



Regulations for King of Snow – 4–Cross-Races

1. Qualification requirements

1. A race is an event where racers train, qualify and race on a purpose built, closed track. It starts with the riders/participants meeting and ends with the last competitor passing the finish line. The race director has to declare the race has ended for official event conclusion.

2. Qualified Participants:

1. Participants must be of sound mind and physical states. Any participant found to be under the influence of alcohol, illicit or performance enhancing drugs will be subject to possible disqualification.
2. Participants must be physically competent enough for loading and unloading of skibikes on lifts as well as skiing intermediate to advanced terrain in full control of said skibike.
3. Participants must be a minimum age of 14 by the day of the event.
4. Racers are participants who are registered for the race, were present at the Riders Meeting, have qualified gear to ride and meet the requirements stated above.
5. Race personnel is any individual who has declared their ability to assist at said event and accepted responsibility for assigned tasks from the Race Director.

3. Qualified Equipment/ Required Equipment/ Recommendations

1. Any skiing device with at least two skis but no more than three and a handlebar. Devices must be produced by a licensed and accredited manufacturer or converted from a production mountain bike with factory made parts.
2. The Race Director may deny entry to participants whose device does not meet these requirements.
3. A helmet is required – *full face helmets are recommended*
4. Gloves are required
5. Any other protection such as knee protection, body armor or similar are recommended

4. **Documentation:** All race personnel must have names recorded in written form. Any individual who will be assisting at said event must be presented with a list of responsibilities in written form as well as given a detailed explanation of responsibilities.

5. Personal requirements and responsibilities:

1. The Race Director is responsible for having all required information from race personnel to ensure a safe event. He alone decides any adaptations to event schedule or requirements , event commencement, intermissions and conclusion. He will also hold sole responsibility for event cancellation.
2. The Start Manager is responsible to raise the start gate and drop gate for start. This role may be filled by the Race Director if necessary.
3. On Track Personnel – Depending on track layout there must be personnel located throughout with overlapping sightlines, every section must be able to be observed by at least two individuals. Each qualified personnel must have the ability to communicate to the race director immediately. The Race Director will have the final say in the staging of personnel on track.
4. Finish Line Personnel – at least two individuals have to check and counter check the race results of every run.
5. Race Track Maintenance Personnel –Ideally it is recommended to have personnel who have assisted with track construction for track maintenance. The Race Director has to decide about the number required for this responsibility. On Track Personal may also be responsible for the maintenance of track during an event if necessary. Make sure that required gear is on site to mitigate interruptions.

2. Registration for Race

1. Pre registration can be done online with at least: *surname, family name, date of birth and address.*
2. Onsite registration may be available but will be at the discretion of the Race Director. Any changes to registration must be communicated to the public a minimum of 24 hours prior to the event.
3. Starting fee is recommended to be collected at registration.
4. Exclusion of Liability Waiver must be signed before any participant can train or race at the event course/track. Alternatively an exclusion of Liability Waiver can be read at the rider meeting ending with the question: *“Did everybody understand the exclusion of liability from the event or are there any remaining questions.”* Video evidence has to be recorded. Be aware of different languages.
5. A well visible start number has to be given to each Racer. This may be a T-shirt or a Shield to be placed over most exterior items of clothing. Starting numbers applied with needles to the cloth are forbidden.

3. The Track

1. It is recommended to build a track that is wide enough to allow overtaking maneuvers for four participants without narrowing sections. Meaning a race track width of at least four meters at the start will have to hold a minimum of four meters for the entirety of the race track. If such a width cannot be provided by any reason the Race Director has to decide how many persons can start at once. Exceptions are at the banked corners. Gates can be placed in a manner so that

racers need to ride in the mainline of the banked turn. This to avoid short cutting and straight lines.

2. Start must be a minimum of four meters wide. It is recommended to use a starting gate with four separated starting boxes. The start gate is recommended to be a wooden plate that is, when in vertical position, at least 25 cm high with a smooth surface to limit ski drag.
3. Any banked turn must be secured in such a way that Racers cannot overshoot and crash in the areas behind the banked turn. **Nets are required.** Make sure that nets are far enough off the track so that Racers cannot contact their skis while passing.
4. Jumps, Rollers, Drops need to have an "Easy Way". Meaning that Racers need to have a way around them that must be longer than the direct line. Such sections have to be clearly marked with gates and snow paint.

