of the by-laws and amendments of this Constitution.
- C. The Assembly shall meet at least twice during the regular season, herein considered to be from September to August of the following year. At least one meeting will be held by May of the following year.
- D. Notification of any Assembly meeting must be given to its representatives in writing by the President not less than two weeks in advance of said meeting.
- E. The President shall set the date and preside over all meetings of the Assembly. In the event of the President's absence, the Vice President shall preside over all the meetings of the Assembly. The Assembly shall choose a suitable substitute from among the Executive Committee or Assembly members if neither the President nor Vice President are absent.
- F. The President may call extraordinary meetings of the Assembly if deemed necessary.
- G. The President has the authority to suspend a member of the Executive Committee if circumstances warrant this action.
- H. The President will assign the Executive Committee duties on the hill each day.

- I. An extraordinary meeting of the Assembly must be called as soon as possible if a majority of the member organizations so demand.
- J. A majority vote of a quorum (two-thirds of the entire membership of the assembly) is required to pass all issues before the Assembly, with the exception of the expulsion or censure of the President, and amendments to this Constitution. In these cases, majority vote of the entire Assembly is required.
- K. Any issue requiring the vote of the entire Assembly may be voted on by a suitable proxy, validity of which shall be determined by the President in the event that the regular representative is not in attendance at said meeting.
- L. Expulsion or censure of a member organization and election or dismissal of the President shall be decided by a secret ballot. All other issues shall be decided by a roll call voice vote. Any vote may be decided by secret ballot, if a majority of the Assembly deems it necessary.

Article 4

Executive Committee:

The Executive Committee shall be composed of a President, Vice President of Finance, Technical Delegate(s), Pro Deals/Marketing Director(s), and Event Planner.

President

Chief Executive Officer for the USCSA Southwest; board of directors representative to the USCSA; appoints other members of the Executive Committee; schedules race dates with ski areas; serves on jury committee as Chief Gatekeeper (see USCSA Handbook); is on the hill during all races to supervise and coordinate the event; and is co-responsible for creating, developing and maintaining the USCSA Southwest Website. Also ensures all racers are registered, academically eligible, and have paid all dues, before allowing them to race in each day's events; assigns bib numbers and makes sure they are recorded accurately. The President will notify the Assembly at least one week in advance, if possible, of all changes of race related activities.

VP, Finance and Operations

Chief Financial Officer for the USCSA Southwest; responsible for the collection and disbursement of funds, and providing financial reports to the Assembly during meetings; sets and maintains the annual league budget in conjunction with the President; assigns fees, collects fines, and reports team status to the President; provides monthly financial reports to each of the member organizations and the Executive Committee. Also responsible for recording team supplied Academic Verification forms of all USCSA Southwest racers; attends, records, and disburses minutes from all USCSA Southwest meetings; performs such duties and exercises authority from time to time as delegated or assigned to him or her by the President; and files USSA Alpine schedule agreements when required.

Technical Delegate(s)

The race official with the greatest responsibility for the proper and safe conduct of the event; positive contributor to a race through his/her wide knowledge and experience; is a counselor to the race organizers; is charged with ultimate supervision of the event, and is expected to make decisions with regard to the safety aspects and nature of the rules as they apply to their application; help the organizers run the best possible competition even under the worst possible conditions; also conducts race registration and team seeding activities, with assistance from the President and VP.

Pro Deals/Marketing Director(s)

Develops the marketing strategy for the USCSA Southwest, including working towards an increased awareness of the USCSA Southwest in the community, and on campuses that compete in the USCSA Southwest and outside of the campus life; responsible for developing an effective plan of securing equipment sponsors in the form of pro-deals and working towards securing corporate donors/sponsors; develops an effective media correspondence with corporations and the public; creates or contracts the design of branding and marketing materials; and communicates and works with potential and new member organizations.

Event Planner

Responsible for organizing and executing a successful end-of-year awards banquet, all mid-year events and Boarding 4 Breast Cancer fundraiser; assists Technical Delegates with all seeding forms and verifying racer status; including, registration fees, academic eligibility, and individual liability release; assists Technical Delegates to run races, including being present on race courses, organizing racers in start order, enforcing bib and inspection rules and maintaining professionalism while on course.

