



## RACING RULES AND PROCEDURES

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### \* 1.0 RACER ELIGIBILITY

- 1.1 Adult OVSC race participants, persons age 18 and above, must be members in good standing of one of the ski clubs participating in the Council. Club race chairs are responsible to follow their club's bylaws for racers age 18-21.
- 1.2 Junior OVSC racers, persons under the age of 18, must be children, grandchildren or legal wards of members in good standing of OVSC and are subject to all OVSC racing rules. Club race chairs are responsible to follow their club's bylaws for racers under age 18.

### 2.0 REGISTRATION AND PRE-REGISTRATION

- 2.1 Master club rosters are to be turned in to the OVSC Race Director and Race Timer by 12/15 of each race season.
- 2.2 Racers must register with their club's Race Chairman prior to their first race. The club's race chairman shall provide the Race Timer with the racer's name, bib number, NASTAR number (if available), birthdate, sex and mailing address at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start of his/her first race, if not already in the database.
- 2.3 Sign-in is not required prior to race time. However, all racers must be pre-registered with their club's Race Chairman (see 2.2 above). A list of registered racers and their starting handicaps will be made available in a convenient location at the ski area at least one hour before each scheduled race time.

### 3.0 BIB NUMBERS

- 3.1 Bib numbers are assigned by each club's Race Chairman.
- 3.2 The list of bib numbers to be used by the OVSC clubs are as follows:

1-199	Columbus
200-399	Dayton
400-499	Alpine
500-699	Cincinnati
700-749	Lafayette
800-999	Lexington
1000-1099	Indianapolis
1100-1199	Corbeau
1200-1399	Kittyhawk
1400-1499	Tri-State
1500-1699	Louisville
1700-1799	Indianapolis
1800-1899	Frankfort
1900-1999	Skiers Ltd
2000-2199	Sandusky

### 4.0 TIMING RULES

- 4.1 Timing of racers will be performed electronically on a dual course, whenever local facilities can accommodate.

## 5.0 STARTING RULES

- 5.1 Prior to initiation of start, the competitor must have both ankles behind and within one foot of the starting gate wand.
- 5.2 The official starter has the responsibility for declaring a valid start or calling a false start.
- 5.3 A racer is entitled to a restart if one or both skis are left in the starting gate.
- 5.4 It is the racer's responsibility, prior to starting, to declare a false start if the start gate wand is tripped prematurely.

## 6.0 START ORDER

- 6.1 Order of start for races will normally be by handicap groups. For an occasional special race, it may be necessary to forego this procedure and start in an order set by the area race department.
  - a. Racers will be assigned their best OVSC handicap (adjusted) from the previous season for the first race of a new season. Thereafter, each racer will use his best handicap of the previous or current season for start order.
  - b. If a racer does not have an established OVSC handicap, he must race in the NO HANDICAP group.
  - c. Handicaps that are established by OVSC racers in any OVSC sanctioned race will be valid.

### \* d. HANDICAP GROUPING

- A 0 to 10.99 Handicap
- B 11.00 to 18.99 Handicap
- C 19.00 to 29.99 Handicap
- D 30.00 to 46.99 Handicap
- E 47.00 to 61.99 Handicap
- F 62.00 Handicap and up
- Open No Handicap (999)

- e. These groupings will be used for both first and second runs.

### 6.2 Runs out of handicap start order

- a. To make a run out of handicap order, a racer must, BEFORE the run, request and RECEIVE permission from the Chief of Race (COR), the starter, the OVSC Chairman or their delegate.
- b. Any run out of order taken without notifying an appropriate official will not be allowed and will result in the disqualification of the racer.
- c. Junior OVSC racers will be allowed to forego racing in the Junior group and race in their handicap group with the adults.

### 6.3 Start order will rotate at each race per schedule in Section 20.

## 7.0 DEFINITION OF A VALID RUN

- 7.1 A valid run consists of starting after a Starter's countdown, legally negotiating all gates with skis attached by their bindings, and finishing the course with a valid time.
- 7.2 A racer will be allowed to finish his run with one ski only if the loss of the other ski occurs after breaking the plane of the second gate up the hill from the finish line.
- 7.3 A gate has been legally negotiated when both the competitor's feet have crossed the gate line, an imaginary line from the pole extending in a direction perpendicular to the course and as far as the course boundary.

7.4 In the event that a competitor removes a pole from its vertical position before his feet have crossed the gate line, the racer's feet still must pass over the original gate line defined by the mark or hole in the snow.

## **8.0 NUMBER OF RUNS**

8.1 The lowest handicap received from a race (one or two runs) will be used for both Medal Awards and OVSC Season Handicap.

