

Racing Policy

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Objectives:

1. Establish a racing program that stimulates interest in skiing.
2. Create a racing program built around an incentive to improve racing abilities for all skiers.
3. Provide a fair system of scoring and recognition.

Eligibility:

To be eligible for results to count toward final season standings, you must register for CSC racing and pay any applicable racing fees. CSC skiers racing on an OVSC western or OVSC weekend race trip are eligible to race as a CSC-OVSC racer in OVSC competition from that race forward, during said race season. The CSC skier, however, must have registered for OVSC competition per current OVSC rules prior to that race (consult the current OVSC racing rules). This DOES NOT allow this racer to be included as a "CSC Racer" without payment of any applicable racing fees, nor does it provide benefits of the "CSC Race Team.

OVSC Cup Race:

To participate in the OVSC cup race, one must have participated in at least one OVSC or OVSC specified qualifier race prior to the cup race.

Definition of a Valid Race:

A valid race is defined as any race that meets the above requirements and is a sanctioned Western trip; Weekend trip, OVSC Race or other designated CSC Race. In addition to these races, any open or public race held on the same date and location as the sanctioned event will become an eligible race. To be eligible for these additional races, the racer must start the sanctioned race.

Registration:

Racers must provide their valid CSC bib number when registering for each race. CSC bib numbers will be issued at the time of CSC racing sign-ups and upon payment of any applicable racing fees.

Starting Rules:

1. Prior to initiation of start, the competitor must have both ankles behind and within one foot of the starting gate wand.
2. The official starter has the responsibility for declaring a valid start or calling a false start.
3. A racer may request a restart if one or more skis are left in the starting gate.
4. It is the racer's responsibility, prior to starting, to declare a false start if the start gate wand is tripped prematurely.

Racing Order:

The Chief of Race (COR) will establish the start order prior to the start of each race. Racers who miss their place in the starting order must wait until the end of the current run to race.

Definition of a Valid Run:

- 1) A valid run consists of starting after an established countdown, legally negotiating all gates with skis attached by their bindings, and finishing the course properly timed.

- 2) A racer will be allowed to finish the run with one ski only if the loss of the ski occurs after breaking the plane of the second gate up the hill from the finish line.
- 3) A gate has been legally negotiated when both of the competitor's feet have crossed the gate line (an imaginary line from the pole extending in a direction perpendicular to the course and as far as the course boundary).
- 4) In the event that a competitor removes a pole from its vertical position before the racer's feet have passed the gate line, the racer's feet still must pass over the original gate line defined by the marking in the snow. See 3d under the Reruns section for a possible rerun.

Number of Runs:

All racers must complete two runs to qualify for that race. Racers will be scored by the combined time of both runs. Racers who are disqualified on the first run will be allowed, at their option, to take a second run. On a dual course the racer must make a run on each course. Any racer making more than one run on a course, with the exception of a legal rerun, will be disqualified.

Reruns:

- 1) Reruns are only allowed by the COR or the delegate designated by the COR.
 - a) Racers receiving a rerun will report to the STARTER, and the Starter will then insert that racer in the line.
 - b) Only that racer entitled to a rerun will be on course during that rerun.
- 2) Reruns will only be allowed for the following reasons:
 - a) False start: The timing gate is inadvertently tripped and the racer remains behind the starting gate. The timer should be reset. Only one false start is allowed per racer run.
 - b) Invalid Start: In the event of a start time failure, due either to human error or equipment malfunction, an attempt should be made to stop the racer before completing the course.
 - c) Timer/clock error: Run result is judged to be in error by an official timer, COR, or CSC Race Chairman.
 - d) Course under repair: Gate across racer's path.
 - e) Reasons mentioned under "Interference".
 - f) Any extraordinary circumstance not covered specifically in this section, which the COR feels warrants a rerun.
- 3) Interference: A racer who is hindered while racing must leave the course immediately after the interference occurs and may not ski further through the gates. Grounds for interference include:
 - a) Blocking of the course by an official, spectator, an animal or other hindrance.
 - b) Blocking of the course by a fallen racer, who could not clear the course soon enough.
 - c) Objects in the course, such as a lost ski pole or the ski of a previous racer.
 - d) Absence of a gate knocked down by a previous racer.
- 4) All reruns shall be allowed as soon as feasible.
- 5) If the competitor was already disqualified before the incident entitling the competitor to a rerun, no rerun will be allowed.
- 6) The provisionally or definitively approved rerun becomes the official run, even if it proves slower than the first, presumably hindered, run.
- 7) If the claim for the rerun is shown to be unjustified, the competitor is disqualified.
- 8) Disqualification:** The following actions will result in automatic disqualification:
 - a) Missing a gate, i.e., both feet not passing through the gate. Straddling a gate is obviously not permitted.

