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2021 WESTERN REGION JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

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MARCH 10-13, 2021

U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD SANCTIONED EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2021 UPDATE:

RACING CLASSES: 2ND YEAR U14 (YOB 2007), U16, U18 AND U20

**ACTIVE US Ski & Snowboard MEMBERSHIP
REQUIRED FOR ALL ATHLETES and COACHES**



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ALL CURRENT INFORMATION AND UPDATES – website and email

<https://utaholympiclegacy.org/event/western-region-junior-championships/>

For questions, please contact Race Secretary Judy Klautt, ijklautt@uolf.org

COVID-19 EVENT INFORMATION AS OF 01/02/21

Spectators and families: We are thankful for your support over the years and especially this year; however, for 2020-2021, non-registered participants and/or spectators are not allowed entry to the events (stadium and courses) this year due to Covid-19 precautions and venue maximum numbers for Soldier Hollow in Wasatch County.

Guests not attending the event and on skis must have a trail pass, and must remain on public trails only, and not on race courses or the stadium. Passes may be purchased on line (preferred) or at the Nordic Center/Lodge, before skiing. Parking and check in at the Nordic Center is required.

<https://utaholympiclegacy.org/activity/cross-country-day-pass/>

Ski area may be limited due to conditions.

We look forward to next year when we can welcome everyone back to racing in the Hollow! Thank you for your support.

Attendees allowed: ACTIVE US SKI & SNOWBOARD Registered Athletes, ACTIVE US SKI & SNOWBOARD Registered Coaches, Volunteers, Event Contractors, Officials, Medical and SHNC Staff.

Field Size Limitation possible: Based on current conditions (12/2/2020), we can accept no more than 360 racers per gender, 90 ACTIVE US SKI & SNOWBOARD Coaches and 50 volunteers and event staff total.

All attendees:

- Please do not come to Soldier Hollow Nordic Center if you are sick or experiencing any symptoms.
- 6' Social Distancing must be observed at all times.
- At every competition, face coverings are required by all participants (athletes, coaches, officials, contractors, support staff and volunteers) at all times except when skiing.
- Face covering may be removed on the start line, but must be put back on as soon as possible after finishing, and prior to leaving the finish pen. Non-compliance may result in sanction in accordance with ICR/ACR 223.1.1. a. COVID-19 Coordinator will bring violators to the attention of the jury.
- **US SKI & SNOWBOARD Covid-19 Pre Screening Questionnaire:** Will be made active on the following link 72 hours prior to the event. This form is required by US SKI & SNOWBOARD to be completed by coaches, athletes and officials between 72 and 48 hours prior to the event, or by March 9th at the latest. This information will be maintained and monitored throughout the event.
<https://forms.gle/ZKsmjBW6qXyqmJQRA>
- **Covid-19 Daily Symptom Check form:** Please read each question carefully, particularly the temperature question – 'Is your body temperature below 100.4F'. In order to enter the venue each race day (March 11, 12 and 13, 2021) you must complete the Covid-19 Daily Symptom Check form, be symptom free, and have taken your temperature and verified it is below 100.4F. This information will be maintained and monitored throughout the event.
<https://forms.gle/D8AqirD1x5Hbaf1X6>



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- Should you have a temperature above 100.4 Fahrenheit or have any symptoms, do not come to the venue and consult with your coach. For further information, contact the Race Secretary who will put you in touch with the event Covid Coordinator. Local testing is available.
- Those allowed to enter the venue for the event this year, and who will be issued wristbands for entry on Race Days: Volunteers, Event Contractors, SHNC Staff, Officials, Medical personnel, registered US SKI & SNOWBOARD athletes and registered US SKI & SNOWBOARD coaches.
- A wristband given to you by your coach or the Race Office, must be shown for entry through the green gate and worn during the event each Race Day.
- Spectators will not be given wristbands or allowed entry to the event this year.
- Thank you for taking these precautions to help prevent the spread of Covid-19, to keep us all safe, and to keep the venue open for racing this winter!

Registered Athletes may arrive to the parking area outside the Green Gate with enough time to insure their Daily Covid Check (google) form has been completed for the day.

Registered athletes can then enter the green gate not more than one hour prior to their start time and must depart the venue directly after finish/cool down, and within 30 minutes of completing their race.

