



## **METROPOLITAN NEW YORK SKI COUNCIL, INC.**

### INTER-CLUB RACE RULES

#### INTRODUCTION

Every year since 1934 the Metropolitan New York Ski Council has run an annual inter-club racing competition. The competition, which features both alpine and snowboard races, is normally held during the latter part of January. To ensure good participation, five events are held: Main, Intermediate, Junior, Husband & Wife and Snowboard. Age categories are employed in the Main and Intermediate events.

#### RACE RULES

The following rules are intended to ensure that races are run consistently, fairly and in accordance with accepted principles of competition approved by the United States Ski Association. They are designed as a guide for the Council, its Officers, and its Race Committee Members. These rules should be strictly followed unless a good reason to depart from them arises. The Council Race Committee must approve any departure from the rules.

Officials must bear in mind that rules are for the protection of all contestants. Any official, who exercises mistaken generosity by making an exception to a rule to the benefit of an individual competitor, works an injustice on all other competitors.

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## 1. ELEGIBILITY

- 1.1 The competition is open to any member of a Council club who has been a member since January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year in which the competition is run, is a bonafide amateur and meets the requirements of event entered.
- 1.2 By entering an event a club member is certifying that the club member's evaluation of his or her skiing or snowboarding ability is appropriate for the event.
- 1.3 A club member is not permitted to compete in an event if the club's race chairperson does not agree with the club member's evaluation.

## 2. EVENTS

The courses used for the Main event, are longer and more challenging than those used for the other events. Categories are used to group competitors by sex, and within this, by age for seeding purposes. A competitor's age as of January 1 of the year the competitions are held is used as the age. Anyone under the age of eighteen who competes is required to wear an approved protective helmet. Anyone under the age of eighteen may compete in only one of the following events: Main, Intermediate or Junior.

- 2.1 **MAIN EVENT** – This race consists of one run on a giant slalom course and one run on a slalom course. This is the first and only event that runs on these courses. All females in this event run the courses before the males run them. Categories for this event are:

| FEMALE      |           | MALE        |           |
|-------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| Super Elite | 65 & over | Super Elite | 65 & over |
| Elite       | 55 - 64   | Elite       | 55 - 64   |
| Senior      | 40 - 54   | Veteran     | 40 - 54   |
| Women       | under 40  | Men         | under 40  |

- 2.2 **JUNIOR EVENT** – This race consists of one run on a giant slalom course and one run on a slalom course. The courses used are shorter and not as challenging as those used for the Main event. The females in this event run the course before the males run them. Categories for this event are:

| FEMALE |          | MALE   |          |
|--------|----------|--------|----------|
| Junior | under 18 | Junior | under 18 |

- 2.3 **INTERMEDIATE EVENT** – This event follows the Junior event and runs on the same courses used for the Junior event. This race consists of one run on a giant slalom course and one run on a slalom course. All females run the courses before the males do. Categories for this event are:

| FEMALE      |           | MALE        |           |
|-------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| Super Elite | 65 & over | Super Elite | 65 & over |
| Elite       | 55 - 64   | Elite       | 55 - 64   |
| Senior      | 40 - 54   | Veteran     | 40 - 54   |
| Women       | under 40  | Men         | under 40  |

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- 2.4 HUSBAND & WIFE EVENT – This event follows the Intermediate event and runs on the same giant slalom course used for the Intermediate event. All females run the course before the males do. Any competitor in this event is also eligible to compete in the following events: either Main or Intermediate, and Snowboard. However, if a competitor enters both the Intermediate event and the Husband & Wife event, the time for the giant slalom run in Intermediate event is used as the time for this event, thereby omitting another run on the course.
- 2.5 SNOWBOARD EVENT – This event follows the Husband & Wife event and runs on the same giant slalom course used for the Husband & Wife event. All females run the course before the males do. A qualified member of any age is eligible for this event. A competitor in this event may also compete in other events for which he or she is qualified.

## 3. SEEDING

Seeding is the method used to establish the order in which competitors run a race. Seeding is done separately for each of the five events: Main, Junior, Intermediate, Husband & Wife, and Snowboard.

