



NORTH ISLAND PRIMARY & INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS SNOW SPORTS CHAMPS INC.

RULES



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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The North Island Primary School Ski Champs (NIPS) celebrated its 25 years of Events in 2014.

North Island Primary School Ski Champs Inc. is a not for profit organisation that is run by volunteers. In 2016 it changed its name to North Island Primary School Snow Sports Champs, to incorporate fully the SnowBoard Competition. 2016 has seen the event split into three weeks – with a separates week for Year 1 – 6 Skiers, Year 7 & 8 Skiers and Year 1 – 8 Snowboarders.

This event started with 12 School Teams. This is a Team Competition.

Some Ski Racing History

Ski racing in New Zealand started as early as 1929 when the first National Championships were held on Mt Ruapehu. For many years ski racing was administered and run through the club structure and primarily at club ski fields. As commercial ski areas started to develop in the late 60s and 70s more ski racing opportunities were made available. Improved facilities and slope preparation have enabled international events to be held in this country and the standard of ski racing has improved.

New Zealand has been sending teams to the Olympic Winter Games since 1952, and at the Winter Olympics in 1992 Annelise Coberger won a silver medal in the slalom, a first for the southern hemisphere. In the 1996/97 season Claudia Riegler was second overall in the Women's World Cup Slalom, her results included three World Cup wins. New Zealand first held an international ski race sanctioned by the FIS in 1977, at Mt Hutt. In 1990 New Zealand held its first ever World Cup Slalom and Giant Slalom event at Mt Hutt. These races were included on the World Cup circuit.

Some Snowboarding History

With the advent of snowboarding in the 1980's NIPS will continue to include and further snowboarding into the programme for this event.

This event is run by the NIPS Committee as a School Teams Event to encourage participation in Junior Snow Sports at Mt Ruapehu. Any surplus funds from the event are reinvested into Snow Sports in the Central Plateau Region. It is the intent of these rules to be in the **spirit of fair competition**, so that each competitor has an equal chance of enjoying the racing, of improving their skiing standards, or gaining prizes and places, and of fostering the sport of skiing.

Committee:

Sam Clarkson – Chair of the Society

Robin Dixon (Mrs) – Chair of the Race Organising – Life Member

Jon Jarvis – Chief of Race – Friend of the Society

Liaison -

Ray Goff – Ruapehu Alpine Lifts Events Co-ordinator – Friend of the Society

Life Member - Terry Hemmingsen

Life Member – Robin Dixon

Friend of the Society –

Patrick Simmens

Paul Dawson

Fellows of the Society –



The Objectives of this event

- Co-operatively organised
- Punctual and run to the previously advised programme

Courses are to be:

- Safe
- Legal
- Consistent: competitors and managers should know what to expect the event

Competitors should be:

- Competent - with reference to the standard of the event and the course
- Properly seeded
- Suitably controlled: each competitor should need only one run on each course

Timing is to be:

- Accurate
- Promptly posted
- Race documentation should be accurate and timely

2.0 RACE ORGANISING COMMITTEE

The Race Organising Committee (ROC)

The Race Organising Committee will establish and oversee the general running of the race and co-ordinate the race organisation with other mountain users and facilities.

The ROC -

● Chief of Race

The Chief of Race is a voting member of the Jury and is the responsible authority for the management of the entire event. A Technical Delegate can be appointed by the Race Organising Committee and must be familiar with the running of this event.

● Chief of Courses

The Chief of Courses is responsible for the preparation of all aspects of the course in accordance with the decisions of the Race Committee and the Jury.

In as much as the Chief of Course must be familiar with local snow conditions on the terrain concerned, this official is usually either a ski area employee or a member of the local club.

● Chief of Timing and Calculations

The Chief of Timing and Calculations is responsible for co-ordinating the work of all timing and calculations officials at the start and finish and ensures that timing equipment is homologated and in good working order.

The Chief of Timing should be familiar with the operation of the whole of the timing system and be capable of making running repairs.

● Race Secretary

The Race Secretary is responsible for the secretarial work for all the technical aspects of the race to include the Race Notice, the draw, preparation of start lists, official results, and all the other matters referred regarding race administration.



- **Volunteer Co-ordinator**

The success of the race depends on the planning and organisation performed by the ROC well in advance of the event and the support generated within their organisation.

