

**OFSAA CO-EDUCATIONAL ALPINE SKIING CHAMPIONSHIP**

*The sole basis for the very existence of high school sport is the contribution it makes to the general educational experience of those students who participate.*

**PLAYING REGULATIONS**

**1. Events and /or Classifications:**

- (a) There shall be High School and Open Divisions in OFSAA Alpine Skiing.
- (b) High School Team Racers are school-trained athletes. They have NO ski league affiliation **and** race training, beyond the U-12 category.
- (c) Open Team Racers: Participants are those skiers who have ski league affiliation and race training, beyond the U-12 category.
- (d) The events to be conducted are:  
High School and Open:  
                                    Girls' Slalom                                   Girls' Giant Slalom  
                                    Boys' Slalom                                   Boys' Giant Slalom

**2. Championship Structure and Procedures:**

- (a) The competition shall take place over two days. Two runs in each event shall be held when possible.
- (b) There shall be two (2) race courses: one for High School skiers and one for Open skiers.
- (c) Registration materials will only be given to the teacher accompanying the athlete(s), upon receipt of all forms and documents as outlined on the OFSAA Alpine Skiing Championship website.
- (d) The teacher-coach/supervisor must attend the coaches' meeting. If the coach is a non-teacher, then both the teacher-supervisor and the coach must attend.

**3. Entry:**

- (a) Entries shall be accepted from Association convenors or designates only.
- (b) Entries must be received by the deadline date as indicated in the coaches' information on the OFSAA Alpine website. Late entries will only be accepted if they can be accommodated and an additional entry fee shall be charged.
- (c) Associations shall be allowed to enter one boys' team and one girls' team in each of the High School and Open races. Girls' and Boys' Teams shall be made up as follows: five (5) team members - five (5) to race; three (3) to count.
- (d) One female and one male racer may be selected to represent their Association to race as individuals in High School and Open. The individual must attend a different school than the team entry.
- (e) In the event of an overall tie, the tie breaker will be:

- i) Accumulative team place points of both events.
- ii) Accumulative individual place points of the top three racers for both events.
- iii) Accumulative times of the top three racers of both events.

(f) All racers must be declared on the entry form. Substitutions may be allowed for reasons of injury, illness or exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the convenor. A substitute must meet all OFSAA eligibility requirements. Substitutions must be made at or prior to registration.

(g) Any suspensions or disciplinary actions in Association competition shall be carried forward into OFSAA competitions. The Association convenor shall be responsible for reporting such skiers and the nature of the disciplinary action on the OFSAA Board of Reference-Sanctions Reporting Form.

#### **4. Expenses:**

- (a) Those schools having entries are responsible for arranging and financing their entry fee, their own travel, meals and accommodation for the event.
- (b) All schools entering a Federation Championship shall, by signature of the school principal on the Championship Entry Form, acknowledge responsibility for making restitution for damage resulting from misconduct by their participants.

#### **5. Eligibility:**

##### **(i) (a) School/Team Eligibility:**

To represent a school in any activity coordinated by the Federation, a school/team must: Conduct a 'bone fide' high school Alpine ski program consisting of a minimum of eight (8) school practice sessions of dry land and on-hill practices from November 1st until the OFSAA Championship, with a minimum of three (3) athletes participating, under the supervision of a teacher as certified by the school principal. There must be on-hill training with the school team. A ski race is not defined as a practice session.

- (ii) participate in the Association Championship or qualifying event if one is held.

