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Proposed Adjustments to Bump and Strike Factors and Associated Starting Class Assignments for Racers

Proposal 1: Change Women's Elite B to Elite A slalom strike & bump factor from 1.24 & 1.20 to 1.26 & 1.22 (i.e., making it slightly easier to get bumped). Reason: Because Elite A Class was very small for most races for the 2005-2006 season. Although this change may not have any immediate effect, it will potentially push the top improving racers from Elite B into Elite A.

Proposal 2: Change Women's Elite B to Elite A GS strike & bump factor from 1.16 & 1.12 to 1.18 & 1.15 (i.e., making it slightly easier to get bumped). Reason: Consistent with the proposed slalom bump factor change of proposal 1.

Proposal 3: Change Women's Select A to Elite B slalom strike & bump factor from 1.44 & 1.38 to 1.44 & 1.40. Reason: The disparity between the strike and bump factor was previously set greater ($1.44 - 1.38 = 0.06$ difference) than any other class. In all other classes the difference between bump and strike is 0.02 to 0.04 and the above change will make this class consistent.

Proposal 4: Change Women's Select A to Elite B GS strike and bump factor from 1.36 & 1.32 to 1.30 & 1.28 (i.e., making it harder to get bumped). Reason: Many of the Elite B racers from last year consistently placed at Select A levels in the slalom races but had moved into Elite B because the GS Select A to Elite B bump factors were too easy compared to slalom. This resulted in a significant disparity between the top and bottom racers in Elite B. I'd propose lower strike and bump factors yet for even greater consistency with what class racers qualified for in the slalom races except the Elite B class would get even smaller (slightly lower bump and strike factors would move Trude and Jennifer to Select A).

Proposal 5: Proposed female racer starting classifications based on these strike and bump factors and last year's results:

Elite A: Sarah Stern, Jen Lehner, Kristen Weber, Megan Wendt, Joy Bluvstein, TrixieBluvstein, Tamara Pogue, Jen Lehner (Elite A is expected to remain a 0-3 person class on any given race unless new racers join because many of the listed are not expected to sign up for the 2006-2007 season).

Elite B: Loni Kagen, Viki Juhl, Trude Mihalovich, Jennifer Baldwin.

Select A: Leann Pomeroy, Cindy Towery, Carolyn Murphy, Betty Robinson, Susan Peters

Select B: Stacy Swanson, Karen Fee, Beb Caruso, Cindy Petz, Kimberly Lesch, Carol Gavigan, Lorena Jacobson, Jan Vojta, Cheryl Seamars.

Proposal 6: Change Men's Class 2 to Class 1 GS strike & bump factor from 1.04 & 1.02 to 1.05 & 1.04 (i.e., making it slightly easier to get bumped). Reason: More consistent with the existing slalom strike and bump factors.

Proposal 7: Men's Class 3 to Class 2 GS strike & bump factor from 1.08 & 1.06 to 1.11 & 1.09 (i.e., making it easier to get bumped). Reason: More consistent with the existing slalom strike and bump factors. The original bump factors I proposed last year were intentionally quite conservative relative to the slalom factors for the first year of the new classes.

Proposal 8: Men's Class 4 to Class 3 GS strike & bump factor from 1.13 & 1.10 to 1.16 & 1.14 (i.e., making it easier to get bumped). Reason: More consistent with the existing slalom strike and bump factors. The original bump factors I proposed last year were intentionally quite conservative relative to the slalom factors for the first year of the new classes.

Proposal 9: Men's Class 5 to Class 4 GS strike & bump factor from 1.18 & 1.16 to 1.19 & 1.17 (i.e., making it easier to get bumped). Reason: More consistent with the existing slalom strike and bump factors. The original bump factors I proposed last year were intentionally quite conservative relative to the slalom factors for the first year of the new classes.

No proposed changes to for Men's Class 6 to 5 and 7 to 6 because factors were already consistent with slalom factors.

Proposal 10: Proposed reassignments from men:

Men's Class 3 to Men's Class 4: Justin Holmes, Jan Vojta, and Martin Wagner.

Men's Class 4 to Men's Class 5: Bob Fuge and Mark Mueller.

Men's Class 5 to Men's Class 6: Jim Lousier and John Easley.

Men's Class 6 to Men's Class 7: Allen Murray.