

# **USSA Judges and Technical Delegates Pipeline**

## **Divisional Trial Judge / Technical Delegate in Training**

Criteria:

1. Obtain a current USSA Officials membership
2. Notify the Divisional Officials Chairman of your interest to become an official
3. Participate in a National or FIS Judge's/TD seminar
  - a. National seminars are held in the fall every year in each Division
  - b. FIS seminars are held every other year by a representative of FIS in North America.
4. Read and understand the rules and regulations of the FIS Ski Jumping ICR (rule book) and the USSA Nordic Competition Guide. The [FIS ICR](#) and [USSA Nordic Competition Guide](#) are both available online.
5. "Trial-Judge" three (3) events scheduled by the Division in one year and score within 75% of judging group from each event. Scoring will be done by the Divisional Quality Control Committee.
6. Record all assignments, seminars and events in a "Nordic Officials Assignment Book."

## **Divisional Judge / Technical Delegate**

Criteria:

1. To become a Divisional Judge/TD, you must
  - a. Successfully complete Trial Judging requirements and be in good standing.
  - b. Pass a written/verbal examination regarding the FIS ICR to assure that the candidate knows how to apply the rules. This is an open book test.
  - c. Be approved by the Divisional Committee
2. Attend the National or FIS officials' seminar at least once every three (3) years.
3. Maintain a current USSA official's license, and be tracked in the National USSA Officials' database.
4. Record all assignments, seminars, and events in a "Nordic Officials Assignment Book."

### **National Judge / Technical Delegate**

#### Criteria:

1. To become a National Judge/TD, you must:
  - a. Successfully complete at least two (2) years as a Divisional Judge/TD and be in good standing.
  - b. Be recommended by your Divisional Officials Chairman to the National Officials Committee in writing at the USSA Spring Panel Meeting.
  - c. Pass the National Officials Written Exam.
2. Attend a FIS or National Nordic Officials Seminar once every two (2) years.
  - a. If you do not maintain the required attendance at a FIS or National Seminar, you will be a Divisional Judge/TD.
3. Maintain a current USSA official's license, be tracked in the national USSA officials' database and receive national education material.
4. Maintain at least 2-3 assignments each year.
5. Maintain an average of 85% or better in final Judges score.
6. Record all assignments, seminars and events in a "Nordic Officials Assignment Book."

### **FIS Judge / Technical Delegate**

#### Criteria:

1. To become a FIS Judge/TD, you must:
  - a. Successfully complete at least three (3) years as a National Judge/TD and be in good standing.
  - b. Speak English
  - c. Have USSA the candidate's qualifications to the Sub-Committee for Officials, Rules and Control for review.
  - d. Be under the age of 43
  - e. Complete three (3) years for TD and two (2) years for Judge of the candidate qualification period
  - f. Pass the FIS Officials Written Exam no later than the age of 45 for Judge.
2. Attend a FIS or National Officials Seminar every year.
3. Officiate as Judge, TD or assistant TD at one (1) FIS/CoC/World Cup event and two (2) National events at a minimum.
4. Present at National Officials' or Judge/TD seminar.
5. Be instrumental in disseminating FIS rules and interpretations to National Judges, TD's and Officials.
6. Be in good physical condition and be able to ski any competition course (Nordic Combined).
7. Record all assignments, seminars, and events in a FIS passbook and on berkutschi.com