- 3.1 DRAWINGS – As part of the seeding process, two blind drawings are conducted at the January Council meeting.
- a) First Drawing – Successive numbers, from one up to the maximum number of clubs with members competing in the Main event, are written on separate pieces of paper. For example, if there are ten clubs with applicants for the Main event, the numbers 1-10 are used. The pieces of paper are folded and placed into a container. One duly selected member from each competing club [inserted per meeting 3/12/02: "or an appointed individual"] blindly draws one piece of folded paper from the container. The number drawn by each club is recorded. This number represents the club's order of seeding in the Main event.
  - b) Second Drawing – The drawing procedure is repeated. The maximum number is derived from the event, Junior, Intermediate, Husband & Wife or Snowboard that has the maximum number of clubs competing. If eight is the maximum number of clubs entered in one of these four events, the numbers 1-8 are used in the drawing. The number drawn by each club is recorded. This number represents the club's order of seeding for each one of these four events.

## 3.2 SEEDING SHEETS

Each Club's Team Captain completes separate Seeding Sheets for each event that the club's members participate in. The Team Captain seeds the club's competitors according to the directions on the Seeding Sheets.

NOTE: FINAL SEEDING IS ARRANGED ACCORDING TO THE ORDER LISTED BY THE TEAM CAPTAIN ON THE CLUB'S SEEDING SHEET. IT IS THE TEAM CAPTAIN'S RESPONSIBILITY TO LIST THE BEST SKIERS FIRST, WITHIN THE GROUPING BY SEX, AND IF APPLICABLE, BY AGE CATEGORY, TO GAIN THE BEST ADVANTAGE FOR HIS OR HER CLUB.

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- a) In an event, all female competitors in that event run the course before the male competitors in that event. Therefore, women are listed before the men on the event's Seeding Sheet.
- b) For the Main event and for the Intermediate event, competitors are seeded first by sex (females first) and within this by descending age categories (oldest category to youngest category). Within age categories, Team Captains should seed the fastest competitors first.
- c) For the Junior event, competitors are seeded by sex (females first) and within this, by ability (fastest to slowest).
- d) For the Husband & Wife event and the Snowboard event, competitors are seeded by sex (females first) and within this Team Captains should seed the fastest competitors first.

### 3.3 RACING ORDER

The information from all club Seeding Sheets is combined (sort-merged) according to the results of the first drawing, to yield the racing order for the Main event.

For the Junior event, the Seeding Sheet information for all clubs is combined (sort-merged) according to the results of the second drawing. This same procedure is used for the Husband & Wife and Snowboard events.

EXAMPLE: Assume three clubs enter the Main event.

Assume the result of the first drawing is:

1<sup>st</sup> = Club B      2<sup>nd</sup> = Club C      3<sup>rd</sup> = Club A

Assume the makeup of these three clubs is:

| CLUB A       |                    | CLUB B             |               | CLUB C      |                    |
|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|-------------|--------------------|
| # FEMALE     | # MALE             | # FEMALE           | # MALE        | # FEMALE    | # MALE             |
| 1 Elite (E)  | 1 Super Elite (SE) | 1 Super Elite (SE) | 1 Elite (E)   | 1 Elite (E) | 1 Super Elite (SE) |
| 2 Senior (S) | 2 Veteran (V)      | 2 Senior (S)       | 1 Veteran (V) | 3 Women (W) | 1 Elite (E)        |
| 3 Women (W)  | 3 Men (M)          | 2 Women (W)        | 1 Men (M)     |             | 1 Veteran (V)      |
|              |                    |                    |               |             | 1 Men (M)          |

The final seeding for the Main event is: \*

| BIB# | RACER    | BIB# | RACER   | BIB# | RACER   | BIB# | RACER    | BIB# | RACER   | BIB# | RACER   |
|------|----------|------|---------|------|---------|------|----------|------|---------|------|---------|
| 1    | B (SE) F | 6    | B (S) F | 11   | B (W) F | 16   | C (SE) M | 21   | C (V) M | 26   | A (M) M |
| 2    | C (E) F  | 7    | A (S) F | 12   | C (W) F | 17   | A (SE) M | 22   | A (V) M | 27   | A (M) M |
| 3    | A (E) F  | 8    | B (W) F | 13   | A (W) F | 18   | B (E) M  | 23   | A (V) M | 28   | A (M) M |
| 4    | B (S) F  | 9    | C (W) F | 14   | C (W) F | 19   | C (E) M  | 24   | B (M) M |      |         |
| 5    | A (S) F  | 10   | A (W) F | 15   | A (W) F | 20   | B (V) M  | 25   | C (M) M |      |         |

\*Notice how the club order established by the first lottery plays out.

