



**United States Parachute Association Winter Board Meeting  
Daytona Beach, Florida | March 15-17, 2025**

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## COMPETITION COMMITTEE AGENDA

1. Consent Agenda - housekeeping/non-controversial items
2. Adoption of ISC Rule Changes
  - a. Possible new intended deviations
3. Nationals Registration System Update – IT
4. Chapter 1 (General)
  - a. Changes to Section 6, Duties & Conduct of Participants – Nelson
  - b. Codify Protest Waiving – Nelson
  - c. Electronic replacement or supplement to Official Announcement board. - Owens
  - d. Definition & requirements of registration – Owens
  - e. Clarification on slate rule for CF
  - f. Eligibility requirements for medals expansion - Rees
5. Chapter 2 (Judges)
  - a. Remote Judging (proposal from Nationals)
  - b. Judge Evaluation/Rating renewal requirements
    - i. Consider adding a “volunteer judge” path to renewal
  - c. International Judge Course Form (Committee Folder-Amanda)
6. Chapter 3 (Records)
  - a. Reinstate Distance of Fall Records (proposal by Mike Mullins)
  - b. Clarify units of measurement and to what place holder (tenths, hundredths, etc) (Randy)
  - c. Exclude self-certification for solo performances.  
*3.9.2• Officials certifying a team state record may also be participants.*
  - d. Clarify the eclipse/supersede meaning for sequential record types with point-numbered subtypes. - Rees
  - e. Record form – indicate who the on-site official was – check box
  - f. Flocking Record Proposal – Matt Leonard



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- g. Reduce appeal deadlines to 30 days
  - h. Add “written plan” requirement for WS large formation performance records
  - i. Major re-factor of the chapter for readability.
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- 7. Chapter 4 (US Team)
    - a. Alternate team selection events (Melissa)
    - b. Team Manager selection (Competition Folder)
    - c. Discuss Junior team selection and funding
    - d. Proposal from Lotem Ragwan- additional female 4-way team selection
    - e. Updates to US Team minimum performance requirements. (400 kph)
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- 8. Chapter 5 (Nationals Site Selection)
    - a. Malchiodi and Strange schedule proposals-team conflicts (2025)
    - b. Training days for each event – prioritized training days – add to schedule - practice jumps - registration day-coordinated advertised practice availability day - the discipline registering should take priority with training. (Melissa AAR)
    - c. Package for Sanction Fee – include sanction fee, controller per diem, housing, medals
    - d. Test Event Procedures and Definition – tabled from summer
    - e. Revisit “Nationals in a box” concept - Nelson
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- 9. Chapter 6 (International Parachuting Activities)
    - a. Proposal to add language to FCE bid approval to consider value to the competitor community. - Rees
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- 10. Chapter 7 (Collegiates)
    - a. Revisit windsock & wind requirements for Sport Accuracy.
    - b. Change 2-way block 13 (Line Line) to a belly *Turnstiles* block



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11. Chapter 8 (Accuracy Landing)

- a. 1.5.1 & 1.5.2 - Reverse order - replace Meet Director with Chief Judge
- b. Minimum Team size definition
- c. Windsock rewording

12. Chapter 9 (Formation Skydiving)

- a. MFS Dive Pool (proposal from Andy Malchiodi)
- i. Consider removing Totem.
- b. Revisit - Combined Champion to exclude VFS and MFS
- c. VFS Pro/Am
- d. Changes to FS No-Sandbag Rule

13. Chapter 10 (Canopy Formation)

- a. Redefine Pro vs Amateur (Competitor Debrief, but no additional information provided)
- b. Refer to Cheryl CJ AAR – 2 parts
- i. 2.3.2 language tweaks
- ii. 2.11 working time
- iii. 2.6 scoring formation

14. Chapter 11 (Artistic Events)

- a. 3.5.5 - Reverse order - replace Meet Director with Chief Judge
- b. Refer to Bryce CJ AAR



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- i. 3.2.4.3 update the video submission deadline to close of registration. The edit would be removing “at least 48 hours”.
- ii. Other small changes suggested in the AAR

