

**BYLAWS OF THE  
NEW YORK STATE SKI RACING ASSOCIATION - NORDIC, INC.**  
(As revised September 25, 2011)

**ARTICLE I - Authority**

1. The Name of the organization shall be the New York State Ski Racing Association - Nordic, Inc. (NYSSRA-Nordic)
2. The president, secretary and treasurer of the organization shall serve as its directors.

**ARTICLE II - Purposes**

1. To serve as a coordinating body for all Nordic skisport related activity within New York State. Nordic skisport activities shall include but not be limited to: cross country skiing, biathlon, ski orienteering, jumping and Nordic combined. As such NYSSRA-Nordic shall work in conjunction with the designated national governing bodies of these discipline including USSA for cross country, jumping and Nordic combined, USBA for biathlon, and USOF in ski orienteering.
2. To determine criteria for qualification to Empire State Winter Games in the Nordic skisport events and publish them annually.
3. To establish a Nordic news network for distribution of Nordic news throughout New York State.
4. To annually develop and publish a schedule of Nordic ski sport events, races, training camps, clinics etc.
5. To support the development of Nordic skisport activity within New York State by:
  - Providing educational and informational programs for athletes and parents;
  - Providing direct support to worthy athletes representing New York at regional, national and international competition and training programs;
  - Providing direct support to coaches/trainers who assist in the development of Nordic Skisport at the local club level within New York State; and
  - Fostering a youth development program.

**ARTICLE III - Membership**

1. NYSSRA-Nordic shall be a membership organization.
2. There shall be four (5) classes of membership:
  - Individual - open to any adult or youth;

Family - consisting of one or two adults in the same household and any additional children, age 18 or under and still actively enrolled in school below the collegiate level;

Honorary - named at the discretion of the Board of Delegates based on outstanding contributions to skisport.

Club - consisting of a collegiate team, regional organization, or local club. To be eligible for this class of membership the club's chief executive officer, his/her second, chief fiscal officer, and secretary must each be individual or family members.

Life - consisting of an individual membership that is paid up for the individual's life.

3. NYSSRA-Nordic as an amateur athlete organization in compliance with the requirements set forth in Section 220522(a)(8) of the Amateur Sports Act, shall: provide an equal opportunity to amateur athletes, coaches, trainers, managers, administrators and officials to participate in athletic competition, without discrimination on the basis of race, religion, sex, national origin, or age; and provide fair notice and an opportunity for a hearing to any athlete, coach, trainer, manager, administrator, or other official before such individual may be declared ineligible to participate in any NYSSRA, Nordic, Inc sanctioned event. Any hearing conducted hereunder shall be conducted in accordance with the hearing procedures of Chapter 31 of USOC, IOC bylaws of the individual sport as is pertinent to their sport.

4. Refer to Section 9 (formerly Article IX) of the USOC Bylaws-Athletes Rights.

#### ARTICLE IV - Organization

1. Government - The governance of NYSSRA-Nordic shall be vested in a Board of Delegates which shall meet on a twice yearly basis in the spring and fall.

2. Delegates - Each Club, as defined in Article III, Paragraph 2.d. above, shall be represented by a delegate who shall serve at the discretion of the regional or local club and entitled to vote in behalf of the club. One delegate shall be appointed to attend each NYSSRA semiannual meeting by each member club. Member clubs must be actively sanctioned by NYSSRA Nordic, Inc in order for the appointed delegate to vote at the meeting. The appointed delegate must be an active NYSSRA member and identified to the President prior to the start of business at the meeting. Individuals may only represent one member club when acting as a delegate.

3. In addition, the chair of each of the four (4) discipline committees shall serve on the Board of Delegates:

Cross Country

Biathlon

Ski Orienteering

Jumping and Nordic Combined.

In the event that the chair of a discipline committee is unable to attend, the committee shall designate an alternate with voting privileges for the delegates meeting.

#### ARTICLE V - Officers

1. The Board of Delegates at its fall meeting every even numbered year shall elect from the NYSSRA-Nordic membership the following officers:

President - shall preside over all meetings of NYSSRA-Nordic and along with the other officers, shall meet with the Board of Delegates at least once per year.

First Vice President - shall serve in the absence of the president and shall be next in line for the position of president.

Second Vice President - shall be next in line for first vice president.

Recording Secretary - shall be responsible for keeping all records of the two semi-annual meetings.

Corresponding Secretary - shall be responsible for all correspondence as is necessary for the transaction of business.

Treasurer - shall keep the books and be receiver of all dues and other receipts and shall have the power of signature of checks along with the president.

2. Terms of Office: Each officer shall be elected for a term of two years. The treasurer and secretary, only, may succeed themselves in their offices.

3. Executive Board: The five (5) officers together with the immediate past president shall serve collectively as the Executive Board and shall be empowered to act for the Board of Delegates between meetings of the delegates on matters of urgency that cannot wait until the next meeting of the Board of Delegates.

#### ARTICLE VI - Quorum

1. A quorum for the delegates meeting shall consist of the delegates present, but must include at least one officer and representatives from at least three (3) clubs.

2. A quorum of the Executive Board shall consist of at least three (3) members in person or by conference call.

3. A quorum for committees shall be the members present unless otherwise stated by the committee.

#### ARTICLE VII - Committees

1. There shall be the following standing committees:

- a. Cross Country
- b. Biathlon
- c. Ski Orienteering
- d. Jumping and Nordic Combined
- e. Nominating
- f. Awards
- g. Public Relations and Publications

2. There may be ad hoc committees and liaison persons established as needs determine at the discretion of the president, the Board of Delegates or the Executive Board.

#### ARTICLE VIII - Amendments

1. These bylaws can only be amended by the action of the Board of Delegates at a regular semiannual meeting. The proposed amendment must be presented in writing at one meeting of the Board of Delegates and then voted upon at the next meeting. Passage requires a two thirds vote of the delegates present.

#### ARTICLE X - Dissolution

1. NYSSRA-Nordic may dissolve at the discretion of a two thirds vote of the Board of Delegates only at a regular meeting.

2. In the event of dissolution, all assets of NYSSRA-Nordic shall be used first to pay off any indebtedness and any residual shall be donated to the New York State Ski Education Foundation to be used for the benefit of Nordic skiing activities of individuals from New York State.