



Skijoring America Member Race Agreement and Checklist

Skijoring America is an organization that expands the sport of equestrian skijoring in North America while keeping athletes, horses and spectators safe. And, by creating a marketing engine for regional and national corporations with products that appeal to people that love the outdoors, extreme sports, great competition, skiing, horses, cowboys and beautiful mountain towns.

The agreement criteria is aimed at developing consistency in the sport of equestrian skijoring for new and established race venues without losing the uniqueness of each race association's objectives.

The most important contribution Skijoring America continues to supply is a cadre of experts for the support of new races and centralized media for North American and global communication.

The Membership guidelines in this package result from best practices developed in North America since 1998. All guidelines are meant to aid organizers to develop their own unique rules and practices. Skijoring America requires all safety and race conduct be written into their Venues Rules. The individual organizers will create and enforce their own race rules since SJA will only endorse a race that meets basic criteria for safety and fairness.

All rules and guidelines apply to the open and sport classes only!
A Skijoring America Handbook will be e-mailed to race organizers for reference.

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I. Insurance:

Initial: _____

- Race Liability Insurance is the responsibility of the race organization.
- Disclaimer is included in the registration forms to hold SJA harmless.*
- SJA Accidental Insurance will be available for the 2018 season. It will cover **Competitors and Track volunteers** for a specific race scheduled.
 - This Insurance is available if race organizers commit to Skijoring America
 - The number of people to be covered, dates of coverage, name and location of race is required for coverage.
 - Since policy rates are dependent on the number that are insured, please commit as early as possible

II. Race Check List for safety: (Please refer to Skijoring America Hand Book)

- Veterinarian at race venue Initial: _____
- E.M.Ts at race venue Initial: _____
- Spectators, Horse Riders and Skiers Safety Plan: (Site Plan) Initial: _____
- Horse course (NO MORE THAN A SIX-INCH PUNCH) Initial: _____
- Horse Run Out (distance from finish line is 2/3 of total course) Initial: _____
- Water for Horses must be available Initial: _____
- Walkie-talkies should be used for communication. Initial: _____
- Starting Gate Plan (refer to handbook for plan and fencing layout) Initial: _____
- Jumps (2 x wide and 3 x long as the height, with a flattened top) Initial: _____
- Helmets and protective eye wear are required for skiers Initial: _____

III. Race Check List for Competitive Fairness (Please Refer to Handbook)

- Race should have Electronic Timing System (hand timing if not available) Initial: _____
- Course must have Stationary Gates Initial: _____
- Ropes must be certified for length before start of race Initial: _____
- Protest Committee must be in place before start of race Initial: _____
- Arena Judge must brief Gatekeepers on rules and protocols Initial: _____
- Competitors must be informed of their time at the end of their run. Initial: _____
- Horses and Skiers CAN NOT change competitive divisions Initial: _____
- A Horse may not run more than two times in a day. Initial: _____
- A rider may compete up to **two times in each division** in a day. Initial: _____
- Payouts are to be **estimated** and advertised two weeks before race. Initial: _____

IV. RACE RESULTS Initial: _____

- It is the responsibility of the race venue to get the race results to SKIJORING AMERICA for posting at www.SkijoringAmerica.com within **24 hours** after the conclusion of the race.

V. Use of SKIJORING AMERICA name and logo: Initial _____

- Prior consent of SKIJORING AMERICA is required before the using SKIJORING AMERICA name or logo for race promotion.

VI. SKIJORING AMERICA AMBASSADORS Initial _____

1. SKIJORING AMERICA will work with the race coordinator to have a person(s) present to assist the race organizers and ensure the courses and competitors safety.
2. SKIJORING AMERICA will provide training and support for Ambassadors to assist at every endorsed race to assist race organizers uphold competitive and safety standards.
3. To keep membership costs down, we request that Race Venues provide assistance with housing for up to 2 Ambassadors if possible.
4. The Ambassador(s) may be asked to be the arena judge.
5. The Ambassador(s) is there to help the organizers and competitors in any way possible to help make the event run smooth, safe, and competitively fair.