- A. The President shall be elected at the Spring Assembly for a term of one year. A majority vote of the entire Assembly is required for election. The Assembly shall hold a second election between the two highest vote-receiving candidates in the event that a majority is not attainable by any one candidate.
- B. The President shall decide all tie votes in the Assembly, with the exception of the Presidential election.
- C. The President shall appoint all members of the Executive Committee, whose term in office shall coincide with that of the President.
- D. The Executive Committee shall: Oversee all races, set up the race schedule in consultation with the Assembly, oversee all expenditures and provide for the general operation and continuation of the corporation.
- E. If for any reason the President resigns or is dismissed by the Assembly, the Assembly shall elect a new President as soon as possible. The Vice President will act in place of the President until a new President is elected.
- F. The members of the Executive Committee shall receive an expense reimbursement per race attended, determined by Federal Law as follows: Mileage reimbursement as the rate of \$.35/mile, Meals expensed at a rate of \$5 for breakfast, \$10 lunch, and \$15 for dinner or \$30 per diem. Details of the reimbursement policy are outlined in the Executive Board Staff Manual.

Article 5

Other Committees:

Race Jury Committee

Composition of the Jury is found in the USCSA Rule Book sections 3.9 and 3.10. The positions are: Chief of Race, Referee, Chief of Course, and Chief of Timing and Calculations. The race department of the host mountain shall fill these positions. Race Secretary will be the league Vice President and the

President will select the Assistant Referee.

Alumni Committee

Organizes and operates the USCSA Southwest Alumni Division. Communicates and distributes information to members of the Alumni league regarding scheduled events, races, etc. Collects fees and provides budget for the Alumni Division. USCSA Southwest General Assembly is not held accountable for financial support of the Alumni League, but may offer such support upon approval of the Assembly. Also responsible for the continued effort to acquire donation support through Alumni contributions.

Article 6

Membership:

- A. Any legitimate skiing organization representing a College or University in the Central and Southern California, Arizona, New Mexico or Southern Nevada area that offers a minimum of an Associate or Bachelors Degree is eligible for regular membership in the Conference. Any such organization desiring membership in the Conference must demonstrate to the Conference its ability to provide required financial support of the Conference and reasonable attendance at Conference functions including Assembly meetings and races.
- B. Regular membership fees are to be set annually by the Assembly and payable according to terms in this guide. An annual budget is to be presented at the fall meeting and approved by the Assembly.
- C. Member organizations shall: exhibit reasonable attendance at Conference functions, assume all duties and responsibilities delegated to them by the Executive Committee and conduct themselves in a manner suitable to the efficient operation of the Conference.
- D. If for any reason a member organization conducts itself in a degrading manner or violates the laws of the Conference, the Assembly may censure said member. The penalty incurred by the censure shall be a fine of not less than \$50.00 and suspension of membership privileges for not less than two races.
- E. If for any reason a member organization exhibits conduct to the Conference and whose laws state that that organization's presence in the Conference is no longer warranted, the Assembly may expel said member from the Conference and prohibit said member's participation in any Conference activities without the refund of any Conference fees. Any member expelled shall be considered a candidate for new membership for the following year, and must meet all requirements for new membership.

BY-LAWS OF THE USCSA Southwest

Section 1

Regulations Governing Races:

- A. Standard USCSA rules shall govern in all areas not specifically covered in this rulebook. The Assembly shall make any amendments in said rules if deemed necessary for the proper organization and implementation of Conference races. At those races held in conjunction with the USSA, all rules of that organization shall be applicable, and in no way may the Assembly or the Executive Committee act in a way to undermine them. All racers must qualify for USCSA Southwest membership. Team Captains and Coaches are responsible for informing their respective teams of F.I.S., USSA, USCSA, USASA, and USCSA Southwest rules.
- B. All races shall consist of two runs unless overruled by the Race Jury Committee (see Article 5 of the USCSA Southwest Constitution).

