

February Officials Summary

March Madness: Athletes are racing in Provincials in Ontario and Quebec this month along with regional Championship weekends for all our age groups.

Thank you to all officials who have completed and submitted their race quality reports. Unfortunately not all have been received and this diminishes our regions ability to identify and correct issues. If you have officiated a race and have not yet submitted your report, please send it to me as soon as possible.

There have been no major issues over the past few races but many key aspects still need to be discussed prior to events, at coaches meetings and during the race. Addressing these points will ensure safe, well run and enjoyable races for all.

- How to find Codex numbers, <http://acapoints.ca/>, then look up under races.
- B net installation, attachment instructions from Barry B net.
- U10 U12 races are a flip 30. This is what ski racing is about.
- 2nd run sets, coaches please help out other course setters. ROC remember you need to have helpers available for 2nd run sets.
- Inspection is still a issue and some teams are taking advantage and skiing through some gates, this is sanctionable. Use the coaches meeting to remind team captains about what is acceptable.
- Spectators on course, netting is used to keep the public off the course, be aware any break in the netting is an invitation to spectators. As a official please check.
- Dedicated jury channel. Course crew should not be on the same channel, radio silence is very important.
- Please remember to spread out spare gates along the course, having long Stop Start due to course repair should not happen. Spread crews out.
- Re runs, a reminder to all, FIS rules 623.1.1 and 623.1.3 states athletes must stop immediately on the course, if interfered with.
- Reminder to call abandons and have them acknowledged by the timing crew.
- Radio protocol, to much chatter on the radios, please see attachment. Remember if you have called the stop start you need to call the clear when ready to recommence. A full course clear is not necessary unless it has been a lengthy delay or the jury has been notified the stop start will be used for repairs or other maintenance.
- CanAm rules for U14/16, they do not specify number of gates or direction changes this is figured out by distances between gates, see attachment.
- A reminder on gate panel attachments, turning gate is loose and no elastic should be used, panel needs to pull off easily should an athletes get caught up in it. Happens at all levels, Bode Miller is laying blame at the World Championship that the panel did not come off easily.
- Tear down: It needs to be reminded that all athletes and coaches are responsible for tear down, sometime it takes more then 1 run to complete this. Athletes with slip skis on there shoulders is not acceptable. Everyone must help.
- Tear down should be done with skis on, to many people walking up in shoes.

Local implements,

- Sanctions have been applied to athletes that do not follow the rules about continuing after an infraction. Sanctions were extra tear down duties.
- Due to the cold weather, delays in starts and or between inspection and start have proven very helpful.
- Tear down, athletes returned bibs to the start instead of the finish. No athletes were allowed carrying slip skis on first run of tear down. This ensured everyone took part in the tear down.

Thank you everyone for volunteering, enjoy the rest of the season.

Call or send me a email if you have any questions or comments.

Cheers!

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