

OISRA ALPINE POLICIES

(All amendments approved by the Alpine Steering Committee in April, 2014, are in Bold Italics)

The OISRA Alpine Division follows all OISRA Policies and additionally abides by the following OISRA Alpine Division Policies.

Section I. Alpine Division Steering Committee

A. General: The Alpine Division Steering Committee shall conduct all business and determine policy for the Alpine Division in compliance with OISRA Policy #7. The Alpine Division Steering Committee must meet in the spring prior to the spring General Meeting of the OISRA and in the fall.

B. Freestyle Committee: Until 100 competitors participate at the OISRA Freestyle state meet, a Freestyle committee shall be a sub-committee of the Alpine Steering Committee.

1. Freestyle committee members have the authority to develop and modify the Freestyle Policies and to develop and modify Freestyle Competition Rules.

2. The Alpine Steering Committee is responsible for reviewing and adopting the Freestyle Policies and Competition Rules.

3. The Freestyle Committee (FSC) shall consist of 3-5 members appointed by the OISRA Alpine Steering Committee.

C. Alpine Division Participation Fees

1. Alpine Division individual participation fees shall be determined annually by the Alpine Steering Committee and submitted to the OISRA Board of Directors at their Spring Meeting.

2. Alpine Division individual participation fees shall be decided for three different circumstances:

- skiers who compete in only Alpine races;
- skiers who compete in only Freestyle competitions;
- skiers who compete in both Alpine races and Freestyle competitions.

3. The amount of the individual participation fees for racers who compete in BOTH Alpine races and Freestyle competitions will be the total of the amount for the skiers who participate in only Alpine races plus the amount for the skiers who participate in only Freestyle competitions.

4. OISRA membership dues, OISRA individual participation fees, and Alpine Division individual participation fees are due to the OISRA State Treasurer by December 1st.

5. The OISRA state treasurer returns to the OISRA Alpine Treasurer the amount of the Alpine participation fees.

Section II. Alpine State Race Policies

A. State Race Coordinator:

The host league shall appoint a State Race Coordinator who shall be responsible for the administration of the State Championship Race, and with keeping the members of the State Championship Race Committee and the Steering Committee informed with the progress in its planning.

At the Fall General Meeting, the State Race coordinator will provide an update on the status of planning for the upcoming State Race.

At the Spring meeting of the Division the State Race coordinator shall submit the notes regarding the administration of the preceding State Championship Meet that should include at least the following:

- (1) State Race Information Pack Registration Handbook and Souvenir Handbook.
- (2) Banquet Information
- (3) Start Orders
- (4) List of Race Officials
- (5) Copy of the Official Result

- (6) T-shirt or sweatshirt and/or Souvenir information
- (7) Equipment Requirements
- (8) A critique and evaluation of the State Meet
- (9) Recommendations for the administration of future races

B. State Championship Race Committee (SCRC):

Composition of State Championship Race Committee:

1. Alpine Commissioner, Assistant Director, and representative(s) from at least one previous host league.
2. Other non voting committee members may be co-opted to the committee at the discretion of the Commissioner and the hosting league.
3. The SCRC will act in an oversight capacity, checking with the state race coordinator that planning is under control and taking particular attention to the host league having obtained suitable nominations for jury, and course setting, and have provided for adequate course maintenance.
4. The SCRC shall be responsible for the provision of: USSA Technical Delegates for the event. They shall also arrange for a timing and results crew that will coordinate timing and results procedures that are of the same standard of the USSA. There shall be a budget for the State. TD's, and timing costs presented at the fall meeting, and expenses incurred shall be met from the Alpine Division funds.

C. Qualification for the State Race:

Only Racers that have participated in at least 50% of their official league races, while racing Varsity, Junior Varsity, Varsity II, or Varsity III, may participate in the State Race. The 50% requirement may be waived by the Commissioner only in case of injury and only if the following criteria are met:

- A written request must be submitted at least one week prior to the State Championship Meet.
- Written verification stating nature and duration of injury by a physician.
- Written release by a physician to participate.

The racer must start both runs of a league race, unless injury or illness takes them out of their second run.

A league shall send boy's teams and girl's teams to represent the league in the State Championship Meet as determined by the following scale:

League Size* State Qualifying teams

1-2	1
3-4	2
5-6	3
7-8	4
9+	5

*League size is determined by the number of full teams (appropriate team size) entered in 50% of the League's races. A school team that has a racer who participates in less than 50% of the League Races will have their team scores re-figured to exclude that individual's scores.