Section 2

Teams and Classifications of Competitors:

- A. Each member organization is permitted to enter no more than one men's snowboard team and ski team and one women's snowboard team and ski team in any race.
- B. Each of these said teams may contain no more than five competitors of the same sex and a combined total of ten competitors for both male and female teams, in any one "A" race. Only the times of racers seeded in the first five positions shall constitute the "A" team as it applies to team scoring and competition in the USCSA Rule Book section 6.
- C. Each member organization is entitled to race as many "B" team members as it desires. These racers will receive "B" team points, and will not compete against "A" team racers in a race where they have been designated "B" team.

Section 3

Member Organizations:

- A. All individual fees will be set annually by the Assembly and charged to all member organizations. It is the responsibility of the member organization to pay all individual's racing fees. A racer shall not be allowed to participate in any given race if the Executive Committee does not have a record of the fees being paid.
- B. All member organizations of the Conference shall hold the Conference and the mountain harmless in the event of any injuries suffered at a Conference race. The Executive Committee shall prepare a form that every racer must sign in addition to payment of their membership fee, stating the racer's willingness to release liability from the Conference and the mountain of any injury suffered throughout the year.
- C. All member organizations will be held financially responsible for any damage caused to Conference property while in the possession of said organization.
- D. All member organizations of the conference, in order to participate in any USCSA conference (all USCSA Southwest competitions), regional, or national championship event,

must be a member in good standing of the USCSA national organization. All fees must be paid to the USCSA before being permitted to compete in USCSA Southwest competition. All rules, regulations and policies of the national organization must be adhered to by teams vying for the opportunity to race in such championship events. (Per section 2.1 A of the USCSA Rule Book.)

Section 4

Eligibility Requirements:

- A. Students must qualify under USCSA eligibility requirements outlined in section 2 of the USCSA Rule Book.
- B. Any student not affiliated with a member organization shall be ineligible to race in any Conference races except as permitted under the rules governing guest participants.
- C. A student can become affiliated with a member organization by two methods:
 - i. They can be officially enrolled at the school of said member organization, and be a full time student (with 12 unit average over past 2 semesters or 3 quarters),
 - ii. They can be officially enrolled at a nearby institution, which in itself qualifies under the membership qualifications of the USCSA Southwest Constitution (Article 6), but in itself does not have the ability to form a separate team.
- D. If a racer is using affiliation as described above, they must affiliate with their own institution at the time when they have the ability to form a separate member organization within the USCSA Southwest.

Section 5

Guest Participants:

- A. Any skiing organization outside the Central or Southern California, Arizona, New Mexico or Southern Nevada area desiring to race in any Conference race must present its request to the Executive Committee, which shall determine the convenience and feasibility of allowing said organization to participate.
- B. If said organization is allowed to participate, a fee of \$40.00 per racer per day must be paid to the Conference, \$10.00 of which is refundable as deposit for said bib. If said organization races for a complete weekend, then the price of subsequent days is reduced to \$30 per racer per day.
- C. A temporary bib will be assigned to the guest racer. This bib must be returned to the Executive Committee at the end of the race day.
- D. Guest participants shall be ineligible for any season trophies, but will remain eligible for any individual race day awards.

Section 6

Race Organization:

- A. Each race will be held under the supervision of the member organization assigned to host the race, and the Executive Committee. These groups shall abide by the rules, duties and regulations set forth in the manual.

- B. The Executive Committee shall oversee all races and be responsible for setting, or having the course set.
- C. The Executive Committee shall assign member organizations those duties necessary for the operation of the race.
- D. All member organizations are responsible for the general upkeep of the courses and are requested to assist the other member organizations whenever possible in the efficient operation of the race.

Section 7

Coach and Captain Responsibilities:

- A. Executive Committee interfaces with racers through the Coaches and Captains.
- B. Coaches and Captains interface with resort race departments through USCSA Southwest Executive Committee. Racers, Team Officers, and Captains should never approach mountain officials with complaints. The proper channels must be followed through the USCSA Southwest Executive Committee.
- C. It is the Coaches and Captains primary responsibility to make certain that all team members are fully knowledgeable of USCSA Southwest rules and regulations and verify individual racers' eligibility to USCSA Southwest Vice President.
- D. Coaches and Captains shall organize their teams for assigned duties. Hosting teams will be held responsible for on-hill duties, described in Section 7.
- E. Familiarize teams with course maintenance techniques and be prepared to organize proper repair at each race.
- F. Organize distribution of all promotional materials. Coordinate all team activities with college representatives.
- G. Submit a complete list of team's racers, verified by each school's Registrar, to the USCSA for academic verification by the start of the first race. Unverified racers shall be ineligible for further participation until verified eligible. Petition for exceptions must be submitted in writing.