Other Members

Such other persons as may be necessary, e.g., Start Referee, Finish Referee, Chief of Gate Judges, Chief of Medical Services.

The Jury

The Jury carries out all duties for which it is responsible according to Event Rules. It also makes decisions on all questions not clarified by the rules. The Jury's tenure begins with the first Team Managers Meeting prior to the start of training and ends with the expiration of the protest period or settlement of all protests and the approval of the official results.

The Jury members are:

- **The Technical Delegate**
- **The Chief of Race**
- **The Course Referee (s)**
- **The Finish Referee (s)**

3.0 RACE DAY PERSONNEL

- **Technical Delegate – if required**

The Technical Delegate (TD) is appointed by the NIPS ROC and ensure that the rules and directions of the event are adhered to. The TD shall be either a qualified SSNZ National or FIS TD. The TD is a voting member of the Jury.

- **Chief of Race**

The Chief of Race is a voting member of the Jury and is the responsible authority for the management of the entire event. The Chief of Race is appointed by the NIPS Committee.

- **Course Referee – for each course**

The Course Referee is appointed by the ROC to look after the athletes' interests during the race and to adjudicate regarding disqualifications.

The Course referee is responsible for inspection of the course to ensure that it provides a fair race, receiving the reports of the Start and Finish Referees and the Gate Judges' reports. Then reporting to the Chief of Race / (TD if applicable) for posting the list of disqualifications.

The Course Referee is responsible for the correct placement and all aspects of the safety of the course assistants.

- **Chief of Courses**

The Chief of Courses is responsible for the preparation of all aspects of the courses in accordance with the decisions of the Race Committee and the Jury. RAL Events Whakapapa is the preferred appointee.



- **Start Referee**

The Start Referee remains at the start from prior to the course inspection through to the conclusion of the race. He/she will:

- Advise the Jury of late and false starts
- Be responsible for ensuring that each competitor receives a fair start
- She or he is responsible for checking off the start order of the racers and accurately recording the Start Referee Form, the exact order they crossed the start line and checking that the start was completed in accordance with the rules, and makes a report to the Course Referee immediately after the race.
- Note and advise the Course Referee of suspected violation of rules for equipment
- Report to the Finish Referee the bib numbers of all non-starters (DNS)

The start referee must be available to racers who have been directed to the start for a rerun.

- **Starter**

The starter provides the warning and start commands to the racer. He/she is responsible for maintaining the correct interval between racers.

GS call – Racer Ready - GO (the racer has 10 seconds to depart the start)

Dual Slalom – Racers Ready - Blue Course – yes, Red Course - yes – clapper

Skier Cross - Racers Ready 3-2-1 – Go

Boardercross – Racers Ready 3-2-1 - Go

- **Starters Assistant – Dual Slalom & Skier Cross & Boarder Cross**

The yellow flags will be shown to both racers. The racers will then make their way to the bottom of the course, on or outside of the race course, and return to the start for another start interval. The Skiers must come back and line up again, they will slotted in by the Start Referee.

- **Start Marshall**

The Start Marshall helps line the competitors up in preparation for the start and must be aware of which competitor is in the start and which competitor is next to start. As per the start list.

- **Barrier Marshall**

The Barrier Marshall ensures that all racers are given the opportunity for an unimpeded start. Coaches and parents must keep clear of this area.

- **Finish Referee**

The Finish Referee administers the area between the last gate and the finish area. She or he is responsible for checking off the finish order of the racers and accurately recording the Finish Referee Form, the exact order they crossed the finish line and checking that the finish was completed in accordance with the rules, and makes a report to the Course Referee immediately after the race.

The finish referee must be available to racers who are requesting a rerun.

- **Finish Marshall**

The Finish Marshall helps keep the Finish area clear of athletes and spectators.

- **Chief of Medical Services and Ski Patrol – Ruapehu Alpine Lifts (RAL)**

The Ski Patrol provides first aid and evacuation services during the course of the race. No training or race shall be conducted unless the equipment needed to provide first aid and evacuation is adequate, course access for such services is appropriate, the response time is appropriate and the required personnel are available and on duty. The full race **Medical Plan** must be available at the first team managers meeting.

