



## NOMINATION FORM

For

### HONORED MEMBERSHIP

In The

### U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD HALL OF FAME

Candidate's Name: Hilary Engisch-Klein

Date & Place of Birth: December 18, 1957 - New York, NY

(Raised in Williston, Vermont)

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Is the candidate still living? If not, provide date and place of death: Yes, and skiing!

#### **Nominator information:**

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For what category are you nominating this candidate?

Athlete:   X  

Snowsports Builder: \_\_\_\_\_

Heritage: \_\_\_\_\_ (also suitable for this category)

(See appendix one at the end of this form for category definitions)

An 8 x 10 photograph of the candidate must be supplied:   X  

**State why the candidate merits election to the U.S. National Ski & Snowboard Hall of Fame (limit this statement to 250 words):**

Hilary Engisch-Klein is one of the most successful athletes in skiing history. On top of being the four-time Women's World Cup Moguls champion, Hilary won 35 World Cup victories as a member of the U.S. Freestyle Ski Team. She dominated freestyle mogul skiing during the late 70's and early 80's, earning titles such as the 1984 U.S. Ski Association Athlete of the Year, U.S. Sportscasters' Sportswoman of the Year, and was named as one of Sports Illustrated Top 50 Vermont Athletes of the 20th Century. Hilary started amassing titles in 1980 during the sport's first year on the FIS schedule, and as a force to be reckoned with during her competitive years, Skiing magazine called her the "greatest female mogul skier alive". Having retired from her competitive career in 1987, Hilary is the founder and director of Kids On Top, a non-profit organization started in conjunction with the Medical Center at the University of Vermont, which enables children who are combatting cancer and other serious childhood diseases to experience, along with their families, the joy of participating in skiing and other winter sports in a safe and supportive environment. As both an athlete, and as a charity director, Hilary courageously faced challenges and continuously raised the bar of expectations. She is a trendsetter and a positive motivation to all who know her, as well as a model of excellence that exemplifies the highest ideals of sportsmanship, athleticism, and dedication to others.

**In chronological order by year, list the candidate's achievements:**

(eg: January 12, 1965: proposed the establishment of the Professional Ski Instructors Alliance)

