



KENNETH A TOKLE

Ken Tokle, a resident of New York, was born into a family of famous ski jumpers, which included uncles Torger and Art Tokle, both already in the HOF. As a boy he began taking flight from ski jumps and became a familiar face year after year at jump competitions throughout the East.

He began coaching with the Rosendale Nordin Ski Club in Rosendale, NY, serving as the club's president for many years. While coaching he utilized his knowledge of jumps and jumping and was instrumental in the design and development of several ski jumps in the state. Feeling he could contribute even further to the sport, he decided to pursue becoming a certified judge.

In 1967, he became an Eastern ski jumping judge. By 1972, he had become a national ski jumping judge. In 1980 he became an FIS judge traveling the world for competitions. His last two judged competitions before mandatory retirement in 1996 were in Japan. He continued to judge on the national and local level before officially retiring from all judging in 2009.

In 2011, he was honored with the USSA Mittelstadt Ski Jumping Award for his unprecedented commitment to officiating. That same year he and his wife, Nina, visited Gunstock Mountain Resort, NH to attend the rededication of the 70-meter jump, named after his famous uncle, Torger Tokle.

He has said, "If there wasn't a mandatory retirement age for FIS judges, I would still be out there on the hills – I loved what I did."