- **Race Secretary/Race Administrator**

The Race Secretary is responsible for the secretarial work for all the technical aspects of the race to include the Race Notice, acceptance of entries, compilation of competitors list, the draw, preparation of start lists, official results,



- **Course Setters**

Course setting is a task of the Course Setters and appointed by the ROC. The Course Setters are responsible for adhering to the specifications of the event.

- **Chief of Gate Judges**

The Chief of Gate Judges ensures that all Gate Judges are properly equipped with required materials and fully informed of their responsibilities. He/she organizes and supervises the work of the Gate Judges, designates the gates each Gate Judge will supervise and places them in position.

Chief of Gates will be placed mid course during the running of the race, with a radio. The radio will be used to relay course information to the Course Referee.

At the end of each run, the Chief of Gate Judges collects the Gate Judges' control cards and delivers them to the Course Referee. If a Gate Judge has recorded a fault that may result in a disqualification by the Jury, the Chief Gate Judge ensures that the Gate Judge is available after the run if a protest against the disqualification is filed and a Jury meeting becomes necessary.

- **Gate Judges**

The Gate Judges are responsible for checking the proper passage of racers through the course. Each competitor must go around the gate on the correct side with both ankles. If a gate is missed, or a racer falls and stops on the course or loses their ski(s) or board, the racer must immediately exit the course to the side and that run will be recorded as a DNF (Did not Finish). Gate Judges will be required to observe between three and five gates, depending on the type of event. **They will record all faults on the supplied gate cards. Drawings of the faults must accompany the faults.** The cards will be collected from the Chief Gate Judge at the end of all of the runs. Gate cards must be fully completed by the Gate Judges.

- **Chief of Timing and Calculations**

The Chief Timekeeper is responsible for the management of the electronic and/or manual timing systems, the synchronization of the timing and the accuracy of the results. He or she will be in direct contact through the timing communications system with the Starters.

- **Communications Director**

Communication Director is responsible for sending Media Reports at the completion of the Event each year. Also relays relevant information to the Public and Spectators.

- **Team Manager**

The Team Manager is responsible for the wellbeing of the athletes. Team Managers are responsible for ensuring athletes adhere to the rules as supplied. Team managers are responsible for ensuring the appropriateness / safeness of the athlete's equipment for the event.

The Team Manager must be present at the Team Managers Meeting.

Communication to the ROC may only be made through the Team Manager.

Contact information of the Team Manager and the ROC must be kept up to date, i.e. if a Team Manager leaves the event the ROC must be notified.

- **Team Course Assistants**

Each team of 2 or more shall provide a Course Assistant, not being the Manager. Roles available for course assistants are found on the Sign up Genius app. (links available on the nips.website).

Outlines of the roles available are found in these rules.

Course assistants who do not fulfil their roles, risk disqualification of their team.



4.0 EVENT MANAGEMENT

4.1 PRIOR TO THE RACE

It is the job of the Race Secretary to compile the Race Information on the NIPS Website and Facebook pages. The Race Secretary should compile a list of competitors prior to the Team Managers meeting and publicise this for confirmation by the Team Managers. Team Managers are responsible for notifying any corrections / variations or omissions to the Race Secretary, prior to the Team Managers Meeting.

4.1.1 Seeding

All competitors will be seeded as per the Team Entry Form supplied.

No consideration shall be given to any points or seeding, given by any other group, club or organisation that runs ski racing or other similar skiing events.

4.1.2 The Team Managers Meeting

The Team Managers Meeting is for team managers/coaches only

The purpose of the Team Managers meeting is for coaches and/or team managers to verify the entries of their athletes, check the planned schedule, hear specific area regulations, safety references to any aspect of mountain and event operations, obtain details of lift access and training areas and hear the weather forecast. It is recommended that a list of key officials be available at the meeting.

Ruapehu Alpine Lifts will supply access to the safety information relevant to the Whakapapa Ski Area and this event. The meeting should not start until all the entries are verified.

A roll call will be taken of all School entered at the Team Managers meeting. A Team Managers Meeting Agenda will be available prior to the meeting. It is compulsory for all School Teams entered to be represented, failure of representation will forfeit team entry.

4.1.3 Course Assistants

All volunteers in this event are required to read and sign the Health & Safety Policy.

4.1.4 The Draw

The draw is the responsibility of the ROC and is prepared prior to the Team Managers Meeting

The draw is conducted electronically.