Section 8

Racer Duties and Responsibilities:

- A. Get to the start area BEFORE your number is called.
- B. Understand and accept the inherent risks of the sport. Sign your release forms. Racers will not be permitted to race unless all release forms have been signed.
- C. Display good sportsmanship; know and respect the rules. Show proper courtesy to all racecourse personnel.
- D. If you encounter problems or difficulties, always consult your Coach or Captain.
- E. You are responsible for your actions on the hill. Always ski or board in control.
- F. Bibs must be FULLY visible, FASTENED in place, and outside all warm-up clothing, from the time the course is set until the course is taken down. However, bibs should be covered or

obstructed while off the racecourse. Failure to follow this responsibility will in penalties and/or fines. See Section 18 for said penalties and fines.

- G. The bib number **MUST** be the number assigned by the Executive Committee. Racers without proper bibs will be disqualified and will not be able to race that race. No writing of their number onto another racer's bib, this is grounds for disqualification. In the event of a lost bib, racer must go to registration area and purchase a new bib. This must be done before 8:30am on the day of the race. Once a new bib has been purchased, the old bib will become obsolete.
- H. Use proper course inspection techniques:
 - i. Shadowing racecourses is not permitted.
 - ii. All racers must have their bib number showing when inspecting the racecourse.
 - iii. Do not ski/board through the finish line when inspecting the course.
- I. If you miss a gate while racing, you must either hike back up the hill to the gate or ski off the course.
- J. Absolutely NO swearing, profanity or obscene language will be permitted on the racecourse at ANY time. Failure to follow this responsibility will in penalties and/or fines. See Section 18 for said penalties and fines.
- K. Absolutely NO drinking of any alcoholic beverages will be permitted on the racecourse at ANY time. Discipline will be determined on a case-by-case basis and ranges from fines to permanent removal of individuals or teams as deemed appropriate by the USCSA Southwest Executive Board.

Section 9

Procedure for Race Day:

- A. Coaches and Captains may either send team seeding via email or submit online (pending online seeding system). All seeding forms need to be turned in by the Thursday preceding the race weekend at 8:00pm.
- B. Each team Captain shall fill out a complete "A" team entry form (and "B" team form if necessary), giving the names and bib numbers of the racers, the category in which entering, gender, and their respective starting order. Seeding forms will be made available if teams have not already completed them. A list of bibs will also be made available to each captain if necessary.
- C. Saturday and Sunday late add, change or delete racer registration are due by 8:30am on the respective day, unless otherwise specific by the Executive Committee. The Vice President may, at their discretion, open additional registration times.
- D. The Technical Delegates will accept seeding forms, check eligibility, and assign new bibs if necessary. The treasurer will check financial status and accept all payments.
- E. New bibs must be purchased at this time. New bib numbers are permanent throughout the extent of the racer's participation within the Conference for the given season. They may only be purchased through the USCSA Southwest. Old bib numbers become invalid when they are lost, retired, or the season ends, and bibs may not be exchanged or sold back to the USCSA Southwest. It is the racer's responsibility to race under the correct bib number.
- F. The President and the mountain race director shall inspect the racecourses. They shall then

make any changes they deem necessary. Officials of the ski area have the authority to cancel any Conference ski race.

- G. Final decision to cancel any Conference race that is already in progress rests with the Jury Committee.
- H. Refunds for tickets purchased for a race canceled in progress will be the decision of the Race Department for the host mountain.

