

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. Date:

The OFSAA Co-educational Alpine Skiing Championship shall be held during the last week of February or the first week of March unless extraordinary circumstances dictate a change.

2. Location:

The location of the Championship shall be decided not later than the OFSAA Annual Meeting held in April of the school year prior to the Championship.

3. Events:

The events to be conducted are:

Levels I and II:

Girls' Slalom

Girls' Giant Slalom

Boys' Slalom

Boys' Giant Slalom

Definition of Teams and Team Members:

Level I Team Racers: Participants are school-trained athletes. They have NO ski league affiliation race training, beyond Nancy Greene or the age of 10.

Level II Team Racers: Participants are those skiers who have ski league affiliation and training beyond the Nancy Greene level or the age of 10.

4. Meet Structure:

There shall be two (2) race courses: one for Level I skiers and one for Level II skiers.

The competition shall take place over two days. Two runs in each event shall be held when possible.

5. Entry:

(a) Entries shall be accepted from Association convenors or designates only.

(b) Entries must be received by the OFSAA convenor no later than one week prior to the meet. Late entries will only be accepted if they can be accommodated and shall be subject to a penalty of an additional entry fee.

- (c) Associations shall be allowed to enter one boys' team and one girls' team in each of the Level I and II races. Girls' and Boys' Teams shall be made up as follows: five (5) team members - five (5) to race; three (3) to count.
The Association that had a team which placed first overall in a particular division the previous year, will be awarded a second team entry in that particular division for the current year.
- (d) One female and one male racer may be selected to represent their Association to race as individuals in Levels I and II. The individual must attend a different school than the team entry.
- (e) Additional entries to the Championship will be awarded to Associations based on combined Slalom and Giant Slalom results from the previous year's Championship.
- (f) The TDSSAA shall be permitted two (2) entries as outlined in sections (c), (d) and (e) above.
- (g) All racers must be declared on the entry form. NO substitutions are allowed.
- (h) 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 entry form.
- (i) For associations withdrawing a team(s) after the commitment deadline the minimum sanction imposed will be a fine equal to the entry fee. Further, if the withdrawal takes place at a time that impacts on the convener, financially or logistically, a further fine may be issued. This fine may encompass costs incurred by the convenor for entry fee, banquet meals, banners, etc. as reviewed and approved by OFSAA. The association and/or school may also be brought forward to the Board of Reference sanctions.

6. Expenses:

An Entry Fee shall be charged which shall be sufficient to cover operating costs of the Championship. Any Association that does not meet its entry commitment after it has declared an entry into the Championship will be required to submit the entry fee and a report will be made to the Board of Reference - Sanctions.

Those schools having entries are responsible for arranging and financing their own travel, meals and accommodation for the event.

Convenors are encouraged to obtain appropriate all-inclusive travel packages whenever possible for the event. Competitors must avail themselves of these arrangements as a condition of participation.

Billets for competitors may be arranged at the discretion of the convenor; when such billeting is requested competitors must accept billets as assigned as a condition of participation.

7. Eligibility:

- (a) 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.
- (b) (i) Only students who were entered **and participated** as members of a school's team of five skiers in the Association meet, where held, are eligible to participate for that team in the OFSAA Championship.
 - (ii) All racers must complete the racers profile form which must be submitted with the entry form.
- (c) A member of the current year's provincial team, or higher, is ineligible for OFSAA competition.
 - (d) OFSAA Co-educational Alpine Skiing is classified as a team sport. A school team skier is defined as an individual who practices under the direction and supervision of the designated teacher coach, as approved by the school principal, from November 1st until the OFSAA Championship. All OFSAA racers must have participated in a minimum of eight (8) school practice sessions (dry land and on-hill). There must be on-hill training with the school team. A ski race is not defined as a practice session.
 - (e) Each ski team member's attendance at school practices and school race dates must be documented on the official OFSAA attendance declaration form.
 - (f) An athlete may not participate at both the OFSAA Alpine Ski Championships and any other alpine ski event occurring on the same day.

8. Rules and Officials:

Revisions to rules governing competition at the OFSAA Championship shall be reviewed by the Sport Advisory Committee and approved by the Board of Directors prior to implementation at any Championship.

The current F.I.S. Rule Book shall govern competition at the OFSAA Championship with the following exceptions:

(a) 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.

- (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.
- (c) 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.
- (d) 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.
- (e) In-ground wired electrical timing should be used for all events.
- (f) In the case of missed times, re-runs will be granted.

9. Uniform and Equipment:

All skiers must have ski brakes. 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 Level 1 and Level 2 competitors.

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. 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. Sponsorship recognition is permitted to be visible but must conform with the placement guidelines outlined in By-Law 6, Section 2 (h). This criteria must be met both on and in the immediate vicinity of the competitive area and during the awards ceremonies.

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. Incidents of non-compliance shall be forwarded to the Competition Committee for resolution.

Effective immediately, snow sport helmets must be worn by all coaches and officials while on the hill.

10. 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' Level I, Boys' Level I, Girls' Level II and Boys' Level II shall be calculated by adding the best three individual scores for that team in Slalom and again 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. There are no Combined Girls' and Boys' Teams nor are there Combined Slalom and Giant Slalom computations.
- (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.

