

To request alpine course homologation, please complete this Application Form
– **Request for Alpine Homologation / Course Approval Inspection** –
and submit to the USSA Alpine Course Approvals working group chairman

As of the 2010-2011 season, all FIS and USSA alpine races in all events for all age and ability levels must be calendared and conducted on trails which have been homologated by FIS or USSA or approved and registered by USSA following inspection and favorable report.

Refer to FIS and USSA rules for specific requirements and schedule of implementation. These rules can be found at:

<http://www.ussa.org/magnoliaPublic/ussa/en/formembers/officials/education/homologations/courses/fis-rules.html>

for FIS, and for USSA at:

<http://www.ussa.org/magnoliaPublic/ussa/en/formembers/officials/education/homologations/courses/ussa-rules.html>.

The homologation, or course approval, process consists of:

- application (completion of the form and submission with fee)
- documentation (collection of information and development of documentation for the report)
- inspection (on-hill site visit by a qualified, assigned inspector)
- report (by the inspector, and accompanying documentation including 'protection plan')
- certificate and maintenance of documentation in file

On receipt of the application form and fee, the USSA Alpine Courses working group chairman will assign a qualified inspector. Once assigned, the inspector will collaborate with the venue (place) in regard to scheduling and other arrangements for the inspection and in preparation of the report package.

The application form completed by the place (ski club, ski area, race organizing committee, etc) provides the USSA Alpine Courses working group chairman and the assigned inspector with essential information about the venue (place), in particular who will be responsible for inspection arrangements, for preparation of documentation, and for payment of fees and expenses.

The application solicits basic information needed for assignment of an inspector, based on the potential and proposed usage of the course, and compels the venue (place) to check key technical data in the context of the rules prior to requesting inspection. It is important to confirm vertical drop – elevation difference from start to finish - and minimum width(s) in advance.

Global positioning system (GPS) coordinates can be used by the inspector in preparation for the on-hill site visit and in consulting on development of documentation. Hand-held GPS devices or references from a digital map (for example: ski area planning maps, Google Earth) are sufficiently accurate for this purpose; engineering precision is not necessary. The inspector may require verification of technical data at the inspection and to include in the documentation.

Application fees corresponding to the proposed homologations are to be submitted with the application form. These payments will be applied to the actual homologation fees determined following inspection. Fees for any additional homologations requested in the course of the inspection will be due prior to approval; application fees may be refunded if proposed courses are withdrawn prior to or following inspection.

In all cases, inspectors' expenses, according to the rules, are the responsibility of the venue (place) and must be reimbursed on request of the inspector, regardless of the outcome of inspections. Submission of the application requesting assignment of an inspector is deemed as understanding of and agreement to this responsibility of the venue.

Please complete and submit one application form per course and event (exception: USSA GS and SL on the same slope/trail may be submitted together on a single form). Application fees should be paid in a single check payable to "USSA Alpine Course Approvals".

Forms and payment are to be submitted to:

USSA Alpine Course Approvals
c/o Bruce A Crane, chairman
PO Box 702
Park City, UT 84060

Completed applications may be sent as email attachments with check for application fees following by mail. (Payment by credit card via the USSA office is not available as of April 2010.)

Requests for homologation which are received prior to the annual mid-May USSA meetings will have priority for assignment of an inspector. Normally, inspections should be done and reports with documentation submitted by September 1 for FIS and by October 1 for USSA.

FIS requires and it is preferred for USSA that new inspections be done in the off-season. Inspections for rehomologations may be on-snow in many cases.

USSA homologations completed November 15-March 31 will have duration of validity before rehomologation is required based on that same (preceding) November 15; USSA homologations completed April 1-November 15 will have validity duration based on the next (following) November 15.

Additional information on deadlines, fees, including late fees, and related will be found at <http://www.ussa.org/magnoliaPublic/ussa/en/formembers/officials/education/homologations/courses/deadlinesandfees.html> (These links are 'under construction' as of April 2010. If the information you seek is not yet available, please check again later – and/or check with the assigned inspector.)

On receipt of the application with fees, the chairman will review the application, forward fees to the USSA office, address any concerns with the venue (place); and assign an appropriate inspector, and forward copy of the application and record of payment to that inspector.

The assigned inspector will then communicate directly with the contact person noted on the application to make arrangements for the inspection and to consult and collaborate in development of the documentation to accompany the inspector's report.

Additional information about collection of data, development of documentation and arrangements for the on-hill inspection will be found at:
<http://www.ussa.org/magnoliaPublic/ussa/en/formembers/officials/education/homologations/courses/documentation.html>

Downloadable inspection report forms and sample reports and documentation will be found at:
<http://www.ussa.org/magnoliaPublic/ussa/en/formembers/officials/education/homologations/courses/forms.html>

FIS and USSA course inspectors can provide further information and guidance about homologation requirements, rules and process. A list of course inspectors will be found at:
<http://www.ussa.org/magnoliaPublic/ussa/en/formembers/officials/education/homologations/courses/contacts.html>

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Place/Ski Area _____
 (location of the course proposed for homologation)
 Ski Area contact, phone, email

Ski Club(s)/Race Organizer(s) _____
 (that will be organizing FIS and/or USSA races on the proposed course)
 Ski Club/ROC contact, phone, email

Contact person _____
 (person who will be responsible for inspection arrangements, documentation, fees and expenses)
 Relationship to area/club/ROC _____

Address _____
 City, State, Zip _____
 Phone, Alt phone, Fax, Email

Name of trail/course _____
 (please provide information separately for each trail/course, using additional forms as needed)

Proposed for (please indicate):

New homologation **or** Rehomologation (certificate # _____)

FIS (includes USSA) **or** USSA

Events: DH SG GS SL

Technical data:

Elevation of highest proposed start (meters): _____
 GPS coordinates (UTM or latitude/longitude) _____

Elevation of lowest proposed finish (meters): _____
 GPS coordinates (UTM or latitude/longitude) _____

Width:

Has the width of this course been measured, especially at narrower places ? _____

Are there any places with less than 40 meters width ? _____ less than 30 meters width ? _____.

Application fees to be submitted with this request and applied to homologation fees:

FIS \$ 250.00 per event (includes USSA homologation for same event)

USSA \$ 150.00 per event (\$150.00 for USSA GS/SL on same trail, same report)

PLEASE SEE ACCOMPANYING INSTRUCTIONS AND RELATED INFORMATION.