

# TEXAS SKI COUNCIL

## RACE RULES AND REGULATIONS

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### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The purpose of these rules and regulations is to help Texas Ski Council member clubs understand and easily follow the steps necessary to conduct all Texas Ski Council Races.
- 1.2 The spirit and philosophy of Texas Ski Council race events is to encourage participation and friendly competition between all member clubs of the Texas Ski Council.
- 1.3 Members who personally feel they are capable of racing should participate. Safety is the utmost concern. All racing is optional. All racers finishing the course in a safe, controlled manner, shall receive points as shown on Attachment 1.
- 1.4 Club competitions will be held during each Council sponsored event with awards to be given to at least the top two clubs in each division.
- 1.5 Individual races will be held during TSC sponsored events. These races will allow the best racers of both genders to compete on a time basis to recognize the fastest skiers.
- 1.6 The Texas Ski Cup Series will use the club competition results from each event to recognize the most outstanding race performance by a club in each of the divisions for the season. These awards will recognize not only the clubs with the best racers but will encourage member clubs to participate in all Texas Ski Council events.

### 2.0 DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 Trip - see Texas Ski Council Bylaws.
- 2.2 Participant – any member in good standing with a Texas Ski Council member club that has paid the appropriate registration fee.
- 2.3 Racer - anyone who has met the qualification listed in the Eligibility Section.

### 3.0 TEXAS SKI WEEK RACE COMMITTEE

- 3.1 The governing body responsible for administering the rules and conduct of each Texas Ski Week race shall be the “Race Committee” for that specific trip. This Committee shall consist of a designated race representative from each participating club, the TSC Vice-President of that trip, the President of the TSC if in attendance and any members of the TSC Race Committee in attendance.
- 3.2 The club representative should be the race director for his/her club. Each race committee member or his/her alternate shall be entitled to one vote. Presence of one-half of the committee shall constitute a

quorum and a simple majority will rule. The President and TSC Race Committee members shall not vote. The TSC Vice-President of that trip will vote in the case of a tie.

3.3 A race committee meeting will be held at each event at least one day prior to the races.

3.4 Any item not covered by the Texas Ski Week Rules and Regulations will be determined by the Texas Ski Week Race Committee.

#### **4.0 ELIGIBILITY**

4.1 Any bona fide member in good standing of a member club of the TSC shall be eligible to compete in TSC races unless specifically disqualified under the criteria listed for TSC races.

4.1.1 The participant must appear on the bona fide roster of a member club as submitted by the club race director. Their name must also appear on the final race list compiled during the Race Directors meeting. No substitutions or additions will be allowed after the Race Director's meeting.

4.1.2 Participants with a dual club membership shall race with the club whose trip they are participating on and has paid their participation fee to the TSC.

4.1.3 Participants on reciprocity shall race for their parent club if the parent club is in attendance. If the parent club is not in attendance, the participant shall race for his/her host club. The race directors of the clubs involved shall notify the TSC at the Race Director's meeting of all reciprocity participants.

4.2 Racers meeting the following criteria are not eligible for TSC races. Exceptions will be determined by the VP of that trip and the mountain race committee.

4.2.1 Persons who have held a certified racing card or rating from any division of the U. S. Ski Association or any international ski or ski racing association within the last 15 years.

4.2.2 Persons who are currently members of any interscholastic or intercollegiate racing team.

4.2.3 A PSIA certified instructor who has taken pay within one year of the race date.

4.2.4 Persons currently employed in the ski industry working within 30 miles of a ski area.

4.3 The TSC recommends that racers wear helmets. Several resorts require helmets to be worn on their race courses. In this event, the TSC will respect their requirement and racers must wear a helmet. If a helmet is not required by the resort it will be at the discretion of the racer to wear one or not.