##### **(b) Individual Student Eligibility**

To represent a school in any activity co-ordinated by the Federation a student **must**:

- (i) be eligible for competition under the Constitution, By-Laws and Standing Rules (Playing Regulations) of the Association to which his/her school belongs;
- (ii) be certified as eligible by the Principal of the school;
- (iii) meet the following age requirement: the individual's birth certificate indicates that he/she has not reached his/her 19th birthday by January 1st prior to the start of the school year in which the competition is held;
- (iv) be in Grades 9-12;
- (v) be eligible under the OFSAA Transfer Policy (By-Law 5, Section 4(f));
- (vi) be eligible for no more than five (5) consecutive years from date of entry into Grade 9 (By-Law 5, Section 4(g));
- (vii) have signed the Rules of Behaviour signature form for the competition;
- (viii) have executed the Federation's "Release of Liability" form.
- (ix) have completed the racers profile form which must be submitted with the entry

- form.
- (x) have participated as a member of a 'bona fide' high school program as outlined in (a) above during the current school year and attended the majority of practices and competitions.
  - (xi) have documented on the official OFSAA attendance declaration form the attendance at practices and school race dates
  - (xii) have entered and participated as a member of a school's alpine ski team in the Association meet, or qualifying meet,
  - (xiii) not participate in both the OFSAA Alpine Championship and any other event in that same sport on the same day

**(c) Sport Specific**

A member of the current year's provincial team, or higher, is ineligible for OFSAA competition.

**6. Rules and Officials:**

- (a) The current F.I.S. Rule Book shall govern competition at the OFSAA Championship with the following exceptions:
  - i) **Starting Order**  
In the first run of each event each school shall have a skier in the first seed section. For the first run each seed shall be drawn independently and randomly. For the second run the current F.I.S. Rule Book shall be followed ("Bibbo" system, i.e. first thirty places after first run ski in reverse order in second run and remaining skiers ski in order in which they finished after first run.) Racers will keep the same bib number and seed for both the giant slalom and slalom events.
  - ii) The "skier down" yellow flag warning system may be used for blind areas on the course. Failure to respond to the yellow flag may result in disqualification.
  - iii) In the case of missed times, provisional re-runs will be granted.
- (b) FIS rules will apply to course inspection. Racers will be allowed to sideslip the course. Running gates or shadowing is forbidden. The course is closed until inspection direction has been given by the Jury prior to the race. Any changes to this are at the discretion of the Technical Delegate. Racer bibs must be visible during inspection
- (c) **Disqualifications:**
  - (i) A second run if time permits under the discretion of the jury be allowed for racers who were disqualified or did not finish in the first run. The second run of a racer who was disqualified in the first run would not count in the scoring.
  - (ii) DNFs (Did Not Finish) and those who missed gates shall receive a score which is twice the number of disqualifications or 50% of the total field, whichever is greater, added to the last proper score in that event. Disqualifications do not include DNS (Did Not Start), profanity, unsportsmanlike conduct, other infractions, changed numbers, etc. Such competitors will not be assigned a score.

**7. Uniforms and Equipment:**

**(a) General**

- (i) All competitors are expected to dress in clothing that is safe, neat, clean and which maintains the integrity of the school's/Association's name, colours and logos.
- (ii) No sport club insignia on clothing shall be permitted. A sport club is defined as a community, provincially or nationally based organization whose primary purpose is participation in organized competition in single or multi sport programs.
- (iii) Sponsorship recognition is permitted to be visible but must conform with the placement guidelines outlined in By-Law 6, Section 2 (h).
- (iv) Student-athletes must remain fully clothed in the appropriate team uniform in the competition area, AND use the designated locker room or change area to change to and from competition attire.
- (v) The above criteria must be met both on and in the immediate vicinity of the competitive area and during the awards ceremonies. Incidents of non-compliance shall be forwarded to the Competition Committee for resolution.

**(b) Sport Specific**

- (i) All skiers must have ski brakes.
- (ii) In both the OFSAA Giant Slalom and Slalom competition, hard shell crash helmets (designed for Giant Slalom alpine ski racing) which provide complete head protection (front & back) and full ear protection are mandatory for all High School and Open competitors. FIS approved slalom helmets which must have a chin guard attached to the helmet and which bear the following certification codes (CEE 1077, US 2040, or Snell S98 or R98) are permitted for OFSAA slalom specific events only.
- (iii) Snow sport helmets must be worn by all coaches and officials while on the hill.

