

## USSA Alpine Officials Certification Guidelines

SPECIALTY CATEGORY	PREREQUISITES	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4	LEVEL 5
	GETTING STARTED	ACQUIRE BASIC KNOWLEDGE	REFINE KNOWLEDGE / SPECIALIZATION	MASTER COMPETENCIES	RECOGNIZE SERVICE	HONORABLE RETIREMENT
<b>COMPETITION OFFICIAL-CO</b>	<b>Entry Level</b>	Attend basic clinic	Work 10 days as a competition official	Work additional 10 days in area of specialization	Serve a minimum of 5 outstanding years in area of specialization	Continue USSA membership
		It is required that those individuals desiring to pursue positions of Start and/or Finish Referee attend a RF Clinic and follow the JA Track	Develop skills needed for position (e.g. gate judge, course prep)	Demonstrate ability to train and lead others in area of specialization	Receive favorable recommendation from divisional AO committee	Move from active to inactive status as CO
				Receive favorable recommendation from 2 level 4 officials	Receive approval of National AO committee	
<b>TECHNICAL DELEGATE-TD</b>	Level 1 TC, Level 2 RF OR Level 1 TC, Level 1 CR and Level 2 JA OR Level 1 TC, Level 2 CR and Level I JA	Attend level 1 TD clinic (if offered)	Work 10 days as TD at sanctioned competitions	Work 10 additional days as TD at ability class events	Serve a minimum of 5 outstanding years as a TD	Continue USSA membership
		Serve as candidate under senior TD	Demonstrate ability to lead	Demonstrate ability to build consensus	Receive favorable nomination by divisional AO committee	Move from active to inactive status as TD
	Proven leadership ability	Receive favorable written recommendation from supervising TD	Conduct administrative controls e.g. check homologations, TD RF and timing reports, technical course data	Show ability to make sound judgments in expected and unexpected situations	Receive approval of USSA TD WG and AO committee	
	Proven skiing ability	Pass level 1 TD exam	Conduct technical controls e.g. radios, medical services, timing, course setting and protection	Prove ability to handle TD responsibilities in professional, accurate manner		
	Must have 1 nomination and 2 seconds from Level 3 TD's. (Forms available)		Submit accurate and timely race documentation	Pass level 3 exam (80%)		
			Receive favorable written recommendation from 2 higher level TD's	Receive favorable recommendation from 2 Level 4 officials or Divisional AO Committee		
				Receive approval of USSA TD WG & AO committees		
A TD must attend an update/clinic every two years in order to maintain TD certification. A USSA TD should work as an assigned TD a minimum of two days every season and must work as an assigned TD at least once every two years in order to maintain certification levels.						
<b>REFEREE-RF</b>	Attendance at CO Clinic	Attend Level 1 RF clinic	Work 10 days as RF at sanctioned competitions	Work 10 additional days as RF at ability class events	Serve a minimum of 5 outstanding years as a RF	Continue USSA membership
	Recommended Level 1 CR	Pass level 1 RF exam	Handle paperwork timely, accurately	Serve as speed event RF or Asst RF	Receive favorable recommendation from divisional AO committee	Move from active to inactive status as RF
	Proven skiing ability		Receive favorable recommendation from 2 higher level supervising officials	Receive favorable recommendation from 2 Level 4 officials	Receive approval of National AO committee	
It is required that Referees attend an update/clinic every two years to maintain Referee certification						