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## 3.4 TEAM CAPTAIN'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- a) The Team Captain must accurately complete the Seeding Sheets for the club.
- b) The Team Captain must submit the Seeding Sheets along with proper payment to the two officials at the January meeting of the Council. Proper payment must be in two club checks: One club check which covers the total amount for competitors in the Main event and another club check which covers the combined total amount for competitors in the four Intermediate events. Club Checks are made out to: Metropolitan NY Ski Council.

## 3.5 ENTRY DEADLINE

A Team Captain must contact the responsible official no later than 10 PM on the Wednesday prior to the race if a competitor is to be added to the Seeding Sheet submitted by the club at the January Council meeting. The Race Committee Chairperson must approve any exception to this rule.

## 3.6 PAID IN FULL

All duly registered competitors must be paid in full in order to compete.

- 3.7 A club is responsible to pay current replacement costs of all bibs that are not returned by the club's racers.

## 4. SCORING

For each competitor, three race times are used for scoring: giant slalom time, slalom time, and combined time. These three scores are compared by sex and within this, by age categories. A team score is calculated for each individual club.

### 4.1 Main Event

- a) Competitor's Giant Slalom Score –The competitor with the fastest time for the giant slalom run is awarded first place; the competitor with the second fastest time is awarded second place; the competitor with the third fastest time is awarded third place.
- b) Competitor's Slalom Score –The competitor with the fastest time for the slalom run is awarded first place; the competitor with the second fastest time is awarded second place; the competitor with the third fastest time is awarded third place.
- c) Competitor's Combined Score – The competitor's giant slalom time and slalom time are added with equal weight to yield the combined time. The competitor with the fastest combined time is awarded first place; the competitor with the second fastest combined time is awarded second place; the competitor with the third fastest combined time is awarded third place.
- d) Team Score – The four fastest times, irrespective of sex or age, on the giant slalom run are added with equal weight to the four fastest times, irrespective of age or sex, on the slalom run to yield a combined team time. The team with the fastest combined team time is awarded first place; the team with the second fastest combined team time is awarded second place; the team with the third fastest combined team time is awarded third place.

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## 4.2 JUNIOR EVENT

The Giant Slalom Score, Slalom Score, Combined Score and Team Score for this event are determined in the same manner used for the Main event.

## 4.3 INTERMEDIATE EVENT

The Giant Slalom Score, Slalom Score, Combined Score and Team Score for this event are determined in the same manner used for the Main event.

Because racers participating in the Intermediate event should not be faster than racers in the Main event, a race time test is imposed to prevent the use of "ringers." The five fastest racers in each of the Main event's age categories are asked to forerun the Intermediate giant slalom and slalom courses. The three fastest times per course for each age category are averaged to yield a standard time for the course for the age category. Any racer in the Intermediate event whose time, on either the giant slalom run or the slalom run, is within 20% of the standard for that course and age category is automatically disqualified from the Intermediate event. Times for any disqualified racer are not considered when determining individual, combined or team awards. In addition, the disqualified racer must be promoted to the Main event for the following year's race.

## 4.4 HUSBAND & WIFE EVENT

The husband's giant slalom time is added to the wife's giant slalom time to yield a combined time. The husband and wife team with the fastest combined time is awarded first place; the husband and wife team with the second fastest combined time is awarded second place; the husband and wife team with the third fastest combined time is awarded third place. There is no separate scoring for age categories and no team scoring for this event.

## 4.5 SNOWBOARD EVENT

Awards are given, by sex, to the fastest, second fastest, and third fastest competitors. There is no separate scoring for age categories and no team scoring for this event.

## 5. RACE COMMITTEE

### 5.1 COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON RESPONSIBILITIES

At the November Council meeting, the Council Chairperson makes the following appointments:

Race Committee comprised of:

- 1 Race Committee Chairperson
- 1 Race Official responsible for the Main competition
- 1 Race Official responsible for the four Intermediate competitions

### 5.2 RACE COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

Any question or incident that arises which is not covered in the race rules is referred to the Race Committee.

The Race Committee does the following:

- a) Arranges for the preparation and distribution of entry blanks, Seeding Sheets and information bulletins.

