**SIMCOE COUNTY SPORTS’ PLAYING REGULATIONS**

###### ALPINE SKIING

**1. Simcoe County Guideline Category:** Preparatory Meets

**2. Season:** December to February

**3. Date of Championship:**

 The championship will be at the GBSSA level. It will be held in the last 2 weeks of February to comply with OFSAA regulations. There will be no Simcoe County final. See item 5(b) of the OFSAA regulations (regarding entry).

 Entries must be received by the OFSAA convenor no later than one week prior to the meet. **No late entries will be accepted**.

**4. Location:**

 The location will be determined by the Convenor, at the GBSSA Annual General Meeting of the school year prior to the championship.

 It is recommended that this race be held at one of the following ski clubs: Alpine, Blue Mountain, Craigleith, Devil’s Glen, Georgian Peaks, Osler Bluffs, or The Toronto Ski Club.

**5. School Classification and Levels:**

 There will be boys' and girls' team divisions in both Level 1 and Level II.

**6. League Structure:**

1. Definitions of Teams and Team Members:

 Level 1 Team Race: participants are school-trained athletes only. They have no ski league affiliation, present or past, beyond the U12 category.

 Level 2 Team Race: participants are those who have trained beyond the U12 category.

1. Events:

 Two runs in each event will be run, if possible. The decision as to the starting time of the final run will be let to the discretion of the race committee.

 The competition will take place over one day.

 Slalom and Giant Slalom; GBSSA will be GIANT SLALOM.

**7. Entry**:

 There will be two (2) or more qualifying races each year.

 (a) Each school shall compete in two (2) qualifying races run by Association schools. Each racer must compete in at least one (1) of the Association race to qualify for the GBSSA Championship.

 (b) Member schools of the Association must submit their intent to compete by December 1st for that school year.

 (c) The top twelve (12) boys' and the top twelve (12) girls' teams from the qualifying meets in our schedule will gain entry into the Championship. Additional teams above the top twelve (12) may be admitted at the convenor’s discretion.

 (d) Schools will be allowed to enter one (1) boys’ team and one (1) girls’ team in each of the Level 1 and Level 2 races.

 Teams will be made up as follows:

 Boys': 5 team members, 5 to race in the event, 3 to count.

 Girls': 5 team members, 5 to race in the event, 3 to count.

 (e) All racers must be declared on the entry form. Any substitution must be declared at the coaches' meeting immediately prior to the event. Such skier must race in the same running order as the skier being replaced and must have the same required documentation as other team members.

 (f) At least one coach or representative from each school must attend the pre-race coaches’ meeting in order for their school to participate in the event.

 (g) Entries to a “qualifying race” may not exceed 30 boys’ teams and 30 girls’ teams.

**8. Scoring:**

1. The competitor with the fastest total time in each event shall receive 1 point; the 2nd fastest time, 2 points, 3rd, 3 points; etc. In case of ties, the competitors will be scored the same and appropriate places left out. The team with the lowest score is declared the winner.

(b) Team scores in each of the Boys' Level I, Girls' Level I, Boys' Level II and Girls' Level II shall be calculated by adding the best three (3) individual scores. In the case of a tie for first place, the lowest total of individual times of the three racers will be used. If a tie still exists, the place of the tied teams' 4th place finisher shall be used.

(c) Disqualifications:

1. Disqualifications in the first run may receive a second run (a provisional run may be given only by the Jury of Appeal). As per the discretion of the Race Committee.

 (ii) DNFs (Did Not Finish) and those who missed gates shall receive a score which is twice the number of disqualifications or 50% of the total field, whichever is greater, added to the last proper score in that event. Disqualifications do not include DNS (Did Not Start), profanity, unsportsmanlike conduct, other infractions, changed numbers, etc. Such competitors will be not assigned a score.

 Racers should not under any circumstances use terrain park facilities at the race venue on the scheduled race day. Any racer caught in the terrain park may be disqualified by the race organizer.

**9. Date for Declaring the Number of Teams and Classifications:**

 Each member school of the Association must submit their "Intent to Compete" form by December 1st of that school year in order to be eligible for the GBSSA Championships.

**10. Start Times:**

 See the General Guidelines;

 Secondary School Athletic Activities Operating Parameters, as per the SCDSB

**11. Convenorship Rotation:**

 Convenors are appointed for a two-year term.

 The rotation is by volunteer and then by appointment based on school convening roles.

**12. Eligibility:**

1. As per the GBSSA Constitution (BY-LAW 2, Sections 1 to 13).
2. Open: all students will be under 19 years of age, as of Jan. 1st, prior to the start of the school year.
3. Schools must file completed, signed OFSAA Hub eligibility lists (containing the level of competition, names, ages, and birth dates of competitors, and the required signatures) with the SCAA Chair and regional/district convenor(s) no later than 24 hours prior to the competition. Any competitor changes require 24-hour notice prior to that competitor’s first competition. Note that any events whereby competitors of schools that have not submitted eligibility lists participate will result in disqualification.

