



**GUIDELINES FOR
CWSAA MEMBER AREAS HOLDING RACES 2010 - 2011**

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The Guidelines and Policies below are to assist Member Areas in their negotiations with Race Organising Committees (R.O.C.) and generally apply to the holding of divisional/regional races from entry level (Nancy Greene Ski League) to Junior level (Provincial Championship). The holding of National Championship, International and World Cup Events that may or may not include T.V. coverage may require more elaborate negotiations and/or the assistance of specialised event managers.

In order to assure well-operated racing events within your areas, it is recommended that you follow these suggested policies and guidelines, they will assist in avoiding last minute surprises. It is most important that you and the race organization mutually agree (in writing) on all the specific details concerning the race in question. This process should be followed, be it C.S.A. sanctioned events and/or recreational or processional events organized by others.

The policies and guidelines are written in conjunction with events sponsored by the Canadian Snowsports Association and their various Disciplines benefitting from the CWSAA All Area Racer Pass, but they could be applied equally to competitions covered by other sponsors or organizations. It is advised that you review your liability position with your insurers especially for those race organizers of events that are not sponsored by the Canadian Snowsports Association, since they may rely totally on your liability coverage.

Each area should, therefore, establish and agree on part or all of the following, with any race organizer, coach, club or the Canadian Snowsports Association:

A. GENERAL GUIDELINES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Member Areas should ensure that they are adequately insured to cover any possible liability in connection with the race. The Canadian Snowsports Association has agreed to accept full responsibility and to furnish an insurance policy adequate to fully protect CWSAA and Member Areas. However, it is each area manager's responsibility to familiarize him/herself with the terms of this policy and ascertain before each race that their respective area is named insured in the policy for the event being organized.

2. Competitors and officials must respect all rules and regulations

including the Alpine Responsibility Code as may be posted by the ski area operator from time to time.

3. Ski brakes and/or approved anti run-away devices are mandatory on all skis or snowboards used in any form of competition or during recreational free skiing.
4. It is recommended that the R.O.C. and the area management negotiate specific equipment rental rates and/or other charges for labour and use of facilities which may be required, refer to Race Course Preparation Charges below.
5. It may be advisable to nominate an official ski area contact/co-ordinator who will handle all interface between the R.O.C. and ski area management.
6. It should be established if the Area will carry free the National Team members and coaches as designated from time to time by the CSA and their disciplines.
7. It should be established that in the case of Canadian Championships, National or International Events all competitors, coaches, officials and workers involved will be required to pay for Area Day passes, or whether the Area Day Passes will be substituted by a suitably approved identification provided by the R.O.C.
8. In the case of an accident on the actual race course or designated training course or warm-up area, all under the control of the Race Organizing Committee or participating Team Captains, a copy of the Ski Patrol Accident Report shall not be unreasonably withheld from the Technical Delegate.
9. Last but not least, it is **extremely important** to establish, during the early planning stages of an intended race:
 - a. Sponsor's name, to eliminate any conflict of interest.
 - b. Amount of cash allotted and date of availability to the area.

B. **PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF THE SEASON**

1. The number of races the area is prepared to sanction during the forthcoming season.
2. Dates, Times and Location where these races are to take place.
3. Individual responsible for organizing the races.
4. Regulations applying to training and race days for both officials and competitors.
5. How many Officials, coaches and race workers will be carried free of charge on the day of the race. For Downhill, training days (max. 3 days) are considered equal to race days.

