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CLEVELAND METROPOLITAN SKI COUNCIL
RACING PROGRAM**

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At any point in the rulebook in which reference is made to a skier, skis or skiing, it shall also refer to boarder or board when appropriate.

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I. DEFINITIONS

1. CMSC – Abbreviation of Cleveland Metropolitan Ski Council.
2. CMSC Race Committee – The body of representatives from CMSC affiliated clubs that govern ski racing.
3. Competitor – A skier registered to race in the particular event in which he has entered.
4. Racer – A competitor who has stepped into the starting zone and is attempting to ski the race course.
5. Equipment – Skis can be any length, equipped with DIN-rated releasable bindings. Snowboard equipment must be “standard for the time.”
6. Starting – When after the proper signal, the racer trips the starting wand.
7. Finishing – When a racer correctly crosses the finish gate and breaks the light beam with any part of his body or equipment.
8. Obstruction – Any object on or near the race course, which is considered by an official to be detrimental to the racer’s uninterrupted completion of the course.
9. Shadow – To ski alongside or in the “line” of a race course, or a section of same, duplicating or approximating the turns required to negotiate the course.
10. DNS – Abbreviation of “Did Not Start.”
11. DNF – Abbreviation of “Did Not Finish.”
12. DQ – Abbreviation of “Disqualified.”
13. Sanctioned events – Events that have the following present:
 - a. Registration/entry fee
 - b. CMSC official bibs
 - c. Timed runs
 - d. CMSC race officials
 - e. Gatekeepers and other work details duties
 - f. Official results

II. GENERAL AUTHORITY OF CMSC RACE COMMITTEE

1. All race sites and dates shall be arranged by the race committee
2. The committee will determine the format of the race.
3. The committee shall be governed by these rules, or when not covered, shall decide on all questions in accordance with logical understanding.
4. All competitors entered or racing shall be subject to the directions and controls of the committee.
5. The committee will convene at the completion of the day’s events. Race results will not be considered official until the committee so declares, following the meeting.
6. A vote of the committee is necessary in rendering any decision. No justification for any decision need be made public. The decision of the committee is final.

III. GENERAL RULES

1. Eligibility and Responsibility of Clubs
 - A. All clubs shall be paid members of CMSC
 - B. All clubs shall have a race chairman or representative.
 - C. All clubs shall be responsible for educating their race chairmen and racers, and for the acknowledgment and understanding of these rules and guidelines.
 - D. All clubs shall be responsible for their competitors' bibs. If not returned, a \$20.00 fee per bib shall be charged to competitor's club.
 - E. All clubs shall submit race roster to the committee.
 - F. All clubs shall provide personnel to assist on race day as outlined in the Race Management section of this manual.
 - G. All clubs shall be held responsible for proof of age and membership of any competitors of their respective clubs. A racer must meet the age requirement for his or her class prior to the annual qualifying race prior to the racing season with the exception of racers attaining their 18th birthday as specified in Section III.2.A.
 - H. Competitors must be full members of affiliated clubs with the ability to participate in all club functions.
 - I. All clubs shall be responsible for the following payment policy:
 1. Pre-registered race fees are to be paid in full, within five days after the race has taken place. These fees will be accepted by MAIL only. Race fees cannot be accepted for any race at the race site.
 2. Payment for pre-registered competitors must be made by club check only. No cash will be accepted. If club does not have a checking account, personal or cashier's checks will be accepted. Checks, however, must contain address, phone number, and club's name on check, if personal check is used.
 - a. All pre-registration fees will be non-refundable; i.e., if pre-registered racer does not show, club is still responsible for fee.
 3. The following information should accompany each check sent by a club.
 - a. Ski area and date of race
 - b. Number of pre-registered racers
 - c. Amount of race fee designated.
 - d. Total amount enclosed.
 - e. Race chairman's name, phone number and club name.
 4. The penalty for late race fees is club disqualification from subsequent competition.

- J. No two clubs may join together to compete as one team.
- K. The decisions of the CMSC race committee are final.

2. Eligibility and Responsibility of Competitors

- A. A competitor must be 18 years of age prior to the start of the day's race.
- B. All competitors will be registered prior to the start of the day's race, with no refund.
- C. In the event of a postponed or canceled race, the committee will consider refunds.
- D. Competitors registered for any CMSC sanctioned race must register and race under the auspices of only one CMSC-affiliated club throughout the entire racing season.
- E. At pre-registered races, the competitors must pick up their bibs no later than the pre-determined time on the day of the race. A pre-registered racer who misses bib pickup or any racer who loses his/her bib, may run the course at the end of the class with no bib but will not earn personal or club points or prizes or trophies for that race. A time will be announced but not recorded.
- F. All competitors, as deemed necessary by their race chairmen, will be responsible to provide assistance to the race committee.
- G. All competitors will be responsible for the proper care and timely return of their assigned race bibs.
- H. All competitors are responsible for the understanding and acknowledgement of these rules and guidelines.
- I. All competitors must sign the release agreement.
- J. It is mandatory for all Group 1 & 2 competitors to wear helmets in all Giant Slalom races and strongly recommended for all Group 3 & snowboard competitors.

