



**SOUTH AUSTRALIAN
INTERSCHOOLS
SNOWSPORT CHAMPIONSHIPS**

COMPETITION RULES



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GENERAL RULES

A. DISCIPLINES

1. The South Australian Interschools Snowsport Championships consist of two disciplines: Alpine (Skiing); and Snowboarding.

B. ENTRIES

1. All entries must be made in accordance with the entry instructions provided on the SA Interschools web site. All forms must be completed in full and received by SASKI, together with all entry fees, no later than the deadline date published in the Interschools web site and associated documents. Failure to comply with this could result in entries being refused.
2. Team withdrawals from the Championships, and requests for refund of entry fees, must be made in writing and received by SASKI no later than 3 working days prior to the race.

Requests for refunds received less than 3 working days prior to the race will be considered at the Interschool Committee's discretion.

C. TEAM INFORMATION

1. A racer can only compete in one division per discipline (as there are 2 disciplines, the maximum number of entries per person is 2). A racer may elect to compete in a higher division, but not a lower division.
2. All team members must be pupils of the same school.

Schools that have more than one campus must elect whether they will be entering as one entity, whereby the school teams consist of competitors from all campuses, or as separate campuses, in which case the teams consist of competitors from the respective campus. No entries from pre-school students will be accepted.

3. Each team is to supply one adult Team Manager who is responsible for that team. A Manager may be responsible for more than one team.
4. Divisions are as follows:
 - Division One: Years 11 and 12
 - Division Two: Years 9 and 10
 - Division Three: Year 8
 - Division Four: Year 7
 - Division Five: Years 5 and 6
 - Division Six: Year 4 and below
 - Open: Secondary

Each division is further subdivided into male and female, other than Open (see point 6 below).

Please note, in South Australia Division 3 is split into Division 3 and Division 4. In other states and the National Championships, Division 3 comprises Year 7 and Year 8 secondary students. The split is necessary because SA secondary schools commence at Year 8, not year 7 as in other states. Therefore individuals or teams wishing to enter the National Championships should enter according to the following Divisions:

- Division One: Years 11 and 12
- Division Two: Years 9 and 10
- Division Three: Years 7 and 8
- Division Four: Years 5 and 6
- Division Five: Year 4 and below

5. A team entered as a male team may contain female competitors. A team entered as a female team may not contain male competitors.
6. The Open Division will combine male and female competitors. Competitors in the Open division will not gain points towards overall trophies.
7. Bibs will be issued only to the Team Managers, at the Managers' meetings. It is the Team Manager's responsibility to distribute bibs to racers.
8. A competitor must wear his/her assigned race bib during any course inspection.
9. A competitor will be disqualified if he/she does not wear a race bib correctly during competition. The bib number must be clearly visible, at front and behind, to gate judges and other officials.
10. A team may be disqualified if one of their members' skis in a bib other than the one assigned to their name.
11. Generally bibs are retained by competitors, however if requested, bibs must be returned to SASKI. If the requested bibs are not returned the offending school will be billed \$40 per bib. Managers will be advised if the bibs are to be returned at the Managers' meeting.

D. CANCELLATION

1. The Interschools Committee reserves the right to cancel or postpone the Championship. If any change is necessary the Committee will, wherever possible, inform Team Managers 24 hours prior to the advertised commencement of the Championships.

Additionally the Committee reserves the right on the day of the Championships to postpone or reschedule any event or events.

If an entrant is unable to compete due to any postponement made by the Interschools Committee, the entrant should notify SASKI in writing within 3 days of the notification of the postponement. SASKI will refund the entry fee, provided that it has the financial capacity to do so.

E. SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS.

1. Champion Schools Trophies will be awarded as follows:

- Boys Secondary School
- Girls Secondary School
- Boys Primary School
- Girls Primary School

2. Points in the Championship will be awarded to teams as follows:

1 st Place	12 points	6 th Place	5 points
2 nd Place	10 points	7 th Place	4 points
3 rd Place	8 points	8 th Place	3 points
4 th Place	7 points	9 th Place	2 points
5 th Place	6 points	10 th Place	1 point

Note: Only the two fastest teams in each division, from the same school will attract points. ie, if school X has three (or more) teams in, say, Division 1 Boys Snowboard, and they are placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd, only the points for their teams placed 1st and 2nd will attract points, all other schools' teams will accordingly gain points for the position above their actual position.

3. The school with the highest aggregate of points will win a perpetual trophy.

Where there is a tie of points, position will be determined by overall fastest team times.

4. The three fastest males and females in each division will receive an individual award in addition to team awards.

5. The fastest individual in each event, Primary and Secondary, Boys and Girls, Alpine and Snowboarding, will be recognised as the State Champion for that event.

RACE RULES

A. SAFETY EQUIPMENT.

1. **All competitors must wear a helmet designed for snow sports.**
2. Competitors must also wear covering on their arms, legs and body, no shorts or T- shirts etc are allowed.

B. THE TEAM

1. ALPINE SKIING

A team consists of one to a maximum of four skiers who are enrolled at the same school. A minimum of three skiers in the team must finish in each run to be eligible for team placings and points.

2. SNOWBOARD

A team consists of one to a maximum of three snowboarders who are enrolled at the same school. A minimum of two snowboarders in the team must finish in each run to be eligible for team placings and points.

C. TIMING

1. Each competitor will have two runs, unless otherwise advised by SASKI. If a competitor does not finish, or is disqualified in either run, their time in the other valid run may still be used to calculate team results.

2. ALPINE

The team results will be determined by the sum of the three fastest times in the first run and the three fastest times in the second run. Unless there are three valid times for the team in each run, the team is disqualified.

3. SNOWBOARD

The team results will be determined by the sum of the two fastest times in the first run and the two fastest times in the second run. Unless there are two valid times for the team in each run, the team is disqualified.

4. For the calculation of individual results, the individual's time is the sum of the times of the two valid runs.

D. THE COURSE

1. The course will be a giant slalom or similar for both alpine and snowboarding, set at a suitable level for either primary or secondary divisions.
2. The course may be open for inspection 15 to 30 minutes prior to the race start of the first event of the day. Competitors must wear race bibs to enter the course for inspection. Team Managers will be advised of inspection and race times at the Managers' meeting.
3. Unless otherwise advised at the Team Managers' meeting, the following will apply to Course Inspection:
 - Competitors may inspect the course by side-slipping adjacent to but outside the race gates.
 - Competitors must not pass through the gates during inspection. Failure to comply with this rule may be cause for disqualification.
 - Competitors must depart the course before the finish line. **Competitors must not pass through finish line.**
 - Skiers in Divisions 4, 5 & 6 may choose to snow plough if unable to sideslip.
 - Snowboarders must not point their snowboard directly down through the course.
 - Competitors may be accompanied by their Team Manager during course inspection. All rules regarding course inspection apply equally to Team Managers.

E. STARTING ORDER AND PROCEDURES

1. The starting order will be determined by a random draw.
2. The divisions will race from Division 6 to Division 1. Females will race first within each division.
3. The First Run will proceed in numerical order of bibs.
4. For the second run, Divisions will remain in the same order, but entrants will race in reverse numerical order within the Division.
5. A competitor who is late for the start will compete at the end of the current run for their Division.

F. RACE PROCEDURES

1. A competitor's ski tips, or snowboard, and both feet must pass across the gate line, (the imaginary line between poles or the hole where the pole was located). The racer may cross this line from any direction and may also go into and out of the gate "U" fashion, provided the line is crossed.