C. **PRE-AND RACE DAYS**

1. All competitors, coaches and officials must have a valid Area Day Pass, properly installed, unless otherwise agreed on.
2. When and where passes are to be obtained is to be decided upon with area management approval.
3. A list of all competitors, coaches and officials is required before passes can be obtained or purchased.
4. The responsibility of picking up passes in advance and distributing them is to be established.
5. It should be established where racers with CWSAA All Area Racer Passes are to pick up their Area Day Pass.
6. The rate to be charged racers if the racer does not hold the CWSAA All Area Racer Pass: it is recommended that subject to the discretion of the area management, not less than 50% of the Area Youth/Student Day Pass be charged.
7. In the event of a Downhill race, it should be established how many days preceding the race the agreed rate will apply. Generally, three (3) training days are allowed for Downhill races as per current FIS requirements. Training days are not required for Slalom, Giant Slalom or Super G races.
8. Life Line Privileges:
 - a. Officials who are working up and down the course during the race (Technical Delegate, Chief of Race, Chief of Course, Chief of Gatekeepers, the Referee, necessary course workers). These officials must wear distinguishing bibs or identifications.
 - b. Racers who require a re-run, and who receive a signed slip from the Referee at the finish, must present this slip to the Lift Attendant.
9. Courses will be set in the area approved by management.
10. All obstacles, such as poles, ruts, moguls, must be removed upon completion of the race with the assistance of those participating in the race. Unless otherwise negotiated this is not an area responsibility and is a chargeable item for a race.
11. Requirements for training or test courses other than the actual race course, their location, preparation and clean up should be established.

D. **RACE COURSE PREPARATION CHARGES**

The CWSAA membership has established an industry wide basic rate for club level races to be used by Western Canadian ski areas in the negotiations with the different bodies who plan to hold competition events within the ski areas. These are as follows:

1. Basic Equipment and Service

a. Hourly charges for front line grooming machine	\$180.00/hr
b. Hourly charge for secondary or transportation snow machines	\$100.00/hr
c. Snowmobiles	\$ 70.00/hr
d. Snowmaking	\$375.00/hr
e. Extra lift operation	\$160.00/hr
f. Labour and staff support	cost + 25%

2. Course Preparation

The preparation of a competitive race course can be very costly and many race organizations may not have the money to pay for the total cost incurred by the ski areas especially for events such as Super Giant Slalom and Downhill where the construction of major safety netting and course control is necessary.

For these events, it is recommended that the Ski Area and Race Organizations negotiate a contract prior to the commencement of the season. To ensure neither party incurs any financial loss it may be necessary to bring in outside support through sponsorship agreements to cover all the costs. Furthermore some of the equipment may have to be installed before too much snow covers the ground.

The preparation for Slalom and Giant Slalom courses is much less labour and machine intensive. Therefore it is recommended that the basic site fee be charged by CWSAA Member Areas for the use of Slalom and Giant Slalom events, up to the Divisional Level of Competition.

This would cover all established race programs up to and including Regional FIS Events, but not Canadian Championships, National and International Events.

From experience, the preparation of a Slalom and Giant Slalom site for a Weekend of competition will require the following:

Minimum 8 hours grooming with blade and tiller = 8 hrs. x \$180 \$1,440.00
 Placing of control fencing or rope to fence off area, labour provided by ski area (e.g. 2 men x \$9.00/hr x 10 hrs = 10%) \$200
 Office and/or Daylodge facilities use, Administration & Overhead \$150.00

TOTAL \$1,790.00 or \$895.00 per race day.

It is recommended that this amount is charged for Slalom and Giant Slalom competition sites.

It is emphasized that these basic rates are for guidance only and each Area may charge a higher rate: it is entirely at the discretion of the Ski Area Operator.

3. Reasoning

In providing a properly prepared and marked competition site, the ski area loses skiable area for the recreation skier which, in turn, could have an adverse impact on the ski area's income.

Most competition sites such as hockey rinks, swimming pools and track and field stadiums are heavily subsidized through tax payers' money. It is therefore unfair to expect the operator to subsidize competition sites for ski racing.

It is well understood that ski racing is becoming more expensive each year; it must be appreciated that preparation and standards requested by the race organizations have risen dramatically. However, this can be provided only by a corresponding increase in cost to the organizer.

Obviously, in providing the outlined services at the scale of charges described above, each operator has the obligation to ensure the highest quality of work in carrying out the required tasks.