3. Classification of Competitors

- A. Classification of Men's Division shall be: AA, A, BB, B, CC
- B. Classification of Women's Division shall be: AA, A, B, CC
- C. Veteran classification for males and females over 55 who wish to compete as Senior Veterans shall be: SV
- D. Veteran classification for males who wish to compete as veterans age 40 and over: AA VET, A VET, BB VET, B VET, CC VET
- E. Veteran classification for females who wish to compete as veterans age 40 and over: A VET, B VET, CC VET
- F. Classification of snowboarders shall be: BSB and CSB. Males and females compete together.
- G. The above classes are subject to change as deemed necessary by the CMSC race committee.
- H. Competitors must compete in assigned class in at least TWO sanctioned CMSC races prior to Combined Race Weekend, unless

for the combined weekend, in order to be eligible for trophies, points and prizes.

- I. Competitors requesting new class status (i.e. Non-Vet class to Vet class or Vet class to Non-Vet class) must:
 1. Submit to club race chairman desire to change class.
 2. Club race chairman must submit to race committee one week prior to pre-race registration.
 3. Race Committee will review previous race results and history before placement in proper class; i.e., a lateral move is not always proper placement.
 4. A review of previous race results and history will also be reviewed at the beginning of the year when new class status is submitted for a racer.
 5. Competitors must compete in assigned class at least TWO sanctioned CMSC races prior to Combined Race weekend, unless they have been bumped, in order to be eligible for trophies, points and prizes for the combined weekend.
- J. A racer may request a change in class status only once per season.

4. Qualification

- A. Qualification enables an unclassified competitor who has never raced or has not raced in the previous race season to be classified in one of the CMSC classes. Exceptions for medical reasons will be evaluated by the Race committee.
- B. A competitor may qualify at any CMSC sanctioned race of the season except combined weekend. Series races, special events and elimination events shall not be used as qualification races.
- C. At pre-registration, the race chairman of the unclassified competitor's club shall make recommendation as to which class to place said competitor. Qualifier classes are: A QUALIFIER, CC QUALIFIER, or SNOWBOARD QUALIFIER.
- D. Race chairman shall accompany the unclassified competitor when registering day of race, when possible.
- E. A competitor registered as a qualifier shall not be eligible for trophies, prizes or points and will not be awarded points for the club he represents. The participation of a competitor as a qualifier is not considered as the competitor's first race of that season.
- F. In the event the unclassified competitor falls and is unable to complete any runs, he shall be permitted one re-run. If the competitor fails to complete his re-run, he shall be classified with the recommendation of the CMSC race committee.
- G. Based on the racer's performance in his qualifying race, he shall be placed in a competitive class for his next race.
- H. A competitor shall be eligible for trophies, points and prizes after competing in his first race after qualifying.

- I. Competitors qualifying in one season and not racing in any other sanctioned events remaining in that season shall be considered as qualified for the following season.
 - J. Qualified racers must race in at least TWO sanctioned events prior to combined weekend in order to be eligible for trophies, points or prizes for combined weekend.
 - K. There shall be no qualifying at Combined Race weekend.
 - L. Racers qualifying will race in one of the Qualifying classes: AQ, CCQ or SBQ
 - M. A competitor's first sanctioned race will be used as a reassessment of his/her classification. If competitor does not successfully complete both runs of his first sanctioned race, the committee reserves the right to use the racer's next race for re-evaluation.
5. Bumping
- A. A bumping system is employed to allow a competitor to move into a class in which the competitor is competitive.
 - B. A strike system shall be used to justify bumping a competitor to a higher class.
 - C. A competitor may be awarded a strike when he places in the top 35 percent of the class above, or the top 3 finish positions of the class above, or as determined by the committee.
 - D. After receiving two strikes a competitor will be bumped to the class above.
 - E. Competitors who feel they are not competitive in their particular class may submit so in writing to their race chairman. The race chairman will present the request to the race committee for consideration.
 - F. Strikes do not carry over to the next race season.
 - G. All decisions of the committee are final.
6. Points and Trophies – Competitor
- A. Trophies shall be awarded to first, second and third place finishers in every class regardless of the number of starters.
 - B. Points shall be awarded based on number of starters as shown on point system chart. (SEE APPENDIX A)
 - C. In the event two or more competitors have identical results, they shall be awarded points and trophies equally. The following finish position, points and/or trophy after the tie will be nullified.
 - D. For the combined weekend, a combined prize will be awarded for each class to the competitor who has the lowest combined time for all events. Competitor must finish all the events to be eligible for the combined trophy.
 - E. Overall "CMSC Racer of the Year" for each class will be determined by the following format:

1. Competitors must compete in over half of the sanctioned races in the race season.
 2. Winner will be determined by the accumulated total of racer points in that season per class.
 3. Competitors bumped during the race season do not carry over racer points to the next class. In any event the competitor is eligible to win all the classes they have raced in.
- F. Points do not carry over to the next race season.
- G. Trophies not claimed at the trophy ceremony after the end of the “Awards Ceremony” become the property of the CMSC Race Committee.
7. Points and Trophy – Club
- A. CMSC-affiliated clubs will be awarded points based on the combined results of their individual members competing in a CMSC sanctioned event.
 - B. The points awarded to a club will be the total of all points received by that club’s competitors in a given event. Penalty points for club members who are disqualified for unsportsmanlike conduct; or did not perform or report for race duty as assigned by a race official, provided no substitute was provided by the racer’s club, will be deducted from the club’s total (10 points each instance).
 - C. In the case of Combined Race weekend, the points awarded to a club will be the total of all points received by that club’s competitors during the Combined Race weekend. No club points are awarded however for first place individual combined finishes.
 - D. Overall “Club of the Year” trophy for Division I and Division II will be determined by the annual accumulated total of club points. Clubs will be divided into the two divisions as determined by the race committee.
8. Prizes – Competitor – Rules for Distributing Sponsored Prizes
- A. Selected winners must have already competed in at least one sanctioned CMSC event in the current or previous race season. A competitor’s qualifying event is not considered as competing.
 - B. Competitors are not eligible to win more than one major prize in the current race season. Major prizes will be determined by the CMSC race committee.
 - C. Winners must be present at awarding of prizes. If winner is not present at drawing, another name will be drawn.
 - D. Rules are subject to change as deemed necessary by the CMSC race committee.
9. Registration