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<b>JURY ADVISOR-JA</b> (Start/Finish Referee)	Attendance at CO Clinic	Attend Level 1 RF clinic	Work 10 days as JA at sanctioned competitions	Work 10 additional days as JA at ability class events	Serve a minimum of 5 outstanding years as JA	Continue USSA membership
	Recommended Level 1 CR and Level 1 TC	Pass level 1 RF exam	Handle paperwork timely, accurately	Serve as speed event Jury Advisor	Receive favorable recommendation from divisional AO committee	Move from active to inactive status as JA
			Receive favorable recommendation from 2 higher level supervising officials	Receive favorable recommendation from 2 Level 4 officials	Receive approval of National AO committee	
It is required that JA's attend an update/clinic every two years to maintain JA certification.						
<b>CHIEF OF RACE-CR</b>	Attendance at CO clinic	Attend Level 1 CR clinic	Work 10 days as a CR at sanctioned competitions	Work 10 additional days as CR at ability class events	Serve a minimum of 5 outstanding years as CR	Continue USSA membership
	Good organizational & leadership skills	Pass Level 1 CR test	Learn skills to be productive jury member	Demonstrate ability to make sound decisions in variety of situations	Receive favorable recommendation from divisional AO committee	Move from active to inactive status as CR
	Proven skiing ability		Learn skills to be effective leader of race committee	Demonstrate ability to lead others effectively	Receive approval of National AO committee	
	Proven leadership ability		Serve as CR for different levels of competition	Show the ability to delegate responsibilities		
			Attend Level 1 RF clinic and pass Level 1 RF exam	Receive favorable recommendation from 2 Level 4 officials		
			Receive favorable recommendation from 2 higher level supervising officials			
It is required that CRs attend an update/clinic every two years to maintain CR certification-Strongly Encouraged 2009-2010; Mandatory 2010-2011						
<b>CHIEF OF COURSE-CC</b>	Attendance at CO clinic	*Attend level 1 CC Clinic	Work 10 days as a CC at sanctioned competitions	Work additional 10 days as CC at ability class events	Serve a minimum of 5 outstanding years as a CC	Continue USSA membership
	Proven knowledge of local snow conditions and terrain	*Pass level 1 CC exam	Learn different snow prep techniques	Demonstrate ability to work cooperatively with jury	Receive favorable recommendation from divisional AO committee	Move from active to inactive status as CC
	Good organizational & leadership skills		Become knowledgeable of snow prep chemicals	Demonstrate knowledge regarding protection issues	Receive approval of National AO committee	
	Able to meet physical demands of job		Learn to install various protection devices in appropriate locations	Demonstrate effective snow and course prep		
	Proven skiing ability		Receive favorable recommendation from 2 higher level supervising officials	Receive favorable recommendation from 2 Level 4 officials		
*Receive favorable written recommendation from L3 or higher RF, CC or TD.						
*Strongly Encouraged 2009-2010; Mandatory beginning 2010-2011.						
It is required that CCs attend an update/clinic every two years to maintain CC certification.						

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<b>TIMING and CALCULATIONS-TC</b>	Attendance at CO clinic	Attend introductory TC clinic	Work 10 days in various TC positions at sanctioned competitions	Work 10 additional days in TC positions at ability class events	Serve a minimum of 5 outstanding years as a TC official	Continue USSA membership
	Aptitude for math/numbers	Pass Level 1 TC exam	Learn and understand electric timing equipment	Demonstrate good management skills under varying conditions	Receive favorable recommendation from divisional AO committee	Move from active to inactive status as TC
	Computer skills to operate timing/scoring programs		Calculate EET's accurately & prepare Timing Technical Report and Report by the Referee forms	Handle all calculations accurately/confidently	Receive approval of National AO committee	
			Demonstrate ability to instruct/run manual timing crew	Serve as Chief of TC under supervision of senior TC		
			Receive favorable recommendation by 2 higher level supervising TC officials	Receive favorable recommendation from the same senior TC to qualify for Exam		
			RECOMMENDED: Skiing ability to access/ descend race course	REQUIRED: Skiing ability to access/ descend race course		
				Pass Level 3 advanced TC exam (75%)		
It is required that TCs attend an update/clinic every two years to maintain TC certification.						
<b>RACE ADMINISTRATOR-RA</b>	Attendance at CO clinic	Attend Level 1 RA clinic	Work 10 days in race secretariat at sanctioned competitions	Work additional 10 days in race secretariat at ability class events	Serve a minimum of 5 outstanding years as a RA	Continue USSA membership
	Appropriate computer skills	Pass Level 1 RA test	Demonstrate knowledge of race secretariat requirements: entry list, start list, results	Demonstrate ability to handle all race secretariat functions accurately, competently	Receive favorable recommendation from divisional AO committee	Move from active to inactive status as RA
	Good organizational & leadership skills		Set up for Team Captains Meeting; draw board, attendance, minutes, program, etc.	Show ability to work well with others in variety of circumstances	Receive approval of National AO committee	
			Produce end-of-race packet including accurate calculation of head tax	Demonstrate ability to successfully handle highest Level USSA/FIS races		
			Receive favorable recommendation from 2 higher level supervising RA's	Receive favorable recommendation from 2 Level 4 officials		
It is required that RAs attend an update/clinic every two years to maintain RA certification.						
	Attendance at CO clinic	Attend RA Clinic	Work 10 days in DM at sanctioned competitions	Work additional 10 days in DM at ability class events	Serve a minimum of 5 outstanding years as a DM	Continue USSA membership
<b>DATA MANAGEMENT-DM</b>	Appropriate computer skills	Attend DM Clinic, if available, or apprentice with upper level DM/RA as divisionally approved	Produce accurate entry list, start list, results	Demonstrate ability to handle all DM functions accurately, competently	Demonstrate ability to serve as DM consultant	Move from active to inactive status as DM
				Demonstrate ability to successfully handle highest Level USSA/FIS races	Receive favorable recommendation from divisional AO committee	
				Demonstrate ability to solve DM problems		
			Receive favorable recommendation from 2 higher level supervising RA's, DM's or TD's	Receive favorable recommendation from 2 Level 4 officials	Receive approval of National AO committee	
<b>All recommendations must note the date and event upon which the evaluation is based in addition to the official capacity of the individual making the recommendation.</b>						