



GENERAL COMPETITON RULES

South Australian Schools Snowsports Championships

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Managers and competitors must familiarise themselves with these rules prior to their event.

Changes to the rules for this year's competitions are in blue bold print, for ease of recognition

1 ENTRIES

1.1 Enrolment

Schools offer their team for inclusion in the South Australian Schools SnowSports Championships and warrant that participants are currently enrolled as bona fide students of the school during Term 3 of the competition year and are competing in their correct division. Further by entering the Championships participants agree to abide by the rules, regulations, instructions and decisions of the Event Management.

Note: Students can only be enrolled at one school at any time in the State of South Australia.

1.2 Entry closure

All entries must be completed in full and lodged via the On-Line Entry System no later than the deadline date published (via newsletters, meetings and on the South Australian Schools Snowsports website). **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

1.3 National Selection

From the South Australian Schools Snowsports Championships subject to competitive times/scores, the top three (3) placed teams plus the top five (5) individual competitors will be eligible to race in the Australian Interschools Snowsports Championships. (subject always to the discretion of the organising State Committee).

1.4 Team Requirements

Where the National Event is preceded by a State qualifying event, each team participating in the National Event must have one original team member from Snowboard GS, and two original team members from Alpine, that qualified in the State event. Schools may enter competitors into the National event that did not compete at the State events as long as they are placed in a qualified team, before close of entries.

1.5 Invoicing

The Schools Tax Invoice (which is generated from the Interschools 'On-line Entry System) itemises the schools total Schools Snowsports Entry Fees. Buller Ski Lifts must receive payment of this Tax Invoice or a confirmation of Electronic Transfer of Funds before Interschools Race Bibs can be issued to the school.

1.6 Sanctions for breach of rules

Breaches of the Interschools Rules may result in individual participants or teams being disqualified from an individual event or in the case of serious breaches from the Interschools entirely.

1.7 Competitor replacement due to injury

Subject to the discretion of the South Australian Schools Snowsports Event Management, substitution of competitors on serious medical / injury (requires a medical certificate) or compassionate grounds may be allowed, provided the South Australian Schools Snowsports Event Management is notified in writing by 8.00am on the day prior to the scheduled event in which the substitution is to occur. The original competitor's name will not be changed in place of the substitute competitor.

1.8 Withdrawal

Notification of withdrawal of teams from any Interschool event, for reasons other than specified in the General Rules, must be made in writing and received at by the South Australian Schools

Snowsports Event Management in conjunction with Buller Ski Lifts no later than 7 days prior to the commencement of the Championships if refunds are to be made, subject always to the South Australian Schools Snowsports Event Management in conjunction with Buller Ski Lifts discretion with regard to special circumstances.

1.9 Volunteers

It is a condition of entry that schools provide volunteer course officials for every four event entries they enter into the South Australian Schools Snowsports Championships. Volunteers who assist will receive a day pass credit for future visits to Mt Buller.

1.10 Refusal of Entry

The South Australian Schools Snowsports Event Management retains the right to refuse entry to the competition.

2 TEAM INFORMATION

2.1 Event discipline entry

A racer can only be a member of one team for any one discipline. A racer may elect to compete in a higher division.

All team members must be pupils from the same school or campus (if entering as an individual campus) or approved composite team.

2.2 Divisions

Divisions are as follows:

Secondary:

Division One – School Years 11 & 12

Division Two – Schools Years 9 & 10

Division Three – School Year 8

Primary:

Division Four – School Year 7

Division Five – School Years 5 & 6

Division Six – School Years 4 & under

Each division is further subdivided into boys and girls.

2.3 Mixed gender teams

Mixed gender teams are permissible in male events only. Male skiers cannot compete in female events. Female skiers in mixed teams will have their results listed as male competitors.

2.4 Competitor team seeding

Each School is to supply one adult School Snow Sport Coordinator who is responsible for seeding team members (i.e. race starting order within the team). The order of skiers on the entry system shall be the order of skiing.

2.5 Team Managers

Each School must also provide one adult Team Manager per team. Team managers are responsible for ensuring competitors are at the start area prior to their start whilst also checking for disqualifications or protests.

2.6 Competitor substitution

No changes to the names or order of competitors will be accepted after the entry closing date. Substitutions may be allowed on compassionate or medical grounds (with medical certificates) (See Clause 1.4). Changes to teams on compassionate or medical grounds will be restricted to one substitution only. Shuffling of additional teams to fill an "A" Team position will not be allowed. All changes must be made by 8.00am the day prior to the race.

2.7 Bibs

A competitor must wear his/her assigned race bib during course inspection for all disciplines. Bibs must be displayed correctly.

A competitor may be disqualified if he/she does not wear and display a race bib correctly during course inspection and competition.

