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**US Cup Series**

**2021/22 Series:**

**Guidelines &**

**Request for Proposals**

**Ski Jumping & Nordic Combined**

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**US Cup Series**

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Execution of this requested by: 11/4/21

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| **Date** | **Location** |
| July 30, 2021 | Park City, UT |
| December 4, 2021 | Steamboat, CO (NC) |
| December 29, 2021 | Lake Placid, NY (NC) |
| January 14, 2019 | Eau Claire, WI (NC) |
| January 16, 2022 | Minneapolis, MN |
| January 18, 2022 | Ishpeming, MI (NC) |
| January 21, 2022 | Westby, WI |
| January 30, 2022 | Fox River Grove, IL |
| February 12, 2022 | Salisbury, CT |
| February 19, 2022 | Brattleboro, VT (NC) |

2021/22 US Cup Schedule

**2021/22 US Cup Guidelines**

Entries:

* Competitors must be licensed with a National Ski Federation. Only US Ski and Snowboard card holding competitors and competitors who are in good standing with applicable governing bodies are eligible for the overall US Cup Standings.
* Competitors must be current paying USA Nordic members to be eligible for overall rankings, and at a minimum an unpaid USA Nordic member to compete

Entry fee:

* $50 per event/athlete is the recommended fee

\*\*The fee is applicable to all participants not currently members of the U.S. National A and B teams (Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined).

\*\*If hosting a US Cup in conjunction with another event the fee may be subject to change

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| **Hill Size** | **Location** | **US Cup** |
| HS 70 | Salisbury, CT | SJ |
| HS 77 | Chicago, IL | SJ |
| HS 80 | Minneapolis, MN | SJ |
| HS 94 | Eau Claire, WI | SJ, NC |
| HS 96 | Ishpeming, MI | SJ, NC |
| HS 96 | Brattleboro, VT | SJ, NC |
| HS 100 | Steamboat Springs, CO | SJ, NC |
| HS 100 | Lake Placid, NY | SJ, NC |
| HS 104 | Park City, UT | SJ |
| HS 114 | Westby, WI | SJ |

Event and Venue Requirements:

Critical requirements for the event are:

* Ski Jumps that meet NGB standards (HS 75 – HS130)
* A 5km and 10km Cross Country Course that meets NGB Standards with maximum loop lengths of 2.5km.

**Hill Size:**

Hill Size (HS) ranges from 70-114M:

Officials:

* Per NGB rules for National Calendar Events.
  + <https://usskiandsnowboard.org/sites/default/files/files-resources/files/2020/2021_Nordic_Guide_0.pdf>

Classes:

* US Cup Class
  + Primary Event - The US Cup class is a U20 class.
  + Secondary Event (if site includes) – Open Event
    - Includes any athletes over the age of 20 (both National and International)
  + Prize money is required (outlined under “Cash Awards”).
* Men’s and Women’s Ski Jumping
* Men’s and Women’s NC Class
* Only athletes with active NGB and USA Nordic memberships will be counted in the overall US Cup standings.
* Foreign athletes can be included if LOC so chooses however they will not be included in US Cup standings and will not be eligible for US Cup prize money unless site includes a “Secondary Event” of which the participants will be eligible for that prize money (as outlined in “Cash Awards”)

Competition Format (U20 Class Only):

* The top three (3) junior ski jumping athletes, men and women, and NC athletes, men and women will qualify for a spot on the Junior National Team (must meet Junior National Team Criteria).
* Overall US Cup winner is decided by an athlete’s best **five (5) point scoring finishes out of 10 competitions (if less than five Nordic Combined it will be determined by the total number)**
* An athlete must compete in at least **three (3) out of the five divisions** (assuming US Cup competitions are held in three divisions): RMD, IMD, Alaska, Central, East, to be eligible to win the US Cup.
  + Additional athlete spots in domestic Continental (2-3) and FIS Cups (20) will be determined using current US Cup Ranking List.
  + The qualified quota spots will be decided by the National Team coaches for each event.
* There will be no tiebreaker in the case of a tie for the overall winner.

Scoring (U20 Class Only):

Points are awarded based on the size of the field. The winner will receive twice the points of the total number of athletes in each class with a minimum of ten (10) points. **Points will be awarded up to 15th place.** See point spread below.

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| **Place** | **Points** | **Place** | **Points** |
| 1st | 30 | 9th | 14 |
| 2nd | 28 | 10th | 12 |
| 3rd | 26 | 11th | 10 |
| 4th | 24 | 12th | 8 |
| 5th | 22 | 13th | 6 |
| 6th | 20 | 14th | 4 |
| 7th | 18 | 15th | 2 |
| 8th | 16 |  |  |

\*Note: *If there is a tie in the US Cup points then there will be multiple winners. There will be no tiebreaker*

Prizes & Awards:

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| **Item** | **Level of Requirement** |
| Awards | - Award for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for each event by individual clubs/venues for top three (3) finishers.  - Prizes for men’s overall winner will be awarded by USA Nordic for both SJ & NC |
| Cash Awards | Payouts below require a minimum of ten (10) athletes. For classes less than ten (10), payout will be 1/2 and for classes less than five (5), 1/3 of amounts below.  Required payout for top 3 finishers in all US Cup classes:  1st – $300  2nd – $150  3rd – $75  Recommended Payout for Open Class:  1st - $1,500\*\*  2nd - $750\*\*  3rd - $300\*\*  \*\* Only with Sites (LOC) inclusion of a “Secondary Event” where National Team athletes are invited and present for an open class. |
| Overall Series Standings | Rankings will be updated after each event.  The overall U20 US Cup class winner for Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined, men and women, will be awarded $500 towards a summer Trip. National Team Coaches will decide this trip.  The top three (3) junior athletes in each class will get a spot on the Junior National Team (see Junior National Team Criteria) |

Facilities & Control:

Per NGB requirements

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| **Control** | **Level of Requirement** |
| Equipment | Per NGB requirements |
| Internet Connectivity | Required |
| Take-off Speed Timing | Encouraged |
| Start Time Control | 2 phase or better required |
| Video Marking | Encouraged |
| Wind Speed | Encouraged |
| Cross Country Course Marshalls | Encouraged (3-5 suggested) |
| Cross Country Timing | Required (hand timing acceptable, backups strongly encouraged); (3-5 suggested) |
| Cross Country Finish Line Video | Required (may be smart phone) |

These requirements will change annually based on US Cup Committee decisions

Cancelation Policy:

In the case of 2-day events, each event organizer must dedicate which day is for US Cup competition. The US Cup Committees’ preference is to schedule this on the first day of competition. In situations when the event cannot be held on day one, it may be held on day two. Organizers should make every effort to hold the event and postpone to a later date if possible. USANS agrees to make best effort with site to reschedule. In the event of complete event cancelation, registration fees will be refunded to the athletes.

Nordic Combined Format:

Organizers are encouraged to be flexible and creative in their race. Either mass start before jumping, or (preferably) Gunderson format may be used. Assistance with calculations is readily available. Consider using your outrun or nearby trails to have a course that may be as short as 1/2 km for a 5-10 km race.

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