- b) Going through a gate without both skis attached by their bindings, except after breaking the plane of the second gate up hill from the finish line. If above the second gate up hill from the finish line, racing etiquette dictates the racer clear the course as soon as possible.
 - c) Receiving physical assistance from another person during the race.
 - d) Racing with the wrong bib number.
- 9) The following actions are subject to disqualification and require Race Committee decision. On-duty race officials, such as course marshals or starters, can only initiate disqualification under 2c or 2d.
- a) In the event both a disqualifying action and a timing mal-function occur in the same run, the first occurrence takes precedence.
 - b) Refusal to work on the race.
 - c) Shadowing the course (i.e. Skiing nonstop parallel to and approximating turns to negotiate the course) for at least five gates while not making an official run.
 - d) Skiing non-stop through two consecutive gates while not making an official run.
 - e) No skiing or snowplowing the racecourse will be allowed unless asked to do so by a race official. Only side slipping the racecourse will be allowed for course inspection.
 - f) Un-sportsman like conduct.

Protests:

All malfunctions and discrepancies under protest shall be reported to the COR.

Cancellations, Postponements, Location Change:

All races should be run regardless of weather or visibility. Cancellation and location changes made by the Ski Area management, Ski School Director, Ski Patrol and/or Racing committee will be honored.

Racer Responsibility:

1. Be familiar with all CSC racing rules.
2. Pre-register with the COR. Otherwise, register at the designated time and place, before the official close of sign-ups (designated by the COR).
3. Check on possible change in race time or location.
4. Be at the starting gate on time.
5. Get a starting number.

Course Maintenance and Race Assistance:

1. A COR will be assigned for each trip by a racing chairperson. His/Her responsibilities include:
 - a) Liaison with area personnel.
 - b) Administration of racing rules.
 - c) Preparation and supervision of the race.
 - d) Mail, Fax, Email or hand deliver legible results to appropriate parties within three days, the next day whenever possible.
2. If a qualified COR cannot be found, there will not be a race.

Pacesetting:

The pacesetters for a given race will be the five fastest racers. To be a pacesetter, the racer must have an established (current or previous year) CSC handicap. If there are not enough racers to meet this requirement, the race is void.

Par Time and Handicap:

The par time of each of the five fastest racers shall be calculated as follows:

$(\text{Combined time} \times 100) / (100 + \text{racer's current handicap})$.

Average par time and standard deviation is calculated using the three lowest par times. A racer's time that is more than 2 standard deviations from the mean will be dropped and a new average calculated using the next lowest par time of the five fastest times. This new average becomes the Club Par for that race if it passes the standard deviation test. If not, drop the racer's time that is more than 2 standard deviations from the mean and re-compute.

There must be three racers left within the mean for a race to be valid. If the criteria cannot be met the race will not count for an official club standing.

Pacesetter handicaps for the beginning of the current season will be their official handicap from the previous season, or as adjusted to bring the fastest racers' handicap in line with their OVSC handicap.

EXAMPLE:

| | HDCP | COMBINED TIME | PAR TIME |
|---------|-------|---------------|--|
| Racer 1 | 3.16 | 47.89 | $(47.89 \times 100) / (100 + 3.16) = 46.42$ |
| Racer 2 | 16.68 | 50.18 | $(50.18 \times 100) / (100 + 16.68) = 43.01 *$ |
| Racer 3 | 22.06 | 50.57 | $(50.57 \times 100) / (100 + 22.06) = 41.43 *$ |
| Racer 4 | 17.88 | 53.48 | $(53.48 \times 100) / (100 + 17.88) = 45.37 *$ |
| Racer 5 | 24.22 | 56.82 | $(56.82 \times 100) / (100 + 24.22) = 45.74$ |

Average Par Time = 43.27 (Standard Déviation) $1.983 \times 2 = 3.97$

High Par $43.27 + 3.97 = 47.24$ Low Par $43.27 - 3.97 = 39.30$

All three calculated par times fall within the limit of 39.30 to 47.24, therefore, it is accepted.