VII. Banners Supplied: Initial_____

- A SKIJORING AMERICA Banner will be supplied when possible upon request

VIII. Disclosure: Initial_____

- SKIJORING AMERICA requires disclosure of important details and rules be provided to a SKIJORING AMERICA Representative, a minimum 2 weeks prior to the endorsed event.
 - Initialed / signed membership agreement
 - Competitor Rules
 - Names of Rules Protest Committee
 - Race Registration Paperwork
 - General Layout of intended venue. (a drawing is recommended)
 - Length and type of course
 - Jump heights, widths, and side view drawing
 - Type and number of gates and jumps
 - Run out length
 - Types of Obstacles (Rings etc.)
 - Main Contact / cell phone and email addressInitial_____

IX. SKIJORING AMERICA Memberships and Fees Initial _____

- Race Membership for 2018 is \$550 with a refund of \$50 dollars after the race has disclosed relevant statistic and information about the race.
- Racer membership fee will be collected at each SKIJORING AMERICA race venue
- A SKIJORING AMERICA official will be responsible for asking the race for membership fees either at the race or one week after the race.
- A SKIJORING AMERICA official will take the new members fees and information at the race venue's registration. If registration is done on the internet then racers will be required to register for membership online **before** registering at the race venue's web site. (a link will be provided to accomplish this easily and quickly)
- Fee **\$20.00 per competitor** for a weekend (open and sport only). Weekend competitors are required to fill out the SKIJORING AMERICA membership form upon registration.
- Fee **\$60.00 per competitor** for a yearly membership. (Open and sport only)
- **Race organizers will receive advertising prior to race** for helping Skijoring America membership fee collection and registration.
- Race organizers are responsible for providing results to a SKIJORING AMERICA official so they can post them on the SKIJORING AMERICA web site.
- A SKIJORING AMERICA official will calculate the points for the Sport and Open Divisions, and post them on the SKIJORING AMERICA web site for a running total to determine the American Skijoring Champion.
- At the end of the year a Championship Belt Buckle and Jacket will be awarded to the persons with the most points for each division.

* Waiver and Release: By accepting this membership registration form, I fully understand that engaging in the sport of Skijoring is a dangerous and unpredictable activity which could result in injury and or death. I waive and release for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators any and all rights or claims for damage which I may have against the Skijoring America Organization and their board of directors, members, sponsors, land owners, race directors, volunteers, spectators, municipalities and states where Skijoring America sanctioned events are held. I verify that I am physically fit and have trained to participate in Skijoring America events. I agree that all decisions and actions I make are my own. I agree to pay for any and all medical expenses which are not covered by insurance as a result of injury in participation of a Skijoring America Member Events.

I agree to allow Skijoring America officials, race organizers and media representatives the use of my name, photograph, videotape or commentaries that publicize Skijoring America and the sport of skijoring.

Skijoring America reserves the right to de-sanction any event or revoke the membership of individual in violation of these or any standardized criteria. I have read the 2018 Skijoring America Handbook and I understand that my membership fee is non-refundable.

I (we) _____ race chairman along with the race committee of the _____ Skijoring race on _____, 2017 do hereby agree to meet the **SKIJORING AMERICA Agreement and Checklist Guidelines**. This includes each initialed title section with section contents from the SKIJORING AMERICA endorsee criteria and any initialed arbitrated titled sections and sections contents initialed and listed as follows.

I (we) have read and understand the **American Skijoring Association Agreement and Checklist Criteria** developed by SKIJORING AMERICA and that SKIJORING AMERICA may revoke the refund of the above race at any time if the Agreement and Checklist criteria is not in compliance. The American Skijoring Association agrees to provide our name and logo upon endorsement of the race for promotional use of your race.

Signature of Race Director: _____ Date _____

Printed Name from above: _____

Names of Race Committee: _____

(For SKIJORING AMERICA use only)
Endorsement Approved: _____

Signature of SKIJORING AMERICA Representative:

Printed Name _____

Or mail to: 1139 Main Ave, Durango CO. 81301

Questions: Call RJ at 208-761-8781

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