

CWSAA COMPETITION GUIDELINES



A GUIDE TO ASSIST MEMBER AREAS HOLDING COMPETITIONS
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INTRODUCTION

The construction, preparation and maintenance of to days Race and Competition sites can be very time consuming and costly for the Host resorts. They can severely impact the enjoyment to other resort users as well. Conversely properly run and managed events can be a benefit to all concerned, they can bring a certain flair and excitement to the Resort and potentially create additional revenue. Major events are often a vehicle for extensive media coverage of the Resort, which can result in long term image building and financial rewards. If a Resort plans to host events, they should be properly planed, consider the safety and enjoyment for all and be cost effective.

The Guidelines and Policies below are to assist Member Areas in their negotiations with Competition/Race Organising Committees (R.O.C.). They generally apply to the holding of Regional Ski and Snowboard competitions from entry level (Nancy Green Ski League) to junior level (Provincial Championship). The holding of National Championship, International and World Cup Events that may or may not include T.V. coverage may require more elaborate negotiations and/or the assistance of specialised event managers.

The policies and guidelines are written in conjunction with events sanctioned & sponsored by the Associations that oversee Ski and Snowboard Development and Competitions in Canada (Sports Associations) and their various Disciplines benefiting from the CWSAA All Area Competitor Pass. They could be equally applied to competitions covered by other sponsors or organisations. It is advised that you review your liability position with your insurers before you agree to host a Competition or Event in your Resort or Area.

It is most important that you and the race/event organisation mutually agree (in writing if necessary) on all the specific details concerning the event in question. This process should be followed, be it a sanctioned event by a Sports Association or a recreational or professional event organised by others.

In order to assure well-operated competitions in your areas, it is recommended that you follow these suggested policies and guidelines, they will assist to avoid last minute surprises.

GENERAL GUIDELINES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Member Areas should request that the Organisers carry adequate Liability Insurance that names the Resort and all its Employees and Agents etc. as also named insured. A minimum of \$5,000,000 is recommended per event and per occurrence of liability. Some Sports Associations such as Alpine Canada Alpin and its Divisions have historically been able to provide insurance that complied to the above. However it is each area managers responsibility to familiarise him/her self with the terms of this policy and ascertain before each race/event that their respective area is also named insured in the policy for the event being organised.
2. It is recommended that all Competitors of legal age participating in non sanctioned events/competitions sign an event specific waiver that will hold harmless the host resort, the resort employees and agents as well as any event sponsor.
3. Competitors and officials must respect all rules and regulation, including the **ALPINE RESPONSIBILITY CODE**, as may be posted by the ski area operator from time to time.
4. Ski brakes and/or approved anti run-away devices are mandatory on all skis or snowboards used in any form of competition or during recreational free skiing.
5. It is recommended that the Race/Event Organising Committee (R.O.C.) and the area management negotiate specific equipment rental rates for Snowcats, Lifts, Snowmaking, Snowmobiles and/or other charges for labour and use of facilities which may be required, refer to Race Course Preparation Charges below.
6. It may be advisable to nominate an official ski area contact/coordinator that will handle all interfaces between the R.O.C. and ski area management.
7. It should be established if the Area will carry free the National Team members and coaches as designated from time to time by the National Sports Association and their disciplines.
8. It should be established that in the case of Canadian Championship, National or International Events all competitors, coaches, officials and workers involved will be required to pay for Area Day passes, or whether the Area Day Passes will be substituted by a suitably approved identification provided by the R.O.C.
9. For areas that are considering holding National or International Competitions that involve National or International Sponsors, and extensive media coverage, it is recommended that a specific Event Contract is signed, well in advance of the actual event. Such contract should be signed by all parties involved i.e. Area, sanctioning Association and Event Sponsor. The contract should clearly spell out each signatories responsibilities and benefits. Areas should be diligent that their costs are adequately covered and that financing is in place before the area does any preparatory work.

PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF THE SEASON

Agree with the various Race Clubs, Promoters and others the following:

1. The number of races/events the area is prepared to host during the forthcoming season.
2. Dates, Time and Location where these races/events are to take place.
3. Individual directly responsible for organising the races/events.
4. Regulations applying to training and race days for both officials and competitors.
5. How many Officials, coaches and race/event workers will be carried free of charge on the day of the race/event. For Downhills, training days (max. 3 days) are considered equal to race days.