- A. Pre-Registration Procedure
 - 1. Only the race chairmen or their designated alternate from affiliated clubs will pre-register their members with the race registrar.
 - 2. Time deadline for pre-registration will be given prior to each race season. Chairmen will call the registrar on designated date prior to the race date.
 - 3. Chairmen will call the registrar with names and classes of all racers to be pre-registered.
 - 4. Work duties will be assigned at this time.

 - B. Late Registration Procedure
 - 1. Late registration will take place on the day of the race. If it is a two-day event, a competitor can late register for both days.
 - a. A pre-determined late registration fee for late registration is expected at the time of sign-up. Cash or personal check is accepted.
 - 2. Late registration takes place at a pre-determined time at the race area.
 - 3. Late registrants may be asked to perform duties as requested by the CMSC race committee.
 - 4. No late registration for Combined weekend.
10. Seeding Order
- A. First Race
 - 1. Competitors will be seeded randomly by the registrar.
 - 2. Late or day-of-race entries start at end of class and in order of first come, first serve.
 - B. All Other Races
 - 1. Start order for pre-registered racers will be in the order of overall class point totals of the current season.
 - 2. Competitors with 0 points will be seeded randomly by the registrar after the competitors with more than one (1) class point.
 - 3. All late registrants are seeded at the end of their classes and in the order of first come, first serve, regardless of season points.
 - 4. In the double event weekend, order will not change.
 - 5. Competitors that are bumped will start with zero points in their new class.
11. Bib Pick-up and Responsibility
- A. Each competitor shall be responsible for pick-up and return of his bib.

- B. Failure to return bib assigned to a racer will result in a fee of \$20.00, which will be assessed to the racer's ski club. Failure to pay the fine or return the bib may disqualify that club from participating in future CMSC race events.

IV RACING RULES

1. Race Day

A. The following general "guidelines" are to be used by the individual competitor, but variations may occur depending on the particular area. Beware of special start times at all races, especially at Combined Race weekend and races that have jumps. Some groups may be combined.

B. **8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.**

- Bib pick-up – Generally in the main lodge but may vary depending on race area.
- Late registration (exception to this would be Combined)
- Lift ticket sales to racers only
- Check announcement board for work duties and any race day announcements.

Prior to Race

- Report for work assignments as given to you by your race chairman. Work duties are also posted in the morning at the bib pick-up area.
- Report 15 minutes prior to start of race for work duties. Club race chairman will inform you of the location.

10:00 a.m.

- Race start for Group I if one course is used.

45 MINUTES AFTER COMPLETION OF GROUP I

Prior to Race

- Report for work assignments as given to you by your race chairman.
- Race start for Group II if one course is used.

45 MINUTES AFTER COMPLETION OF GROUP II

Prior to Race

- Report for work assignments as given to you by your race chairman.
- Race start for Group III if one course is used.

45 MINUTES AFTER COMPLETION OF GROUP III

Prior to Race

- Report for work assignments as given to you by your race chairman.
- Race start for Snowboard if one course is used

After Race

- Bib return – as soon as competitor has completed his second run (depending on format) to the bib collector.
- Protests heard by committee
- Posting of calculated results
- Protests heard, if necessary, on calculated results
- Awarding of points, trophies and/or prizes

2. Course Inspection Rules

- A. Bibs must be visible.
- B. Skis must be on feet to inspect course.
- C. The “line” is defined as the path a racer takes to negotiate the race course.
- D. Only sidestepping, sideslipping, or snowplowing at a slow rate of speed are permitted in the line of the course.
- E. Slow/controlled skiing is permitted alongside the race course so long as turns are not parallel to the line or gates of the race course.
- F. Snow plowing in the line of the race course is permitted when requested by a CMSC race official.
- G. Inspection of start may not constitute a simulated start.
- H. Inspection of finish area is permitted so long as the competitor does not cross the finish line.
- I. Any competitor assisting another competitor in course inspection must abide by all rules. In the event the competitor has already returned his bib, the competitor is exempt from Rule IV.2.A.
- J. Course inspection **JUMPS**: You may practice off the side of the jumps but not ski the “line” of the course.