8.2 Season Trophy Competition.

- a. Except for the occasional single-run special event, all racers must complete two runs in order to complete a race for standings in the Trophy competition.
- b. Racers will be scored by the combined time of both runs.
- c. On a dual course the racer must make a run on each course. Any racer making more than one run on a course, with the exception of a legal rerun, will be disqualified on that run.

8.3 Racers who disqualify on the first run will be allowed, at their option, to take a second run.

## **9.0 RERUNS**

9.1 Reruns are only allowed by the Chief of Race or his delegate. Racers receiving a rerun will report to the STARTER, who will then insert the racer(s) at the front of the line.

9.2 Reruns will only be allowed for the following reasons:

- a. False start: The timing gate is inadvertently tripped and the racer remains behind the starting gate. The timer should be reset. Only one false start is allowed per racer run.
- b. Invalid Start: In the event of a start time failure, due either to human error or equipment malfunction, an attempt should be made to stop the racer before he completes the course.
- c. Timer/clock error: Run result is judged to be in error by an official timer, COR or OVSC Race Chairman.
- d. Course under repair, or gate out of place.
- e. Reasons mentioned under "Interference". (Sec 9.3)
- f. Any extraordinary circumstance not covered specifically in this section which the COR feels warrants a rerun.

9.3 Interference. A racer who is hindered while racing must leave the course immediately after the interference occurs and may not ski further through the gates. Grounds for interference include:

- a. Blocking of the course by an official, spectator, an animal or other hindrance.
- b. Blocking of the course by another racer who could not clear the course soon enough.
- c. Objects in the course such as a cap, glove, ski pole or ski of another racer, or a dislodged gate from the adjacent course.

9.4 All reruns shall be allowed as soon as feasible.

- a. If the competitor was already disqualified before the incident entitling him to a re-run, no re-run will be allowed.
- b. The time for the re-run becomes the official result even if it proves slower than the first, presumably hindered run.
- c. If the claim for the re-run is shown to be unjustified, the competitor is disqualified.

## 10.0 DISQUALIFICATIONS

10.1 The following actions will result in automatic disqualification:

- a. Missing a gate, i.e., both feet not passing through the gate. Straddling a gate is obviously not permitted.
- b. Going through a gate without both skis attached by their bindings, except after breaking the plane of the second gate up hill from the finish line.
- c. Receiving physical assistance from another person during the race.
- d. One or more skis becoming disengaged. Racing etiquette dictates the racer clear the course as soon as possible.
- e. Racing with the wrong bib number, or with bib not properly displayed. (See 16.1c)

10.2 The following actions are grounds for disqualification and require a Race Committee decision. Disqualification under 10.2c or 10.2d can only be initiated by on-duty race officials, such as course marshals or starters.

- a. In the event both a disqualifying action and a timing mal function occur in the same run, the first occurrence takes precedence.
- b. Refusal to work on the race.
- c. Shadowing the course (i.e., skiing nonstop parallel to and approximating turns to negotiate the course) for at least five consecutive gates while not making an official run.
- d. Skiing non-stop through two consecutive gates while not making an official run.
- e. No skiing or snowplowing the race course will be allowed unless asked to do so by a race official. Only side slipping the race course will be allowed for course inspection.
- f. Unsportsmanlike conduct.

## 11.0 PROTESTS

11.1 All malfunctions and discrepancies under protest shall be reported to the Chief of Race.

## 12.0 AWARDS AND SCORING

12.1 Medals will be awarded by the NASTAR handicap scoring system (using best handicap).

12.2 Medals awarded may be either Legacy OVSC or NASTAR medals: Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze.

- a. Fifth Place shall be awarded to those receiving a handicap up to ten (10) points higher than those receiving a Bronze Medal in their Age/Gender bracket.
- b. Any Racer successfully completing at least one run, but not qualifying for a Platinum, Gold, Silver or Bronze Medal shall be eligible to receive a Participation Medal.

12.3 Par Time and Pacesetter

- a. The pacesetters for a given race must have a certified NASTAR handicap earned at either a sanctioned NASTAR pacesetter trial, the handicap earned by racers competing in the previous season's NASTAR National Championship or their NASTAR National Handicap (prior year may be used until a current National Handicap is established). The fastest racer of any race having a valid handicap shall be used as the pacesetter. Once a current National Handicap for the current year is established, that shall become the new certified NASTAR pacesetter handicap.
- b. Par times for each pacesetter will be calculated as follows:  
$$\text{Par Time} = ((\text{Combined Time}) * 100) / (100 + \text{Handicap})$$

c. The par time of the fastest racer having certified NASTAR handicaps will be used as the official race handicap for each run.

12.4 To determine handicaps, take each racer's combined time and divide it by the Average Par Time, subtract 1 and multiply the remainder by 100. Handicaps are rounded to whole numbers (0.50 is rounded up) to determine medal awards.

