

OFSSAA CO-EDUCATIONAL SNOWBOARD RACING FESTIVAL

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) The Snowboarding Festival shall be conducted in two classifications: High School Division and Open Division.
 - (i) High School Division - Participants have high school training only.
 - (ii) Open Division - Participants are those snowboarders who have competed in A.O.S. stage 4 or higher, and/or trained-to-compete, or equivalent club level racing events including alpine racing and/or boarder cross. This would exclude slopestyle and half pipe competitions.
- (b) The events to be conducted are Girls' Giant Slalom and Boys' Giant Slalom for both High School and Open divisions.

2. Festival Structure and Procedures:

- (a) A one day meet featuring a combined two run total time on a giant slalom course.
- (b) Registration materials will be given to the teacher accompanying the athletes upon receipt of the required entry materials as outlined on the OFSSAA Snowboard Racing Festival website.
- (c) The teacher-coach/supervisor must attend the pre-meet coaches' meeting. If the coach is a non-teacher, 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 convenor by the deadline date as indicated in the coaches' information package on the OFSSAA Snowboard Racing website. Late entries will only be accepted if they can be accommodated, and an additional entry fee will be charged.
- (c) In the High School division, the top three (3) male and female teams and the top three (3) male and female athletes from the Association shall be permitted to enter.
- (d) 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.
- (e) In the Open division competition, the top five (5) male and female athletes from the Association shall be allowed to enter.
- (f) All racers must be declared on the entry form. NO substitutions are allowed.
- (g) Any suspensions or disciplinary actions in Association competition shall be carried forward into OFSSAA competitions. The Association convenor shall be responsible for reporting such athletes and the nature of the disciplinary action on the OFSSAA entry form.
- (h) Should another Association enter the Festival, that the number of High School

Division teams be reduced to two (2) per Association for both male and female categories.

- (i) Should there be more than 180 racers in the Snowboarding Festival in any year, the following year there will be a reduction to two (2) teams per association.

4. Expenses:

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

5. Eligibility:

(a) School/Team Eligibility

To represent a school in any activity coordinated by the Federation, a school/team must:

- (i) conduct a 'bona fide' high school program consisting of a minimum of eight (8) school practice sessions (dry land and at least one (1) on-hill) and a minimum of 3-5 athletes from November 1st until the OFSAA Festival under the supervision of a teacher as certified by the school principal. There must be on-hill training with the school team.
- (ii) participate in an Association-approved league if one is held
- (iii) participate in the Association Championship or qualifying event. If neither is held, then the team must compete in at least two (2) competitions

(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 participated as a member of a bona fide high school program as outlined in (a) above and attend the majority of practices
- (ix) have participated as a member of a school's team of five athletes in the Association Championship or OFSAA-qualifying event
- (x) not participate in both the OFSAA Festival and any other event in that same sport on the same day

- (c) Each team member's attendance at school practices and school race dates must be documented on the official OFSAA attendance declaration form.

6. Rules and Officials:

- (a) The current F.I.S. Rule Book shall govern competition at the OFSAA Festival with the following exceptions:

(i) Starting Order

- i. In the first run of each event, the start order creation list **must** be used to determine the seeding order. High School Division racers will race before the Open Division racers.
 - ii) The order of the second run for High School Division competitors only will be a Bibo order (reverse top 30 racers and then order of finish after the first run" if the computer program is designed to do this; otherwise, the second run order will be the same as the first.
- (ii) 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.
 - (iii) The "racer down" yellow flag warning system shall be used for blind areas on the course. Failure to respond to the yellow flag may result in disqualification.
 - (iv) In the case of the racer missing his/her start time, the racer will race at the end of the start line and will race in bib order. If the racer misses the start time at the end of the line up, they are considered DNS.

(b) Disqualifications:

Disqualifications do not include: DNS (did not start), profanity, unsportsmanlike conduct, other infractions, changed numbers, etc. Such competitors will not be assigned a score.

- (i) Disqualifications in the first run will receive a second run.
- (ii) DNF (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 the event.

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) The above criteria must be met both on and in the vicinity of the competitive area, and during the awards' ceremonies. Incidents of non-compliance shall be forwarded to the Protest Committee for restitution.

(b) Sport Specific

- (i) **It is recommended that all athletes have a snowboard leash.**
- (ii) A protective helmet designed for snowboarding or skiing must be worn by all racers while on snow.
- (iii) Snow sport helmets must be worn by all coaches and officials while on the hill.-
- (iv) No cameras or video devices are to be worn while on the race course.