3. Starting Rules

- A. The start area shall be clear of all competitors not starting.
- B. The start shall be prepared in such a way that competitors can enter and exit from starting gate without unnecessary difficulty.
- C. Outside help to a racer is forbidden at the starting gate. Any last minute instructions to competitor must be made before the competitor reaches the starting gate.
- D. Competitors shall line up in numerical order per class.
- E. Starting order by group for most events, including dual format, shall be as follows:
GROUP 1: AAVM – AAW – AAM – AVW – AVM – AW – AM – AQ
GROUP 2: BBVM – BBM – BVW-BVM – BW – BM
GROUP 3: SV – CCVM – CCVW – CCW – CCM --CCQ

SNOWBOARD: BSB -- CSB – QSB

Starting order may be altered at the discretion of race committee.

- F. Upon request of the starter, the racer must plant his poles in front of the starting wand and have his boots behind the wand. A snowboard racer is allowed to push off from a solid point on the start.
- G. The starter must not touch the racer at the start.
- H. The racer is not permitted to push off with or from anything other than his own ski poles. Ski poles must remain in the snow throughout countdown and throughout initial starting thrust. A snowboard racer is allowed to push off from a solid point on the start.
- I. Upon entering gate, the starter shall ask racer: “Racer ready?”
- J. When racer acknowledges starter that he is ready, the starter shall say: “Go when ready.” At this time the racer may leave the starting gate. In the event of a dual course, the countdown of “Racer ready? 3, 2, 1, go” shall be used. Both racers must leave on “go.” In any case a racer must leave the starting gate or trip the starting wand within 5 seconds of the proper signal or be subject to disqualification.
- K. Time shall start as soon as any part of the racer’s body or equipment trips the starting wand after the racer has informed the starter he is ready.
- L. In the event a racer is not at the starting area when his number is called, he shall be permitted to start at the end of his class. If he is still not in the starting area when the first person in the following class has left the starting gate, he is disqualified from the first run and may not take that first run. He may, however, take his second run.
- M. After a racer acknowledges the “Racer ready?” signal, any tripping of the starting wand, whether accidental or intentional, will constitute a start.

4. Disqualification

A skier may be disqualified from competition for any of the following reasons:

- A. Skiing in any area, which is closed, to competition in any way other than that described in the Course Inspection Rules.
- B. Shadowing.
- C. Skiing through one or more successive gates of any course.
- D. Missing the first run. A person is deemed to have missed the first run after the first competitor of the following class has started his first run. However, the competitor may ski the second run with no effect to the other competitors regarding points and prizes. Competitors shall be notified in the event there is insufficient time

- to allow second runs to those competitors who have DQ or missed their first run.
- E. Failure to have racing bib clearly visible on the upper torso while racing the course or clearly visible while inspecting the course.
 - F. Not being in the starting zone when called by starter. If the racer is not in starting zone within the specified time, the racer is automatically put to the bottom of his class. If he is still not in the starting area when the first competitor in the following class has left the start gate, the competitor is automatically disqualified. Only in the event of a lengthy lift breakdown will there be consideration to this rule.
 - G. Pre-running or post-running a race course without the prior approval of a CMSC race official.
 - H. Not starting in numerical order. Only the start official may make changes to this rule.
 - I. Failure to re-start after being called back due to false start. A false start is defined as:
 1. Not complying to Starting Rules IV.3.A through M
 2. Starting before the starting cadence
 - J. Failure to properly negotiate all the “gates” of the race course. Both ski boots must properly negotiate all gates.
 1. A double pole gate is defined as the imaginary line joining the two points together where the poles enter the snow.
 2. A single pole gate is defined as the point where the pole enters the snow. The competitor must pass to the outside of each gate to properly negotiate the course, as defined by the first gate.
 3. A double pole “banner” gate is defined as the inner pole of each banner gate where it enters the snow.
 4. A single pole “banner” gate is defined as the point where the outer pole enters the snow. The competitor must pass to the outside of each gate to properly negotiate the course, as defined by the first gate.
 - K. Losing a ski while racing. A competitor may, however, finish the two gates previous to the finish gate on one ski without a disqualification.
 - L. Registering for and finishing a race in a class other than that for which the competitor has qualified.
 - M. Giving physical assistance to a racer, whether or not such assistance was requested during the race. Only after a competitor has lost his ski may assistance be rendered to help clear the course for the next racer.
 - N. Not performing or reporting for a duty assigned by a race official. The racer’s club will also be penalized 10 club points for each instance if the club did not provide a substitute.
 - O. Failing to comply with any request of a CMSC race official.

- P. Displaying unsportsmanlike conduct as determined by the committee. The racers club will be penalized 10 pts. For each instance.
- Q. Entering the timing shed or disturbing timing personnel in any way.
- R. In the event both a DQ and a timing malfunction take place in the same run, the DQ will take precedence.
- S. “DNF” – failing to correctly cross the designated finish gate.
- T. In the event a racer falls, misses gate(s), skis off course, or stops and fails to give way and/or is overtaken by or otherwise interferes with another competitor.
- U. Racing with the wrong bib number.
- V. Not complying with all rules stated within this rules booklet and/or amendments.

5. Reruns

- A. Reruns may be given for the following reasons:
 1. False starts
 2. Gate(s) missing
 3. Obstacles in course in which the competitor must alter his course. Gate(s) dislodged by the racer are not considered obstacles
 4. Interference by spectators, gatekeepers, or by a competitor who has fallen and not been able to clear course.
 5. Timing failure
 6. Accidentally starting timing equipment before the starting cadence.
 7. Starter calls back racer to starting.
- B. Racer who feels that he deserves a rerun due to interference must exit the course at the point of interference. He may not continue to any other part of the course.
- C. Racer must note reason and any gate(s) and gatekeeper(s) involved.
- D. Racer must inform nearest gatekeeper of the reason(s) for exiting the course.
- E. Racer must immediately ski to bottom of race course and file for rerun with the finish official on the same race course.
- F. The finish official may issue a rerun to racer and will note that reruns are provisional and will be judged by the committee at the conclusion of the day’s events.
- G. Racer must proceed to start of race course directly after receiving rerun approval and present himself to the start official.
- H. Only then will he be able to attempt to complete his provisional rerun.