Volunteers, SHNC Staff, Event Contractors and Coaches may arrive at or after 07:00 daily until 08:15 to also insure their Daily Covid Check (google) form has been completed for the day, and may park inside the green gate as follows, and may remain on the venue for the duration of the event day.

- Parking: Volunteers/SHNC Staff/Event Contractor: in an organized fashion on the three rotomill pads directly east of the CMB, and west of the portable toilets.
- Parking: Coaches/Team equipment: in an organized fashion in the asphalt lot east of the CMB and west of the portable toilets, leaving the perimeter open please for medical and volunteer access.

RACE ADMINISTRATION as of 02/08/21

Scott Peterson, Chief of Competition

speterson@uolf.org

Race Secretary – Judy Klautt

jklautt@uolf.org

Richard Hodges, Co-Chief of Finish

Ann Page, Co-Chief of Finish

Al Davis, Co-Chief of Start

Drew Doll, Co-Chief of Start

Andrea Faust, Chief of Course

Dave Smith, Chief of Stadium

Judy Klautt, Volunteer Coordinator

Matthew Heimburger, Announcer

Dr. Greg Tayler, Covid Coordinator

Timing Contractor – Summit Systems, Ernie Page

Technical Delegate – Les Gibson

Assistant Technical Delegate – Art Myshrall

Jury – Scott Peterson, Les Gibson and Art Myshrall



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REGISTRATION INFORMATION – Coaches and Athletes

Please do not complete registration information UNTIL you have verified that an ACTIVE US SKI & SNOWBOARD Membership exists.

Thank you!

Athletes: An active US Ski & Snowboard membership is required.

Coaches: An active US Ski & Snowboard coach membership is required. Maximum 1 coach for every 4-5 athletes please.

A Soldier Hollow Nordic Center liability waiver must be completed for each participant (one per year).

Use the following electronic links to complete these mandatory waivers BEFORE you depart your house for this event. Paper waivers are not an option.

SHNC: one waiver is required per year (valid May – April). No need to complete another if you already have one.

SHNC: www.sohoactivitywaiver.org

US SKI & SNOWBOARD Cancellation deadline for this year: 5:00pm MST, February 25, 2021.

Cancellation can still occur after this date.

Refunds: to be managed by the Organizing Committee on a case by case basis.

OC Final Decision for cancelling event: 5:00pm MST, March 4, 2021

Entries are due to the race secretary (jklautt@uolf.org): 10:00pm MST, Friday, March 5, 2021.

All forms and registration information will be available at <https://utaholympiclegacy.org/event/western-region-junior-championships/>

- Registration: In progress as of 2/9/21.
 - Registration to include Team Lead and Athlete Coach for each entry as applicable
 - Registration to include athlete contact email address (coach or responsible party over age 18) for each athlete, in case contact is needed for Covid-19 precaution forms/practices.
- Team Lead and Athlete Coaches – must be US SKI & SNOWBOARD Active Licensed Coach, and also need to register and include contact information in registration information
- Payment: In progress as of 2/9/21.
- Athlete Change (Google) form: <https://forms.gle/UURM5W3u5vdc6g118>
 - Only data changes and scratches after 10pm MST, Friday, March 5 and until 6:00pm MST, Tuesday, March 9 by Athlete Change (Google) form.
- Emergency new entries will be accepted by Athlete Change (Google) form only after 10pm MST, Friday, March 5 and until 6:00pm MST, Tuesday, March 9 and must:
 - Pay in full their registration and late fee of \$50.00 / race per athlete
 - Email a message noting this request to Race Secretary (jklautt@uolf.org) only, for confirmation.

US SKI & SNOWBOARD Covid-19 Pre Screening Questionnaire by March 9th: Will be made active on the following link 72 hours prior to the event. This form is required by US SKI & SNOWBOARD to be completed by coaches, athletes and officials between 72 and 48 hours prior to the event, or by March 9th at the latest. This information will be

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maintained and monitored throughout the event. It takes a LOT of work folks, to check forms, so PLEASE do this before travelling to the event.

