

Race Officials Duties

2. Duties and Rights of Race Officials:

a. Technical Delegate:

- 1) The Technical Delegate will be approved by the Race Committee with preference made to individuals who have attended an OISRA approved alpine officials clinic within the past two years.
- 2) Makes sure that the rules and directions of the OISRA are adhered to.
- 3) Assists all officials and race personnel to make sure the race is run safely and effectively.
- 4) Advises the organizers within the scope of their duties.
- 5) Acts as the official representative of the OISRA.
- 6) In critical cases, above all in cases of danger to the health or safety of the competitors, the decision of the TD (even contrary to the votes of the other Jury members entitled to vote) is binding. In such a case, the TD must put his decision in writing, together with the reasons for it, and bring it immediately to the attention of the OISRA Executive Committee.

b. Chief of Race:

- 1) Directs and controls the work of all officials.
- 2) Summons the meeting of the Race Committee for consideration of technical questions.
- 3) Acts as chair of the Coaches Meetings after consultation with the TD.

c. Chief of Course:

- 1) Responsible for the preparation of the course in accordance with the decisions of the Race Committee and the Jury.
- 2) Must be familiar with ski area personnel and policies.
- 3) Must have access to all equipment and personnel to insure safe, efficient conduct of the race.

d. Chief of Timing and Calculations:

- 1) Responsible for the coordination of officials at the start and finish.

e. Race Secretary:

- 1) Responsible for all technical aspects of the competition relating to the formulation of the start orders and results.

f. The Referee:

- 1) Approved by the Race Committee after consultation with the TD. Care should be taken to select the next most highly qualified individual available in attendance at the race.
- 2) Responsible for all matters involving safety and course setting legality.
- 3) Must be familiar with all OISRA rules of competition and current standards for course setting (preferably possessing excellent course setting skills), start and finish area construction, and all rules pertaining to disqualification.
- 4) Is responsible for course inspection, either alone or accompanied by members of the Jury. Preferably, inspection will occur by observing the course setters, or through immediate inspection after the course is set. If the Referee, alone, inspects and proposes a change, the course setter must be informed before alteration occurs.
- 5) Is responsible for receiving the reports of the Start and Finish Referees and the race officials about the infractions of rules and the gate faults at the end of each run.
- 6) Must check all Gate Judge cards for accuracy.
- 7) Must post the DQ sheet with the names of the competitors disqualified and the time of posting.
- 8) Works closely with the TD and can request the assistance of the Assistant Referee when necessary.

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g. Assistant Referee:

- 1) Elected by a vote of the coaches to serve as their representative for all pertinent concerns of the Jury.
- 2) Serves as the liaison between the coaches and the Jury on all matters related to the competition.
- 3) Should possess most if not all of the capabilities and knowledge of a Referee, including course setting.
- 5) May be recruited to assist the Referee when necessary.

h. The Start Referee:

- 1) Must be present at the start at least ten (10) minutes prior to course inspection by competitors and must remain throughout each run.
 - 2) Must make sure that the regulations for the Start and the start organization are properly observed.
 - 3) Determines the late and false starts.
 - 4) Shall have extra bibs* in reserve, when possible.
 - 5) Determines the violations against the rules for equipment and immediately takes measures provided for by the rules.
 - 6) At the end of the race, reports to the Referee the names and bib numbers of the competitors who did not start, have made false starts or late starts or other infringements.
 - 7) Approves provisional re-runs at the request of a competitor for valid claims.
- Bib*: "Official" Bib is any bib so designated by the start referee and assigned before the racer leaves the start gate. A replacement bib or number will be assigned. All such starts are provisional.

i. The Finish Referee:

- 1) Must be in position at the finish at least ten (10) minutes prior to the start of the race and remain throughout the race.
- 2) Must make sure that all regulations for the finish area are properly observed.
- 3) Ensures proper recording of the finish order of all competitors.
- 4) Supervises the timing and crowd control in the finish area.
- 5) Must be able to communicate immediately with the Start at all times.
- 6) Approves provisional re-runs at the request of a competitor for valid claims.

j. Course Setter:

- 1) Is approved by the Race Committee in advance of the race, or by the Jury during the coaches meeting. Nominations are made to the Chief of Race, based upon previous experience and/or completion of an OISRA approved coach's/course setter's clinic on-snow.

k. Chief Gate Judge:

- 1) Organizes and supervises the work of the Gate Judges.
- 2) Instructs in gate keeping rules and procedures, including placement and gate assignment.
- 3) Collects all cards for submittal to the Referee following each run.

l. Gate Judges:

- 1) Will be responsible for the supervision of one or more gates.
- 2) Must observe accurately, whether the passage of the competitor was correct through the entire area of observation.
- 3) Must fulfill a number of other important functions, all of which are described under "Gate Judges Instructions."