- I. Racers with reruns will be given the opportunity to start their reruns as soon as they get to the starting gate and as soon as the starter can accommodate them in the line-up.
 - J. In the event of a timing failure, the racer will automatically receive a rerun unless there was a known DQ prior to the racer reaching the finish line. In this case no rerun will be given.
 - K. All racers shall be aware of their times. If times are not posted within a reasonable length of time, the racer may presume he has no time for that run. He may then inquire from the finish official the status of his time. No rerun will be given to the racer who fails to report to the finish official within a reasonable time after his run.
 - L. Reruns, if deemed valid, shall take precedence over the run that it has replaced. All decisions by the CMSC race committee are final.
6. Protests
- A. A protest may be made by a competitor against another competitor, club, or decision of an official.
 - B. A protest registered by a competitor regarding disqualification, irregularity of course, errors of officials, or other reason, must be brought to the attention of an on-duty race committee official serving on the course.
 - C. The competitor must provide a detailed explanation of his protest and name any official(s) involved and/or be able to name competent witnesses.
 - D. Any competitor is entitled to a provisional run/rerun to complete the race if under protest.
 - E. If the provisional rerun is slower than the original time, whether the protest stands or not, the rerun will stand as is.
 - F. A protest registered by a competitor shall be in writing on a protest form (see Appendix D) and shall contain the following:
 - 1. The particular rule or rules alleged to have been broken or infringed upon.
 - 2. The location and time of the incident
 - 3. A statement of the facts
 - 4. Names of official(s) involved and any witnesses.
 - 5. A diagram of the incident
 - 6. The time protest was presented to race committee official.
 - G. A written protest shall be signed by the person filing. Upon presentation to the CMSC race official on duty, a \$10.00 filing fee is due. It must be filed no later than ½ hour after the alleged incident. In the event of a protest filed against “course,” the form and fee must be filed before the start of the race.
 - H. The \$10.00 protest filing fee is refundable to the racer only if the judgment is in favor of the racer’s protest by the CMSC race committee.

- I. A protest made in writing may not be withdrawn but shall be decided upon by the committee. Officials will be available for discussion of rules and regulations prior to filing a protest. Officials are not required to listen to extensive arguments and may DQ a competitor for unsportsmanlike conduct.
- J. All persons directly involved with such protests will be informed as to the time and place of the hearing.
- K. Each party to the protest as well as witnesses will testify separately. All others will be excluded. The protest committee will conduct hearing as it sees fit.
- L. Failure on the part of any of the interested parties to make an effort to attend the hearing may justify the committee to dismiss the case or to decide the protest as they see fit.
- M. The committee shall make its decision promptly after the hearing.
- N. Each decision shall be communicated to the club's race chairman and the competitor(s) involved, and shall state the facts and grounds on which the decision is based including any applicable rules.
- O. The findings of the protest committee shall be final.

7. Timing

- A. Timing of competitors shall be performed electronically.
- B. All times shall be recorded to hundredths (0.00) of a second.
- C. All races shall be combined time with the exception of an elimination format and one-run events.
- D. In the event a dual course is used, each course shall have its own timing equipment with each course starting and stopping the timing equipment independently of the other course. This rule does not apply when timed differential is used.
- E. All times shall be posted as "unofficial times" at or near the bottom of the race course during the race. "Official times" shall be posted as soon as possible at the end of the day's events.
- F. In the event of timing failure, all competitors affected shall receive a rerun, except those with known DQ.
- G. In the event of non-repairable timing equipment failure, that run for the affected class shall be canceled. Trophies and points for the one completed run that was timed electronically shall be awarded.
- H. All times shall be announced through a public address system wherever possible.

8. Results

- A. Results will be posted as soon as calculations are completed at the end of the day's events.
- B. Any protests or questions regarding the posted results will be heard by the protest committee at that time.

- C. All competitors should contact their club's race chairman with questions/protests. The protest committee will discuss any questions or protests with race chairmen only.
 - D. Protests submitted regarding posted results must be presented within ½ hour after posting of results.
 - E. All decisions of the race committee will be final.
9. Bib Return
- A. Bibs must be returned to the appropriate official located at the bottom of the race course at the end of the racer's second run.