<https://forms.gle/ZKsmjBW6qXyqmJQRA>

Glide Wax Call: Noon MST, Monday, March 8

- See summary of IMD/Event Wax Policy below.
- Organizers will provide the chosen glide wax call to all registered clubs by 12pm three days prior to a race.

Entries posted for verification: Noon MST, Monday, March 8.

- Entry List and spreadsheet will be posted on http://summittiming.com/races/race_results.php
- Spreadsheet will have the list of athletes with * by their name on entry list, and the issue identified.
- Changes/fixes may be submitted by Athlete Change (Google) form only until 6:00pm MST, Tuesday, March 9, 2021. <https://forms.gle/UURM5W3u5vdc6g118>

Emergency late new entries: Accepted until 6:00pm MST, Tuesday, March 9.

- By Athlete Change (Google) form only - <https://forms.gle/UURM5W3u5vdc6g118>
- send separate email to Race Secretary (jklautt@uolf.org) for confirmation
- Late fee of \$50 per race per athlete.
- New entries after this date/time will not be accepted or recorded.

Scratches and data changes: Accepted until 6:00pm MST, Tuesday, March 9.

- must be completed by Athlete Change (Google) form - <https://forms.gle/UURM5W3u5vdc6g118>
- Scratches and changes after this date will not be accepted or recorded.

Entry Confirmation – Coach email to Race Secretary (jklautt@uolf.org): 6:00pm MST, Tuesday, March 9.

- Email due verifying entries are correct, changes submitted.
- Entries remain as is if Athlete Change (Google) form has not been completed by this time.

NOTE: We are generating start lists BEFORE the virtual Team Information Meeting, and in order to prepare one wristband/bib bag for all three race days per team/athlete. If confirmation is not received, information will stay as is.

Payment of all fees: Must be completed during registration.

LINK FOR Registration and on-line payment

New system setup in progress as of 2/9/21. Stay tuned!

ENTRY FEES – applicable for 2nd year U14, U16, U18 and U20 only please

Event Fee (no per race fee)
Individual Athlete Event Fee \$180.00

LATE FEE (to 6pm MST March 9)
Add \$50.00 per race per athlete. Checks only.

TRAIL (or Season) PASSES REQUIRED March 8 and earlier - please purchase on-line



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All competitors/coaches must purchase a trail pass or use their annual pass to ski March 8 and prior. Trail passes must be displayed while skiing.

Passes may be purchased on line (preferred) or at the Nordic Center/Lodge Center, before skiing. Check in at the Nordic Center is required **(TBD)**.

<https://utaholympiclegacy.org/activity/cross-country-day-pass/>

Unregistered participants and/or Spectators are not allowed on the courses or in the stadium for this event due to Covid-19 size regulations and precautions. Ski area may be limited due to conditions.

FOOD and BEVERAGE

The Lodge will have snacks and beverages available. The Grill / Soldier Hollow Golfcourse Clubhouse is also open daily.

WARMING, TOILETS and PARKING

- ALL indoor facilities are closed to athletes and coaches this year. We ask that warming occur in your vehicles.
- Outdoor portable toilets are provided for attendee use, east of the CMB by the asphalt parking area.
- Parking for Team vehicles inside the green gate on the asphalt and west of the portable toilets. Please keep the perimeter clear for emergency vehicles.
- The rotomill pads directly east of the CMB are reserved for Volunteers, Officials, Medical, Event Contractors and staff.
- Main parking outside the green gate and walk in.
- Please no access through the shop gate.

SEEDING, RESULTS AND SCORING

Seeding: US SKI & SNOWBOARD for all races.

All participants must have an active US SKI & SNOWBOARD membership PRIOR TO completing entries to this event.

- Scoring will occur accordingly.

W. Region Jr. Champs Information: **Overall results will be generated, as well as division specific results for U16 and older (TBD)**.

Live Timing (www.summittiming.com) during the races.

Interim Results will be posted on-line at www.summittiming.com, with Final Results posted after the standard 15 minute protest period or as determined by the Jury/LOC on www.summittiming.com.

2nd Year U14's racing up, from Adam St. Pierre: If a 2nd Year U14 wants to race up and receive points for doing so, they need a U14 Comp license. Technically an athlete can still race as a U16 with a XG or General license, they just won't receive NRL points for the race.

