

NORTH ISLAND  
PRIMARY & SECONDARY SCHOOLS  
SNOW BOARD  
COMPETITION  
RULES

It is the intent of these rules to be in the spirit of fair competition so that each school has an equal chance of enjoying the racing, improving their snow boarding standards, gaining prizes and fostering snow boarding as a sport. Any loophole that is exploited by schools for their own ends will be viewed with disfavour by the race jury.

The North Island Primary & Secondary School Snow Board Competition is hosted by Ruapehu College for North Island Schools only.

### **Rule 1 - Eligibility of Competitors**

A student eligible to compete in the North Island Primary & Secondary Schools Competitions for Snow Boarding must:

- a Be enrolled as a bona fide student at the school of representation and studying at least 80% of a programme that is part of the timetable provided by the school for at least four weeks prior to the event.
- b Have a satisfactory attendance record at the school. Decision at the Principal's discretion.
- c The student must be under 19 years of age at the first of January in the year of the competition. Secondary School students must be Year 9-13.
- d Students who transfer from one school to another are eligible to compete provided they are on the roll of the participating school and have attended classes for at least four weeks prior to the time of the event. (Dispensation for those who transfer within four weeks of the competition is at the discretion of the organising committee).
- e All teams/students participating in the competitions must be under the direct control of a school and have a designated adult in charge accountable to the Principal. The designated adult must assume responsibility throughout the duration of the events.
- f Schools are encouraged to have teachers in managerial and /or coaching positions.

### **Rule 2 - Entry Requirements**

- a Co-educational Schools may enter one Open Boys team and one Open Girls team.
- b A School may enter a maximum of FOUR contestants in each of three events  
Dual Giant Slalom  
Boarder Cross  
Slope Style
- c Competitors can enter in one, two or all three events. The best THREE BOYS scores and best TWO GIRLS scores count in each event, toward the Top School Award. (Secondary only)

### **Rule 3 – Format**

- a All competitors **must** wear approved **safety helmets** and use of wrist guards is encouraged.
- b In the event of an injury sustained by a competitor immediately prior to the event, a substitution may be made with the proviso that no male competitor may be substituted for a female or female for a male competitor. Application for a substitution can only be made by team managers and only to the Chief of Course.
- c **Dual Giant Slalom (Day 1)**  
Racers present themselves in Bib Order, starting with the Girls' completing two runs, followed by the Boys. Each racer **gets two runs**, one on the **blue side**, one on the **red side**. Any racer who races twice on any one side will be automatically disqualified. It is the racer's responsibility to make clear to any race officials that they have already raced on one side of the course. Male competitors who are entered in BOTH the Giant Slalom and Slope Style **MUST** complete their Slope Style in Bib Order. Male competitors, who are also entered in the Slope Style, will be permitted to complete a Giant Slalom run, "slightly" behind their bib order, but only if their Slope Style run was on at the same time. Racers must wear the numbered bib specified by the race organisers. All recording will be purely by bib number. Racers' numbers will be recorded at the start of the course. Names will be randomly checked and specifically checked when asked by the chief of course on information from onlookers or otherwise. Racers whose name does not match their bib number will be automatically disqualified. Racers need to get two times, one for blue side and one for red side. Competitors who race only once will be deemed to be incomplete unless the decision is made to close the course early in which case the Chief of Course will make a decision in consultation with the Chief of Race.

- d **Slope Style (Day 1)**  
One run is judged by three judges. The Team Competition is decided by the combined totals of the three best competitors in each team in round one. Fore runners will be used to help standardise scoring. Slope Style competitors must report in the same order as on the Start List. A further two runs (if time permits) may be used to decide the placings of individuals in the Top 10 Girls and Top 20 Boys. Top 10 Girls and Top 20 Boys Bib Numbers will be displayed at the top of the course. The Terrain Park will be open for practice runs before the event. One participant at a time! All Number 4 competitors first, number 3's, number 2's and number 1's last. The Boys first.
- e **Boardercross (Day 2)**  
Super GS course involving Four Snow Boarders in a knock out competition. The first two racers proceed to the next round and the others are eliminated. All competitors must check placings with the Finish Judge at the end of the course eg disqualifications for pushing. All competitors through to the next round must return immediately to the top of the course after their run, to wait for the next round to begin. It is the responsibility of the Racer to be ready when the Start Marshall calls their name. In the Boarder Cross, number one competitors will be spread throughout the heats in Round Two. Number two, three and four competitors will also be evenly spread across the heats in Round Two. Round One will be for "Number Four Racers only" with Number One, Two & Three Racers seeded through to Round Two, if entry numbers dictate. In Round One, first and second place getters go through to Round Two plus the fastest third & fourth place getters
- f If **Monday and Tuesday are abandoned** due to bad weather, only the **Dual Giant Slalom and Slope Style** will be run on Wednesday.
- g The **Slope Style** will run at the same time as the **Dual Giant Slalom**. Competitors entered in BOTH events must report to the Marshall at the Slope Style on time, but get to the Dual Giant Slalom as soon as possible" if their runs coincide. It is the responsibility of competitors and Managers to manage any clashes as any unacceptable delays may result in disqualification. The **Girls will follow the Boys at the Slope Style, for first round only.**
- h The Organisers retain the right to change the order of events because of weather or course conditions. eg If poor visibility prevents the Slope Style proceeding but not the Giant Slalom on Day 1, then the Boardercross and Slope Style may both go ahead on Day 2. In that situation, competitors must report on time to the Boardercross but complete their Slope Style as close as possible to their original start order.

