

# RMD SKI JUMPING & NORDIC COMBINED

## 2013/2014 USSA RMD Ski Jumping & Nordic Combined Discipline Committee

The volunteer committee members listed below work together to organize the highest caliber of Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined events in the nation. Their countless hours of dedication keep the Nordic tradition alive in the Rocky Mountain Division and in the United States.

Chuck O'Connell	Chairperson	Steamboat Springs
Erin Vargas	Treasurer	Steamboat Springs
Terin Petersen	Secretary	Steamboat Springs
Larry Glueck	RMD Board Rep	Steamboat Springs
Alex Glueck	Special Jumping Athlete Rep	Fort Collins
Nathan Gerhardt	Nordic Combined Athlete Rep	Boulder
Todd Wilson	Steamboat Coaches Rep	Steamboat Springs
Kris Rowse	Events Coordinator	Steamboat Springs
Martin Bayer*	Development Programs Rep	Steamboat Springs

\*Non Voting Member

### USSA-RMD SJ/NC Committee Structure

USSA-RMD is a division of the United States Ski Association. USSA is one of three branches of U.S. Skiing with the other two being the United States Ski Team and the United States Ski Team Foundation. USSA is the membership arm of U.S. Skiing and supports technical aspects of competitions, volunteers, officials, coach's education and the national competition committees. It is governed by a volunteer board of directors.

USSA-RMD is also governed by a volunteer board of directors, who strive to support all member discipline athletes. With the national office unable to provide consistent financial support for non-USST elite development athletes, the RMD Board of Directors has taken a strong stance to create development, marketing and funding opportunities to our athletes, so they may obtain their goals.

The responsibilities of the USSA-RMD SJ/NC Discipline Committee:

- Be an active member for SJ/NC on the RMD Board of Directors.
- Coordinate annual SJ/NC All-Star Team naming criteria, athlete contracts and contract fulfillment, SJ/NC athlete participation in the Fall Festival and "All-Star" Reception and team uniforms.
- Coordinate RMD SJ/NC sections of the RMD Handbook and USSA Competition Guide.
- Coordinate and manage all SJ/NC athletic development opportunities & US Olympic Training Center usage requests.
- Assist with other special projects and duties as needed.
- All Divisional Team Selection Criteria.
- Final approval on staffing of all Divisional Trips, Camps, Projects, Competitions, etc. This approval entails coaching staff, team leaders and chaperones, as to provide the best opportunities for our athletes.
- Final approval of RMD SJ/NC JO Team Uniforms--athletes select the choices.
- Final approval on all RMD SJ/NC Home Team Requests for financial assistance.
- Final approval on RMD SJ/NC Competition Entry Fees.
- Final sanctions on all items that carry the USSA-RMD SJ/NC "name" as to protect the personal liabilities of the Board, all committee members, athletes and staff.
- Coordination of coaches and officials educational opportunities.

- Approval of SJ/NC Budget & Financial Reports.
- All technical aspects of RMD J/NC competitions, including volunteer coordination, scheduling of event officials, finances, communication, etc.--basically providing safe, quality competitions in RMD for everyone involved.

The Discipline Committee communicates constantly with various divisional athletes for their input and concerns on areas directly and indirectly that involve them.

The Discipline Committee meets as needed--meetings are open to all RMD members and are closed only for personnel matters.

All members of committees are required to be active and attend all meetings, unless excused. Committee members may send a proxy with another member if they wish voting rights in a meeting they cannot attend.

All SJ/NC Committee members must maintain current USSA National & Divisional Membership!

2013/2014 USSA-RMD Entry Procedure:

The primary entry procedure should be made online. The SSWSC is currently the only club that hosts ski jumping & Nordic combined events in the RMD. The entry forms can be accessed by going to the website: [www.sswsc.org](http://www.sswsc.org) . All USSA-RMD completed entry forms must be received, by the host site, by the stated entry deadline. Entries should be made by the Head Coach or Team leader.

2014 U20 & U17 Jumping and Nordic Combined Junior National Qualifiers

<b>December 27 - 28</b>	<b>Park City, UT</b>	<b>IMD J/NC HS70 J1 &amp; J2 JNQ #1</b>
<b>January 10 - 11</b>	<b>Steamboat Springs</b>	<b>RMD J/NC HS75 J1 &amp; J2 JNQ #2</b>
<b>January 24 - 25</b>	<b>Steamboat Springs</b>	<b>RMD J/NC HS75 J1 &amp; J2 JNQ #3</b>

Junior National Team Selection Quotas:

In an effort to produce and field the best possible Junior National Team, the Rocky Mountain SJ/NC Discipline Committee will not assign a preset limit on the number of athletes that can qualify, however, the committee will strictly adhere to the criteria listed below.

U20 Men's and Women's Team Selection Criteria:

U20 qualification will follow all U17 criteria in JN qualifier competitions, with the exception being the calculated base requirement will be 80%. The 80% back calculation will be based off the U17 base if there are 3 or less U20's competing. If there are 4 or more U20's competing, they will create their own base. If U20's are competing in "higher level events", they will automatically qualify to compete in the Junior National Championships.

