

# SNOWSPORT SOUTH SUMMER LEAGUE RACE RULES.

## Introduction

This set of rules has been written to remove any ambiguity in the way that races organised by Snowsport South are run. It is intended that this document is a living document that will evolve as situations arise and clarifications are sought by team managers and race officials.

The rules governing ski racing on artificial slopes in the UK are documented in the British Competition Rules and British Artificial Competition Rules documents. Races organised by Snowsport South respect these rules but as a regional race series intended for less experienced racers and designed to be fun but safe, it has been necessary to make subtle modifications.

## Issue Control

Draft 0.1	Initial draft for discussion by Snowsport South committee.
Draft 0.2	Incorporation of feedback from reviews.
Version 1.0	First released copy for publication on Snowsport South website.
Version 1.1	Updated to incorporate further feedback.

## Principles

The over riding principle is that the racer / team will always get the benefit of doubt. This places a responsibility on racers to conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike way and on clubs to promote sportsmanship.

Snowsport South events are intended to be competitive but enjoyable for all participants and application of these rules should be made in this spirit.

## Code of Conduct

The following code of conduct applies to racers and parents. Failure to adhere to these points by a racer could lead to disqualification from the event and in extreme circumstances exclusion from other Snowsport South events. Where a parent or guest of a racer is the offender the same range of penalties can be applied to the racer. In the case of a team race, the penalties will apply to the team.

- Language deemed to be offensive will not be tolerated.
- Abuse of race officials will not be tolerated. Any issues with an individual official should be raised with the Chief of Race. Issues with the Chief of Race should be taken up with any Snowsport South committee member.
- All racers should comply with the rules of the ski slope and comply with any requests from the slope staff. Where these requests are deemed unreasonable this should be taken up with the Chief of Race.
- Any wilful damage of slope equipment or property will not be tolerated and the region will support claims for damages against individuals by the slope management
- Abuse of race equipment and in particular slalom poles is not acceptable.

## Enforcement of Rules

The Chief of Race is responsible for the enforcement of both the code of conduct and the race rules. Where there is a dispute about a specific case or where clarification is needed a race jury can be formed comprising of the Chief of Race and at least two Snowsport South committee members. Where wider agreement of a rule change is required a team managers meeting can be called with one representative from each club along with the race jury. Only one representative from each club is allowed so if a club member is in the race jury that person will be deemed to be the club representative.

## Summer Series Organisation

1. For the 2010 season 4 races out of 6 will count towards the overall series results. This will be adjusted yearly depending on the number of races to be run.
2. There will be 3 club team dual slalom competitions.
  - The 11 and under event which for 2010 will only include racers born in the year 1998 or later. The teams will consist of 3 members.
  - The 16 and under event which for 2010 will only include racers born in the year 1993 or later. The teams will consist of 4 members.
  - The open event where members can be any age. The teams will consist of 4 members.

Provided the age rules are met, a racer can take part in all of the different events. Team selection policy is the responsibility of the club team manager but each club can only enter one team in each category.

3. There will be no scratch teams for club team competitions and all team members must be registered with the club team they are racing for. Racers belonging to more than one club can only race for the club under which their entry is registered and if there is a need to change clubs this must be done before the day of the race.
4. Racers who compete in the club team competitions can also compete in the fun team competition. All racers who wish to take part in the fun team competition should indicate this fact at the time they submit their entry for the race.

## Race Day Organisation

5. The running order of events on race day is as follows:-

Course Setting for Individual Slalom

Open Practice through the course

Individual Slalom – 3 runs through the same course with best run to count

Course Setting for Dual Slalom

Individual head to head arranged in blocks of 4 racers

Team Dual Slalom Competitions – under 11, under 16 and open

Fun Team Dual Slalom competition

Prizegiving

This order can be changed by the organising club / Snowsport South committee and events can be dropped if the overall event is running late or there are any incidents which necessitate a change.

6. Any racer registered and paid can race, even if they are late, while the timed course is available. Racers who abuse this concession may lose it.
7. All race volunteers will be required to wear high visibility vests on the slope. Only racers, officials and authorised photographers will be allowed on the slope during competition.
8. If a club requires compensation for damaged equipment such as poles, the items in question should be stored in a suitable location such as the timing hut until after the event. At the end of the event the items should be shown to an independent Snowsport South committee member and the extent of the damage agreed.

## Individual Slalom

9. Any racer who is late into the starting gate will be able to race when ready. Such events though do disrupt the smooth running of the event and therefore impact everyone else at the event so abuse of this concession will be dealt with by the Chief of Race.
10. After the starter deems that the racer can start the racer has up to 10 seconds to start his run.
11. In the timed runs a racer can request a reset of the timing wand if unsure whether the timing gear has been pre-triggered. If necessary a re-run will be allowed.
12. If a racer believes he has been impeded in any way he should stop immediately then ski to the finish and report to the race office or an official. A racer who does this will more than likely be offered a re-run. A racer that continues through the course and then requests a re-run will not get one.

## Dual Slalom

13. In the event of the head to head not being run or being abandoned all racers will be awarded the maximum 3 points.
14. In individual dual slaloms each racer is allowed one false start per race.
15. If both racers in an individual dual slalom fail to complete the course the person who travelled further through the course legally will be deemed to have won.
16. The starting procedure for both individual dual slalom and team dual slalom races will be as follows:-

A wand will be present in both the red and blue courses. When invited to enter the start gate the racer will put his poles on the course side of the wand and prepare for the start. When the poles are over the wand the starter will assume the racer is ready to start.

If for any reason the racer is not ready to start or distracted he must remove his poles from the course side of the wand and raise his concerns with the starter.

The starter will issue the instruction "Ready on the Red, Ready on the Blue" and then either say "Go" or blow a whistle. No other form of the instruction should be used.

Racers can move before the start signal but must not hit the wand before it is given. If the wand is hit before the start signal is given it will be deemed to be a false start.

In a team race the second, third and fourth racers will be allowed to start when the finish line flag for their course is raised. They are allowed to move before the flag moves but must not hit the wand or it will be deemed to be a false start. If there are concerns about the delay in the finish line flag being raised the team manager must raise them with the starter. To this end the starter is encouraged to watch the finishing racers rather than the starting racers. This places additional responsibility on the start marshalls as their decision on the legitimacy of a start will be final.

The Chief of Race must ensure that the start team are fully briefed on their roles and responsibilities and on the starting procedure.

17. In Team Championship and Fun Team races the first racer is allowed one false start per race.

18. In any team races the first team that skis out or is disqualified will lose and an automatic win will be given to the other team.
19. Initial resolution of any dispute should be sought between the starter, start marshalls and teams involved. All disputes should recognise the principles of Snowsport South events. Any Team manager can dispute a claim or call through the Chief of Race and if necessary the race jury can be quickly convened.
20. If a pole comes out of the course or is folded under the mat the race should be stopped and re-run.
21. No persons except the starter, start marshall and team manager / coach are allowed near racers in the start areas.
22. Winning teams in a knockout race are allowed 7 minutes from the time the last racer crosses the line until they must be ready to race. Exceptions can be made if for example the slope lifts are not working.