



GUIDELINES FOR ACTIONS IN CASE OF SERIOUS ACCIDENTS

A major accident should be viewed as one or more of the following:

- Accident is the result of racer exiting the trail and sustaining injury in conjunction with the competition.
- Coach, official or spectator is involved in the accident in conjunction with the competition.
- Accident has any strange or extenuating circumstances.
- Accident results in serious injury or death.

Actions to be taken are the following:

1. Compile lists of key personnel involved as follows:
 - A. List of all race organization personnel,
 - B. List of all accident eye witnesses,
 - C. List of all on-hill photographers, especially video.
2. Secure written report of eyewitnesses.
 - A. Detailed,
 - B. Objective,
 - C. Legible,
 - D. Spontaneous,
 - E. Signed and dated.
3. Secure pictures of the following:
 - A. Video tapes, if possible, of course and trail, including accident area.
 - B. Still photographs of:
 - i. Site of accident:
 - a. 100 feet from site,
 - b. Show skier's perspective,
 - c. Take close to time of accident,
 - d. Depict site in representative condition (DO NOT ALTER).

- ii. Trail around accident site showing: slope, terrain, snow conditions, etc.
 - iii. Existing protection around accident site.
 - iv. View of the trail above and below accident.
4. Prepare detailed chronological sequence of events, including accident follow-up actions.
5. Prepare detailed notes of extent to which ski patrol and ski area management were involved, including contact made, information released, etc.
6. Include the following in or with the Technical Delegate Report:
 - A. Detailed report of the accident, including the following:
 - a. Accident Report form,
 - b. Photocopy of completed ski patrol report,
 - c. Technical Delegate Report should be spontaneous, complete and objective with no reference to causation.
 - B. Detailed description of weather and course safety protection, including references to homologation report, safety expert report, previous TD Reports, competitor inspection, etc.
 - C. Jury and Team Captains' Meeting Minutes and attendance records.
 - D. List of eyewitnesses including names, addresses, telephone numbers, etc.
 - E. Location of the above-mentioned photos, video tapes, lists, etc., and names of those who have access to them.
7. Include diagrams and measurements, when appropriate.
8. Immediately send completed USSA First Report of Accident and all above documentation to:

USSA
Attn: Jeff Weinman
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