V COURSE TYPES AND DESCRIPTIONS

1. All courses shall be set at, or as close as possible, to USSA standard courses and specifications in regard to the following:
 - A. Distance between poles
 - B. Distance between gates
 - C. Course layout
2. The hill on which courses are set and the availability of hills shall determine the following:
 - A. Vertical drop
 - B. Course length
 - C. Pitch of course
 - D. Difficulty of course
3. Slalom
 - A. A slalom is a technically clever composition of figures suited to the terrain, linked by single and double gates allowing a fluent run, but testing the widest variety of ski technique, including changes of direction with very different radii. Gates should never be set only down the vertical fall line of the slope, but so that some full turns are required, interspersed with traverses.
 - B. All slalom events shall be double-pole gates with the exception of a dual format, in which case a single-pole course shall be used or as seen fit by the CMSC race committee.
 - C. Gates shall be alternately colored red and blue.
 - D. Courses may consist of any of the gates and combinations as shown in Appendix C, in any order as seen fit by the course setter and/or CMSC race committee.
4. Giant Slalom (GS)
 - A. GS is a course, which presents a variety of long, medium, and small turns. The racer should be free to choose his own line between the gates, which must not be set down the vertical of the slope. The full width of the hill is used whenever possible.
 - B. All GS events shall be double-pole gates with two poles at each end of the gate.

- C. Whenever possible, banner-type flags shall be used with alternating red and blue gates determining course.
- 5. Extra Long GS (XLGS) ... aka Super G or Super Long GS
 - A. An XLGS shall be a modified GS course. Modifications shall include no closed gates, no short radii turns, longer free-running sections between gates; all of which allow the racer to achieve a save, controlled descent of the course.
 - B. All courses shall be double-pole courses using banner-type flags whenever possible with alternating red and blue gates.
- 6. Dual Format
 - A. Two single-pole courses set parallel to each other utilizing identical terrain variations, same profile and same difficulties.
 - B. Courses shall be run simultaneously to encourage head-to-head competition.
 - C. Courses shall be set as a “blue” and a “red” course utilizing gates of the same color in each course.
 - D. Jumps may be constructed up to approximately 4 feet in height, depending on courses and safety conditions.
 - E. “Break-away” (rapid) gates may be used in the event such gates are available.
 - F. Flags shall be used whenever possible.
 - G. One pole will determine each change of direction. The racer must turn outside the pole. The turn is clearly and unmistakably indicated by the previous and succeeding turns.
 - H. Kick boards shall be used on turning gates at the jump gate.
 - I. No class can petition, during the season, to be exempt from doing jumps at jump races.
- 7. Elimination Rules
 - A. Brackets for elimination races will be as shown in Appendix B.
 - B. All racers may qualify for competition in the elimination format.
 - C. Brackets shall be based upon the finishers in the qualifying race, not upon those who show up for the elimination race.
 - D. In the event a competitor’s pairing does not show, the competitor will receive a “bye.” Competitor may, however, elect to run the course at his option for practice only on the first round only.
 - E. At start of the elimination race, a competitor shall be scratched if he does not show up in time for his start. Once scratched, the competitor is eliminated from the race.
 - F. At the discretion of the CMSC Race Committee, a pre-run-off may be used to determine placement in brackets.
 - G. A ski racer falling or having a DQ on the first run will give the “Time Advantage” to be made up by racer on the second run. The “Time Advantage” will be announced at the end of that run. A snowboard racer will be penalized 5 seconds for each missed gate and must finish the course. Failure to finish will result in DQ for the race.

- H. In the event both racers fall on first run, the racer who successfully skied the farthest down the course will receive the “Time Advantage.”
- I. In the event one racer falls or has a DQ on the second run, the win will be awarded to the racer that successfully goes the farthest down the course.
- J. In the event both racers fall on the second run, the racer who successfully skied the farthest down the course, wins. This is regardless of the outcome of the first run.
- K. Intentionally skiing off the race course as deemed by the CMSC race committee, will automatically DQ racer from further competition.
- L. Start positions will be determined from the previous qualification event in the following order:
 - 1. From fastest combined time to slowest combined time.
 - 2. From fastest single run time to slowest single run time.
 - 3. DQ’s and DNF’s
- M. One of two timing methods may be used:
 - 1. Combined timing
 - 2. Timing differential
 - 3. In the event of a 3-decimal tie, there will be a coin toss and the winner gets to choose the course for a one-run ski-off.
- N. One of two starting methods may be used:
 - 1. Combined timing will have starting wands working independently of each other.
 - 2. Timing differential will use “PRO” style starting gate. When using “PRO” style start gates, racers shall be allowed one barge per race day. In the event of a barge, both racers shall be recalled by an audible signal to re-start, when ready, at a time determined by the CMSC official. Racers receiving their second barge of the race day shall be disqualified and eliminated from competition.
- O. If there is an occasion for a rerun, both racers must rerun.

VI RACING MANAGEMENT

- 1. Duties of Race Committee/Course Officials
 - A. They are responsible for the legality of the course and may correct the widths of and distances between gates, if necessary, but not the intended setting of same.
 - B. They must oversee the preparation and maintenance of the course both before and during the race.
 - C. They shall obtain the necessary equipment and distribute this to assistants for the safe and efficient running of the race. They are also responsible for the return of equipment.