Section 10

Racing Order and Seeding:

- A. See the USCSA rulebook section 3.7 for alpine seeding. Snowboard seeding for Giant Slalom follows alpine seeding as well.
- B. The racing order shall be random within each seed of the member organizations.
- C. Only the first five (5) seeds per sex count toward a team's score. This constitutes the "A" team racers and distinguishes them as the only scoring unit for a team.
- D. Teams with more than five (5) "A" racers may enter the others in "B" team.
- E. The respective team Captain shall decide individual ranking within "A" teams.
- F. If the race department provides two courses, one shall be used for the men's "A" team and the other for the women's "A" team.
- G. During any special event races, the Executive Committee shall determine all racing orders to suit the occasion, providing the randomness of the draw is maintained.

Section 11

Course Preparation and Inspection:

- A. Refer to USCSA rulebook for giant slalom and slalom.
- B. The Race Jury Committee will decide the method of inspection. If the course is open for slipping, a racer may **slip slide down** the course along the same path taken by a racer during their official run. If the course is closed to slipping, you may only inspect the course from along side, only entering the course by traversing to the gate, and after inspection, a racer must traverse directly out of the course.
- C. At no time may a racer "free ski/snowboard" or "shadow" the event area:
 - i. Making two or more consecutive turns is considered "free skiing."
 - ii. Running the racecourse parallel to the actual course, but outside all gates, is considered "shadowing."
 - iii. Failure to follow this responsibility will in penalties and/or fines. See Section 18 for said penalties and fines.
- D. For Freestyle events and Snowboarding events (not including Snowboarder GS), racers may ski on the course, but must adhere to the Race Jury Committee's instructions at the top of the course. Most likely, said Race Jury will run inspection at a slower pace to avoid injury and/or unfair advantage. If racers are found to deliberately disobey Race Jury instructions, racer is subject to automatic disqualification.

Section 12

Gatekeepers' Duties:

- A. Please refer to the USCSA rulebook.

Section 13

Starts and False-starts:

- A. Please refer to the USCSA rulebook.

Section 14

Reruns:

- A. Please refer to USCSA rulebook.
- B. Racer must present a properly initialed and dated provisional rerun card, or protest sheet in order to be considered for a re-start. It is the responsibility of the racer to obtain a properly initialed card from an Executive Committee member.

Section 15

Protests:

- A. Please refer to USCSA rulebook for protests concerning alpine, snowboard and freestyle events. Generally speaking, an official protest form and \$50 CASH must be submitted by the racer filing the protest within 15 minutes of said race, and without leaving the finish corral.

Section 16

Grounds for Disqualification:

- A. Please refer to USCSA rulebook.
- B. Any racer who continues to race after knowingly being disqualified will be disqualified from the following event.
- C. Consumption of alcohol on or near the race course.

Section 17

Fines and Penalties:

- A. It is the Executive Committee's duty to collect and levy all fines and/or penalties.
- B. All debts must be paid before the next race weekend. Teams may not race until all fines are paid. All teams are responsible for fines levied against their racers.
- C. Failure to carry out assigned duties, such as, gatekeeping, hand-timing, scoreboard, etc.:
 - i. First Offense: \$20
 - ii. Second Offense: \$30
 - iii. Third Offense: LOSE team points for the day & review of team's season eligibility.

- D. Failure to carry out team member responsibilities such as visible bib, free skiing on race hill, swearing, drinking, late arrival for team hosting duties, late submission of team seeding (after Thursday at 12:00am prior to each race weekend), abuse of provisional rerun privileges, etc. will result in the following fines:
 - i. First Offense: \$20
 - ii. Second Offense: \$30
 - iii. Third (and subsequent) Offense: \$40
 - iv. Additional offenses for any reason may be discussed and appropriate punishment decided on by the Executive Committee
- E. Three fines for a team in one weekend will have an additional fine of: \$20
- F. Teams knowingly running ineligible racers will result in team disqualification for that individual race. Individuals will retain their points and place standings if ineligibility is due to Team officer negligence.
- G. Interfering with Mountain Personnel, Executive Committee, Gatekeepers, Starters, Finishers, or a racer on course will result in a \$20 fine.
- H. Anyone associated with the USCSA Southwest who tries to defraud the league, the mountain, or any other organization involved with our league will be expelled from all USCSA events, and may be subject to legal liability (both criminal and civil).
- I. Persistent violation of the race rules by an individual racer or team will result in either temporary or permanent disqualification.
- J. Protests of fines and/or penalties may be made to a quorum of the Assembly. The fine and/or penalty may be revoked by a two-thirds vote of the quorum.