COURSE AND STADIUM MAPS

In progress.



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WAX FACILITIES

No access to indoor wax cabins this year, all waxing done outdoors.

Limited access to power may be available on the perimeter of the Biathlon Stadium (along the fence) – power pedestal.

LODGING FOR 2021 EVENTS

Heber Valley Chamber of Commerce

(435) 654-3666, www.gohebervalley.com

Residences at the Utah Olympic Park – Kimball Junction/Park City, UT

435.658.9114 or housing@uolf.org

Midway Vacation Properties (home, condo, townhome rentals)

Contact Kyle Wharton - (435) 654-5456

The Homestead Resort - Midway, UT

700 North Homestead Drive, Box 99, Midway, UT 84049

Individual and Group Reservations (10 or more room nights total)

Contact: Jamie Leatham, Sales Manager

jamie.leatham@homesteadresort.com, Direct: (435) 657-3856

The Homestead will be waiving their resort fee of \$15.00 per night for this event and providing a complimentary indoor waxing facility.

The following rates will be offered, based on current availability, for those that call in using the code 'Soldier Hollow Ski Races 2021.

\$129 for Standard and Garden QQ or King / 40 QQ & 14 King

\$139 for Bunk Rooms QQ & cot sized bunk bed / 12

\$139 for Cottage QQ or King with sofa sleeper / 15 QQ & 9 King

\$159 for King Suites with sofa sleeper / 9

\$169 for Luxury King Suites with sofa sleeper / 18

Zermatt Resort Utah - Midway, UT

784 West Resort Drive Midway, UT 84049

For the following Soldier Hollow 2021 rate, please call Zermatt reservations 435-657-0180, press option 3, ask for in-house reservations and ask for the 'Soldier Hollow' rate (based on availability).

- Wasatch / Alpine / Aspens King or Double Queens \$109 + \$20 Resort Fee + 13.07% tax
- 1 - Bedroom Villa \$199 + \$20 Resort Fee + 13.07% tax - 1 king bed, a pull out sofa, and a full kitchen
- 2 - Bedroom Villa \$279 + \$20 Resort Fee + 13.07% tax - 1 king, 2 queens, a pull out sofa and a full kitchen

Best Western Plus – Heber Valley Hotel

(801) 380-1096 or (435) 657-6500, sales@bestwesternheber.com

<https://www.facebook.com/BWPlusHeberValleyHotel/>

2021 information TBA



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS ALL TIMES ARE MST (MOUNTAIN STANDARD TIME) SUBJECT TO CHANGE AS OF 02/15/21 – ZOOM TEAM MEETING INFO ADDED		
Thu, Feb 25	5:00 pm	US SKI & SNOWBOARD Cancellation Deadline
Thu, Mar 4	5:00 pm	OC Final Decision on cancelling event
Fri, Mar 5	10:00 pm	Registration and Payment Deadline <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Data changes and scratches only – Athlete Change (Google) form. https://forms.gle/UJRM5W3u5vdc6g118 New Entries after 3/5 10:00 pm and before 3/9 6:00 pm must complete Athlete Change (Google) form for new late entry, pay in full, registration fees and \$50.00 / athlete / race late fee.
Tue, Mar 9	Noon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Entries posted for coach verification, www.summittiming.com <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Entry List and Spreadsheet with issues identified. Changes/fixes submitted by Athlete Change (Google) form only. https://forms.gle/UJRM5W3u5vdc6g118 OC to declare chosen Glide Wax for event
Tue, Mar 9	6:00 pm	Drop Dead Deadline for any change/scratch or new entry (\$50.00 / athlete / race late fee applies from 3/5 10:00 pm until 3/9 6:00 pm). Confirmation email due to Race Secretary, jklautt@uolf.org , noting entries are correct.
Wed, Mar 10	7:00 am – 6:00 pm	7:00 am – Race Office Opens 9:00 am – 4:00 pm - Official Training / Inspection. Courses marked and open for inspection. 10:00 am – 3:30 pm – Team Check In – at CMB SE Corner outside, process not necessary 10:00 am – last deadline for event scratches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> submitted by Athlete Change (Google) form only Scratches after this received by Athlete Change (Google) form will be treated as a ghost, and updated to Chiefs. Refunds on a case by case basis Start lists will not be regenerated Noon – Start Lists for all three race days available at www.summittiming.com 1:00 pm – Bib Sort for all three races. Team, Athlete & Coach Bib-Wristband bags prepared. NOTE: Bibs may be available during official training time-frame. Please check with the Race Office prior to departing the venue. Bibs not picked up on Wednesday – location TBD. Gate check in the am will advise. Estimate: 3pm – 6pm – Team, Athlete & Coach bib & wristband bag handout at CMB, SE side/outside 4:00 pm – Virtual Team Information Meeting – Zoom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting recorded and link posted on soho website/event calendar. Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89698257793 Meeting ID: 896 9825 7793 One tap mobile +16699009128,,89698257793# US (San Jose) 12532158782,,89698257793# US +(Tacoma)