EXAMPLE:  $56.42/44.91 = 1.2563 \Rightarrow 25.63$  handicap (26 for medal determination)

12.5 OVSC HANDICAPS FOR MEDALS

2008-09 NATURE VALLEY NASTAR HANDICAP CHART (MALE)					
MEDAL EARNED	PLATINUM	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	NONE
AGE CATEGORY	HANDICAP				
1-4	0-59	60-85	86-124	125-180	181-999
5-6	0-46	47-62	63-81	82-107	108-999
7-8	0-34	35-49	50-65	66-81	82-999
9-10	0-26	27-40	41-55	56-71	72-999
11-12	0-20	21-33	34-48	49-63	64-999
13-14	0-15	16-26	27-40	41-55	56-999
15-16	0-11	12-20	21-33	34-49	50-999
17-20	0-9	10-17	18-31	32-46	47-999
21-29	0-8	9-16	17-30	31-46	47-999
30-34	0-8	9-17	18-32	33-50	51-999
35-39	0-9	10-19	20-33	34-51	52-999
40-44	0-10	11-21	22-35	36-52	53-999
45-49	0-11	12-22	23-36	37-53	54-999
50-54	0-12	13-23	24-38	39-55	56-999
55-59	0-14	15-26	27-42	43-59	60-999
60-64	0-16	17-30	31-45	46-61	62-999
65-69	0-18	19-33	34-47	48-63	64-999
70-74	0-21	22-36	37-50	51-66	67-999
75-79	0-23	24-38	39-54	55-70	71-999
80-84	0-30	31-50	51-65	66-82	83-999
85-89	0-33	34-55	56-70	71-88	87-999
90-94	0-40	41-64	65-80	81-95	96-999
95+	0-45	46-69	70-85	86-100	101-999
DIVISION PLACED	PLATINUM	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	BRONZE
TEAM POINTS EARNED	10-9.01	9-7.01	7-4.01	4-1.01	1
RACER PERCENTAGE	Top 5%	Top 20%	Top 45%	Top 70%	Top 100%

  

2008-09 NATURE VALLEY NASTAR HANDICAP CHART (FEMALE)					
MEDAL EARNED	PLATINUM	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	NONE
AGE CATEGORY	HANDICAP				
1-4	0-59	60-91	92-135	136-183	184-999
5-6	0-50	51-70	71-91	92-119	120-999
7-8	0-39	40-54	55-69	70-88	89-999
9-10	0-31	32-45	46-60	61-76	77-999
11-12	0-22	23-36	37-51	52-67	68-999
13-14	0-18	19-29	30-43	44-60	61-999
15-16	0-15	16-25	26-38	39-55	56-999
17-20	0-14	15-23	24-36	37-54	55-999
21-29	0-14	15-24	25-39	40-57	58-999
30-34	0-15	16-29	30-46	47-64	65-999
35-39	0-18	19-33	34-49	50-68	69-999
40-44	0-20	21-35	36-52	53-68	69-999
45-49	0-21	22-37	38-53	54-69	70-999
50-54	0-25	26-40	41-55	56-70	71-999
55-59	0-27	28-42	43-58	59-74	75-999
60-64	0-29	30-46	47-62	63-78	79-999
65-69	0-31	32-48	49-63	64-80	81-999
70-74	0-36	37-52	53-67	68-83	84-999
75-79	0-40	41-55	56-70	71-90	91-999
80-84	0-50	51-65	66-80	81-100	101-999
85-89	0-60	61-80	81-100	101-130	131-999
90-94	0-70	71-90	91-110	111-140	141-999
95+	0-80	81-100	101-120	121-150	151-999
DIVISION PLACED	PLATINUM	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	BRONZE
TEAM POINTS EARNED	10-9.01	9-7.01	7-4.01	4-1.01	1
RACER PERCENTAGE	Top 5%	Top 20%	Top 45%	Top 70%	Top 100%

12.6 Race awards will be distributed the day of the race.

12.7 Points PLATINUM 10; GOLD 6; SILVER 3; BRONZE 2; FIFTH 1.

### 13.0 RESULTS

13.1 The results of an OVSC race shall not be declared official until such time as:

- a. All protests have been addressed, and
- b. The Race Committee has met and approved the race results as presented.

13.2 Race results will be finalized within a week of the race.

### 14.0 CUP RACE

14.1 TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CUP RACE, ONE MUST HAVE PARTICIPATED IN AT LEAST ONE OVSC OR QUALIFIER RACE PRIOR TO THE CUP RACE.

14.2 The Senior and Junior Cup Race will be scored according to OVSC rules, and the winners of the two trophies will be the team with the highest award point totals.