15. Chapter 12 (Canopy Piloting)

- a. 3.1.3 - windsock requirements adjusted to align with Collegiates new wording – see Greg MD AAR
- b. Refer to Greg MD AAR
- i. Changes to OPP scheduling
  - c. Video Review Panel composition & procedures (Marylou)
  - d. Challenge Form updates
  - e. Addendum B: 1.1.6.2. Add break away specs (Marylou AAR)

16. Chapter 13 (Canopy Piloting – Freestyle)

- a. 3.5.5 - Reverse order - replace Meet Director with Chief Judge
- b. 4.1.3 Addendum E: Competitor Routine Description Freestyle Drama Sheets
- c. 4.1.3.1 All moves have to be pre-declared on the drama sheet Freestyle Drama Sheet (Addendum E.) and presented to the Chief Judge prior to the close of Registration at 5:00pm the day prior to the start of OPP. (Marylou AAR)
- d. 4.1.3.2 The drama sheet Freestyle Drama Sheet for all the rounds must be presented to the Chief Judge at least 48 hours before the start, as announced by the MD, of the official Competitor meeting so that will be available on line or at registration. (Marylou AAR)
- e. 4.1.3.3 If the competitor does not present the drama sheet at the designated time, the DoD for each of their rounds will be a DoD of 1.2. (Marylou AAR)
- f. 4.1.3.4 The judges Chief Judge will assign the DoD of the combination of moves not on Addendum G: DOD Fusion and Sequential Moves or for any “new move” and announce post them on the Official Information Board. (Marylou AAR)
- g. 3.5.5 The Chief Judge may make an updated overall reverse order of standing for any round. If time permits, the Meet Director Chief Judge may change jump order to reflect the new overall reverse order of standing.



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17. Chapter 14 (Wingsuit Flying)

- a. 5.5.2 & 5.5.3, 6.4.5 - Reverse order - replace Meet Director with Chief Judge

5.5.2 The starting order of the first task of jumping shall be in reverse order of the standings at the most recent USPA Nationals. Competitors that did not participate in the most recent USPA Nationals will jump at the beginning of the task with the order determined by a random draw made by the Meet Director Chief Judge.

5.5.3 Reverse order of standing shall be recalculated at the completion of the first round and may be recalculated again at the completion of the second round, at the discretion of the Meet Director Chief Judge.. This order will determine the exit order for the following tasks.

6.4.5 The starting order of the first round of jumping shall be in reverse order of the standings at the most recent USPA Nationals. Teams that did not participate in the most recent USPA Nationals will jump at the beginning of the round with the order determined by random draw made by the Meet Director Chief Judge..

- b. Flare Test Event (Steve Hubbard)

18. Chapter 15 (Speed Skydiving)

- a. 5.1.1 & 5.1.2 - Reverse order - remove for safety reasons (Competitor Debrief-Nationals & Nik Daniels for rationale)

**5.1. Order of Jumping**

5.1.1 The starting order of the first round shall be in reverse order of the standings at the most recent USPA Nationals. Competitors that did not participate in the most recent USPA Nationals will jump at the beginning of the task with the order determined by a random draw made by the Meet Director. Chief Judge.

- b. Adopt SIM guidance for competition jumps – SIM 5-11 E – Speed Skydivers exit 1<sup>st</sup>

OLD SIM 6-13 E – May be reworded in 5-11 E

1. Exit and freefall

a. Exit order primarily depends on the speed consistently attained. Once a speed skydiving can demonstrate that they are consistently exceeding normal max free-fly speeds (in excess of approximately 250 mph), speed skydivers who are training should be allowed to exit first and instructed to turn away from jump run. Trained speed skydivers exiting after other jumps is an extreme safety risk. A speed skydiver traveling 300 mph that collides with a solo belly jumper in a baggy suit will have a 200-mph closure rate. With multiple speed skydivers, exit order should be fastest out first, with consideration given to deployment altitudes and parachute type/size if necessary.



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- c. Speed – 3.2.3 - not MD responsibility – if area expert can say something (Melissa)
- d. Clarification if daily or end of competition? what happens for incomplete round in a day due to rejumps, daylight, weather? Can the round be continued the next day?