#### **Rule 4 - School Points (Secondary Schools ONLY)**

- a **Dual Giant Slalom**  
The combined times of the THREE fastest BOY & TWO fastest GIRL competitors.
- b **Slope Style**  
Points are awarded by three judges out of Ten for "Overall Impression" (use of terrain and landing moves) and then added together for the following aspects:  
**Fluidity and Control**  
**Technical Difficulty**  
**Overall Impression**  
**Deductions for falls**
- c **Boardercross**  
Seeded competitors automatically gain one point from round one.  
One point is awarded for each Round completed, plus 1st gains a Bonus 3 points, 2nd = 2 points, 3rd = 1 point in the Final.
- d The score of the Fourth competitor will be taken into account in the event of a draw.

## **Rule 5 - Bad Weather Contingencies**

- a Should weather or other circumstances prevent the completion of all competitors on Monday's Dual Giant Slalom, the event will be deemed completed only if at least all designated No. 3 competitors have raced. If all No. 3 competitors have not completed their runs, then that event must be rerun in total the next available day. Any event that has already been completed, the results will stand and carry forward to the following day. If the Dual Giant Slalom and Slope Style are not completed on Monday, they roll over to Tuesday.
- b In the event of the Dual Giant Slalom and Slope Style not being completed on Tuesday, only the Dual Giant Slalom and Slope Style will be contested on Wednesday.
- c In the event of the Dual Giant Slalom not being completed on Wednesday, major prizes can only be established if a minimum of all designated No. 1, 2 & 3 competitors have completed. All sponsored prizes will be issued on the basis of the results to hand.
- d Prize giving will be held outside the Alpine Café at 4.30pm if events are still being run on Wednesday.

## **Rule 6 – Competition**

- a Only the Chief of Race and the Chiefs of Course have the power to disqualify.
- b Once start orders have been finalised, that order cannot be changed without the authority of the Chief of Course.
- c No competitor /manager/parent may fore run or maintain the course.
- d Only the Chief of Course can authorise reruns and generally these will be only for the external interference of a competitor or a timing malfunction.
- e Each competitor must go around the gate on the correct side with both ankles on the Dual GS and Boardercross courses. If a gate is missed, the racer must climb back to the gate. Both ankles must go above the level of the gate missed and around the correct side before descending.
- f The starter must use the "Racers ready? - 3 - 2 - 1 - GO" for the Dual Giant Slalom start. In the Boardercross, the starter must use the "Racers ready?" followed by a random delay of the gates opening.
- g The finish Referee has the final decision on placings of competitors after each Boardercross race. He/she must 'stand down' when their own students are racing, as must the Boardercross starter.
- h False starts of the Boarder Cross will be designated by a whistle.
- i Slipping of the course will only be approved under the jurisdiction of the Chief of Course and then by Event Crew only.

## **Rule 7 – Protests**

- a Any immediate verbal protest will be dealt with by the Chief of Course at the time it arises. IT MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY VIDEO FOOTAGE OF THE ALLEGED INCIDENT. If the matter cannot be resolved by the Course Chief, they will pass it on to the Race Chief who will make a resolution.
- b Team managers wishing to appeal any race resolution must do so in writing to the Chief of Race within one hour of the alleged incident happening.
- c The Protest Jury consists of all or a majority of the following: The Race Chief and the Three Course Chiefs.
- d Any written protest must be by a Team Manager. It must include a \$100 protest fee, VIDEO FOOTAGE OF THE ALLEGED INCIDENT and a contact phone number for the Team Manager. Where a protest is upheld, the \$100 protest fee will be refunded.
- e Where a written protest is lodged, the Protest Jury will decide upon a course of action as soon as is practicably possible that day.
- f Where any disciplinary action is contemplated on any team, then the team manager will be contacted in the first instance.
- g Protests are not permitted in the Boardercross event. The Judges decision is final.
- h Any decision made by the Jury is final.