All skier number #1's are randomly drawn, then all the #2's then all the #3's then all the #4's then all the #5's.

5.0 RACE DAY

5.1.5

Managers and athletes should check the official notice board for any changes to the race programme or make contact with the **Communications Director**.

5.1.6 Course Inspection

Competitors must follow the instructions of the Start Referee regarding acceptable methods of course inspection. Details will be provided at the Team Managers meeting.

Skiing or shadowing a portion of the racecourse in racing fashion during inspection will result in a possible disqualification of the athlete.

When warm-up courses are available, the Managers may recommend that they be used, usually with the Managers supervision. If competitors free ski to warm up or if they use the practice course, they must remain conscious of the time. It is each competitor's obligation to report to the start on time.



5.1.6 Racing on the Course

After the course is approved by the Jury, and at the request of the Jury, the position of the turning gates may be dyed.

5.1.7 Entrance to the Course

No spectator, parent, teacher, coach or any other person, who has not been appointed as an official by the organising committee shall enter the race course area.

5.1.8 Reruns / Missed Starts

If a gate is missing, the competitor must make a concerted effort to pass in a legal manner or else stop immediately, abandon the course and proceed to the Finish Referee to request a rerun. The racer **MUST NOT** cross the finish the line.

A competitor who is obstructed while racing must stop immediately after the incident took place and make his/her way to the finish along the SIDE of the course and report to the Finish Referee, to request a rerun. The racer **MUST NOT** cross the finish the line.

Missed Starts – or running out of order -

If a lift directly affecting the operation of the race is determined by the Jury to be malfunctioning – the Jury will allow racers to run out of order. This will be related to the Course Referee from the Jury.

Dual Slalom – if the Valley T Bar is determined by the Jury to be malfunctioning – the Jury will advise the Course Referee to hold competitors until their race opponent arrives.

5.1.9 Loss of Momentum – A skier must maintain momentum throughout the course. DSQ's are only made by the Jury in this instance.

Dual Slalom – see 6.1.3

5.1.10

Racer Down Radio Protocol –

The Jury member or Course Referee closest to the accident site will call a “START STOP ”

The Start Referee will confirm immediately on the Course Control Channel “START STOPPED... RACE X ON COURSE AND HOLDING RACER NUMBER XX IN THE GATE”.

The person calling the “START STOP” will then call “RACER NUMBER X DOWN AT location..... “
THERE ARE TWO OPTIONS NOW – SKI PATROL REQUIRED / NOT REQUIRED

SKI PATROL NOT REQUIRED –

Racer X has abandoned the course on their own

The Course Referee will confirm that all areas of responsibility are ready to proceed, and ask the Start Referee to complete a Course Clearance from the bottom up. At that time the Course Referee will direct the re-start of the event.

At the same time the Course Referee will advise that normal radio communications may resume.

SKI PATROL REQUIRED –

The Course Referee will make contact with the Chief of Race

The Chief of Race will communicate with the RAL EVENTS to advise the Chief of Medical and Ski Patrol the location of the accident. The medical teams will then take charge of the accident and communicate on the Medical channel as to the medical assessment of the accident and the need for equipment and personnel (toboggan only when required).



No person is to move onto the course or approach the down racer, until ordered to do so by either, a member of the Jury, or a Course Referee, or the Chief of Medical, all of whom will wait for confirmation from the Chief of Race that the start is stopped and the on-course racer has been stopped, → OR → is proceeding and will pass the site very soon!

The following are the most critically important elements

Don't move until the course is clear;

- > Don't move the racer or remove their equipment;
- > Don't allow a crowd to form!

Any person, other than the Ski Patrol attending at the accident site may only remove "debris" from the racecourse and may only assist the athlete under the specific direction of the Ski Patrol person in charge of the accident site. Under no circumstances (other than AN OBSERVED NON-BREATHING PATIENT), is any person other than the Ski Patrol in charge of the accident site, to attempt to remove the athlete's equipment, remove the athlete from the nets or attempt to move the athlete in any way.

Always remember that you must "ENSURE NO DANGER", to yourself or your crew in attempting to assist the racer.

During the time immediately following the "Start/Stop" call, all persons will clear all radio channels until advised by the Chief of Race that normal radio communications may resume. During this time the only expected radio traffic will be to and from the Ski Patrol, the Chief of Race, and the Jury member or Course Control official nearest the accident.