A team may be disqualified if one of their member's skis in a bib other than the one assigned to their name.

2.8 Disqualification and Protest procedures

For details regarding causes for disqualification refer to Race Procedures in specific discipline rules.

It is the responsibility of the Team Manager to check the DSQ boards at the end of each run.

Protests can only be lodged by the Team Manager with the Chief of Course IN WRITING within 15 minutes of the incident or the disqualification being posted. Protests are to be accompanied by a \$20 fee (which will be refunded if the protest is upheld).

The Chief of Course will consider these protests, consult with witnesses and course workers and decide whether to uphold the protest or dismiss it. In the event that the Chief of Courses decision is disputed a Jury will be called to make a final decision on the Protest. The Jury will consist of the Chief of Race, the Chief of Course and a third member appointed by the Chief of Race. The School Coordinator or Team Manager will be the only individual permitted to communicate with the Chief of Course or Jury. The reasons or argument as to why the protest has been lodged must be in written form only. There must be no verbal argument/discussion between the parties. The Jury's decision will be final.

2.9 Cancellation, postponement or relocation of event

In the event of there being dangerous or poor weather and/or snow conditions, Buller Ski Lifts in conjunction with the South Australian Schools Snowsports Event Management reserves the right to cancel, postpone or re-locate the Championships and will make their decision known on the Monday prior to the advertised commencement of the Championships.

Those who are unable to compete due to changes made by Buller Ski Lifts in conjunction with the South Australian Schools Snowsports Event Management will receive full refunds if they notify the Buller Ski Lifts in writing within 3 days following notification of such changes provided that the Buller Ski Lifts in conjunction with the South Australian Schools Snowsports has the financial capacity to cover all expenses incurred as at the date the Championships were advertised to be held.

Additionally, Buller Ski Lifts in conjunction with the South Australian Schools Snowsports Event Management reserves the right on any day of the Championships to postpone, reschedule, relocate (from original advertised location) or cancel, any event or events due to adverse or unsafe weather or snow conditions or forecast condition.

3 RESULTS

3.1 General

For calculation of team results see specific discipline rules.

3.2 Champion School Trophies

Champion Schools Trophies will be awarded as follows:

Champion Secondary Girls School

Champion Secondary Boys School

Champion Primary Girls School

Champion Primary Boys School

Points in the Championship will be awarded in all Disciplines and Divisions as follows:

1 st	12 points	2 nd	10 points
3 rd	8 points	4 th	7 points
5 th	6 points	6 th	5 points
7 th	4 points	8 th	3 points
9 th	2 points	10 th	1 point

Where a school enters more than 1 team in an event, the points of that school's best team only will contribute to the Champion School points. Points will be awarded to the next School team in order of placings.

3.3 Medals

The 1st, 2nd & 3rd individual place getters in each of the Alpine and Snowboarding events will receive individual medals.

The 1st, 2nd & 3rd team place getters in each of the Alpine and Snowboarding event will receive medals.

The individual winner of each event will be recognised as the South Australian Schools Snowsports Champion.

4 HELMETS, OUTERWEAR, and ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT

4.1 Helmets

All competitors must wear a Safety Standards approved Skiing or Snowboarding helmet in all disciplines, except for Cross Country. Helmets must also be worn by all competitors for course inspection. Competitors will not be able to start their race without a helmet. Bike, surfing or other helmets are not acceptable.

4.2 General Outerwear

All competitors must wear appropriate ski racing outerwear that covers the torso, arms, legs and hands. Short sleeve t-shirts may not be worn on their own during course inspection or for any of the races.

4.3 Headphones and Music players

Competitors are not permitted to wear or use music players or phones for the duration of their event, including start marshalling, course inspection, or whilst racing. Failure to adhere to this will result in disqualification

4.4 Helmet Cameras and Point of View Cameras (POVs)

Competitors are not permitted to wear or use helmet cameras or POV's for the duration of their event, including start marshalling, course inspection, or whilst racing. Failure to adhere to this will result in disqualification

5 RACE COURSE

5.1 Start area "COMPETITOR ONLY AREA" – No coaching zone.

When a competitor is within 10 race starts of their start, coaches, parents, team managers, teachers and all other spectators must not be in the designated "competitor only" area. The "competitor only" start area is determined by the Mountain Race Department and / or the Interschools Race Referee.

If coaches, Team Managers, or Parents are asked to remove themselves from the 'competitor only' area at the request of the Mountain Race Department, the Schools Race Referee or any member of the Event Staff, then they must adhere to the directions immediately. Anyone not adhering to the directive to remove themselves from the 'competitor only' area will face sanctions and the competitor may be disqualified.

5.2 Course workers and course maintenance

All course maintenance work is carried out under the direction of the Chief of Course.