6.3.2 While a round is in progress, unofficial results may be published. However, if the round does not get completed, the scores from the incomplete round must be discarded and the results must be amended to reflect the scores from the number of completed rounds.

- 19. XRW Test Event Submission (Scott Lazarus)
- 20. World Championships – AARs – US athlete behaviors in S&A, CF, WS
- 21. Nomination of Greg Windmiller for Ted Strong Award
- 22. Speed Skydiving Performance Award Proposal - Nik Daniel
- 23. Introduction of Mixed Team for Speed – Nik Daniel



## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA**

No items.





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## **FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE AGENDA**

1. Review of Capital Improvements planning
2. Should we consider 2 days in person meetings
3. Review status of third-party insurance expense
4. EV charging station
5. PTT UPDATE TRUST DOCUMENTS?
6. Review board per diems at board meetings
7. Review IPS Statements
8. 2023 Audit Acceptance (motion)
9. 2025 Budget Review & Approval (motion)



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## **GROUP MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE AGENDA**

1. International Affiliate Drop Zone Operators Conference update (AB)
2. Discuss the use of ADS-B data by airport authorities to levy landing fees. This may become widespread and will adversely and unevenly be a financial burden to drop zones. Submitted by: Mike Mullins.
3. Move to require a completed aircraft procedures manual, including a pilot training program, for initial Group Membership applications. Submitted by: Ed Scott.
4. Discuss additional proposed requirements for Group Membership, such as, documentation of approvals, business licenses, compliance with FAA regulations, etc, as part of the Group Member requirements. Submitted by: Ed Scott.
5. Discussion of SEO and a website focused on attracting new members by highlighting the varied disciplines of skydiving in a format that is exciting and will funnel new students to our Group Members. Submitted by: Chuck Akers.



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## **GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE AGENDA**

1. Discuss rights and privileges of a suspended member. (Bell)
2. Discuss establishing consistent Disciplinary Actions for BSR Violations (Radcliff)
3. Discuss inserting into the Governance Manual the following language concerning board actions during the election period (Scott & Grabowski)
4. Discuss documenting individual votes, by director's name, on motions considered by the full board, if one-fifth of the Directors voting demand a "recorded vote" (Grabowski & Radcliff)
5. Discuss amending the USPA Governance Manual section 1-2.3, C.2, a outlining National Director responsibilities to include the following provision (Radcliff)
6. Discuss clarifying confidentiality and discussion amongst board members with respect to the 1-6 process (Lallo & Butcher)
7. Discuss defining By-Laws, Article II—Association Meetings, Section 2: Board of Directors Meetings, Section 5: Rules of Order
8. Conflict of interest statement – policy states once per year, current practice is once per term. adjust statement or practice (Berchtold)
9. Consideration & Review of USOPC Governance standards – consideration of governance requirements set forth by USOPC for Olympic NGB's. Some do not apply; others are worth consideration. (Berchtold)



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## **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE AGENDA**

- 1. Insurance Claim Report (Ms. Seidel)**
- 2. Update on Protection and Sharing of Digital Member Information (DMI, aka API) (Ms. Sharp)**

- An interim motion was passed by the MSC on 17 Dec 2024 for Burble to have access to the Membership Data API.

- 3. Update on USPA Website Features (Ms. Sharp)**
- 4. Update on the SIM App (Ms. Sharp)**
- 5. Update on the Development and Implementation of an International Affiliate Country Association Program (Mr. Berchtold)**
- 6. USPA Service Awards (MSC Chair)**



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## **REGIONAL DIRECTORS COMMITTEE AGENDA**

1. Discuss adding a line item to the USPA Budget “Regional Director Travel Expense” (Paul G)
2. Discuss amending the Governance Manual Sec. 2-1,8.B.4b increasing the RD TER from \$1000 annually to \$2500. (Paul G)
3. Discuss “pre-approval” authorization for RD travel expense. (Jack P)
4. Discuss requiring “After Action Reports” for RD travel expense reimbursement. (Jack P)
5. Discuss further defining S&TA specific authority especially in sign-off authority of jumpers in other regions. (Jack P)
6. Discuss including a section in the S&TA Manual “How to Judge and Submit Competition Records” lite-version for S&TA in the field. (Jim R)
7. Discuss creating two new positions in the USPA organization called International Representative and International Liaisons to better facilitate and include our international membership in USPA’s operations. (Matt Yount)