No Exceptions.

The Jury or Course Referee nearest the accident will be responsible for the orderly conduct of the rescue. Care should be taken to control the number, and status, of those persons attending the accident. Those persons in the area not attending the accident will ensure that the fencing and netting is restored to its original form and function. If there are any broken poles or torn netting this should be communicated to the Course Referee so they may take appropriate steps to replace these items before the race is allowed to commence.

During the conduct of the rescue, the Course Referee will coordinate the repositioning of Ski Patrol personnel to ensure adequate coverage upon re-commencement of the event.

Immediately upon the accident site being clear and safe for the event to recommence, the Jury or Course Control official closest to the accident site will advise the Course Referee.

The Course Referee will confirm that all areas of responsibility are ready to proceed, and ask the Start Referee to complete a Course Clearance from the bottom up. At that time the Course Referee will direct the re-start of the event.

At the same time the Course Referee will advise that normal radio communications may resume.

Ski Patrol will advise the Course Referee on the Medical Channel the Status of the racer and the disposition of the Ski Patrol members, as soon as the information on these items is known.

5.1.11 Finishing

A competitor must cross the finish line of the course in which they started.

On both skis or on one ski or with both feet in the case of a fall in the immediate finish area.

The immediate finish area is defined as being within one gate for Giant Slalom and two gates for Dual Slalom. A competitor losing a ski other than in the immediate finish area must abandon the course.

Once a competitor crosses the line, the competitor must stop within the finish area. The competitor should then proceed out of the finish area as quickly as possible but in a controlled manner in order to make room for the next competitor.



5.1.12 Scoreboard and the Official Notice Board:

The official notice board will be located in the Knoll Ridge Café. The competitor can proceed directly to the scoreboard and examine the posted official DSQ's and DNF's.

The Team manager can request a Jury review of the disqualification. If they have evidence i.e. video, it must be submitted to the Course Referee to review with the Jury. This must be submitted in writing within the fifteen-minute period after the posting or announcing of disqualification. Any request submitted after the expiration time period will not be reviewed.

A prompt decision of the review of the disqualification by the Jury will be communicated to the Team manager.

5.1.13 Second Run – weather and conditions permitting

All athletes will be entitled to a second run.

The ROC may run the second run in a different order, this will be notified

5.1.14 Access to Officials

Relationship with the Jury and Start and Finish Referees:

The Jury may allow a start for a delayed competitor, one who was not present or who was not ready when called into the start gate. In cases of doubt, the Jury allows provisional starts for delayed competitors; the Jury also has the authority to allow provisional reruns when requested by a competitor or Team Manager.

In order to consider the validity of a request made for a provisional start or rerun, a competitor may be required to testify before the Jury. A protest of a sanction will also require the competitor's testimony, so the competitor must remain available until the Jury meets and reviews its decision. It is essential that the competitor's manager also be available because the competitor must be represented at the Jury meetings by a manager.

Jury sanctions may include oral or written reprimand, disqualification, suspension, impaired starting position, and/or loss of accreditation; the accumulation of penalties is permissible.

A competitor shall only be disqualified if his mistake would result in an advantage with regard to the end result, unless the Rules state otherwise. (i.e.: Gate Fault, Early-Late Start, Illegal Equipment etc.)

5.1.15 Protests

Protests

640.1 A Jury must only accept a protest if it is based upon physical evidence.

640.2 A Jury is only permitted to re-evaluate its previous decision where new evidence exists that relates to the original Jury decision.

640.3 All Jury decisions are final except those that may be protested under art. 641. Appeals can be made as per art. 647.1.1.

641 Types of Protests

641.1 Against admittance of competitors or their competition equipment,

641.2 Against the course or its condition,

641.3 Against a competitor or against an official during the race,

641.4 Against disqualifications,

641.5 Against timekeeping,

641.6 Against instructions of the Jury.

642 Place of Submittal The various protests are to be submitted as follows:

642.1 Protests according to the art. 641.1 - 641.6 at the location designated on the official notice board or at a place announced at a team managers' meeting.

643 Deadlines for Submittal

643.1 Against the admittance of a competitor: - before the Draw.

643.2 Against the course or its condition: - not later than 60 minutes before the beginning of the race.

643.3 Against a competitor or competitor's equipment or against an official because of irregular behaviour during the competition: - within 15 minutes after the last competitor has passed the finish.