This is generally 'side slipping' carried out by Resort Race Department Staff and/ or Resort Snow Sports Staff. In exceptional circumstances other persons with known course work experience may be invited to assist with course work. In all circumstances course workers must follow the direction of the Chief of Course or their delegate and must work in groups. Coaches, team managers, parents or spectators are not permitted on-course without the direct permission of the Chief of Race or their delegate.

If a Coach, Team Manager, or parent course slips either directly in front of or before several competitors from their / child / athlete then the child may be disqualified. If a parent, coach or Team manager is requested to assist with course maintenance or course slipping in front of one of their competitors then they must make the Chief of Race or their delegate aware of the competitor they represent.

6 ABUSE

Abuse of Course Officials/ Resort staff / Committee or Staff will not be tolerated under any circumstances. The BIA reserves the right to exclude and /or disqualify any individuals, teams, schools, or their third party representatives from competitions or competition courses as necessary

7 ALPINE RULES

7.1 The Team

A team consists of a maximum of four skiers who are enrolled at the same school, or school campus.

Each team is to supply one Team Manager.

7.2 Timing

Each skier will have two runs unless precluded by weather or course conditions.

The team result will be determined by the sum of the fastest three times in the first run and the fastest three times in the second run.

If a skier does not finish or is disqualified in the first run, their time in the second run may still be used to calculate the result.

Unless there are three valid times for the team in each run, the team will not qualify for team results.

For the calculation of individual results, the individual's time is the sum of the times of two valid runs.

7.3 The Course

The course will be a Giant Slalom set suitable for this level of competition by the mountain Race Department.

The course will be open for inspection 45 minutes prior to the race start of the first event of the day. Competitors must correctly wear and display race bibs in order to complete course inspection.

Course inspection may be carried out by:

SIDE SLIPPING from top to bottom for Divisions 1, 2 & 3 from the side of the course not in the race line. Competitors may push onto the course to inspect the race line and then push back to the side of the course.

SIDE SLIPPING or SNOW PLOUGH from top to bottom for Division 4, 5 & 6 only.

Competitors must not ski through the gates while inspecting. Failure to comply with this rule may be a cause for disqualification by the Chief of Race. With marginal snow conditions, the availability of and/or method of course inspection will be at the discretion of the Chief of Race and any changes will be posted or announced at the start.

7.4 Starting orders and procedures

The starting order will be determined by a draw whereby for each Division, Team A from each school will be drawn first, followed by Team B from each school and so on.

The First Runs will proceed in numerical order of bibs with all the first skiers going through, then the second. The Second Run starting order will be the reverse order of each Division's original draw. A competitor who is late for a start will compete at the end of the current run for their Division.

7.5 Race procedures

A competitor's ski tips and both feet must pass across the gateline (the imaginary line between two poles, or the hole where the pole was located). The racer may cross this line from any direction and may also go into and out of the gate "U" fashion, provided the line is crossed.

It is permissible to knock a gate pole away, provided the ski tips and boots pass across the original gate line.

When a racer believes that they have missed a gate, they may ask the gatekeeper which gate they missed and whether he/she has gone back far enough. The racer must then comply with Clause E1. A racer must not be physically assisted during his or her run.

If the course is not completed correctly, the relevant gatekeeper will record a disqualification next to the skier's bib number and complete a diagram of the fault.

If obstructed during his or her run, the racer must immediately leave the race track, ski to the bottom within the course fences, and report the obstruction to the Finish Referee. Do not finish the race and do not ski through the finish line.

A provisional re-run may be granted and will be valid only if it is confirmed by the Jury at the conclusion of that run. If the claim for the re-run is shown to be unjustified, the competitor may be disqualified.

7.6 Disqualifications

Disqualifications can be for a number of reasons and are at the discretion of the respective Chief of Race. Reasons for disqualification include: incorrect method of course inspection, skiing without correct bibs, late arrival for start of race, false name, false start, ski tips and boots fail to go between the gate poles, accepting outside assistance in a race, unjustifiable requests for a re-run, shadowing course or inspecting when closed, skiing off designated course, or for un sportsmanlike behavior or conduct.

A racer abandons if he or she comes to a complete stop on the course for any reason for over 10 seconds during the run. The racer must exit to the side of the course as soon as possible to avoid interfering with the next racers run.

Disqualifications will be listed on the disqualification boards situated in the finish area during the progress of the race.

For details on Protest Procedures, refer to General Rules.

7.7 Procedures at the finish

A racer must finish with at least one ski attached.

Racers, after crossing the finish line, must turn and show their bib number to the Finish Referee, then immediately leave the run out zone. The run out zone is a dangerous area and must be kept clear at all times. Spectators and Team Managers are forbidden to be in this zone.