8. Awards:

- (a) Team championships shall be declared for each of Boys' and Girls' High School division teams and they shall receive OFSAA banners to be retained by the schools.
- (b) OFSAA gold, silver and bronze medallions shall be presented to members of the top three (3) Boys' and Girls' High School division teams.
- (c) OFSAA gold, silver and bronze medallions shall be presented to the top three (3) individual finishers in each of the High School and Open division Giant Slalom races.
- (d) OFSAA gold, silver and bronze medallions shall be presented to members of the top three (3) Boys' and Girls' Association teams in the Open Division. Each team will have a maximum of five members with the top three times counting.
- (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 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 Festival 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 Festival". (see Appendix to By-Laws)
- (ii) Supervising adults are responsible for the behaviour of participants for the duration of the Festival.
- (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 Festivals. (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 Festival events.

11. Social:

- (a) If a special 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 Board of Reference-Sanctions.

12. Medical:

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

13. 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, may 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.

(b) Sport Specific - Race Jury;

The race jury shall consist of the Technical Delegate, the Chief of Race and the Referee.

Protests: Protests against disqualifications must be submitted in writing 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. The official OFSAA protest form must be used. These are available at the finish area. Protests must be substantiated in detail. Proof must be submitted and any evidence must be included. A fee of \$50 is required with each protest. 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.

SPORT SPECIFIC DIRECTIVES

1. Festival Structure and Procedure

2. Entry

- a) One additional boys' and one additional girls' High School Division team and one additional Open Division individual, may be permitted from the host Association.

3. Seeding/ START ORDER

a) START ORDER LIST CREATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION SNOWBOARDING

DRAW BY ASSOCIATION

INSTRUCTIONS: Put the names of each association in a hat. Draw the names one by one and create an order. Assuming each association has a full list of entries, enter the names of the competitors from each association in the following order:

RACER 1 OF TEAM 1 SEED

INDIVIDUAL 1 SEED

RACER 1 OF TEAM 2 SEED

RACER 1 OF TEAM 3 SEED

RACER 2 OF TEAM 1 SEED

INDIVIDUAL 2 SEED

RACER 2 OF TEAM 2 SEED

RACER 2 OF TEAM 3 SEED

RACER 3 OF TEAM 1 SEED

INDIVIDUAL 3 SEED

RACER 3 OF TEAM 2 SEED

RACER 3 OF TEAM 3 SEED

RACER 4 OF TEAM 1 SEED

RACER 4 OF TEAM 2 SEED

RACER 4 OF TEAM 3 SEED

RACER 5 OF TEAM 1 SEED

RACER 5 OF TEAM 2 SEED

RACER 5 OF TEAM 3 SEED

NOTE: MAKE SURE TO DECIPHER BETWEEN TEAMS OF THE SAME SCHOOL.

EXAMPLE: RENFREW 1 AND RENFREW 2, ETC.

EXAMPLE: DRAW ORDER: EOSSAA, GHAC, YRAA, COSSA, TDSSAA

EOSSAA RACER 1 TEAM 1 NAME

GHAC RACER 1 TEAM 1 NAME

YRAA RACER 1 TEAM 1 NAME

COSSA RACER 1 TEAM 1 NAME

TDSSAA RACER 1 TEAM 1 NAME

EOSSAA RACER 1 INDIVIDUAL NAME

GHAC RACER 1 INDIVIDUAL NAME, ETC

b) START ORDER CREATION LIST FOR OPEN DIVISION SNOWBOARDING

INSTRUCTIONS: Put the names of each association in a hat. Draw the names one by one and create an order. Assuming each association has a full list of entries, enter the names of the competitors from each association in the following order:

RACER 1 INDIVIDUAL

RACER 2 INDIVIDUAL

RACER 3 INDIVIDUAL

RACER 4 INDIVIDUAL

RACER 5 INDIVIDUAL

EXAMPLE: DRAW ORDER: NCSSAA, TDSSAA, TDCAA, YRAA, EOSSAA

NCSSAA RACER 1 NAME

TDSSAA RACER 1 NAME

TDCAA RACER 1 NAME

YRAA RACER 1 NAME

EOSSAA RACER 1 NAME

NCSSAA RACER 2 NAME

TDSSAA RACER 2 NAME

TDCAA RACER 2 NAME

YRAA RACER 2 NAME

EOSSAA RACER 2 NAME

NCSSAA RACER 3, ETC

4. 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.

Team scores in each of the Girls' and Boys' High School Divisions, and the Girls' and Boys' Open Division shall be calculated by adding the best three individual scores for that team in the Giant Slalom races. In the case of a tie for first place, 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.

5. 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 and assistant referee;
- chief gatekeeper and gatekeepers as required;
- starter and assistant starter;
- chief timekeeper and assistant timekeeper.

- b) 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.

6. Facilities and equipment

- a) The "racer down" yellow flag warning system shall be used for blind areas on the course. Failure to respond to the yellow flag may result in disqualification.
- b) In-ground wired electrical timing should be used for all events.

7. Medical

- a) Provision shall be made by the Convenor to have a medical doctor in attendance or readily available 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 Festival site.

***All Federation Festivals are non-smoking events.
This includes the use of all tobacco related products.
Participants must obey the Ministry of Education's Code of Conduct.***