Section 18

Alcohol Policy – Racer Social Conduct:

Social activities are an important part of the life and atmosphere of the students enrolled in the member schools who participate in the Southwest Collegiate Ski and Snowboard Conference (USCSA Southwest). It is recognized that these activities at times involve both the attendance of a substantial number of students under 21 years of age and the presence of alcoholic beverages. This USCSA Southwest Student Alcohol Policy ("SAP") was developed with careful consideration to individual and community health and welfare issues as well as the realities of implementation.

The Policy is intended to apply to:

Programs and events that are organized and sponsored by Registered Campus Organizations, at which attendance consists predominantly of students under 21 years of age and at which alcoholic beverages will be present. USCSA Southwest-sponsored events at which attendance consists predominantly of students under 21 years of age and at which alcoholic beverages will be present. The Policy is to be applied in conjunction with local, state, and federal laws, codes, and ordinances.

POLICY STATEMENT:

The USCSA Southwest requires that individuals and groups choosing to offer alcoholic beverages at their programs and events operate within state and local laws and comply with responsible hosting guidelines, as outlined in this Policy. In accordance with the SAP, alcoholic beverages may be present at events where attendance is likely to consist predominantly of students under 21 years of age only in regulated settings that give the highest priority to standards for student health, safety,

and responsibility that apply across entire populations.

STANDARDS FOR STUDENT HEALTH, SAFETY, AND RESPONSIBILITY:

The following standards are designed to promote student health, safety, and responsibility. Subject to the facility use and scheduling policies and constraints of the venue involved, alcoholic beverages may be served at programs and events where attendance is likely to consist predominantly of students under 21 years of age only under the following general provisions and specific conditions:

- A. The service and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages is to be complementary to the event; under no circumstances should an event have the consumption of alcohol as its primary purpose.
- B. All events at which alcohol is served must also include the provision of alternate nonalcoholic beverages and free or reasonably priced snacks throughout the duration of the event. If alcoholic beverages are sold, alternate non-alcoholic beverages may be reasonably priced; if alcohol is served free of charge, the alternate non-alcoholic beverages must also be complimentary.
- C. No one under 21 years of age may be served, or possess, alcoholic beverages. Staff or bartenders must ask for proof of aged. The event sponsor is responsible for ensuring that all activities at which alcohol is to be present are planned and conducted in a manner that assures compliance with this SAP, as well as state and local laws.
- D. The event sponsor is responsible for ensuring that all activities at which alcohol is to be present are planned and conducted in a manner that minimizes any risk to the health and safety of attendees. Drinking contests or games are strictly prohibited.
- E. Programs and events at which alcohol is present and where attendance is likely to consist predominantly of students under 21 years of age shall not be open to the public. Attendance shall be by invitation to selected members of the campus community (and their guests) who can be readily identified by procedures or mechanisms typically used to determine membership in the campus community (e.g., University-Issued Student Identity Cards).
- F. No registered campus organization may co-sponsor or co-finance an event at which alcoholic beverages are purchased by any of the sponsoring organizations.
- G. Any one person on behalf of a registered campus organization may not coordinate the purchase of alcoholic beverages.
- H. Promote advertising that integrates the message of social norms and harm reduction, and not those that encourage alcohol consumption.
- I. Promote the message of individual and group harm reduction, through the mandatory use and encouragement of designated drivers at all events when alcoholic beverages are served.

ALCOHOL-RELATED ADVERTISEMENT:

- A. Advertisements that reference alcoholic beverages, in any form (e.g., print ads, e-mail or website announcements, banners, signs, flyers, t-shirts, etc.), may not portray drinking as a means to academic or social success, associate alcohol with the performance of tasks that require skilled reactions such as the driving of an automobile, suggest that drinking is the sole purpose or dominant theme of an event, or promote alcohol consumption as an expectation during the event or activity.
- B. Print advertisements that incorporate an alcoholic beverage trademark or logo must display the trademark/logo as clearly subordinate to the message concerning the event itself. The name of an alcoholic beverage manufacturer or distributor may not be connected to the

name of the event itself, but may be listed as a sponsor of a specific event.