#### **5.0 TEXAS SKI CUP SERIES RACES (Club Competition)**

5.1 The Master Race List must be submitted using the correct form supplied by the Trip VP, no later than three weeks prior to the Race Director's meeting. At the Race Directors meeting it is the responsibility of the club race director to submit any additions or changes to the master sheets, and to notify the Vice-President of that Trip of any members attending their trip on reciprocity. If a club does not submit the required Master Race List on the correct form to the Trip VP by the due date, that club will be penalized with a 10% reduction

of their established club handicap. The Trip VP should send an email or other form of confirmation to the club trip captain upon receipt of their race list. Pre-registration via Nastar website or other may be encouraged.

5.2 Each club may enter as many racers as they wish. Participation is encouraged.

5.3 NASTAR medals (or Ski Area equivalent) may be awarded based on the NASTAR Handicap System.

5.4 An individual will be DISQUALIFIED if he or she makes any run using any bib or bib number other than their officially assigned bib number. Also no practice runs allowed on the course prior to the race on the day of the race.

5.5 Each racer is allowed two runs. If the resort has set up a dual course, the racer must take one run on each course in order to qualify for the individual awards. The run with the fastest time counts toward the club race. The first run time combined with the second run time counts as the individual race. They must wear their racing bib number in a location determined by the Ski Area Race Director or be disqualified.

5.6 Times should be posted at the finish area by the race department. Each club will receive a copy of its club's results at the awards ceremony.

5.7 Each racer is responsible for making sure they have correct times for their runs prior to leaving the race arena.

5.8 In the event that the Texas Ski Council's "no snow policy" is invoked for any TSC sponsored trip, no race points for the Texas Ski Cup Series Race will be awarded for that trip.

## **6.0 INDIVIDUAL RACES**

6.1 All racers have the option of doing a second run. The second run combined with the first will count as their combined individual time.

6.2 For the Individual Race both runs will count and the lowest total time will be used to determine the order of finish. A DQ or DNF run will disqualify the participant from Individual awards.

6.3 Results will be based on time only. NASTAR handicaps and medals can be used in this race if the host area agrees and no additional cost is incurred by the Texas Ski Council.

6.4. In the case of a tied result for an individual medal, all tied racers will receive the appropriate color medal and the one(s) below will be vacated.

## **7.0 INDIVIDUAL RACES**

7.1 All rules pertaining to "Individual Races" shall apply to all age groups.

7.2 Age Groups for male and female racers in the Individual Races shall be:

29 & Under

30-44

45-59

60-69

70-79

80 & Over

## **8.0 RACE COURSE RULES**

8.1 The Ski Area Race Director will be responsible for all on-course activity during the race. He/she should promote and ensure that a fair pace setter run be made which will present a fair challenge.

8.2 The computer used for scoring shall only be operated by the resort.

8.3 Only electronic starting wands may be used for the TSC races.

8.4 All times will be recorded to the hundredth of a second.

8.5 The Host Area must control the race course. No access will be permitted to non-racers.

8.6 The Host Area will post an accurate schedule of racers and times to ensure that any errors in recording or timing can be corrected while each person is racing.

8.7 The public race course will be a NASTAR-type single, dual or quad course set on a smooth average hill. The TSC race window will begin at the same time the course opens to the public. A time will be announced at the race directors meeting establishing the stop time of the race. Each racer will turn in their registration forms and money at a time and location determined by the trip VP.

8.8 A new pacesetter run will be made whenever deemed necessary by the Ski Area Race Director. All new pace times will be denoted on the Master Scoring Sheets.

8.9 Release of a ski will constitute a DNF (did not finish).

8.10 Missing a gate, straddling a gate, crossing to the other course, or passing the wrong finish gate will be judged a DQ (disqualification).

8.11 Reruns may be permitted by the race department. All requests by the racer for a rerun must be made immediately following the run to a designated race official. The following are some reasons for a rerun.

8.12.1 False start - it is the starter's obligation to call back the racer before they pass through the second gate after the starting gates. Only one false start will be allowed.

