

March Race quality report.

Thank you to all the volunteers, officials and coaches for another very successful season in this region.

As a first year of trying to gain information for education to help the region improve on race quality and I would like to thank everyone who took the time to complete the race quality reports. I hope this has helped you and your clubs throughout the season. We will keep all the comments for review at next years all hands meeting.

### **Local practice,**

More rakes and shovels spread out along the course always works quicker then waiting for one to arrive from the top.

Delays; Timing asked for an additional 15 minutes to get things sorted out before the start, we officially delayed the start of the race and the athletes at the top of the course were all instructed to take a free run in order to keep themselves warm and avoid needlessly sitting around at the top of the course.

Lack of slippers; Used at FIS races and at U16 CanAms this year due to lack of slippers/ volunteers. Athletes were expected to slip for the opposite gender in the same seed as there bib number. Really helped maintain the course.

### **Reminders;**

- Racers who missed their starts need to be announced on the jury radio.
- TD needs to confirm race results has all the DSQ properly recorded.
- Wednesday scratch deadline needs to be respected as late scratches create additional work for race volunteers that are already extremely busy preparing for events.
- To many people on the jury radio, A dedicated channel for the jury only.

### **Rules about reruns,**

At the U10/U12 level there still seems to be a great deal of confusion on how the rerun process works. It would be nice to have the coaches and parents review the rules and pass them along to the athletes before a race. We had a couple of kids come back to the finish coral asking for reruns and they were denied.

### **Regional Sanctions applied,**

Applied a sanction from previous day's race for 2 athletes who went back in course after DSQ, extra tear down assigned.

One of the racers skied through all the gates on the last pitch during inspection. The jury decided to have that racer run just in front of the last racer.

### **RESPECT**

The issue of respect have been mentioned many times this season. We need to reminds everyone of the work....The issue here is about a deterioration of respect from coaches for race officials, volunteers, as well as for other participants. If we expect to have our athletes demonstrating respect and an attitude of courtesy, we cannot permit this type of behavior from our coaches.

### **Encourage your athletes to thank the volunteers.**

### **Discussion for next years All hands meeting,**

Panel installation rules & guidelines: proper installation and consideration of twist and drop on windy days vs elastic bands. To be discussed and presented at the all hands meeting in the fall.

### **Considerations for next year.**

Nancy Greene races. With a field of 100+ racers it should be limited to 3 runs. Under 100 racers you could have 4 runs. 4 runs with 100+ racers makes a long day for everyone, similar to what used to happen at U12 races.

For next season I would be worth considering the separation of the U10/U12 Zone Final Race. The joint race creates a large number of athletes and as long as the race goes smoothly things work fine. Even with things working we did not get finished awards until about 4:30.

Thank you, have a good summer, see you in the fall.

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