- D. They may delay the race once it has started if circumstances require it.
- E. Top Official
1. He shall be located at or near the starting area.
 2. He shall report to the start area at least 15 minutes before the scheduled start of the race.
 3. He shall authorize all reruns.
 4. He shall oversee the starting of all forerunners and pace setters.
 5. He shall be in contact with starter and notify starter of all reruns.
 6. He shall note starts and oversee all aspects of a smooth running race at the starting area.
 7. He shall converse with the “floating official” as to any needed repairs and any other difficulties that may need an official’s attention.
 8. He shall meet with all other officials at the bottom of the course after the end of the second run.
- F. Floating Official
1. He shall report to the start area at least 15 minutes before the scheduled start of the race.
 2. He shall oversee the smooth running of the course.
 3. He shall appoint competitors to “snow plow” course for repair only. He shall assist in course repair himself.
 4. He shall replace any broken or unsafe poles (gates), or appoint gatekeepers to do so.
 5. He shall report to official at bottom with any DQ or any other difficulties that he has observed himself.
 6. He shall check on gatekeepers for the smooth running of their duties and collect DQ sheets.
 7. He shall review gatekeepers’ duties and place gatekeepers on the hill.
- G. Finish Official
1. He shall be located at or near the bottom of the race course.
 2. He shall report to the finish area at least 15 minutes before the scheduled start of the race.
 3. Finish Official (Group 1) will be responsible for selecting pace setters and informing them of their duties.
 4. He shall oversee all aspects of a smooth running of a race at the finish area.
 5. He shall be aware to keep the finish area clear of all racers and spectators.
 6. He shall be responsible for making sure a scoreboard from the ski area is in place along with writing utensils. In addition, he shall oversee the posting of the times on the scoreboard.

7. He shall issue reruns and protest forms.
8. He shall oversee the collection of the bibs at the end of the second run.
9. He shall periodically check in on the timing personnel.
10. He shall notify racers of reruns in the event of timing failure.
11. He shall not allow any racers to enter the timing shed. The official shall be the only person to inquire about a racer's time.
12. He shall report to other officials any need to stop the race.
13. He shall collect all DQ sheets after first and second run of every round from floating officials.
14. He shall meet with all other officials at the bottom of the course after the end of the second run.

2. Course Personnel

A. Starter from Ski Area

1. He shall operate the starting equipment and be in direct phone contact with timekeepers in the timing shed.
2. He shall start all racers.
3. He shall use the words:
 - a. Standard cadence – “Racer ready? ... Go when ready.”
 - b. Dual cadence – “Racers ready?” ... and at this point check to see if racers are ready. Then he will proceed by saying, “Three, two, one, go.”
 - c. Elimination cadence – “Racers ready? ... Blue course ready? ... Red course ready? ... Racers ready?” ...
4. He shall call back any racers who have false starts or barges.
5. He shall announce to timekeepers as to whether competitors have left starting gates and also of false starts or barges.

B. Starter from CMSC

1. He shall be in charge of lining up all competitors in numerical order and in class.
2. He shall report to the start at least 15 minutes before the scheduled start of the race.
3. He shall not allow anyone, other than reruns, to ski out of class without the consent of the start official.
4. He shall announce the order the racers are to compete.
5. In the event a competitor has missed his start order, he shall not allow racers to step up to the starting gate after the first racer in the next class has left the starting gate.
6. He shall note if racers have bibs correctly positioned.

7. He shall have a complete starting order.
- C. Gatekeepers
1. He shall report to the top of the course 15 minutes before the start of the race. He shall remain at his post observing pre-assigned gates and course until relieved.
 2. He shall have in his possession:
 - a. Pencils
 - b. DQ sheets, DQ book
 - c. Gatekeeper identification garment
 3. When a DQ occurs, gatekeepers must note on the DQ sheet:
 - a. Racer bib number
 - b. Gates involved
 - c. Reason for DQ
 - d. Note first or second run
 - e. Note gatekeeper's name, affiliated club, and position on hill.
 - f. Diagram of the actual approach of racer.
 4. Gatekeeper, in response to racers, may say, "go on" if the racer passed through gates correctly, and "back" if a racer failed to negotiate a gate correctly.
 5. He shall not render physical assistance to racers. Gatekeeper may clear the course if the racer wishes to discontinue the completion of the race.
 6. He is to replace all fallen or broken gates to their original place in the snow. No alteration to the course may be made.
 7. He shall replace all flags to their proper gate(s), if possible.
 8. He shall report all possible dangerous ruts and other obstacles to the proper official.
 9. He shall clear all stones, tree branches, and other foreign matter from the course.
 10. He shall stand clear of the race course and not permit other racers, including spectators, to interfere with the operation of the race.
 11. He shall wave his ski pole over his head to form an X to the gatekeeper(s) above him to let officials know a racer is down or the course is in need of repair.
 12. He shall render to Floating Official all DQ sheets.
 13. All DQ books, gatekeeper identification garment, and paperwork must be turned in to the official at the conclusion of the race.
- D. Timers from the Ski Area
1. They shall operate timing equipment.
 2. They shall record all times to one hundredth of a second.
 3. They shall be in contact with starter at all times.

