USSA Single Pole SL Competition Information

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- * A single pole SL has no outside pole, except for the first and last gate, delay gates and combinations (hairpin, vertical flush).
- * Where there is no outside pole, both feet and ski tips must have passed the turning pole on the same side, following the natural race line of the SL. If a competitor loses a ski, without committing a fault, e.g. not by straddling a pole, then the tip of the remaining ski and both feet must have passed the natural gate line (valid only within the last two SL gates of the course). If a racer has not correctly passed the imaginary line from turning pole to turning pole and does not follow the natural race line, then he has to climb back and pass around the missed turning pole.
- * Where there is an outside pole (first and last gate, delay gate and combinations (hairpin, vertical flush), the imaginary gate line that must be past is the shortest distance between the inside turning pole and the corresponding outside pole. If a competitor loses a ski without committing a fault, e.g. not by straddling a SL pole, then the tip of the remaining ski and both feet must have passed thru that imaginary gate line (valid only within the last two SL gates of the course). If a racer has not correctly passed that imaginary gate line between the SL gate poles, then he has to climb back and pass thru or around the missed gate.
- * See video (www.youtube.com/watch?v=km1Qm9lzjWk) for example of correct single pole gate passage.