14.3 The location of the Cup Race shall rotate yearly between local ski areas designated by the following OVSC member clubs: Cincinnati, Dayton, and Louisville. This list will be modified to include or delete a club as deemed appropriate by level of participation as measured by the most recent Season Trophy results.

### 15.0 SEASON TROPHY

\* 15.1 Points will be awarded to the top five men and women racers in each age group based on combined time with DNF/DQ racers will count towards the number of racers but will not be awarded points as follows:

- a. If at least five racers in the group started:  
First - 10 points; Second - 7 points; Third - 5 points; Fourth - 3 points; Fifth - 1 point.
- b. If only four racers in the group started:  
First - 7 points; Second - 5 points; Third - 3 points; Fourth - 1 point.
- c. If only three racers in the group started:  
First - 7 points; Second - 5 points; Third - 3 point.
- d. If only two racers in the group started:  
First - 5 points; Second - 3 point.
- e. If only one racer in the group started:  
First - 5 point.

\* 15.2 Age groups used will be: 18-29  
30-39  
40-49  
50-59  
60 & UP

15.3 Team totals will be tallied for each race.

15.4 At the end of the season, Season Trophy Points will be calculated as the sum of all points earned in NON-CUP races plus twice the Cup Race total. The team with the highest point total wins the Season Trophy.

## **16.0 RACER RESPONSIBILITY**

16.1 Each racer is responsible for:

- a. Checking for possible changes in race time or location.
- b. Being at the starting gate on time and ready to race.
- c. WEARING, DURING EACH RUN, THE ASSIGNED RACE BIB ON THE CHEST, properly above the waist so that numbers are readable front and back.

16.2 In addition, EACH RACER OF THE HOST CLUB IS RESPONSIBLE FOR BEING AVAILABLE FOR TASK ASSIGNMENT by the COR, to assist in tasks required before, during and/or after the race.

## **17.0 RESPONSIBILITIES OF SPONSORING CLUB**

17.1 The conduct of the race is the responsibility of the host club.

17.2 The Chief of Race (COR) is the race chairperson of the host club or his designee, under the direction of the OVSC race chairman.

## **18.0 CANCELLATION, POSTPONEMENT, LOCATION CHANGES.**

18.1 In case of undue risk of injury to competitors due to unforeseen incidents or conditions, races may be interrupted or cancelled. The OVSC Race Chairman, the Assistant OVSC Race Chairman and the host club Race Chairman (COR) will be responsible for making the decision to either cancel, postpone or relocate.

- a. Every effort will be made to make any decision and to notify all club chairs by 6 pm on Thursday preceding a weekend race.

18.2 Cancellations and location changes made by Ski area management, Ski School Director and/or Ski Patrol will be honored.

- a. Course location change shall be posted at least one hour before start of race.

18.3 Each club Race Chairman will be responsible for maintaining a phone message receiving capability. In so far as is possible, he should forward notice of a cancellation or resort change to his racers on a timely basis.

## **19.0 RULES OVSC/NASTAR**

19.1 Any rule and/or procedure not previously stated as an OVSC rule or procedure will revert back to NASTAR ruling then in effect.

19.2 The Race Timer shall be responsible for coordinating communications with the NASTAR, including:

- a. Maintaining a current database of NASTAR racers.
- b. Maintaining the current handicaps of potential pacesetters.
- c. Posting the race results to NASTAR and OVSC in a timely manner – within 48 hours, if possible.
- d. Maintaining a line of communication with NASTAR and assisting in settling disputes with results posted by NASTAR.

**20.0 START ORDER SCHEDULE**

20.1 Regular local races (all but the Cup) will be run with start orders, by handicap groups (see 6.1d), in the following rotation:

RACES 1, 6, 11 & 16	RACES 2, 7, 12 & 17	RACES 3, 8, 13 & 18
Juniors	Juniors	Juniors
A	B	C
B	C	D
C	D	E/F
D	E/F	A
E/F	A	B
Open (Hdcp 999)	Open (Hdcp 999)	Open (Hdcp 999)
RACES 4, 9, 14 & 19	RACES 5, 10, 15 & 20	
Juniors	Juniors	
D	E/F	
E/F	A	
A	B	
B	C	
C	D	
Open (Hdcp 999)	Open (Hdcp 999)	

20.2 The OVSC Cup Race will be run with the following start order. Since racers must have qualified by having participated in at least one OVSC or qualifier race during the season (See 14.1), Open racers will not be running the course.

OVSC CUP RACE  
Juniors  
A  
B  
C  
D  
E/F

**21.0 THIS LIST OF OVSC RULES SUPERCEDES ANY PREVIOUS OVSC RULES.**