 (d) To represent a school in any activity co-ordinated by the Federation, a student MUST:

 (i) be eligible for competition under the Constitution, By-Laws, and Standing Rules (Playing Regulations) of the Association to which his/her school belongs.

1. be certified as eligible by the Principal of the school.
2. meet the following age requirement: the individual's birth certificate indicates that he/she has not reached his/her 20th birthday by August 31st prior to the start of the school year in which the competition is held.
3. be in Grades 9-12.
4. be eligible for no more than five (5) consecutive years from date of entry into Grade 9 (as per the GBSSA Constitution).
5. be eligible under the O.F.S.A.A. Transfer Policy (as per the GBSSA Constitution).
6. have signed the “Rules of Behaviour Signature Form” for the competition, as defined by individual schools.

 (viii) have executed the Ski Resort's "Release of Liability" form.

 (e) Only students who were entered as members of a school's team of five skiers, in the Association meet, where held, are eligible to participate for that team in the Championship. For example, each student must participate in at least one meet in his/her declared category in order to be eligible for GBSSA

(f) Co-educational Alpine Skiing is classified as a team sport. A school team skier is defined as an individual who practices under the direction of the designated school coach at least once a week (dry-land or on-hill) during the ski season which shall begin no earlier than November 1st and end with the OFSAA Championship. All racers must have participated in a minimum of eight (8) school practice sessions (dry land and/or on-hill). There must be on-hill training with the school team.

(g) All competitors must comply with the GBSSA transfer policy and procedure.

**13. Expenses:**

Convenors may charge a levy to cover administrative expenses (telephone, fax, postage, photocopying, paper, etc.). This levy is to be shared by all schools in the competition and will be collected as part of the activity competition fee. The total administration levy should not exceed $50.00 per team ($15.00 per entrant).

**14. Rules and Officials:**

 Any new modifications approved by OFSAA that are NOT different in intent from the existing regulations, will be adopted into the Simcoe County Regulations. Such updates will be made as they are received from OFSAA

 The current FIS Rule Book shall govern competition at the Championship with the following exceptions:

(a)Starting Order

 In the first run of each event each school shall have a skier in the first seed section. For the first run, each seed shall be drawn independently and randomly. Each school will have one team member in each subsequent seed. For the second run, the current FIS Rule Book will be followed as per the "Bibbo System”: the first fifteen places after first run, ski in reverse order in second run; the remaining skiers in the second run, ski in the order in which they finished after the first run.

(b) If a skier loses equipment while on the course, he/she has thirty (30) seconds (at the discretion of the technical delegate) to get back into the course except as the FIS rule applies in the finish area only. If the racer is overtaken by another racer, then he/she is disqualified.

(c) No competitor may shadow any part of the course or go through the gates, in any way, prior to the race. The type of course inspection is determined by the technical delegate.

1. The convenor is responsible for obtaining the following competently trained individuals for each racecourse:
* technical delegate and/or chief of race
* chief gatekeeper and gatekeepers are required
* starter and assistant starter
* chief timekeeper and assistant

(e) The "skier down yellow flag” or the “crossed poles” warning system will be used for blind areas on the course. Failure to respond to this warning system may result in a disqualification.

(f) Electrical timing equipment should be used for all events.

 (g) Racers are required to adhere to all local rules and regulations at the Host Resort; for example, safety bars on chair lifts are to be used, no jumping, and no speed skiing.

**15. Uniforms and Equipment:**

 All skiers must wear ski brakes. In both the slalom and the giant slalom all racers must wear a hard-shell protective helmet designed for skiing or snowboarding. Downhill suits and protective equipment are permitted. Athletes must be fully covered from the neck down.

**16. Awards:**

 (a) Each meet presents its own award(s).

 (b) An attempt will be made to reduce meet costs by providing inexpensive awards such as certificates.

**17. Protest Procedures:**

 According to the current FIS International Competition Rules.

**18. Jury of Appeal:**

1. The Jury of Appeal will consist of three (3) members: the GBSSA Representative, the tournament convenor, and one other neutral party at the discretion of the convenor.
2. The Jury of Appeal will handle disputes that do not fall within the jurisdictions of the officials or within the jurisdictions of the GBSSA Boards of Reference.
3. All protests must be submitted, in writing, to the convenor within one hour after the incident in question. A cheque for $25.00 made out to the GBSSA Treasurer (or the cash amount) must accompany the written report.
4. The $25.00 cheque will be returned if the protest is upheld.

 (e) If the protest is found invalid, then the cheque will be forwarded to the GBSSA Treasurer.