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- b) Makes all arrangements with the ski area; i.e., financial, racecourse determination, lift tickets, timing, gatekeepers, ski patrol, first aid facilities, scoreboard, etc.
- c) Secures liability insurance for the protection of officials and workers.
- d) Informs the Council as to accommodations, public transportation, road routes and snow conditions.
- e) Periodically informs the Council as to the progress of arrangements.
- f) Publicizes the race, publishes results and distributes results.

## 6. DISQUALIFICATION

The Race Committee may, at any time, disqualify a competitor who is ineligible to compete under the Council's rules, or who fails to comply with the rules or who behaves improperly.

### 6.1 BIBS

Any competitor on the racecourse must display a duly assigned racing bib with the numbers exposed.

### 6.2 PRE-COMPETITION RUN

Once the racecourse for an event is set, an event competitor may not run the course, nor may he or she shadow the course by following its pattern for more than three consecutive gates without coming to a full stop.

### 6.3 INTERFERENCE

If a competitor is interfered with during the course run, he or she should leave the course at the point of interference and notify both the gatekeeper and the finish line race official of the interference. The competitor is entitled to a rerun only if he or she leaves the course at this point; the competitor is not entitled to a rerun if he or she completes the course after the interference has occurred. If the competitor elects to rerun the course, the Starter must be notified. A competitor who elects to rerun the course is allowed to do so as soon as he or she is ready to make the run.

## 7. WORKERS & OFFICIALS

7.1 Each club that participates in the annual competitions is expected to furnish workers who assume responsibility for tasks that are assigned by the Race Committee. All competitors from any club that does not fulfill its responsibilities will be disqualified.

7.2 Workers and their tasks include:

- a) A person to make all arrangements with the mountain.
- b) A Chief of the Race for the Main event who reviews the race courses for appropriateness.
- c) A Chief of the Race for the four Intermediate events who reviews the race courses for appropriateness.
- d) A person to assume the duties of the Race Chairperson.
- e) A person to produce and distribute the race Entry Forms and Seeding Sheets.
- f) A Race Official to do the final seeding for the Main event.
- g) A Race Official to do the final seeding for the four Intermediate events.
- h) A person or persons to collect and sort the bibs in numerical order.

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- i) A person to produce and print the preliminary race results.
- j) A worker is to be assigned to collect bibs as each competitor completes a race.

## 8. PROTEST

The Chief of the Main event and the Chief of the four Intermediate events are responsible to immediately post, for the Team Captains to view, information on any competitor who is disqualified by the mountain's race official. Team Captains are responsible for obtaining this information in a timely manner. Any protest of a disqualification must be made to a member of the Council's Race Committee no later than one hour after the disqualification is posted. If a protest is issued, a competition jury convenes to review the protest and to render a final decision in the matter. The final decision of this jury must be delivered before the race results are finalized and published.

## 9. FINAL RACE RESULTS

The Race Committee Chairperson is responsible to furnish copies of the final race results to each Team Captain within ten days from the race date.

## 10. AWARDS

### 10.1 RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL

The Council's Vice Chairperson is responsible to obtain, appropriately engrave and provide awards and permanent trophies in a timely fashion.

### 10.2 AWARDS

Awards in the form of medals and plaques are presented to first place, second place and third place male and female winners for each age category in the Main, Junior and Intermediate events. If fewer than three competitors race in any one category, the number of awards presented is reduced accordingly. Awards are also presented to male and female winners of the Husband & Wife and Snowboard events.

### 10.3 PERMENENT TROPHIES

Recipients of the permanent trophies may retain them until they are needed for the next year's annual competition. Recipients and their clubs are responsible for returning these permanent trophies to the Council Vice Chairperson no later than two weeks after the following year's race.

### 10.4 AWARD/TROPHY DISTRIBUTION

The awards and trophies are distributed either at the après race party or at the annual dinner dance held in May of the race year. If for some reason these distributions are not made at either of these events, the awards and trophies are distributed to the appropriate Team Captains no later than the last meeting of the Council in June.

## 11. REVIEW & CHANGE OF RULES

The most current rules are distributed annually at the October Council meeting. Any required change or clarification to these rules that passes by a majority vote of the Race Captains present at the January Rules Review and Approval meeting will be incorporated into the rules and will apply to any competition thereafter. The Race Committee Chairperson shall not vote except in the event

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of a tie. In this case the Race Committee Chairperson shall cast the deciding vote.

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