PRE EVENT AND EVENT DAYS

1. All competitors, coaches and officials must have a valid Area Day Pass, properly installed, unless otherwise agreed on.
2. When and where passes are to be obtained is to be decided upon with area management approval.
3. A list of all competitors, coaches and officials is required before passes can be obtained or purchased.
4. The responsibility of picking up passes in advance and distributing them is to be established.
5. It should be established where racers with CWSAA All Area Competitor Passes are to pick up their Area Day Pass.
6. The rate to be charged racers/competitors if they do not hold an CWSAA All Area Competitor Pass, it is recommended that subject to the discretion of the area management, not less than 50% of the Area Youth/Student Day Pass be charged.
7. In the event of a Downhill race, it should be established how many days preceding the race the agreed rate will apply. Generally, three (3) training days are allowed for Downhill races as per current FIS requirements. Training days is not required for Slalom, Giant Slalom or Super G races.
8. Lift Line Privileges
 - a. Officials who are working up and down the course during the race/event usually these are: the Technical Delegate, Chief of Race, Chief of Course, Chief of Gatekeepers, the Referee and necessary course workers. These officials must wear distinguishing bibs or identifications.
 - b. Racers/Competitors who require a re-run, and who

receive a signed slip from the Referee at the finish, must present this slip to the Lift Attendant.

9. Courses will be set in the area approved by management.
10. All obstacles, such as poles, ruts, moguls, must be removed upon completion of the race/event with the assistance of those participating in the race/event. Unless otherwise negotiated this is not an area responsibility and is a chargeable item for a race/event.
11. Requirements for training or test courses other than the actual racecourse, their location, cost of preparation, maintenance and clean up should be established and agreed on.

RACE COURSE PREPARATION CHARGES

The CWSAA membership has established an industry wide basic rate to be used by western Canadian ski areas in the negotiations with the different bodies who plan to hold ski races within the ski areas. These are as follows:

1. Basic Equipment and Services

a.	Hourly charges for front line grooming machine	\$ 150.00/hr
b.	Hourly charges for secondary or transportation snow machine	\$ 100.00/hr
c.	Snow mobiles	\$ 50.00/hr
d.	Snowmaking	\$ 335.00/hr
e.	Extra lift operation	\$ 120.00/hr
f.	Labour and staff support	cost + 25%

2. Course Preparation

The preparation of Competition sites such as race courses, Half Pipes, Terrain Parks and Boarder/Skier Cross tracks can be very costly and many competition or race organisations may not have the money to pay for the total cost incurred by the ski area, especially for events such as Super Giant Slalom and Downhills where construction of major safety netting and course control is necessary.

For these events, it is recommended that the Ski Area and the Race Organisation negotiate a contract prior to the commencement of the season to insure neither party incurs any financial losses (see attached sample contracts), it may be necessary to bring in support through sponsorship agreements to cover all costs. Furthermore some of the equipment may have to be installed before too much snow covers the ground.

The preparation of Slalom and Giant Slalom courses is much less labour and machine intensive. There fore it is recommended that a fixed site fee be charged by CWSAA Member Areas for the use of Slalom and Giant Slalom events, up to the Divisional

Level of competition. This would cover all established race programs up to including Regional F.I.S. Events, exclusive of Canadian Championships, National Juvenile Championships, Pontiac Cup, Nor-Am's and similar Events, and other International Competitions.

From experience, the preparation of a Slalom and Giant Slalom site for a Regional Weekend of competition will require the following:

Minimum 8 hours of grooming with blade and tiller = 8 hrs. x \$ 150.00	\$ 1200.00
Placing of control fencing or rope to fence off area, labour provided by ski area 2 men x \$ 7.50/hr. x 10 hrs. + 10%	\$ 165.00
Office and/or Daylodge facilities use, Administrative & Overhead	\$ 135.00
TOTAL not including GST	\$ 1500.00

It is recommended that similar charges are applicable for the construction and maintenance of Snowboard competition sites.

3. **Reason**

In providing a properly prepared and marked competition site, the ski area loses skiable terrain for the recreation skier/snowboarders, which in turn, could have an adverse impact on the ski Resorts income.

Most competition sites such as hockey rinks, swimming pools and track and field stadiums are heavily subsidised through taxpayer money. It is therefore unfair to expect ski area operators to subsidise competition sites for ski or snowboard competitions.

It is well understood that ski and snowboard competitions are becoming more expensive each year; it must be appreciated that preparation and standards requested by the race organisations have risen dramatically. However, this can only be provided by a corresponding increase in cost to the organiser.

Obviously in providing the outlined services at the scale of charges described above, each operator has the obligation to ensure the highest quality of work in carrying out the required tasks.

DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES (August 1997)

(Disciplinary procedures will be applied to all events and their participants)

CWSAA and Alpine Canada (C.S.A.) understand and agree that it may be necessary to invoke disciplinary actions against participants or members of the Organising Committee due to transgressions and/or objectionable behaviour during the event. It is also agreed that to keep such actions to a bare minimum it is necessary to keep communication between Resort Management and the R.O.C. pro-active and as direct and open as possible at all times.

The disciplinary actions will be taken by a member/host area as a result of:

1. If any competitor or member of the R.O.C. fails to observe the **ALPINE RESPONSIBILITY CODE** or any other reasonable safety or behavioural related rules or regulations that the Ski / Snowboard Resort Management may see fit to display from time to time.
2. Lift related infractions that affect safety of everybody, such as:
 - a. jumping of Chair lifts at any point past the loading area or before the unload point;
 - b. wilfully swing or bounce chairs or other carriers;
 - c. slaloming or otherwise leaving the defined track on a T-bar or other surface lift.
3. Behavioural infractions such as
 - a. verbal or physical abuse of resort area staff;
 - b. disregard for other resort users peaceful enjoyment of the resort facilities;
 - c. disregard for order and cleanliness within resort area lodges and food facilities;
 - d. swearing and foul language.

Disciplinary steps to be taken at the request of the resort management for the above listed infractions are:

1. BARRED FROM USING LIFT FACILITIES, BUT WILL BE FREE TO HIKE TO THE START.

2. DISQUALIFIED FROM COMPETING ANY FURTHER IN THE COMPETITION AT THE TIME AND PLACE, INCLUDING REGULARLY SCHEDULED DOWNHILL TRAINING RUNS.

3. BARRED FROM THE RESORT AREA IN TOTAL.

The above is an example of the most severe cases that will result in disciplinary proceedings neither should it be considered the final list that will result in disciplinary actions. It is not the CWSAA's intent to write a rule book on behaviour and deportment for Ski and Snowboard competitions, it is up to the parents, coaches and event organisers to insure that their charges receive the proper upbringing so these actions are not necessary.

CWSAA ALL AREAS COMPETITORS PASS QUALIFICATIONS

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1. Who should Qualify?

- a. Junior or Juvenile competitor 19 years and younger 1), belonging to an ACCREDITED NATIONAL SPORTS BODY 2) promoting the sport of alpine ski racing, freestyle ski competitions, snowboard racing and half pipe competitions.
- b. Selected Senior Athletes (20 years and older) who are members of a Provincial team belonging to CWSAA, and are being considered for promotion to National Team status within the current competition year.
- c. Provincial- and Club Coaches, (traveling coaches), of the Provinces that are part of CWSAA.
- d. Managers of the provincial division responsible for the Program Development of the Provinces that are part of CWSAA.
- e. Carded members of the Canadian Disabled Alpine Ski Team who are permanent residents in one of the Provinces that are part of CWSAA.

NOTE: ACCREDITED means the sports body that is representing Canada in Olympic and World Championship Competitions.

2. Additional Guide lines to be considered for Qualification

- a. Athletes must be full members of a Ski Racing or Snowboard Club in one of the CWSAA Provinces.
- b. Athletes must be FIS- and/or National points holders, or an equivalent ranking system, in the discipline they are participating in. Since only a limited number of passes will be issued to the various Sports Bodies these points will govern the fair distribution of the Competitors Passes.
- c. Athletes at a Sports Academy or National Sports School located in one of the CWSAA Provinces, but not normally residing in one of those Provinces, shall be eligible to receive a Competitors Pass based on his/her FIS or National points ranking.
- d. Coaches passes will generally be issued on the bases of one coach per Team or Club that have competitors competing in the top Provincial Juvenile, Junior or Regional FIS level competition series. (However, total number of Coaches / Officials passes in the Provinces of BC & Alberta not to exceed 17 without authority of CWSAA).

3. Disqualification

- a. An Athlete who was disciplined for pass infractions in the previous season will automatically be disqualified from purchasing All-Area Competitors Passes in future years.
- b. Athletes who, during the course of the competition season, discontinues participating in competitions, except due to injury, must return their pass to the respective Provincial

Governing Body, a prorated refund to be provided less a non-refundable Handling charge. It is the duty of the respective governing body to monitor this issue.

c. The Provincial Governing Bodies may disqualify an Athlete for other disciplinary reasons besides pass infractions. The cancellation of the All-Area Competitors Pass may be one of the disciplinary actions.

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