

Technical Delegates (TDs) are the 'senior' officials in ski racing. FIS and U.S. Ski & Snowboard assign them to alpine ski competitions, and they act as representatives of the sanctioning bodies of ski racing at these competitions. While the actual conduct of the race remains the responsibility of the sponsoring race organization (ROC), the TDs are expected to be valued and positive contributors to the event, drawing on both their knowledge and experience. They consult race organizers on procedures and rule interpretation. The TD chairs the competition jury and has primary authority in matters of competitor protection.

The position of TD requires knowledge and experience in all phases of ski competition, and competency in on-hill as well as off-hill functions. Skiing ability, good judgment, ability to work well with others in stressful situations/conditions and a sound knowledge of courses/race venues are also necessary. This position can be highly rewarding. Simultaneously, this position requires a very serious commitment to ski racing delivery.

We have found significant experience in the following areas to be very beneficial for TD candidates: Jury and ROC experience, racing and/or coaching background, leadership and command presence experience, organizational skills, physical fitness and skiing ability to operate in venues with hard race type surfaces, knowledge of surface prep required for safe race delivery, venue safety systems, the respect of PNW divisional coaching staff/ROC's, calmness and focus under pressure, resistance to distractions and staying focused on safety and race delivery within the rule requirements.

To be certified as a Level 1 TD:

~an official must be certified as a Level 2 Referee and Level 1 Timing and Calculations.

~or an official must be certified as a Level 1 Timing and Calculations, Level 1 Chief of Race and Level 2 Jury Advisor.

~or an official must be certified as a Level 1 Timing and Calculations, a level 2 Chief of Race and Level 1 Jury Advisor.

~It is strongly recommended that an official is certified as Chief of Race and/or Chief of Course.

A TD Candidate must complete a minimum of two shadow assignments (assigned by the PNW TDWG); one tech and one speed - under the supervision of a Level 3 or higher TD. Assignments must be completed at different venues and must be supervised by different TDs. The supervising TDs must submit written evaluations of the candidate's knowledge and performance, and the 'aspirant/candidate' must submit race result packets as required by the division AO Committee. Favorable written evaluations and submittal of required packets are required prior to certification as a Level 1 TD.

Please contact the PNW TD Working Group tdwg@pnwdivision.org if you have interest in becoming a USSS TD.