

# Ski Challenge Rules



## **Race Format**

Standard modified giant slalom format with dual course. Each racer makes one run in each course. The host ski area provides race crew, sets & maintains race course.

## **Race Make up**

It is very difficult to make up races due to the tight schedule. Sorry, NO individual make-ups.

## **Team Composition**

Each team may have a maximum of 10 permanent racers (no substitutes). A team does not need all ten racers present to compete. Each member may participate on one team per race. Racers can be on more than one team just so the teams are in different races. Teams are generally put together by individual captains. If you are an individual looking for a team, then Ski Challenge can place you on an existing team. Ski Challenge will do its best to place you on a team which best matches your preferences and abilities.

## **Bibs will only be ordered for:**

Teams that have reserved their team spot (at least one paid member). Slots on teams with a named participant. (We will not order bibs for empty spots on teams). If a person is added to that spot after initial order is placed, they run the risk of not having a bib ready for them at the first race). If bibs are ordered and the team folds, the captain deposit will not be returned.

Bibs are ordered November 2.

AFTER WEEK 5 OF THE REGULAR SEASON, ANY UNPAID INDIVIDUAL ON YOUR ROSTER WILL BE DELETED.

## **Age**

A racer's age is as of December 31 of the current season. It will NOT change during the season. Must be 18 or older to participate in Adult only races. Children ages 4-17 may participate in any of the ALL AGE OR ADULT+ KIDS leagues. Go to league schedule to find out which leagues.

## **Roster Changes**

Additions or changes to teams (up to the roster limit of 10) can be made any time until race 5. Re-entry of participants is not allowed. Open spots may be filled any time.

Your week 5 roster will be the set roster for Championships. No Changes after week 5. You can only make one roster change per bib number. Once a change is made, it remains for the remainder of the season\*.

## **Substitutions**

Roster substitutions are NOT allowed. Guest racers may race with a particular team, but cannot count for the team scores or take the place of a missing rostered member for the week. Each racer number is assigned to a rostered participant and all of their information (ie birthdate, gender, age, previous week's handicap). This is permanent until an official roster change has been made.

## **Switching Teams or Guest Joining Teams**

If a member switches from one team to another in the same league, all race results prior to the switch will remain intact on the original team. If a guest racer joins a team, his or her race results from his or her guest race in that league will be added to the team they joined.

## **Race Order**

Teams race together in bib sequence each week. The race order is announced at first race event. This order will rotate throughout the series. The race order is posted one hour prior to race start. Teams are to be in the starting gate on time or will forfeit race order and race last in the course. Running orders within the team need to be set by December 15 for Regular Season Racing. This running order cannot be changed after December 15 or at the first race.

## **DNFS - DO NOT SKI THROUGH FINISH**

If you miss a gate or crash in the race course, do NOT ski through the finish. Times are recorded electronically and if you ski through the finish, you might receive that time. Our race officials try and see everything, but making the clock stop by skiing through the finish may alter results. We understand that sometimes it is difficult to avoid skiing through the finish, but in more cases, it can be avoided.

## **Reruns**

Reruns are determined by ski area race officials only. If there is interference or course obstruction a racer must ski out of the course and NOT go through finish unless the obstruction happens at the last two gates. Racer should stop off the course and signal timer with ski pole, then report to starter. Racers should not take a re-run in the middle of another team's running order. Please take re-runs at the end of one team and beginning of another.

## **Course Setting and Inspection**

Courses are set by the host ski area employees and are available for inspection one half hour prior to race start. Competitors may side slip course - DO NOT shadow or ski through gates. Doing so will result in your scores not being counted for that race. Depending on course conditions, participants may be asked by area official to slip out the course. Beginner racers (young racers) may snow plow slowly through the course for inspection.

## **Race Results**

Unofficial results are announced & medals awarded approximately 15-20 minutes after each race event. Official results with team and individual standings are available online the next day. Individual results will also be submitted to NASTAR by the next day. A printed copy of the results will be available at ski areas and sponsoring ski shops by the next week.

## **Scoring**

A handicap system is used to determine medals. The racers' best handicap of the two runs is used to determine medal and team points. Medals are awarded each night at the awards ceremony. Refer to the official handicap chart for details on the handicap system. The top six scores from each team count for team points. These accumulate weekly through Race 7 to determine champions. Racers #7, #8, #9 and bonus points will be accumulated each week to determine any tiebreakers at the last race.

5 pts for Platinum — 4 pts for Gold — 3 pts for Silver — 2 pts for Bronze — 1 pts for "I did it"

## **Disqualifications**

The Ski Challenge director for each particular race series has the authority to invalidate individual or team scores for flagrant violations of Ski Challenge policies/rules.

## **League End of Season Awards**

### **Team Awards**

The team in each preseason and regular season league with the most points accumulated after the last race is declared Champions of that league and awarded a team trophy. Medallions are awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place team members, ribbons to 4th and 5th. In the event of a tie, we will compare points of the 7th racer, then 8th, then 9th. After the 9th racer we will go to bonus points.

### **Individual Awards:**

For Regular season only. Members must have participated in at least 4 of 7 weekly races to qualify for individual awards such as Fastest and Most Improved of the league or for their team. Fastest of the team is based on your rated handicap (dropping the best and worse and averaging the remaining). Fastest of the league is based on the average of all the handicaps you earned for the season. Most Improved of the team and league is more subjective. We try and look at point and percentage improvements. We also look at participants who show a continued improvement throughout the season and who have had good attendance.

## **Championships**

**Championships:** Your current team roster at week 5 is used to determine your team division at State. Members only need to participate in one regular season race to participate in State Championships. A racer needs to have a medal average for the team at week 5. If a member gets injured after week 5, please contact the Ski Challenge office for this special situation. All Teams are eligible to compete in the State Championships. Full teams of 10 are not required. (All roster changes for regular season still need to be made by week 3)

**Individual Championships:** Everyone is invited to compete. Awards will be given by age group and gender.