643.4 Against disqualification: - within 15 minutes after the posting or announcement of the disqualification.



643.5 Against the timekeeping: - within 15 minutes after the posting of the unofficial result list.

643.6 Against all instructions of the Jury: - immediately and no later than the deadlines for submittal of protest according to the art. 643.4.

644 Form of Protests

644.1 Protests are to be submitted in writing.

644.2 As exceptions, protests according to the art. 641.3, 641.4 and 641.5 can be made verbally (art. 617.2.2).

644.3 Protests must be substantiated in detail. Proof must be submitted and any evidence must be included.

644.4 CHF 100. -- or the equivalent in another valid currency must accompany the protest. This deposit will be returned if the protest is upheld, otherwise it goes to the account of the NIPS

644.5 A protest may be withdrawn by the protesting party before the publication of a decision by the Jury. In this case, the money deposit must be returned. A withdrawal of the protest is not possible when the Jury or a member of the Jury takes, an intermediate decision for reasons of time, e.g. a decision "with reserve".

644.6 Protests not submitted on time in the correct manner or submitted without the protest fee will not be considered.

6.0 RACE DAY FORMATS

6.1 Week 1 – Year 7 & 8 Skiers Only

6.1.1. NO PRACTICE DAY

6.1.2 Race Day 1 Giant Slalom -

This will be a will be a timed (individual) Giant Slalom. Appropriate School courses will be set for each Year 7 & 8. If more than one race is completed the fastest time only will be the competitor's competition time.

6.1.3 Race Day 2 Dual Slalom -

The finishing order from Day #1 shall determine the start list for Day #2, wherein the first and second fastest skier will race each other, as will the 3rd and 4th racers, and so on through to the final pairs of racers.

Bibs from Day 1 will be worn to identify the racers.

The slowest skiers will **race first. There will be two runs for all competitors – one run on each course.**

In the event of an odd number of skiers, the competitor with the slowest giant slalom time will race on their own. Racers who did not complete the Giant Slalom will race in starting order as set out by the Start list.

Racers who do not start the giant slalom will not be included in the Dual Slalom Draw.

Start list – will identify which coloured course the racer is on for each run

Before the starter gives the command of either "Blue Course Ready – Red Course Ready - "Set" and the starting signal which means GO (the clapper) he must first ensure that the competitors are ready.

Starters Assistant – if the toes of the boots cross the line before the Start signal – it is a false start.

The yellow flags will be shown to both racers. The racers will then make their way to the bottom of the course, outside of the race course, and return to the start for another start interval. The Skiers must come back and line up again. The Course Referee will determine when they restart.

A second false start by either racer will result in a DSQ of the breaking racer.

Finish – the front of the ski boot is determined to be the deciding point for who finished first, for manual recording. If electronic recording is being used, it will be defined by the first article to break the electronic eye.

Assistance can be given by Course Assistants to a fallen athlete, only after the opposing competitor has completed the course.



- 6.1.3.1 Yellow flags – Stand far enough down the course, outside the race line for the racers to see the flag.
- 6.1.3.2** A red or blue flag will be used to signify the winner of each Dual Slalom race. It is possible to have a tie, in which case both flags will be raised, together.
- 6.1.3.3 Finishing Recorder – to record the results of the skiers.
W = Win, L – Loss, D = Draw Ø = DNS or DSQ

6.1.4 Day Three Skier Cross
This is a “knock-out” competition.

Before the starter gives the command of either "Blue Course Ready – Red Course Ready - “Set" and the starting signal which means GO (the clapper) he must first ensure that the competitors are ready.

Starters Assistant – whistle – if the shin of the boots cross the line before the Start signal – it is a false start. The yellow flags will be shown to all racers. The racers will then make their way back to the start (if practicable) or make their way to the bottom of the course, outside of the race course, and return to the start for another start interval. The Skiers must come back and line up again.

A second false start by any racer will result in a DSQ of the breaking racer.

Yellow flags – Stand far enough down the course, outside the race line for the racers to see the flag

Finish Judge 4x – [Place Cards]

There are (up to) four racers in each heat.

As each heat finishes [snowboard], give the 1st place-getter a yellow card, 2nd place-getters a blue card, 3rd place and 4th place get orange cards and ask them to go to the recorder to have their results recorded.