The U20's will be scored in their own class and jump off the same size hill as the U17 class. The race length (5 Kilometers) will also be the same as the U17 class.

U17's will not be allowed to ski up in the U20 class.

U17 Men's and Women's Team Selection Criteria:

U17 Competitors must score an average of 75% points of the calculated base\* in a minimum of two of the three U17 JN qualifiers.

To be eligible for the 75% calculation, for special jumping or combined, a competitor must score a minimum of 100 points in the jumping portion of the competition. If a national team member is competing in the qualifier, the minimum points required, will be 80.

Special jumping, and combined totals may not be used together to comprise "two of the three". A competitor must score the 75% in two jumping events, or two combined events.

**\*Calculated Base Defined:**

The calculated base will be comprised of the average of the top three finisher's total scores within each respective discipline, and gender class. In the event that a class has fewer than ten competitors, the base will be computed using the scores as follows:

Five to nine competitors: top two finisher's total scores

One to four competitors: top finisher's total score

**Additional Qualifying Policies**

All RMD U20 & U17 competitors must have current USSA national and divisional SJ/NC competitor memberships. U14 and U12 competitors may qualify and compete on the RMD JO Team, if they:

1. Meet criteria while skiing up in the U17 age class
2. Hold current USSA national and divisional competitor membership prior to qualification
3. U12 competitors will only be allowed to compete as special jumpers (unless they have coach & parent approval to race in the cross country).

The RMD SJ/NC Discipline committee, under advisement of the RMD JN coaching staff, will have the ability to make discretionary choices based upon extenuating circumstances.

The RMD JN coaching staff will have the ability to deny a qualified athlete participation in some or all of the events at the Junior Nationals if the athlete's safety is a concern, or if the athlete's behavior warrants disciplinary action.

**USSA-ROCKY MOUNTAIN DIVISION TEAMS**

2013 RMD Special Jumping and Nordic Combined Junior National Team: Minneapolis, MN

J2's:	Natalie Bohlmann	Margaret Lichtenfels	Kathleen O'Connell	Grant Andrews	Decker Dean
	Wyatt Gebhardt	Jasper Good	Nicholas Madden	Finn O'Connell	Davis Petersen
	Spencer Petersen	Peter Rosenthal	Elijah Vargas	Koby Vargas	

2013 RMD North American Championship Team: Eau Claire, WS

	Nita Englund	Grant Andrews	Spencer Knickerbocker	Nicholas Madden	Finn O'Connell
	Davis Petersen	Peter Rosenthal	Koby Vargas		

**USSA - RMD SJ/NC All-Star Team Criteria:**

The team size will be up to ten members based on the top results from the following levels & events:

World Cup competitions (or higher events such as the World Championships or Olympics, if a situation exists that athletes qualified to compete in these events have not also been named to the US Ski Team).

World Junior Championships Team Qualification, Continental Cups (place in the top 30), Senior National Championships (80% of winner), North American Junior Championships (Top 5 finish & 80% of winner) & Junior Nationals (80% of winner).

Athletes that compete in the Junior Nationals must be within 80% of the winner in their class to qualify for the All Star Team. Athletes will be selected from the best U20 men, U20 women and U17 men U17 women that are within 80% of the winner. The final option to qualify for the All-Star team is by coach's discretion if there are extenuating circumstances. To be a member of this Team is one of the highest honors in the Rocky Mountain Division.

**Other Requirements:**

All team members are subject to the USSA Code of Conduct. Any violation of the privileges extended to All-Stars will result in immediate suspension from the Team. The athlete will not be eligible for the team for the balance of the entire next season.

2013 All-Star Team:

Nordic Combined & Ski Jumping Team

Natalie Bohlmann	Grant Andrews	Ben Berend	Aleck Gantick	Jasper Good
Nicholas Madden	Finn O'Connell	Spencer Petersen	Tyler Smith	Koby Vargas

USST Honorary All-Star Team Members

United States Ski Team (RMD) Special Jumping and Nordic Combined Members will be named to the Colorado Ski Country J/NC "All Star" Honorary Team.

USST Nordic Combined Honorary Team:

Todd Lodwick	Johnny Spillane	Bryan Fletcher	Taylor Fletcher	Brett Denny
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RMD Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined Awards

We will further recognize the best junior athletes in each class and gender to receive the Bookstrom award at the RMD All-Star Festival in both special jumping and Nordic combined. (Nordic combined athletes are eligible to win the Bookstrom award in ski jumping as well).

Nordic Combined Bookstrom Award Recipients:

Natalie Bohlmann	1 <sup>st</sup> at Junior National Championships, Minneapolis, MN
Ben Berend	26 <sup>th</sup> & 33 <sup>rd</sup> at World Junior Championships, Liberec, CZE

Ski Jumping Bookstrom Award Recipients:

Natalie Bohlmann	4 <sup>th</sup> at Junior National Championships, Minneapolis, MN
Ben Berend	24 <sup>th</sup> at Large Hill National Championships, and 19 <sup>th</sup> at Normal Hill National Championships in Park City, Utah