**8. Awards:**

- (a) OFSAA gold, silver, and bronze medallions (5) shall be presented to the members of the first three (3) teams in each of Girls' High School Slalom and Giant Slalom races, Boys' High School Slalom and Giant Slalom races, Girls' Open Slalom and Giant Slalom races and Boys' Open Slalom and Giant Slalom races.
- (b) Members of the fourth through eighth place teams shall receive OFSAA ribbons (5)
- (c) OFSAA gold, silver and bronze medallions shall be presented to the first three (3) individuals in each of the High School and Open Slalom and Giant Slalom races, and ribbons to fourth through eighth places.
- (d) The winning boys' and girls' school teams in High School & Open competition (both Slalom and Giant Slalom) shall be presented with OFSAA banners to be retained by the school.
- (e) OFSAA-ineligible athletes who were permitted to compete at the local or Association level shall not receive OFSAA medals, either at the Championship or after the event.

**9. Supervision: (Reference By-Law 6, Section 1)**

*A teacher is defined as a member of the Ontario College of Teachers or a holder of an Ontario Teacher's Certificate or equivalent*

- (a) For team sports ("A team consists of all athletes from the same school who qualify for Federation competition as a unit..." {reference By-Law 5, Section 3}), a teacher from the same school, or a retired teacher, as approved by the principal of the school, must accompany and be responsible for the team.
- (b) For individual sports (those sports in which athletes from a school qualify for Federation competition as individuals), the principal of the school may designate an adult who is not a teacher to accompany the athletes. In addition, a teacher, or a retired teacher, must be present and on site and designated by the principal to be responsible for the athlete(s).
- (c) For all sports, where the teacher, as indicated in (a) and (b) above, is not of the same sex as the athlete(s), and where the athlete(s) are required or might be required to stay overnight, a supervisory adult, as approved by the principal of the school, of the same sex as the athletes, must be present and available at the accommodation site for the duration of their stay in the accommodation.

**10. Deportment:** (Reference By-Law 6, Section 2)

(a) Definitions

- (i) A team is defined as, "All participants representing the same school at an OFSAA Championship event".
- (ii) A participant is defined as, "Anyone who has been granted proper authorization to enter a restricted area." "Restricted area" includes "those areas occupied by athletes and to which access by the general public is restricted or prohibited."

(b) Codes of Behaviour

- (i) All participants are expected to abide by the, "Rules of Behaviour for Participants to OFSAA Championships". (see Appendix to By-Laws)
- (ii) Supervising adults are responsible for the behaviour of participants for the duration of the Championships.
- (iii) Teams are open to censure for failure of its participants to abide by the "Rules of Behaviour".
- (iv) All coaches are expected to adhere to the Code of Ethics for Coaches to OFSAA Championships. (See Appendix II)
- (v) School personnel and coaches are expected to adhere to the Statement of Principle on Recruiting. (See Appendix IV)
- (vi) Spectators are expected to adhere to the Code of Behaviour for Spectators. (See Appendix III)
- (vii) All coaches are expected to adhere to the "Return to Play Guidelines". (See Appendix VI)
- (viii) School personnel and coaches are expected to adhere to the Policy on dispensing drugs, medication and food supplements. (See Appendix IX)

- (c) No artificial noisemakers are permitted at OFSAA Championship events.

**11. Social:**

- (a) If a social event is arranged, all team members and coaches must attend.
- (b) Participants are expected to wear "dress casual" attire. No jeans, shorts, tank tops or hats are permitted.

- (c) Should there be an instance of improper attire, the Protest Committee shall deal with the matter and forward a report to the OFSAA Board of Reference - Sanctions.