Skier Cross Heats

Will be determined by the number of racers. (Probably 4 per heat)

This is pure knockout, with only the first two racers in any heat going through to the next knockout round.

Competitors will line up at the top of the course, and for run 1 will given a sticker on their helmet, to show they are taking part. (other colours will be used if there is more than 1 category to be identified)

Round 1 –At the finish area - a sticker will be given to 1st and 2nd place getters, an orange will be given to 3rd and 4th place.

All competitors will then return to the start.

Round 2- etc – each round the competitors will be given another coloured sticker at the finish area.

Racers are given a coloured sticker to place on their helmet and advised whether to return to the top of the course or not.

Finish Recorder 2x – [Running Orders – Knockout Draw - Recording Sheets] –

The results of heats do not need to be recorded.

Skier Cross event. The running of this event shall be determined by the prevailing weather conditions.



6.1.4.1 Skier Cross is a “Fun Event”, only.

* It should be noted that the Skier Cross is NOT considered to be a formal part of the team’s event. No points shall accrue from the Skier Cross towards the team points or results.

6.2 Week 2 – Year 1 – 6 Skiers Only

6.2.1 PRACTICE DAY

Practice Day shall be the Sunday, prior to the start of each week of racing.

Practice courses will be established in consultation with Ruapehu Alpine Lifts, so that all children may have the opportunity to practice their skills. The courses will be established so as to give the children the opportunity to practice on terrain as close to that which they will experience on race day.

Practice courses are available for all competitors to use as the establishment of these courses is covered in the team entry fees.

Parents and other adult supporters are not permitted to run on any practice course at any time.

6.2.2 Race Day 1 Giant Slalom -

This will be a will be a timed (individual) Giant Slalom. Appropriate school courses will be set for each Year Category Year 1 – Year 4 and Year 5 & 7. If more than one race is completed the fastest time only will be the competitor’s competition time.

6.2.3 Race Day 2 Dual Slalom

See above 6.1.3

6.2.4 Race Day 3 Skier Cross

See 6.1.4

7.0 COMPETITORS CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT



Whakapapa Ski Area can have inclement weather. It is the responsibility of the Team Managers and parents to ensure the children are dressed accordingly.

GS /Speed / Ski Race Suits are permitted to be worn, however, the Team Manager is responsible for this decision.

It is the responsibility of the Team manager and parents to ensure the racers equipment is appropriate / safe. Especially skis and bindings settings.

Helmets designed for snow sports must be worn at all times on snow.

No attachments may be on the ski helmet. I.e. cameras/ go pros.

8.0 BAD WEATHER CONTINGENCIES

Should weather or other circumstances prevent the completion of all competitors racing on the first day of the Giant Slalom; the event will be deemed completed **only** if at least all designated number 3 skiers have raced.

All number 3 skiers in a division must be able to start their runs for a Team Result to be determined.

If the number 3 skiers in a division are unable to start their runs, the division must be rerun on the next available day.

In the event of the Dual Slalom not being held on its first available day, it rolls over to the next available day.

The SkierCross races will only be held if the Giant Slalom and Dual Slalom events have been completed.

If the event is postponed or cancelled on any morning, competitors are asked to;

Check the snow report for Whakapapa on: www.mtruapehu.com . Available from (about) 6:30am onwards.

Facebook –“Ski Racing North Island”

Radio reports based on the Ruapehu Alpine Lifts are also available from Radio Ski FM during their regular morning programming. For listening refer to;

Ruapehu / Turoa	91.8FM
National Park / Whakapapa	105.4FM
Ohakune	106.2FM
Taupo	87.8FM
Taumarunui	91.1FM

9.0 THE TEAMS

Each team shall comprise not more than 5 athletes who must all come from the same school. An individual child may be entered provided that the individual entry is signed off, (confirmed) by the Principal of that School.

All schools can have unlimited number of teams – however, if numbers become excessive, those entered after the first cut off may be declined.

South Island School Teams may apply to the ROC to compete.

Combined School Teams are not permitted.



10.0 TEAM POINTS

Categories –

Ski

- Year 1 -4 Boys
- Year 1- 4 Girls
- Year 5 & 6 Boys
- Year 5 & 6 Girls
- Year 7 & 8 Boys
- Year 7 & 8 Girls

Ski Competition -

Points are awarded separately for boys and girls in each category of the Giant Slalom division.

