

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**MAINE PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION**  
**SKI COMMITTEE**  
**OCTOBER 22, 2018**

A meeting of the MPA Ski Committee was held on Monday, October 22 at 9:07 a.m. at the MPA Office.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chad Brackett, Ted Hall (GTM), Thomas Plourde, and Eric Werntgen (GTM).

**MEMBER ABSENT:** Al Cayer.

**LIAISONS PRESENT:** Ron Gifford and Dustin Williamson.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Michael Bisson.

**ELECTION OF CHAIR:** On a MOTION from Hall/Werntgen, and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED, TJ Plourde was elected to be the chair of the Ski Committee for 2018-2019.

**APPROVAL OF MINTUES:** On a MOTION by Brackett/Hall, the minutes of the March 29, 2018 meeting were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** A number of emails were shared with the committee and were reviewed and placed on file at the MPA. No official action was taken on any of the correspondence.

**2019 RACE DATES, SITES, AND SCHEDULE:**

TD Coverage: Mike Bisson will connect with Dave Kearing, Maine Alpine Racing Association ([www.mara.org](http://www.mara.org)) and get recommendations from Dustin Williamson to secure Technical Directors at each site.

- Shawnee Peak – TBA
- Black Mountain – TBA
- Titcomb Mountain – TBA
- Stark's Hill – TBA

**COACHES' REPORT:** The coaches submitted the following report:

**Alpine (Ron Gifford):**

- Ski Meister issues still come up and they appreciate any effort to accommodate.
- TD coming from the club of the venue was raised as a concern from one coach.
- Responsibility from coaches and schools to ensure proper FIS helmet. At the coaches' meeting all coaches will have to agree that all racers are legally equipped.
- The coaches approved the USSA gender format to always use girls/boys, reset, girls/boys.
- Fallout over the course setting at Big Rock in 2018. The coaches would like to nominate a coach and then vote on a course setter and allow the TD to follow the course setter.

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On a MOTION by Brackett/Hall, and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED, that the course setting for races by the mountain course setter to be assisted by two volunteer coaches collected by the MPA and chosen by the TD.

Nordic (Dustin Williamson):

- The pursuit was a success and the self-starting worked well.
- The weather was a challenge, but the meet went well.
- The schedule change to go a day later was brought up, but the meet was excellent. Hotels were a concern.
- The MPA Ski Committee members should ensure all skiers and substitutions are on the schools' eligibility roster.
- The coaches would like dual discipline skiers to be recognized at the awards ceremony.

**2019 BULLETIN:** The 2019 Ski Bulletin was reviewed and updated with times and order of events at the four championship venues.

**2019 RULEBOOK:** Ronn Gifford and Ted Hall separated the Alpine and Nordic Rule Books for the 2019 season.

Changes were made in the Nordic Rules to allow for skiers to be substituted if they do not finish the first day or are unable to ski on the second day.

Ted will write up a proposal for Section 10 for World Cup type scoring to the committee to deal with individual skiers and displacement. This will be voted on electronically after feedback is gathered from the coaches.

The coaches would like a rule to address skiers wearing the incorrect bib and have a decision regarding this issue go to the jury for ruling, if self-reported.

Alpine:

On a MOTION from Hall/Werntgen, and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED, to remove Rule IV, Section 3 of the Alpine Rule Book.

On a MOTION from Brackett/Werntgen, and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED, to add under Rule V, Gatekeepers, Section 5, A. "The first gatekeeper will cover the start house".

On a MOTION from Brackett/Hall, it was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED, to delete and add new wording to Rule VI, Starting Area Guidelines, Section 3. Wording will be rewritten by Ronn Gifford.

**COOPERATIVE TEAM APPROVAL:** The following cooperative teams were approved.

- On a MOTION by Hall/Werntgen, the cooperative team of Deering/Portland/Cheverus Boys' Nordic ski was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. The Interscholastic Management Committee will have to approve the waiving of the maximum enrollment.

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- On a MOTION by Hall/Werntgen, the cooperative team of Deering/Portland/Cheverus Girls' Nordic ski was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. The Interscholastic Management Committee will have to approve the waiving of the maximum enrollment.
- On a MOTION by Brackett/Hall, the cooperative team of Fort Kent/Wisdom Nordic ski was APPROVED 2-1 with Werntgen abstaining.

**CLASSIFICATION:** The coaches discussed moving to two Nordic classes. The feeling is that small schools have increased, while the large schools have decreased. The Nordic coaches asked that it remain at three classes. The recommendation is to keep it at three for this classification cycle and monitor it for 2021-2022.

On a MOTION from Hall/Brackett to change Class A Alpine cutoff to 600, B to 0-599 and keep Nordic cutoffs the same with Class A at 600+, B at 400-599, and C at 0-399.

**OTHER:** None

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** The next meeting will be held in Monday, December 10, 2018 at the MPA office at 9:00 a.m.

**NEXT MEETING ITEMS:**

- Scoring for individuals and exploring using World Cup scoring.

**ADJOURNMENT:** On a MOTION by Brackett/Werntgen, it was VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

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Assistant Executive Director

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