

OFSAA 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. Date:

The OFSAA Co-educational Alpine Snowboard Festival shall be held during the first week in March unless extraordinary circumstances dictate a change.

2. Location:

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

3. Events:

The events to be conducted are Girls' Giant Slalom and Boys' Giant Slalom for both Level 1 and Level 2 divisions.

In Level 1 competition, the top 3 male and female teams and the top 3 male and female athletes from the association shall be permitted to enter. In Level 2 competition, the top 3 male and female athletes from the association shall be permitted to enter.

Level 1 – Participants are those snowboarders who high school trained only.

Level 2 – Participants are those snowboarders that have competed in A.O.S and Interclub or equivalent club level racing (including alpine racing and/or boarder cross). This would exclude slopestyle and half pipe competitions.

Definition of Teams and Team Members:

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.

4. Meet Structure:

A one day meet featuring a combined two run total time on a giant slalom course.

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) "In Level 1 competition, the Top 3 male and female teams and the top 3 male and female athletes from the association shall be permitted to enter. In Level 2 competition, the top 3

male and female athletes from the association shall be permitted to enter.”

- d) One additional boys' and one additional girls' Level 1 team and one additional Level 2 individual, may be permitted from the host Association.
- e) All racers must be declared on the entry form. NO substitutions are allowed.
- f) All coaches must attend the pre-meet coaches' meeting in order for their school to participate in the OFSAA Festival.
- 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 athletes and the nature of the disciplinary action on the OFSAA entry form.
- (h) 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 convener 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 Festival. Any Association that does not meet its entry commitment after it has declared an entry into the Festival 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.

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 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 has not reached his 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) Any athlete participating in an OFSAA Festival or an OFSAA qualifying event must have participated as a member of a bona fide high school program during the current season under the supervision of a teacher-coach as certified by the school principal.
- (b) Only students who were entered **and participated** as members of a school's team of five athletes in the Association's Championship, where held, are eligible to participate for that team in the OFSAA Festival.
- (c) OFSAA Co-educational Snowboard Racing is classified as a team sport. A school team racer 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 Festival. All OFSAA racers must have participated in a minimum of seven (7) school practice sessions (dry land and on-hill). There must be on-hill training with the school team.
- (d) Each team member's attendance at school practices and school race dates must be documented on the official OFSAA attendance declaration form.

8. Rules and Officials:

Revisions to rules governing competition at the OFSAA Festival shall be reviewed by the Sport Advisory Committee and approved by the Representatives' Council prior to implementation at any Festival.

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

(a) Starting Order

In the first run of each event each school shall have a racer in the first seed section. For the first run each seed shall be drawn independently and randomly. **The Level 1 racers will race before the Level 2 racers. The second run order will be the same as the first run.**

- (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 "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.
- (e) In-ground wired electrical timing should be used for all events.
- (f) 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.

9. Uniform and Equipment:

All athletes must have a snowboard leash. A protective helmet designed for snowboarding or skiing must be worn by all racers while on snow. Coaches and other adult volunteers are strongly recommended to wear helmets.

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).

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 and Boys' Level I 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.

1st place Level 1 male and female teams will be recognized
2nd place Level 1 male and female teams will be recognized
3rd place Level 1 male and female teams will be recognized
Top three individual Level 1 & 2 racers will be recognized

- c) Disqualifications:

Disqualifications include: DNS (did not start), missing a gate, profanity, unsportsmanlike conduct, other infractions, changed numbers, etc. Such competitors will score a time of 9999.

- (i) Disqualifications in the first run will receive a second run
- (ii) DNFs (Did Not Finish) and those who missed gates shall receive a time of 9999.

11. Awards:

- a) Team championships shall be declared for each of boys' and girls' Level 1 teams
- b) Individual medals shall be presented to first, second and third places in each of the Levels I and II Giant Slalom races. **Members of the first, second and third place Level 1 teams will be awarded medals.**
- c) **The winning Level 1 boys' and girls' school teams shall be presented with banners to be retained by the school.**

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 Festival 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 Festival ". (see Appendix to By-Laws)
- d) Supervising adults are responsible for the behaviour of participants for the duration of the Festival.
- 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 Festivals. (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 Festival events.

15. Social:

If a special event is arranged, all team members and coaches must attend; individuals may attend at their discretion.

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:

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

17. Jury of Appeal:

The Jury of Appeal shall consist of three (3) individuals: the chairperson of the OFSAA Snowboarding Sport Advisory Committee or designate, a tournament committee member and one (1) other member appointed by the Festival 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 Festival Convenor, or designate; an OFSAA staff or Executive Committee Member, or designate; and the Chairperson of the OFSAA Snowboarding Skiing Sport Advisory Committee, or designate. The Competition Committee shall handle disputes regarding:
 - (i) Eligibility;
 - (ii) Deportment;
 - (iii) Supervision and registration;
 - (iv) Social;
 - (v) Medical personnel;
 - (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 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.***