4. They may not DQ anyone unless approved by CMSC race officials.
- E. Time Recorder
1. He shall be in charge of recording all times.
 2. He shall report to the timing shed at least 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the race.
 3. He shall have the complete starting order in duplicate.
 4. He shall record time of all racers to the hundredth (0.00) of a second, reported by the timer.
 5. He shall record any reruns and DQ's.
 6. Any no-shows should be left blank on timing sheet.
 7. He shall also note as to which runs the DQ's and reruns took place.
 8. He shall note any DNF and as to which runs the DNF took place.
 9. He shall give the completed timing sheets to the finish official at the completion of both runs.
 10. These times shall be official times and their accuracy is of key importance.
- F. Time Announcer
1. He shall be in charge of announcing the times of all competitors over a public address system.
 2. He shall report to the timing shed at least 15 minutes before the scheduled start of the race.
 3. He shall have the complete starting order in duplicate.
 4. He shall announce bib numbers, then time or DNF, whichever is appropriate.
 5. He shall make said announcements after the time recorder has had an opportunity to record the times.
- G. Scoreboard Recorder
1. He shall be in charge of listing all times and bib numbers as announced over the PA system.
 2. He shall report to the finish area at least 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the race.
- H. Bib Return
1. This person is responsible for the collection of all bibs at the end of the second run. There will be a box for this purpose. It is the individual competitor's responsibility to return his/her bib. A competitor's club will be charged \$20.00 for each bib not returned. On a two-day event, racers will keep bibs for entire weekend and return after last event.
- I. Pace Setters

1. Pace setters are determined, usually from Group 1 racers, at the completion of their two runs. Pace setters are determined by the CMSC finish official.
2. Pace setters must have two consistent times.
3. Pace setters will be requested to run all courses.
4. If pace setters have been assigned “work duties,” they will be responsible for finding someone to fulfill their work assignment.

THE RACE COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CHANGE THE RULES AND/OR THE RUNNING ORDER OF THE SNOWBOARD CLASS AT ANY TIME DURING THE RACE SEASON.

APPENDIX A – RACER POINTS

Racers finish	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
1	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
2	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	
3	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10		
4	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9			
5	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8				
6	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7					
7	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6						
8	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5							
9	4	4	4	4	4	4	4								
10	3	3	3	3	3	3									
11	3	2	2	2	2										
12	2	2	1	1											
13	2	1	1												
14	1	1													
15	1														

APPENDIX B – ELIMINATION BRACKETS

8 RACERS

1 -
5 -

3 -
7 -

2 -
6 -

4 -
8 -

7 RACERS

1 -
B -

3 -
6 -

2 -
5 -

4 -
7 -

6 RACERS

1 -
B -

3 -
5 -

2 -
B -

4 -
6 -

5 RACERS

1 -
3 -

2 -
P -

4 RACERS

1 -
3 -

2 -
4 -

3 RACERS

1 -
B -

2 -
3 -

B = BYE

P = WINNER FROM PRE-RUNNOFF

NOTE: There will be a run-off for third and fourth places.

APPENDIX C – COURSE TYPE

APPENDIX D – PROTEST FORM

DATE _____ RACE _____ TIME _____

YOUR NAME _____

NAME OF RACER _____

BIB NUMBER _____ CLASS _____

RUN 1ST _____

2ND _____

RED _____

BLUE _____

Describe in detail the reason for the protest, supported by a sketch below. Be sure to list any competent witnesses and gatekeepers.

YOUR SIGNATURE _____

OFFICIAL'S SIGNATURE _____

PROTEST MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE \$10.00 FILING FEE, WHICH SHALL BE REFUNDED ONLY IF PROTEST IS UPHELD IN YOUR FAVOR BY THE CMSC RACE COMMITTEE. RETURN COMPLETED FROM WITH \$10.00 TO EITHER RACE OFFICIAL AT THE TOP OF BOTTOM OF THE COURSE.

RELEASE

DEFINITIONS= PARTICIPANT means any person who signs this release in his or her own behalf, any minor child in whose behalf it is signed by a parent or guardian, and any such parent or guardian. **RACE EVENT** means any ski, board, or boarder cross race and any and all related activities and functions including, but not limited to, pre-race activities, race course inspection, racing, post race activities, race work assignments. **CMSC** means and includes Cleveland Metropolitan Ski Council, its officers, delegates, trustees, committee members, member clubs, member's of member clubs, sponsors, and other participants. **CLAIM** means and includes any claim cause of action, suit, derivative claim, including, but not limited to, any claim for injury, death, damage to person or property, negligence.

IN CONSIDERATION of being allowed to participate in any **CMSC RACE EVENT**, the **PARTICIPANT** for his/herself and for his or her heirs, executors, administrators, minor children and wards, acknowledges and agrees as follows: I freely assume any and all risks, known and unknown, of any injury, death, or damage to person or property arising from said participation. I understand that such participation is dangerous, risky, and hazardous. I hereby release and forever discharge **CMSC** from any and all **CLAIMS** arising directly or indirectly from said participation. I shall not bring or present any such **CLAIM** against **CMSC**. I shall not bring any suit against **CMSC** on any such **CLAIM**. I shall indemnify and hold harmless **CMSC** on and as to any such **CLAIM** brought by me, or in my behalf, or by my estate, or by any spouse, parent, or guardian of a **PARTICIPANT**. I acknowledge that **CMSC** is/are unpaid volunteers and sponsors of a sports activity and is/are unpaid volunteers of a charitable organization organized for educational purposes. I intend and agree that Ohio law apply to any issues concerning the validity of any part of this release. **I AM AWARE THAT THIS RELEASE IS LEGALLY BINDING AND THAT I AM RELEASEING LEGAL RIGHTS AND ASSUMING LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY BY SIGNING IT.**

DATE	CLUB	DATE OF BIRTH	E-MAIL (OPTIONAL)	
STREET ADDRESS		CITY	STATE	ZIP

SIGNATURE _____

PRINT NAME _____

If signed as parent or guardian of a minor child, state:

Minor's Name _____

Minor's Date of Birth _____

Your Relationship to Minor _____