VIOLATION OF STUDENT ALCOHOL POLICY:

- A. The USCSA Southwest will provide education, assessment, counseling and referral services for students addressing alcohol-related issues.
- B. Discipline may be imposed upon organizations or individual students in accordance with basic standards of procedural due process following the alleged violation of the Policy and the filing of written charges with. Discipline will be determined on a case-by-case basis, but can include:
 - i. Fines for Misconduct
 - ii. Individual/Team Points Disqualified from race or from season
 - iii. Removal of Individual(s) from USCSA Southwest competition for race weekend
 - iv. Removal of Individual(s) from USCSA Southwest competition for race season
 - v. Permanent Removal of Individual(s) from USCSA Southwest program
 - vi. Removal of Team(s) from USCSA Southwest competition for race weekend
 - vii. Removal of Team(s) from USCSA Southwest competition for race season

Section 19

Regional and National Championship Qualifications:

A. Regionals Teams and Individual Selection:

- i. For Alpine Ski, Freestyle Ski and Snowboard regionals, all men's and all women's teams, and the top 10 individuals from each team registered with the USCSA Southwest will qualify for the Regional Championships, if and only if each individual has competed in 2 or more USCSA Southwest sanctioned events on at least 2 separate race weekends.
- ii. Men's and Women's teams will be scored separately for Regional events.

B. Nationals Teams and Individual Selection:

- i. For Alpine Skiers, team and Individual qualification to the USCSA Collegiate National Championship will be granted based on a set number of berths granted by the USCSA. Refer to the USCSA rulebook to find out how many spots are awarded to the USCSA Southwest each year.
- ii. For Freestyle Skiers and Snowboarders, team and Individual qualification to the USCSA Collegiate National Championship will be granted when a team or individual compete at both conference competitions and the regional competition.
- iii. Fees for the USCSA Collegiate National Championship are determined on a case-by-case basis by the USCSA.
- iv. Scholarships to the USCSA Collegiate National Championship will be awarded on a merit basis by the USCSA Southwest to the greatest extent possible.

Section 20

Scoring and Awards:

Individual Scoring:

- A. Individual scores shall be independent of team scores.
- B. Individual points for place events (SkierX, BoarderX, Slopestyle and Rail Jam) as well as all Alpine and Snowboard timed events will use the World Cup system outlined in the table below.
- C. Individual season-to-date points are a summation of the scores from the races to date, unless more than four individual races have occurred, in which case the top four (4) scores will be summed.
- D. For end of season scoring, the top four (4) races for each individual are summed to give his or her overall individual point score. If less than four races occur during a season, then the total sum of all races will be used for each overall racer point total.
- E. If a tie exists, the racer with the lowest combined time for each timed event included, or highest combined score for each scored event included, shall be the winner. If a tie still exists, it remains a tie.
- F. Scoring used to determine individual berths to Regionals uses the World Cup system (points updated to reflect FIS 03/04). The top 30 racers eligible for points are as follows:

Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points
1st	100	11th	24	21st	10
2nd	80	12th	22	22nd	9
3rd	60	13th	20	23rd	8
4th	50	14th	18	24th	7
5th	45	15th	16	25th	6
6th	40	16th	15	26th	5
7th	36	17th	14	27th	4
8th	32	18th	13	28th	3
9th	29	19th	12	29th	2
10th	26	20th	11	30th	1

Individual Awards:

- A. Medals will be awarded to the top three (3) female and top three (3) male **skiers** overall for combined events in Alpine and Freestyle.
- B. Medals will be awarded to the top three (3) female and top three (3) male **snowboarders** overall for combined events.

Team Scoring & Awards:

- A. Scoring rules of the USCSA will be used for team scoring and are outlined in Section 6 of the USCSA rulebook.
- B. Trophies/plaques will be awarded to the top three (3) men's and women's combined Alpine Ski Teams, the top three (3) men's and women's combined Freestyle Ski Teams, as well as the top three (3) men's and women's combined Snowboard Teams.
- C. Three (3) trophies shall be awarded each year to the top combined Men's and Women's Ski

& Snowboard Team, all disciplines combined.