

# UNITED STATES SKI AND SNOWBOARD ASSOCIATION

## Alpine Competition “Ski Up” Assumption of Risk, Release and Indemnity Agreement

THIS ALPINE COMPETITION “SKI UP” ASSUMPTION OF RISK, RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT (the “Agreement”) is provided by the ATHLETE/COMPETITOR signing the Agreement (the “Athlete”) and his/her parent(s) and legal guardian(s) (the “Parent(s)”) to UNITED STATES SKI AND SNOWBOARD ASSOCIATION; the DIVISIONS of the UNITED STATES SKI AND SNOWBOARD ASSOCIATION; and the ORGANIZERS AND OFFICIALS of alpine ski racing competitions entered by the Competitor (sometimes hereinafter referred to collectively as the “USSA”).

**“Ski Up” Definition:** On October 30, 1998, the USSA Alpine Sport Executive Committee stated that circumstances may exist for certain athletes in alpine ski competition to be authorized to compete in an age group competition with a class of competitors which are older than the age group designated by USSA. For example a J5 competitor (age 10 years or younger) who is technically and/or physically more advanced than other competitors in his or her age group may request to compete as a J4, or compete on courses set for J4s, (that is, with competitors who are 11 and 12 years of age). A competitor who advances to an age category with older competitors will be referred to in this Agreement as “Skiing Up.” The opportunity to Ski Up is not automatic, however, and competitors may do so only after they have received authorization through the procedure set forth below and have met additional local requirements that may be discipline specific.

### **Ski Up Procedure:**

1. The procedure for Skiing Up is a request made by a competitor, his/her parents and the competitor’s coach to the Regional, Divisional or State Alpine Committee where the competitor resides and the USSA Competition Staff person responsible for the respective State or Division.
2. Authorization to Ski Up is granted and only valid for the Region, Division or State from which the authorization is provided, based upon a determination by USSA Competition Staff and the applicable Regional, Divisional or State Alpine Committee that the competitor has demonstrated the technical athletic ability to train and compete with an older age category.
3. The parents and competitor acknowledge the additional risks and dangers associated with Skiing Up by signing this Agreement.

**General Assumption of Risk – Skiing Has Risks and Dangers:** The Competitor and his/her Parents acknowledge that participation in alpine ski competition and training in connection with such ski competitions is hazardous and involves great risk of physical injury or death. The Competitor and his/her Parents expressly assume any and all risk associated with competing or training for or otherwise participating in such competitions, including without limitation, the risks and inherent dangers of ski racing course conditions and those associated with skiing and riding the lifts generally. This assumption of risk also includes changing weather conditions; existing and changing snow conditions; bare spots; rocks; stumps; trees, collisions with natural objects, man-made objects, or other skiers; variations in terrain; and the failure of skiers to ski within their own abilities.