8.12.2 Time malfunction (human or mechanical) - in the event of a start time malfunction, an attempt should be made to stop the racer before he/she completes the course.

8.12.3 All timers/clocks agree to be in error.

8.12.4 Outside interference to a racer.

8.12.5 If a gate has not been replaced prior to the racer's reaching the previous gate.

8.12 Ski Area Race Director shall provide backup race course communications and timing system if available.

8.13 Ski Area Race Director will provide a written sheet showing racer's bib number, time, handicap and medal after completion of racing.

8.14 Prior Inspection of the race course will be allowed by Race Participants. Inspection will be allowed along the side of the gates. Going in and out of the gates will not be allowed. Running the gates during Inspection will be grounds for disqualification. Course maintenance (slipping the course) will be done only by the Ski Area Race Department. The only exception will be if the Area Race Department asks for our assistance from the TSC Trip VP.

## **9.0 PROTEST**

9.1 A protest must be made to the race department immediately after the racers run. The race department will decide if the racer gets a rerun.

9.2 A protest after the presentation of the club awards can only be filed due to miscalculation or other mathematical error concerning club handicaps and point totals. The Race Director should file a written protest with the Trip VP by 11:00 PM the evening of the Final Awards party. The Trip VP should resolve the protest within a week of return from the trip and notify all affected parties of the decision.

## **10.0 RACE SCORING AND AWARDS - DIVISIONAL CUPS**

10.1 Clubs will be divided into three divisions based on their Average Raw Points scored during the previous five (5) seasons. The four clubs scoring the most Raw Points (previous five (5) year average) will be placed in Division I and ranked according to points scored from highest to lowest. The four clubs with the next highest average will be placed in Division II and ranked according to points scored from highest to lowest. All other clubs will be placed in Division III and ranked according to points scored from highest to lowest.

10.2 Each division will compete for one of the three Division Cups.

10.3 Awards will be based on the number of points earned based on that club's competition in any one or more of the individual TSC events.

10.4 Each club will be assigned a handicap based on the division and number of points obtained in the prior seasons (see Attachment 2).

## **11.0 CLUB COMPETITION (Part of Texas Ski Cup Series)**

11.1 Scoring will be based on TSC handicap chart, which is an expanded NASTAR handicap chart. Five (5) additional categories have been established below the normal Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze. Points earned will increase from one (1) to eighty-one (81) as the handicap approaches zero (see Attachment 1 for the expanded NASTAR handicap chart).

11.2 Virtual trophies will be awarded to the clubs for posting on their websites. Final standings will be determined by multiplying a club's raw point score by their established handicap. In the event of a tie for first, second or third place using adjusted total points, for any TSC sponsored trip, the tie will stand and each club shall be awarded the appropriate points.

## **12.0 TEXAS SKI CUP DIVISIONAL TROPHIES**

12.1 Texas Ski Cups will be awarded to the best performing club in each Division over the course of the Texas Ski Cup Series.

12.2 The score for each club will be determined as follows:

For each Division, the following points will be awarded towards the total annual points:

- First Place 6 points
- Second Place 4 points
- Third Place 3 points
- Fourth Place 2 points
- For Participating 1 point

The Club having the highest total for the year in each Division will win the Annual Divisional Trophy. In the event of a tie on annual points in a Division, the club having the largest adjusted total points based on the TSC Handicap System will be awarded the Divisional Trophy.

## **13.0 INDIVIDUAL RACE TROPHIES**

13.1 Each racer's time will be the combined time of two runs. Place will be determined by time only.

13.2 Trophies (Medals) will be awarded to the top three male and female finishers of the Individual Race in each age group of men and women. There will also be an award given for the overall fastest man and woman of the race.

13.3 All children (15 and under) receiving NASTAR MEDALS during the team competition, will be presented their medals during individual trophy presentation.

13.4 In addition to the trophies (medals), a larger trophy (medal) will be awarded to the overall fastest male and female in the Individual Race