

# **SNOWBOARDING BY-LAWS**

## **1. Levels and Team Definition**

### **Definition of Teams and Team Members:**

A team will consist of a minimum of three and a maximum of five athletes from the same school. Teams must be comprised of the same team members that represented their school in their association qualifying event.

**Level 1 Team Racers:** Participants are school trained athletes only. They have no snowboard league affiliation, past or present.

**Level 2 Racers:** Participants who have points in Ontario League competition or snowboarding experience racing at the club level.

## **2. Entry**

- (a) Each school may enter two men's teams and two women's teams.
- (b) Each team may consist of a maximum of 5 racers and one substitute. Level 2 entries will consist of individuals only. Once a team is declared you cannot make changes nor can changes be made to the start order. The substitute replaces any absent racer.
- (c) Team eligibility forms (where all racers must be declared), racer profile forms and practice forms MUST be received by the convenor one week prior to the championship race. Late entries will result in a non-appealable fine \$50 which must be paid before the first championship race.
- (d) No team will be allowed to compete unless accompanied by a supervising teacher. Each school will provide at least one coach/teacher and one student or parent to work as officials at each race. These names must be provided at registration prior to the race.

## **3. Events**

- (a) Races will be conducted at the following levels:
  - Levels 1 and 2 Women's Giant Slalom
  - Levels 1 and 2 Men's Giant Slalom
- (b) The competitions shall take place over one day.
- (c) Races will consist of a minimum of two runs for each event, time and weather permitting. The decision as regarding the starting time of subsequent runs will be left to the discretion of the race committee.
- (d) The start order for all races will be: Level 1 Girls, Level 1 Boys, Level 2 Girls, Level 2 Boys.
- (e) Any changes to the start order will be at the discretion of the convenor.

#### 4. Eligibility

- (a) The eligibility of the individuals must be in accordance with the N.C.S.S.A.A. constitution and subject to O.F.S.A.A. Rule 7C. (No member of the current year's provincial team, or higher, any division team or equivalent, and any ski academy team member is eligible.)
- (b) Coaches will be responsible for checking racer level eligibility with the convenor prior to submitting entries. Any team with an ineligible racer will be disqualified.
- (c) To be eligible for N.C.S.S.A.A., a school and its racers must do the following: A school team racer is defined as an individual who practices under the direction and supervision of the designated teacher coach from November 1 until the O.F.S.A.A. championship (if your team qualifies). Each racer's attendance at school practices and school race dates must be documented. A list of practice and race dates must be signed by the school principal, athletic director and coach and submitted with the entry to the convenor.

#### GENERAL REGULATIONS:

Each school eligible to race at O.F.S.A.A. must meet the team practice requirements by practicing under the direction of a designated school coach at least eight (8) school practice sessions (dry land and on hill ). There must be on-hill training with the school team. Practice races are encouraged and may be included in the practice schedule.

#### 5. Rules

The current F.I.S. rule book will govern competition with the following O.F.S.A.A. exceptions:

- (a) Starting Order - In the first run of each event, each school will have a skier drawn in the first seed section. For the first run, each seed will be drawn independently and randomly. For the second run, the same order will be followed.
- (b) F.I.S. rules will apply to course inspection. Racers will be allowed to side slip the course. Running gates or shadowing will be forbidden. The course will be closed until the Jury has given direction regarding the inspection prior to the race. Any changes to this are at the discretion of the race committee.
- (c) On each course there will be a technical delegate, chief of race, chief of course, referee, assistant referee, starter and assistant starter, chief time keeper and assistant, finish referee, chief gatekeeper and gatekeepers as required. The voting members of the jury will be the Technical Delegate, Chief of Race and Referee.
- (d) Each team must provide at least one gatekeeper for each race. Racers may also gate keep. Teams without a gatekeeper will be disqualified.
- (e) If a racer misses their start they may restart at the end of their level.
- (f) In the case of missed times by the chief timekeeper, reruns will be granted.

## 6. Scoring

- (a) The competitor with the fastest total time in each event will receive 1 point; the 2nd fastest time, 2 points; 3rd fastest time, 3 points; etc. In the case of ties, the competitors will be scored the same number of points and appropriate places will be disregarded.
- (b) Disqualifications
  - i Racers may be disqualified for unsportsmanlike conduct, the use of profane language, changing numbers with other racers or other infractions deemed unacceptable by the coaches. Such competitors will score a time of 9999.
  - ii Racers who do not finish (DNF: Did Not Finish) and those who missed gates shall receive a time of 9999.
  - iii Racers who receive disqualifications (DQ: Disqualification) in the 1st will receive a second run.
  - iv Profanity and unsportsmanlike conduct at any time on race day are grounds for disqualification. Such competitors will score a time of 9999.
- (c) Although we do recognize individual finishes, high school snowboarding is a team sport. Team scores will be calculated by adding the best three individual scores for that team in Giant Slalom. In the case of a tie, the lowest total of individual times of the three racers will be used. If a tie still exists the place of the fourth place finisher will be used. The team with the lowest aggregate score will be declared the winner. Teams do not need three racers in order to score points.

## 7. Equipment

- (a) A protective CSA approved helmet designed for skiing or snowboarding must be worn by all racers.
- (b) All competitors will be expected to dress in clothing that is safe, neat, clean and which maintains the integrity of the school and the Association.
- (c) Race bibs must be worn by all racers for the duration of the event

## 8. Awards

- (a) Medals for the first and second placed level one teams will be presented.
- (b) Individual awards will be presented to the top three girls and boys in each of the Level 1 and Level 2 boys' and girls' events.

## 9. O.F.S.A.A

For a racer to be eligible to compete at the O.F.S.A.A meet, they must have been entered and must have participated as members of the school's team of five skiers or have entered and participated as a level 2 racer.