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Thu, Mar 11	7:00 am	Race Office Opens, staff in position at Covid Checkpoint at Green Gate till final finish/event complete.
	7:30 am until 2 nd start	Bib Distribution as needed – location TBD
	8:00 am	First gender athlete entry (athletes enter venue 1 hour prior to their start, depart w/in 30 mins. of finish)
	9:00:15	Skate Sprint Preliminary and Heats <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 or 30 sec intervals TBD • First Start TBD • 90 minute break to clear and re-load the venue, break/lunch • Second Start TBD
	Awards	U16, U18 and U20 – Awards for places 1 – 10, Location and plan TBD
Fri, Mar 12	7:00 am	Race Office Opens, staff in position at Covid Checkpoint at Green Gate till final finish/event complete
	8:00 am	First gender athlete entry (athletes enter venue 1 hour prior to their start, depart w/in 30 mins. of finish)
	9:00:15	5/10k Classic Interval start <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5k for women (U16, U18 and U20) and U16 men • 10k for U18 and U20 men • 15 or 30 sec intervals TBD • First Start TBD • 90 minute break to clear and re-load the venue, break/lunch • Second Start TBD
	Awards	U16, U18 and U20 – Awards for places 1 – 10, Location and plan TBD
Sat, Mar 13	7:00 am	Race Office Opens, staff in position at Covid Checkpoint at Green Gate till final finish/event complete
	7:30 am	Bib Distribution as needed – CMB, SE Corner tbd
	8:00 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First gender athlete entry (athletes enter venue 1 hour prior to their start, depart w/in 30 mins. of finish)
	9:00:15	Saturday, March 13 - 5/10k Skate Interval Start <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5k for U16 (men and women) • 10k for U18 and U20 (men and women) • 15 or 30 sec intervals TBD • First Start TBD • 90 minute break to clear and re-load the venue, break/lunch Second Start TBD
	Awards	U16, U18 and U20 – Awards for places 1 – 10, Location and plan TBD



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IMD Wax Policy 2020-2021 Season (applies to this event as of November 11, 2020)

With the recent decision from FIS to rescind its ban on Fluoro use for the 2020-2021 season, all IMD races licensed by FIS are OPEN wax events. Currently, those races in question are:

- West Yellowstone, Nov 28 (canceled)
- Sun Valley Dec 11,12,13 (canceled)
- SoHo #1 Jan 2,3
- Sun Valley Spring Series Mar 25,27,28

All other IMD sanctioned events (SoHo Super Q/RIMSA, McCall JNQ (NRL), IYC/Western Club Championships, Bozeman JNQ) will be administered under the 2020 updated IMD Wax Policy. Recommended updates to the Policy were consolidated from IMD Member Team input, take into consideration the FIS licensing requirements for the 20/21 season (e.g. no wax restrictions), and include the following goals:

1. Decreasing release of Fluorine into the environment for the 20/21 season and eliminating all use of Fluorine for the 21/22 season and beyond.
2. Eliminating all exposure to Fluorine by the 21/22 season for anyone in the IMD family who waxes skis for IMD events.
3. Creating a simple, affordable glide wax policy that supports growth of IMD skiing.
4. Leveling the playing field for Teams and individual Athletes by turning one primary ski prep variable into a constant.