To determine handicaps, take the racer's combined time and divide it by the Average Par Time.

EXAMPLE: Racer 1 = $47.89 / 43.27 = 1.1068 \Rightarrow 10.68$ handicap

Handicaps and Medal Awards

The following age/gender groups will determine handicap groups for medals:

| MALE | | | | FEMALE | | | |
|-------|------|----------|----------|--------|------|----------|-----------|
| Age | Gold | Silver | Bronze | Age | Gold | Silver | Bronze |
| 0-5 | 0/65 | 65.01-80 | 80.01-95 | 0-5 | 0/70 | 70.01-85 | 85.01-100 |
| 6-10 | 0/35 | 35.01-50 | 50.01-65 | 6-10 | 0/40 | 40.01-55 | 55.01-70 |
| 11-15 | 0/20 | 20.01-35 | 35.01-50 | 11-15 | 0/25 | 25.01-40 | 40.01-55 |
| 16-20 | 0/15 | 15.01-30 | 30.01-45 | 16-20 | 0/20 | 20.01-35 | 35.01-50 |
| 21-29 | 0/15 | 15.01-30 | 30.01-45 | 21-29 | 0/20 | 20.01-35 | 35.01-50 |
| 30-39 | 0/20 | 21.01-35 | 35.01-50 | 30-39 | 0/25 | 25.01-40 | 40.01-55 |

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| 40-49 | 0/25 | 25.01-40 | 40.01-55 | 40-49 | 0/30 | 30.01-45 | 45.01-60 |
| 50-59 | 0/30 | 30.01-45 | 45.01-60 | 50-59 | 0/35 | 35.01-50 | 50.01-65 |
| 60-69 | 0/35 | 35.01-50 | 50.01-65 | 60-69 | 0/40 | 40.01-55 | 55.01-70 |
| 70-UP | 0/40 | 40.01-55 | 55.01-70 | 70-UP | 0/45 | 45.01-60 | 60.01-75 |

Each racer will use his/her best CSC handicap from the previous or current season. Age groups are determined by a person's age prior to January 1, of the upcoming racing season, i.e., if a racer is 30 on December 31 then that racers' age will remain 30 for the entire race season. If a person fails to report an age to the racing chairperson, then that person will automatically be placed in the 21 - 29 age group.

Results:

The race results will be declared official as soon as all of the conditions below have been met:

1. All protests have been acted upon.
2. All appropriate fees have been paid.
3. Pacesetting requirements have been met.

Official Time:

An official time is defined as a time received from completing two valid runs in a valid race (See Definition of a Valid Run and a Valid Race).

Miscellaneous:

Any rule and/or procedure not previously stated as a CSC or OVSC rule or procedure will revert back to USSA/FIS rules then in effect.

Qualification for Awards:

1. A racer must participate in a minimum of four official races to qualify for club standings and awards based on handicaps (all OVSC races will count). The average of the four best handicaps during the current season will be used. Handicaps will be carried out far as necessary to break ties.
2. Adult Club Awards will be presented to:
 - a) The top three men and women handicap finishers.
 - b) One man and one woman, on the basis of the best percentage improvement, from his/her official previous year handicap.
 - c) The top two men and women who receive the most CSC race points in each age group as tabulated under the Handicap and Medals section as follows:

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|----------------|---------------|---|----|
| Points: | Gold | = | 10 |
| | Silver | = | 6 |
| | Bronze | = | 3 |
| | Official Time | = | 1 |
 - d) President's Plaque: One men's and one women's plaque will be awarded to the man and woman with the best time in the official club race on the Spring Western trip. The club's current President will award the President's Plaque at the annual awards ceremony.