8 SNOWBOARD RULES

8.1 The Team

A team consists of a maximum of three snowboarders who are all enrolled at the same school, or school campus.

Each team is to supply one adult Team Manager.

8.2 Timing

Each snowboarder will have two runs unless precluded by weather or course conditions.

The team result will be determined by the sum of the fastest two times in the first run and the fastest two times in the second run.

If a snowboarder does not finish or is disqualified in the first run, their time in the second run may still be used to calculate the result.

Unless there are two valid times for the team in each run, then the team is disqualified.

For the calculation of individual results, the individual's time is the sum of the times of two valid runs.

8.3 The Course

The course will be Giant Slalom set suitable for this level of competition by the mountain Race Department.

The course is open for inspection for 30 minutes prior to the race start of the first event of the day. Competitors must correctly wear and display race bibs in order to complete course inspection.

Course inspection may be carried out by SIDE SLIPPING through the course.

Competitors must not point their snowboard directly down through the course. Failure to comply with this rule may be a cause for disqualification. The availability and/or method of course inspection will always be left to the discretion of the Chief of Race and any changes will be posted and/or announced by the Chief of Race at the start.

Starting order and procedures. The starting order will be determined by a draw whereby for each Division, Team A from each school will be drawn first, followed by Team B from each school and so on.

The First Runs will proceed in numerical order of bibs with all the first snowboarders going through, then the second, etc.

The Second Run starting order will be the reverse order of each Division's original draw.

A competitor who is late for a start will compete at the end of the current run for their Division.

8.4 Race procedures

A competitor's snowboard and feet must pass across the gateline (the imaginary line drawn across the slope through the two snowboard gate posts, or the hole where the post was located). The racer may cross this line from any direction and may also go into and out of the gate "U" fashion, provided the line is crossed.

It is permissible to knock a gate post away, provided the snowboard passes across the original gate line.

When a racer believes that they have missed a gate, they may ask the gatekeeper which gate they missed and whether he/she has gone back far enough. A racer must not be physically assisted during his or her run.

If the course is not completed correctly, the relevant gatekeeper will record a disqualification next to the snowboarder's number and complete a diagram of the fault.

If obstructed during his or her run, the racer must immediately leave the race track, snowboard to the bottom within the course fences, and report the obstruction to the Finish Referee. Do not finish the race and do not snowboard through the finish line.

A provisional re-run may be granted and will be valid only if it is confirmed by the Chief of Course at the conclusion of that run. If the claim for the re-run is shown to be unjustified, the competitor will be disqualified.

8.5 Disqualifications

Disqualifications can be for a number of reasons and are at the discretion of the respective Chief of Race. Reasons for disqualification include: incorrect method of course inspection, snowboarding without correct bibs, late arrival for start of race, false name, false start, snowboard fails to go between the gate poles, accepting outside help in a race, unjustifiable requests for a re-run, shadowing course or inspecting when closed, snowboarding off designated course, or for unsportsmanlike behavior or conduct.

Disqualifications will be listed on the disqualification boards situated in the finish area during the progress of the race.

For details on Protest Procedures, refer to General Rules.

8.6 Procedures at the finish

Racers, after crossing the finish line, must turn and show their bib number to the Finish Referee, then immediately leave the run out zone. The run out zone is a dangerous area and must be kept clear at all times. Spectators and Team Managers are forbidden to be in this zone.

8.7 Equipment

Snowboard Hard Boot, Board and Binding or Soft Boot, Board and Binding set ups are permitted on the Snowboard Giant Slalom Course.

Only standard snowboarding equipment is allowed, that is, no poles or other mechanical devices that may provide assistance are permitted. All competitors must wear approved ski and snowboard safety helmets (bike and surf helmets are not acceptable).

8.8 Disqualifications

Competitors may also be disqualified for:

A false start

Not correctly passing through all sections of the course

Missing the start time.

The decision to disqualify a competitor shall be at the discretion of the judges situated on the course. The judges' decision is final, no protests will be allowed.

8.9 Equipment

Snowboard Hard Boot, Board and Binding set up are not permitted on Snowboard Cross Courses. Soft Boot, Board and Binding set ups only are permitted on Snowboard Cross Course.

Only standard snowboarding equipment is allowed, that is, no poles or other mechanical devices that may provide assistance are permitted. All competitors must wear approved ski and snowboard safety helmets (bike and surf helmets are not acceptable).

Race suits must not be worn as outerwear by competitors on course.

8.10 Procedures at finish

Racers, after crossing the finish line, must turn and show their bib number to the Finish Referee, then immediately leave the run out zone. The run out zone is a dangerous area and must be kept clear at all times. Spectators and Team Managers are forbidden to be in this zone.