**1978:** Top female skier at Ingress (CAN)

**1978:** First World Cup victory at Silver Star, BC (CAN)

**January 8, 1980:** Gold medal at FIS Freestyle Skiing World Cup at Poconos (USA), Ladies Moguls

**March 1, 1980:** Gold medal at FIS Freestyle Skiing World Cup at Oberjoch (GER), Ladies Moguls

**March 12, 1980:** 4th place at FIS Freestyle Skiing World Cup at Tignes (FRA), Ladies Moguls

**March 28, 1980:** Gold medal at FIS Freestyle Skiing World Cup at Whistler, BC (CAN), Ladies Moguls

**January 16, 1981:** Gold medal at FIS Freestyle Skiing World Cup at Livigno (ITA), Ladies Moguls

**February 3, 1981:** Gold medal at FIS Freestyle Skiing World Cup at Silvretta Nova (SUI), Ladies Moguls

**February 4, 1981:** Gold medal at FIS Freestyle Skiing World Cup at Silvretta Nova (SUI), Ladies Moguls

**March 18, 1981:** Gold medal at FIS Freestyle Skiing World Cup at Mt. Norquay (CAN), Ladies Moguls

**March 18, 1981:** Silver medal at FIS Freestyle Skiing World Cup at Mt. Norquay (CAN), Ladies Moguls

**March 19, 1981:** Gold medal at FIS Freestyle Skiing World Cup at Mt. Norquay (CAN), Ladies Moguls

**1981:** Celebrity participant on Survival of the Fittest

**January 2, 1982:** Gold medal at FIS Freestyle Skiing World Cup at Snowquahmie (USA), Ladies Moguls

**January 8, 1982:** Gold medal at FIS Freestyle Skiing World Cup at Blackcomb (CAN), Ladies Moguls

**January 23, 1982:** Bronze medal at FIS Freestyle Skiing World Cup at Angel Fire (USA), Ladies Moguls

**January 29, 1982:** Gold medal at FIS Freestyle Skiing World Cup at Sugarbush (USA), Ladies Moguls

**February 4, 1982:** Gold medal at FIS Freestyle Skiing World Cup at Mt. St. Anne (CAN), Ladies Moguls

**February 5, 1982:** Gold medal at FIS Freestyle Skiing World Cup at Mt. St. Anne (CAN), Ladies Moguls

**February 26, 1982:** Seventh place at FIS Freestyle Skiing World Cup at Sella Never (ITA), Ladies Moguls

**March 5, 1982:** Gold medal at FIS Freestyle Skiing World Cup at Adelboden (SUI), Ladies Moguls

**March 14, 1982:** Gold medal at FIS Freestyle Skiing World Cup at Livigno (ITA), Ladies Moguls

**March 21, 1982:** Silver medal at FIS Freestyle Skiing World Cup at Oberjoch (GER), Ladies Moguls

**March 24, 1982:** Gold medal at FIS Freestyle Skiing World Cup at Tignes (FRA), Ladies Moguls

**January 4, 1983:** Silver medal at FIS Freestyle Skiing World Cup at Mariazell (AUT), Ladies Moguls

**January 19, 1983:** Bronze medal at FIS Freestyle Skiing World Cup at Tignes (FRA), Ladies Moguls

**March 16, 1983:** Gold medal at FIS Freestyle Skiing World Cup at Angel Fire (USA), Ladies Moguls

**January 13, 1984:** Gold medal at FIS Freestyle Skiing World Cup at Stoneham (CAN), Ladies Moguls

**January 20, 1984:** Bronze medal at FIS Freestyle Skiing World Cup at Breckenridge (USA), Ladies Moguls

**February 27, 1984:** Eighth place at FIS Freestyle Skiing World Cup at Gostling (AUT), Ladies Moguls

**March 8, 1984:** Gold medal at FIS Freestyle Skiing World Cup at Campitello Matese (ITA), Ladies Moguls

**March 11, 1984:** Gold medal at FIS Freestyle Skiing World Cup at Campitello Matese (ITA), Ladies Moguls

**March 21, 1984:** Gold medal at FIS Freestyle Skiing World Cup at Saalen (SWE), Ladies Moguls

**March 28, 1984:** Gold medal at FIS Freestyle Skiing World Cup at Tignes (FRA), Ladies Moguls

**1984:** National Mogul Champion

**1984:** USSA Athlete of the Year

**1984:** US Sportscasters' Sportswoman of the Year

**Circa 1982 through 1984:** Pro mogul tour champion

**January 17, 1986:** Bronze medal at FIS Freestyle Skiing World Cup at Lake Placid (USA), Ladies Moguls

**1986:** Wrote book entitled "Skiing Freestyle"

**1990:** (Soccer) Bronze medal at Nationals held in Houston (USA) as a player on the Chivas team based in California

**1990:** Inducted into the University of Vermont Hall of Fame for soccer and skiing

**December 27, 1999:** Sports Illustrated named Hilary #16 among Vermont's greatest athletes of the 20th century

**October 24, 2010:** Inducted into the Vermont Ski Museum Hall of Fame

**April 21, 2018:** Inducted into the Vermont Sports Hall of Fame

**2015-present:** President of Kid's On Top

**On one page provide additional data, anecdotes, etc. that you feel are pertinent to this nomination:**

Hilary Engisch-Klein is the founder and president of Kids On Top, a non-profit organization started in conjunction with the University of Vermont Medical Center. In tune with the latest medical research which clearly shows the many positive medical, spiritual, developmental, and "quality of life" benefits children overcoming illnesses can receive when they are empowered by participating in fun and healthy activities, Kids On Top makes these benefits a reality for scores of children in their program.

Kids On Top provides children who are combatting cancer and other serious childhood diseases, and their families, the opportunity to enjoy the fun and majesty of outdoor winter sports in a safe and supportive environment. Since opening in 2015, the Kids on Top program has enabled scores of children in its program every year to enjoy skiing and snowboarding, rock climbing, nordic skiing, mountain biking, and going on zip-lines, all in a safe and supportive environment. Together with its sponsors, Kids On Top provides the children and their families with everything they need to enjoy their experiences; including all necessary sports equipment, top quality instruction and appropriate "on hill" supervision, meals, passes, lift tickets, and on-site medical supervision. As a cancer survivor herself, Hilary knows the challenges that these children and families face everyday, and so the Kids On Top program maintains a clear focus on its participants having fun, feeling well and getting better while they get to enjoy activities that every child rightfully deserves to enjoy. Everyday Kids On Top helps its children and families live up to its motto, "Because kids are kids, and how great is that!"

In the past, Hilary has served on the USSA's Board of Directors, and as a chairperson for the National Cystic Fibrosis Ski-athon. She holds a B.A. from the University of Vermont, and professional degrees in Entertainment Studies from UCLA, and from the Stella Adler Acting Conservatory. Hilary has been inducted into the University of Vermont Hall of Fame, the Vermont Ski Hall of Fame, the Mount Mansfield Ski Club Hall of Fame, and the Vermont Sports Hall of Fame. We believe Hilary is worthy of induction into the the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Hall Of Fame, and are confident that Hilary's presence in it will be a credit to this fine institution.

**Please list the names and addresses of those people who are supporting this nomination  
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**Please provide a list of sources for visual material that can be used at the candidate's  
induction presentation:**

Vermont Ski Museum  
Vermont Sports Hall of Fame  
University of Vermont Sports Hall of Fame  
Kids On Top's Facebook page (there is a video summarizing Hilary's career there)  
Her husband, Steven Klein, 1-613-523-9588, or [steven@cachi.co](mailto:steven@cachi.co)  
Her daughters, Ula, Teagan, and Gaelyn (contact information is listed above)  
Youtube  
Stowe Reporter (newspaper)  
Williston Observer (newspaper)



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Signature of nominator