A school team may consist of any combination of a maximum of twelve (12) of the school's qualified racers, including substitutes, for the two (2) races - Slalom and Giant Slalom in both boys and girls.

Each Slalom or GS team shall consist of at least three (3) and not more than five (5) members. Each team may bring a substitute to use in the case of sickness or injury in one of the five (5) racing positions. Substitutes must meet all entry criteria.

If a racer who raced in the first run is unable to race in the second run then a substitution may be made by an acting coach to the Race Secretary or Start Referee prior to the moment the Start Referee calls for the first racer of the second run. The substitute will compete in the bib issued them, or a bib supplied by the start referee. This is a team scoring run only not to affect individual score.

Unless substituting for a sick or injured racer, substitutes shall not run the course, excepting if at the discretion of the race jury there is sufficient time, and conditions allow, all substitutes will be allowed to ski the course and have their times recorded. These times shall not be used for deciding positions in either individual or team categories.

The host league will be allowed to enter an extra school team in each gender.

Individual participants in each gender shall also be determined by league size as follows:

League Size State Qualifying individuals

1-4	2 individuals each discipline.
5-6	3. individuals each discipline.
7-8	4. individuals each discipline.
9+	5. individuals each discipline.

The steering committee has the discretion to adjust numbers appropriately.

D. Equitable representation of racers qualifying from a league:

Because of the number of associate teams, the Alpine steering Committee may make adjustments to the numbers of individuals from those leagues so affected prior to the commencement of qualifying competitions.

E. Guest Racer category:

In accord with Appendix IV Guest Category for State Championships of the OISRA policies, there will be provision made for participation of guest racers who meet the eligibility requirements as specified. The State Championship Race Committee (SCRC) shall decide on the number of guest racers of each gender that they consider can be accommodated without displacing any OISRA member team qualifiers. Guest racers shall be included in the draw as individuals and will come after the OISRA league individuals in the seeding.

The guest category registration forms as set out in Appendix IV are available on request from the registrar at Registrations@oisra.org and application must be submitted before the 31st of January. Only racers who are not attending schools who have teams in the OISRA can attend State as a guest.

F. Draw:

A separate draw will be held for the SL and GS events; for both genders (4 times). The draw for seed is in accordance to league standings. All first place teams from each league compose the first flight. All second place teams compose the second flight and so forth. Individuals race between second and third flights. The leagues' first place individuals race in the first seed and the second place individuals race in the second seed and so forth for third and fourth place individuals. The draw is completed for the first flight. The order is then duplicated for flights three and five. The order is reversed for flights two and four. The five flights compose the seed order, which remains the same for all remaining seeds (i.e., first place teams remain in the first flight for second seed). The draw is completed again for first seed individuals. The first seed individual order is the same for the third seed. Second and fourth seed individuals are in reverse order of first seed individuals. If a League, through the year loses a school(s), that reduces the number of team that qualify for the State Championship race, then the draw of the last qualifying team is removed from the seed. Then all teams seeded behind the removed team will move up respectively.

G. Start Orders:

State race start orders will be produced using draw orders as outlined in Section F and race entries submitted on the Host League's designated worksheet, located in the State Race Registration Packet. Entry form for each league's representing team(s) or individual(s) to be submitted by the published registration deadline. Once the "Final Start Orders" have been published, no changes to the start orders will be permitted except for the team's designated

substitute for the said race, may be inserted into one of the team's 5 positions for that race, subject to the rules for a substitution.

H. Scoring:

Team GS standings will be determined by the sum of the best 3 individual times in the first run of the GS, plus the sum of the best three 3 individual times in the second run. The SL team standings will be scored in the same manner. Combined team standings for each gender will be the sum of the best GS times plus the sum of the best SL times.

Team standings for both genders for combined runs will be determined by the sum of the combined team times for the boy's plus the combined team times for the girl's. Individual GS standings will be determined by the sum of the times for the 2 GS runs. Individual SL standings will be determined by the sum of the times for the 2 SL runs. Combined individual standings will be the sum of the times for the 2 GS runs plus the sum of the times for the 2 SL runs. In the event a run for either or both the GS or SL is canceled, the times for remaining run(s) will be used to determine standings. Individual results shall be calculated for all students in every race.