2. It is permissible to knock a gate pole away, provided the ski tips, or snowboard, and boots pass across the original gate line.
3. When a racer believes he/she has missed a gate, he/she may ask the gate judge which gate he/she has missed and whether he/she has gone back far enough. The racer must then comply with Clause F.1 above. A racer must not be physically assisted during his or her run.
4. If the course is not completed correctly, the relevant gate judge will record a disqualification next to the competitor's bib number and complete a diagram of the fault.
5. If obstructed during his or her run, a competitor may request a re-run. To do so the competitor must immediately leave the racetrack and move to the bottom within the course fences. **They must not pass through the finish line.** They must immediately report the obstruction to the Finish Referee.

A provisional re-run will be granted immediately, but will be valid only if the jury confirms it at the conclusion of the race. If the claim for the re-run is shown to be unjustified, the competitor will be disqualified.

6. A skier must finish with at least one ski attached.
7. Racers, after crossing the finish line, must make their bib number visible to the Finish Referee, then immediately leave the run out zone. The run out area is a dangerous area and must be kept clear at all times. Spectators and Team Managers are forbidden to be in this zone.

G. DISQUALIFICATION

1. Disqualifications can be for a number of reasons and are at the discretion of the Chief of Race. Reasons for disqualifications include: incorrect method of course inspection; racing without the correct bib; late arrival for start of race; false name; false start; ski tips or snowboard and boots fail to go between the gate poles; accepting outside help in a race; unjustified requests for a re- run; shadowing course or inspecting when closed; skiing or snowboarding off the designated course; or unsporting behavior or conduct.
2. A ski racer will be disqualified for the run in question if he or she loses one or two skis and is unable to replace them to continue within 15 seconds, or if he or she comes to a complete stop for over 15 seconds during the run.
3. Disqualifications will be listed during the progress of the race on the disqualification boards situated at the finish area.

H. PROTEST AND APPEAL PROCEDURES

1. It is the responsibility of the Team Manager to check the disqualification boards at the end of each run.
2. Protests and appeals can only be lodged by the Team Manager with the Finish Referee, in writing, within 15 minutes of the disqualification being posted. Protests and appeals are to be accompanied by a \$5 fee, which will be refunded if the protest or appeal is upheld.
3. The Chief of Race will consider any protest or appeal and decide whether a jury is necessary.
4. In the event that a jury is necessary, the Jury will consist of the Chief of Race, the Start Referee, the Finish Referee and the Chief Gate Judge. Their decision will be final.
5. Protests of results may only be lodged with the Chief of Race or his delegate within 15 minutes of the announcement or posting of the results at the presentation ceremony. The Jury to consider the protest, if necessary, will include the Chief of Race, Chief of Operations and one additional committee member, nominated by the Chief of Operations. Their decision will be final.

I. NATIONAL EVENT

1. The three top placed teams and three top placed individuals in each division, in each discipline from South Australia, will be eligible to nominate to compete in the Australian Interschools Snowsports Championships. SASKI will retain the final say as to the suitability of teams or individuals to enter this event.
2. Where a school enters more than one team in an event, the points of only the fastest team will contribute to the Champion School points.
3. Where state finals were held, school teams that did not qualify to compete at the State final level will not be eligible to compete at the National level.
4. Qualifying school teams competing in the Australian Championships must include at least one member from the original team in that discipline that competed at state level.
5. In addition, should the teams of the first three individual place getters from all Division One State events not qualify for the Australian finals, those individuals may be permitted to enter as an individual entry, provided they have competed in the state event.
6. Where the State Championships have not been held, that state may enter three teams in each discipline. These states may also enter three individual competitors in Division One events.
7. Places and trophies for the Interschools events will be awarded only to those competitors who are members of an official school team, with

the exception of Division One individual entries as outlined in clauses I5 and I6.

8. The National Schools committee reserves the right to invite guest teams at their discretion, but these teams will not be eligible for placing or awards.
9. The individual winner of Division One events, will be recognised as the Australian Interschools Champion of that event.
10. Teams wishing to enter the National event are advised to obtain a copy of the National Interschools Championship Rules. These are available from the respective state body hosting the National event, usually via their web site.