To achieve these goals, the following rules will be in effect for the U16 category and up and applies to (non-FIS) IMD events in the 20/21 season. (U14 and younger age groups may only use NF)

- No restriction is placed on:
 - Ski grind
 - Structure
- Only NON-Fluorinated kick wax may be used.
- Common sense cleaning guidelines – all skis must be cleaned (per Adam, FIS guide)
- Picking Glide Wax
 - Race organizers will pick race glide wax from the following product list, all of which are made available for preseason purchase at preferred rates: SWIX (\$40/180G)
 - Swix High Speed 5: -10 to -18 (Hard Wax)
 - Swix High Speed 6: -6 to -12 (Hard Wax)
 - Swix High Speed 8: +4 to -4 (Hard Wax)
 - Organizers will provide the chosen glide wax call to all registered clubs by 12pm three days prior to a race.
 - Ex. If races are scheduled for Saturday/Sunday, glide wax will be communicated by 12pm on Wednesday for the Saturday race and Thursday for the Sunday race.
 - Coaches must directly supervise glide waxing for all competing athletes. All ski bases will be cleaned before hard wax application with a liquid base cleaner as recommended by the

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manufacturer. Please note that some base cleaners may have fluorine in them. It is recommended, in keeping with the goals of the IMD wax protocol, to use a non-fluoro base cleaner to reduced exposure. Swix specifically markets a product labeled as non-fluoro. Once waxed the skis must *stay in control* of a team's coach until the race start.

Disciplinary Actions:

Complaint of violations should be written on the Complaint of Violations form (available below as **Appendix B.**) and emailed to the IMD Executive Committee at Rick@svsef.org & Zhall@uolf.org within 4 hours after the finish of the race in which an alleged violation occurred. Violations may only be considered if they meet IMD's Standards of Proof (see **Appendix A.**) and should include as much detail about the situation as possible to aid in a quick resolution. The IMD Executive Committee will determine validity of the complaint and, if merited, will issue a decision regarding the application of a penalty within 72 hours of the official complaint.

- A. If an athlete is found to have competed on skis that aren't waxed in accordance with the IMD Policy (whether known or unknown), that athlete will be disqualified.
 - a. The responsible Head Coach and Executive Director of the Club will also be issued a written Notification of Violation and Warning.
- B. A second infraction for an athlete during a season will result in disqualification from that day's competition(s) and all other JNQ's in the season, including those already contested and those yet to be run.
 - a. The responsible Head Coach and Executive Director of the Club will be issued a reprimand. A fine of \$150 will also be assessed to the athlete's club.
- C. If an athlete is disqualified from an event, they are removed from the results sheet and the points will be reallocated.

In the event that a complaint does or does not meet IMD's Standards of Proof but is thought by a majority of the members of the IMD Executive Committee to have some possible validity, the athlete(s) in question, their parent/guardian and the athlete's coach will be notified that a complaint was lodged. The coach will be tasked with creating a plan that ensures that no allegations can be made in the future (e.g. Ski management plan, team waxing policy, etc.). This plan should be shared back with the IMD Executive Committee prior to the next competition to alleviate potential for future complaints.

Appendix A. – IMD Wax Policy, Standards of Proof

A Complaint of Wax Policy Violation will only be considered by the IMD Executive Committee if one of the following items are included:

- A. A timestamped video that clearly shows a fluorinated product being applied to skis. The skis in question must additionally be proven to have been used in the race in question.
- B. An athlete admits to using Fluorinated products.
- C. Signed statements from two or more people from different teams that attest to having seen fluoros being applied to a specific set of skis that were used in the race in question. At least one of these people needs to be an IMD coach.

Appendix B.

Complaint of Wax Policy Violation

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Instructions: Complaints must be fully filled out and emailed to the IMD Executive Committee at Rick@svsef.org & Zhall@uolf.org within 4 hours after the finish of the race in which an alleged violation occurred. Violations may only be considered if they meet IMD's Standards of Proof (see IMD Wax Policy Appendix A.) and should include as much detail about the situation as possible to aid in a quick resolution. The IMD Executive Committee will determine validity of the complaint and, if merited, will issue a decision regarding the application of a penalty within 72 hours of the official complaint.

Details of Alleged Violation (Please include full names, club/team affiliation(s), locations, and anything else to help aid in a quick resolution):