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## **SAFETY AND TRAINING COMMITTEE AGENDA**

1. Discuss if we can change the terminology in SIM section 2-1.J.3 so it does not include the word “waiver” which seems inappropriate in the current language.
2. Discuss adding DOT medical to the BSRs as an acceptable alternative for tandem instructors. (Ray Lallo, Ed Scott, Brian Naiman)
3. Discuss requiring military ID when a military medical is submitted.
4. Discuss concerns brought forward by the FAA, which wants the S&T committee to consider if there should be some minimums for a wingsuiter to participate in a demonstration jump. For example, 200 wingsuit jumps before utilizing a wingsuit on any demonstration jump.
5. Discuss adding a BSR to enforce lower laterals must be attached for landing.
6. Discuss options for night tandems. (Charles Crinklaw)
7. Receive a report and discuss the progress of the IRM rewrite taskforce.
8. Discuss options for demonstration tandems. (Charles Crinklaw)
9. Discuss proposed changes to the BSR 2-1.G.9. which defines when student jumps must occur, specifically regarding tandem operations.
10. Discuss a request that the Safety & Training Committee form a subcommittee to develop a proposal for presentation to the FAA outlining requested modifications to FAA regulation 105.17 on flight visibility and cloud clearance requirements.
11. Discuss the Mr. Bill jump at Skydive Tecumseh and possible ramifications.
12. Discuss adding the document "Hot Air Balloon Skydiving Operations" into the USPA library to be used as a reference and guidance for balloon pilots not familiar with skydiving operations.
13. Discuss whether we should include a section in the S&TA manual "How to Judge and Submit Competition Records" lite version for S&TA in the field.
14. Discussion of the possibility to add ASL Interpreters and USPA teaching modules/videos at DZs for AFF students who are deaf.
15. Discuss tandem rating requirements specifically should we go back to requiring a manufacturer rating for earning the initial tandem rating.



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**Waivers:**

16. Discuss an honorary A license for Mr. Bart Pillen, #293295
17. Discuss a waiver for the Red Bull Team. (Luke Aikins)
18. Discuss a waiver to the Standardization Meeting requirement for AFF examiner rating for David Mathews (#276233).
19. Discuss a waiver request to conduct night tandem skydives at Jump Omaha Skydiving.
20. Discuss a Waiver requesting permission to conduct USPA Instructional Ratings Courses at a non-Member USPA drop zone, Wisconsin Skydiving Center (GM Revoked), whilst paying the non-group member fee.
21. Discuss a Tandem Medical Wavier for Myles Beck.
22. Discuss a Tandem Medical Waiver for Ryan Morgan.
23. Discuss a Tandem Medical Waiver for Ben Woolslayer.
24. Discuss a waiver for Alex Coker to do a tandem with Kyleigh Lucas (age 16).
25. Discuss a Tandem Medical Waiver for Todd Beam.





## **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AGENDA**

1. Call to order
2. Quorum
3. Motion #1 Proposal to Amend Article V Section 4

Amend Article V Section 4 of the USPA Governance Manual to read, “Candidates for USPA Regional Director who have met all requirements listed in the Election Section will be placed on the ballot. No limitation is placed on the number of candidates in any one region. However, members may vote for only one USPA Regional Director candidate. Members may not vote for a USPA Regional Director candidate outside the voting member’s region. The candidate in each region receiving the largest number of votes shall be certified as USPA Regional Director for the ensuing three years.”

4. Motion #2 Proposal to Amend Section 3-1 3A

Amend Section 3-1.3A of the USPA Governance Manual to include, “3. a U.S. Citizen or reside in the U.S.” as a candidate qualification for consideration as a potential candidate for election to the board.

5. Adjourn
6. Presentation by staff