In each division the time for the Giant Slalom is calculated from the fastest to the slowest with any did-not-finish (DNF) being included in the total number of competitors.

The total number of competitors in each division, shall be divided into 20 equal groups, insofar as that is possible; thereby creating the number/group of skiers to be awarded 20 points, 19-points, 18-points; and so on down to 1-point.

Competitors will carry their points forward to the Dual Slalom event, where a further 4 points can be gained for a win, 2 for a tie, 1 for a loss, or 0 for a did-not-start or did-not-finish.

Final team placings are calculated based on the total of the 4 highest scoring team members after Day Two of competition. GS and Dual Slalom result combined.

In the event of a place tie, the 5th skier's GS points will be considered.

Should this still not bring a result, the 4th skier's GS will be considered, and so on using the 3rd skier, 2nd skier and 1st skier until such time as a result can be confirmed.

11.0 TEAM ENTRY FEES –

The Base Team 'Entry Fee' is set at \$120 discounted to \$80.00 per team for the competition;

Teams that have not paid the full Team Entry Fee by the close of registration, may be withdrawn from the event at the discretion of the Race Organising Committee.

Total Fee -

Super Early Bird Entry Fee for a Team of 5 \$ 440.00

Super Early Bird Entry Fee for a Team of 4 \$ 400.00

Super Early Bird Entry Fee for a Team of 3 \$ 320.00

Super Early Bird Entry Fee for a Team of 2 \$ 240.00

Super Early Bird Entry Fee for a Team of 1 \$ 160.00

Closes 31st May



The Base Team 'Entry Fee' is set at \$120 discounted for the competition;

Teams that have not paid the full Team Entry Fee by the close of registration, may be withdrawn from the event at the discretion of the Race Organising Committee.

Total Fee -

Entry Fee for a Team of 5 \$ 480.00

Entry Fee for a Team of 4 \$ 440.00

Entry Fee for a Team of 3 \$ 360.00

Entry Fee for a Team of 2 \$ 280.00

Entry Fee for a Team of 1 \$ 200.00

Closes 7th July

The Late 'Entry Fee' is set at \$120 with a late fee of \$40 per team for the competition;

Teams that have not paid the full Team Entry Fee by the close of registration, may be withdrawn from the event at the discretion of the Race Organising Committee.

Total Fee -

Late Entry Fee for a Team of 5 \$ 520.00

Late Entry Fee for a Team of 4 \$ 480.00

Late Entry Fee for a Team of 3 \$ 400.00

Late Entry Fee for a Team of 2 \$ 320.00

Late Entry Fee for a Team of 1 \$ 240.00

Closes 11th August

Competitors who have not paid the full fee by the close of registration, may be withdrawn from the event at the discretion of the Race Organising Committee.

Refund Policy -

Are at the discretion of the ROC.

12.0 LIFT PASSES

Lift passes for the event can be purchased through NIPS. These passes are negotiated each year with RAL.

The pass dates are set by RAL each year, these passes are ordered and payable to NIPS.

These passes must be pre ordered prior to August 15th

Passes are only available for Competitors / Team Manager and 1 Course Assistant who do not have a season or life passes. These passes may only be used by the competitor / Team Manager or Course Assistant.

13.0 AWARDS & TROPHIES



The North Island Primary & intermediate Schools Snowsports Champs, is a “Teams” event, focussing on the performance of the whole of a School Team and not just an individual.

Trophies are presented to:

- Ski - Year 1 – 6 Team 1st Place
- Year 7 & 8 Team 1st Place

Team Medals - All First, Second and Third Team Place-getters will still be presented with Gold, Silver or Bronze Team Medals.

Trophies are also presented to the New Zealand Primary & Intermediate Snowsports Champs as above.

Individual Medals will be presented to

- Ski
 - o First, Second and Third Place-getters of the Giant Slalom

All competitors will receive a “Competition Pin”.

No certificates will be issued for place-getters.

14.0 COMMUNICATION

All communications during the event (after the Manager Meeting) shall be directed to the “Ski Racing North Island” Facebook page or to the Race Secretary.

Communications prior to the event – see the website www.nips.org.nz



15.0

Picture view of where course assistants are on course

To be added

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