**12. Medical:**

- (a) Coaches shall provide all consumable medical supplies (e.g. tape, bandaids, ice packs) for their athletes

**13a. Sport Specific - *The Race Jury***

- (i) The Race Jury shall consist of the Technical Delegate, the Chief of Race and the Referee.
- (ii) Protests: Protests against disqualifications must be submitted in writing accompanied by a \$50.00 protest fee to the Referee within 15 minutes of the posting of the Referee's report on the official scoreboard at the finish area of the race course.
- (iii) The official OFSAA protest form must be used. These are available at the finish area.
- (iv) Protests must be substantiated in detail. Proof must be submitted by only the teacher-coaches and any evidence must be included.
- (v) A protest may be withdrawn by the protesting party before the publication of the decision by the Race Jury. If the protest is upheld, the fee of \$50.00 will be returned.

**13b. Protest Committee**

All disputes during an OFSAA Championship/Festival shall be directed to the Protest Committee for resolution.

- (a) The Protest Committee shall consist of three (3) individuals; the chairperson of the Sport Advisory Committee or designate, a tournament committee member, and one other member appointed by the Championship convenor. The Head official in some cases, shall serve as a member of the Protest Committee. Members of the Protest Committee must not have any conflict of interest relevant to the incident under protest.
- (b) All protests must be submitted in writing to the Championship convenor or designate, shall fully outline the incident under protest, and shall be accompanied by a \$50.00 fee (refundable if protest is upheld).
- (c) A protest must be submitted within thirty (30) minutes of the completion of the game/event in which the incident under protest occurred, or within thirty minutes of the occurrence if protesting an incident outside the field of play.
- (d) The following areas may not be protested at a Championship/Festival:
  - Officials' decisions
  - Eligibility of transfer students
- (e) Any disputes or protests re: tournament structure and procedure must be addressed no later than the coaches' meeting.
- (f) The Protest Committee shall be the body empowered to delay/modify/cancel an event due to unforeseen circumstances (e.g. weather conditions) at the site(s).
- (g) Decisions of the Protest Committee shall be final.

A report of all appeals and decisions shall be forwarded to the OFSAA Board of Reference – Sanctions, who may determine that additional sanctions are necessary.

***All Federation Championships are non-smoking events.  
This includes the use of all tobacco related products.***

***Participants must obey the Ministry of Education's Code of Conduct.***

**SPORT SPECIFIC DIRECTIVES****1. Entry**

- a) A second team entry to the current championship will be awarded to the Association which placed first overall in combined slalom and giant slalom results from the previous year's championship in each of the following: High School girls, High School boys, Open girls and Open boys.

**2. Scoring**

- a) The competitor with the fastest total time in each event shall receive 1 point; the 2nd fastest time, 2 points; 3rd, 3 points; etc. In case of ties, the competitors will be scored the same and appropriate places left out. The team with the lowest score is declared the winner.
- b) Team scores in each of the ' Girls' High School, Boys' High School, Girls' Open and Boys' Open. 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 tied teams' 4th place finisher shall be used. There are no Combined Girls' and Boys' Teams nor are there Combined Slalom and Giant Slalom computations.

**3. Officials**

- a) The convenor is responsible for obtaining the following competently trained individuals for each race course:
  - technical delegate;
  - chief of race;
  - chief of course;
  - referee, finish referee and race steward
  - chief gatekeeper and gatekeepers as required;
  - starter and assistant starter;
  - chief timekeeper and assistant timekeeper.
- b) Provision shall be made by the Convenor to have ski patrol members readily available on both the Giant Slalom and Slalom courses.
- c) The head official must attend the coaches' meeting, and is encouraged to hold an officials' meeting prior to the start of the first race, when possible. Otherwise the head official is responsible for communicating the information to all officials participating.

**4. Facilities and equipment**

- a) In-ground or wireless electrical timing should be used for all events.

**5. Medical**

- a) Provision shall be made by the Convenor to have a medical doctor in attendance or readily available for the duration of competition and to follow appropriate hygienic precautions with regard to bodily fluids and communicable diseases. (See Appendix IV to the By-Laws.)
- b) Qualified first-aid personnel and equipment shall be available at the Championship site.