11. Awards:

- (a) Team championships shall be declared for each of Girls' Level I Slalom and Giant Slalom races, Boys' Level I Slalom and Giant Slalom races, Girls' Level II Slalom and Giant Slalom races and Boys' Level II Slalom and Giant Slalom races. Medals shall be presented to the first three teams in each category (five medals for each team).
- (b) Members of the fourth through eighth place teams shall receive OFSAA ribbons (5)
- (c) Individual medals shall be presented to first, second and third and ribbons to fourth through eighth places in each of the Levels I and II Slalom and Giant Slalom races.
- (d) The winning boys' and girls' school teams in Levels I & II competition (both Slalom and Giant Slalom) shall be presented with banners to be retained by the school.

OFSAA-ineligible athletes, who were permitted to compete at the local league or Association level, shall not receive OFSAA medals, either at the Championship or after the event.

12. 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.

13. **Registration:**

Registration materials will only be given to the teacher accompanying the athlete(s), upon receipt of a completed Rules of Behaviour signature form and photo forms.

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

- (a) A team is defined as, "All participants representing the same school at an OFSAA Championship event".
- (b) 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."
- (c) All participants are expected to abide by the "Rules of Behaviour for Participants to OFSAA Championships". (see Appendix to By-Laws).
- (d) Supervising adults are responsible for the behaviour of participants for the duration of the Championships.
- (e) Teams are open to censure for failure of its participants to abide by the "Rules of Behaviour".
- (f)
 - (i) All coaches are expected to adhere to the Code of Ethics for Coaches to OFSAA Championships. (See Appendix II)
 - (ii) School personnel and coaches are expected to adhere to the Statement of Principle on Recruiting. (See Appendix IV)
 - (iii) Spectators are expected to adhere to the Code of Behaviour for Spectators. (See Appendix III)
 - (iv) All coaches are expected to adhere to the "Return to Play Guidelines". (See Appendix VI)
 - (v) School personnel and coaches are expected to adhere to the Policy on dispensing drugs, medication and food supplements. (See Appendix IX)
- (g) 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.
- (h) No artificial noisemakers are permitted at OFSAA Championship events.

15. Social:

If a special event is arranged, all team members and coaches must attend.

Dress Code for Banquets:

- no person shall wear jeans, shorts or a hat;
- boys shall wear dress pants, a dress shirt and a tie;
- girls shall wear dress pants or skirt with a dress top;
- if a themed event is planned by the convenor, then the convenor must apply to the OFSAA office for permission to vacate these rules;
- should there be an instance of improper attire, the Competition Committee shall deal with the matter and forward a report to the OFSAA Board of Reference - Sanctions.

16. Medical Personnel:

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.) Qualified first-aid personnel and equipment shall be available at the Championship site. Coaches shall provide all consumable medical supplies (e.g. tape, bandaids) for their athletes.

Provision shall also be made by the Convenor to have ski patrol members readily available on both the Giant Slalom and Slalom courses.

17. Jury of Appeal:

The Jury of Appeal shall consist of three (3) individuals: the Chairperson of the OFSAA Alpine Skiing Sport Advisory Committee, or designate, a tournament committee member and one (1) other member appointed by the Championship Convenor. The Jury of Appeal shall handle disputes which fall within the realm of:

- (a) Tournament Structure and Procedure;
- (b) Rules and Officials;
- (c) Uniforms and Equipment;
- (d) Scoring.

Tournament structure and procedure concerns shall be addressed no later than the end of the coaches' meeting.

A dispute must be submitted in writing to the Convenor or Designate together with a \$50.00 fee (refundable if dispute is upheld) within thirty (30) minutes, except as provided within specific sport governing regulations, of the conclusion of the event in which the incident under dispute occurred. Decisions of the Jury of Appeal shall be final.

A report of the Jury of Appeal decisions shall be forwarded to the Board of Reference - Sanctions.

18. Competition Committee:

- (a) The Competition Committee shall consist of three (3) individuals: the Championship Convenor, or designate; an OFSAA staff or Executive Committee Member, or designate; and the Chairperson of the OFSAA Alpine Skiing Sport Advisory Committee, or designate. The Competition Committee shall handle disputes regarding:
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| (i) Eligibility; | (iv) Social; |
| (ii) Department; | (v) Medical Personnel; |
| (iii) Supervision and registration; | (vi) Awards. |

If a dispute cannot be resolved by the Competition Committee within a reasonable period of time, the event will continue and the dispute may be referred to a Board of Reference - General. (Please note that eligibility under the OFSAA Transfer Policy cannot be addressed at OFSAA events (By-Law 5, Section 4 (f)).

Disputes which fall within the jurisdiction of the Competition Committee must be received in writing to the Convenor or designate, together with a \$50.00 fee (refundable if dispute is upheld) within a reasonable time frame.

Appeals to the decisions of the Competition Committee shall be addressed to the Board of Reference - General.

A report of the decisions of the Competition Committee shall be forwarded to the Board of Reference - Sanctions.

- (b) The Competition Committee shall be the body empowered to delay/cancel an event(s) due to unforeseen circumstances at the site(s).

***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.