

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

*Volunteers are an important part of the SA Interschools Snowsport Championships, without them the event could not successfully be conducted.*

All offers of volunteer help are gratefully accepted. Most volunteers are parents.

**All school groups** of 4 or more entries in the SA Interschools Championships are obliged to supply one volunteer. Groups with greater than 10 entries are obliged to supply 2 volunteers.

Most volunteers will be required to act as gate judges for one of the races, either on the Wednesday afternoon or Thursday. Choose a different race to your child's.

**All gate judges will receive a credit for one days lift pass, awarded after race (it can be used as credit for the following year if applied for).**

Unless otherwise advised, all volunteers are required to attend a briefing at 11:00 on the **Tuesday** of the SASKI Week in Cloud 9. You will receive full instruction to enable you to adequately carry out allotted tasks.

## **Major benefits of being a gate judge:**

You get to freeze to death in inclement weather at inconvenient times in absurd locations.

You get abused from irate parents and racers.

You get a feeling of well being by doing something for all the other kids and then get berated by yours for not watching their race.

You will seldom be thanked by anyone outside of the Interschools committee.

Nevertheless, your assistance will help to ensure that the event is conducted in an enjoyable and professional manner. Your judgement and competency will be a valuable contribution to the Championships.

Gate Judges will be supplied with a kit and a radio for fast response to incidents (and to stop you feeling that you're left out alone in the fog and mist).

A chocolate bar or similar will be provided to ward off hunger.

Remember volunteers do form an integral and important part of the Interschools week.

Above all, have fun.

## **What you will need to do if you are a gate judge:**

Wear warm clothes.

Have a good understanding of your role

Know and understand the pertinent rules.

Anticipate potential difficulties

Be fair and try and exclude any personal favouritism.

Be available when needed

Wear your identification provided.

The hallmark of a good official is promptness, firmness and justice, tempered by tact and consideration.

Every race is important to each racer regardless of the level of the race or racer.

He or she may have trained for some time for this event.

*You will be fully briefed on your respective role, so don't worry it's not too hard.*

*Many thanks from the SA Interschools Committee*