4. Riders Meeting/ Racers Meeting

1. All participants and race personnel must attend the Riders Meeting. The place and time of the riders meeting must be announced at least 24 hours before taking place. Any absence leads to an automatic disqualification. If a participant fails to attend the meeting the Race Director has the option to brief the participant or a substitute individual and show the video from the riders meeting and allow a question and answer period.
2. Explain the prices, race schedule, the whole procedure of training, and eventually qualification and the race. Pay special attention to the starting procedure and the protest procedure explanations.
3. A video must be made as evidence of the content briefed during the rider meeting.
4. During the rider meeting it must be stated that racing is a sport with the potential of personal serious injury or potential injury to others. This is not limited to injury caused by others. All participants must and that everybody is agreeing to this fact with the participation of the training, qualification and race.
5. Exclusion of Liability – if not signed in paper form at the registration: The Exclusion of Liability has to be read aloud and clearly and has to be finished with the wording: Did everybody fully understand the Exclusion of Liability and all that it entails?. A verbal "Yes" is required, followed by the question: "Are there any remaining questions?". The video evidence is necessary. Promptly check if the video evidence was recorded, if not then the Exclusion of Liability must be stated again until recorded .

5. Training

The organizer has the responsibility to allot access to every Racer at least three training runs on the course with the finalized gate and track layout. A re-preparation of the course is recommended after training but is not mandatory and

will be left to the Race Director's discretion. Any changes to the track between training and finals must be announced and at least one training run must be provided to all Racers.

6. Qualification for race

One or more timed qualification runs may be held to consolidate the field to the appropriate number of participants for finals. Qualification has to be held on the original race track lay out. Re-preparation after qualification is recommended.

7. Race

1. Draw of Starting sequence Heats. All qualified racers starting numbers will be drawn out of one pot.
2. Final approval of the track – the Race Director has to ride the track personally or may assign this responsibility to a trusted person, a so-called “precursor”, has to ride the whole course with expected race speed and reports to the Race Director in person for final approval.
3. Start procedure. The Starter is responsible to have all Racers in the start box. He has to start the start sequence with “Riders Ready, 10 Seconds!”. Within ten seconds the gate will fall whenever the Starter decides. The gate may not be touched by any Racer before the Starter lets it go. Any collision with the gate before may lead to disqualification. The approval for the track (no riders on track) has to be given from the Finish line or the Race Manager who gets clearance from the Finish Line Personnel.
4. Elimination of Racers
The first two Racers crossing the Finish Line will advance to the next heat. Any disqualifications to the top two riders will lead to the next placing rider advancing. In the Semi Finals the last two Racers finishing may advance to the next heat to race for fifth-eighth place.
5. Contact during racing/ on track: Contact between Racers and their equipment may happen during the act of racing. If the Race Personnel deems malicious intent was the cause for contact it has to be reported to the Race Director immediately, prior to another race beginning. The Race Director may speak to racers as well as personnel to make a decision on site. The race will be postponed until the situation is settled by the Race Director.
6. Finish Line – A video of every run has to be recorded at the finish line from parallel viewpoints to the finish line. If the result is without dispute, it can be recorded by the Finish Line Manager and announced to the billboard. If there is a dispute the video evidence must be watched. No further racing may start until the result is clear. If the result of the Heat is clear and written down, the Finish Line Manager may signal the Starter or Race Manager for the start of the next heat.
7. Result documentation – It is recommended to have a magnetic billboard with cards with all Racers names. After every heat the First two stay on the board and the last two will be taken off.

8. **Protest Procedure-**

Any Protest by any Person has to be stated to the Finish Line Personnel who has to report it to the RaceDirector. This will lead to a prompt stop of the race with any ongoing runs to be finished if possible. The race director has to decide if a meeting between the participants involved is necessary. If a protest is approved and a run has to be rerun, all of the participating racers of the Heat have to rerun or renounce their position with renouncing leading to a disqualification.

9. **Disqualification** – The Race Director alone may decide any disqualifications for any reason.

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