I. Time & Location:

The State Championship Meet will be held on the first Thursday and Friday of March. The races to be held will be a Giant Slalom and a Slalom. The order in which the races will be held will be determined by the Race Committee. The location of the State Championship Meet shall be selected by the host league. It is recommended that the host league solicit written proposals from ski areas. Host league will be responsible for race course locations, course setters, forerunners and maintenance personnel for each race course.

J. Non Host League participation:

Each participating league shall submit a minimum of two individuals for jury selection, and two individuals for course setters for the State Championship by January 30th to the Alpine Secretary. All jury members will have officiated in a minimum of one half of the league races or be exempted by the State Race Steering Committee. It is recommended equal representation by all leagues be observed when compiling the State Championship juries and in assigning course setters. Course Setters must be current and active league coaches.

K. Volunteer Race Workers:

One "Experienced Gate Judge" shall be provided by each competing team; Girls team & or Boys team. TWO "Experienced Course worker-maintenance, timekeeping, computer operator etc.," shall be provided by each competing team; Girls team & or Boys team. Each team will deposit \$300 with the host league to cover any no show by their designated gate judge. This will be immediately forfeited to the host league should the team designated gate judge or substitute not be in attendance at the race morning roll call for the gate judge meeting. Any claims for a refund of a forfeit deposit will be decided by the Alpine Steering Committee.

L. Inclement Weather Procedures:

The Jury by decide to shorten course, cancel a second run or postpone the race one day (if bad weather occurs on Friday), and attempt to run one event the following day. It is conceivable that the Championship may need to be decided on the basis of those events already run.

M. Protest Fee:

There will be a protest fee not to exceed \$20. If the protest is upheld, the protest fee will be refunded to the protesting team. If the disqualification is upheld, the protest fee will go to the host league.

N. State Race Entry Fees:

Competitor entry fee (to be decided by the Alpine Steering Committee, annually) to be paid to the Alpine Division by each State championship competitor – regular alpine and Freestyle, considered separately. This will be collected by the host league at registration, and forwarded to the Alpine Division treasurer. Alpine Division Treasury will provide, from the entry fees, the costs as identified in the respective budgets as approved by the Alpine Steering Committee covering: event venue fees, essential personnel, Technical Delegates, timing start order and results personnel, awards, racer bibs, and essential support services and worker meals.

O. Information Packet:

An information packet “State Handbook” shall be available for viewing on the OISRA web site no less than three weeks before the State Championship Meet. Included in the information packet should be:

1. Any SOPs not clearly defined or outlined here, such as when entries must be submitted, how entries are to be submitted and to whom. The host league may require faxing or e-mailed replies.
2. Map of the area showing the SL and GS location, race headquarters, meeting location, parking areas, etc.
3. Entry deadline.
4. **Competitor entry fee, determined according to “N” above.**
5. Planned dates of the SL and GS races.
6. Entry forms and requirements if necessary.
7. Location of motels and restaurants.
8. Information on medical and hospital facilities.
9. Telephone number of State Race Coordinator
10. Lift ticket cost.
11. Information on Awards Banquet.

Any documents; entry lists, order forms, etc., that are required to be downloaded must be so formatted as to comprise only relevant information without fancy borders or high-lighting, and to be easily accessible, and able to be downloaded without having to download the complete document. Any information that is required to be submitted to the Alpine Division or host league shall be able to be submitted either by E-mail or fax using the form format as issued in the state handbook.

P. State Race Souvenirs:

Alpine Steering Committee will approve advertising/logos incorporated into the sweatshirt design.
Alpine Division Treasury will provide funds to be used for awards.
OISRA State Treasury will provide pins.

Q. Awards:

The Alpine Division shall be responsible for acquiring trophies and medallions, which shall be consistent in size, style and color designation for place ranking, with those awarded by OSAA at State Championships.

The OISRA will purchase the following trophies for presentation at the State Championship Meet:
Places 1-3 for Girl’s Team, places 1-3 for Boy’s Team, places 1-3 for combined Team.

Trophies shall be provided for presentation at the State Championship meet for places 1-3 in the following categories:

- Girl’s team Slalom, Girl’s team GS. Girl’s team Combined. (9)
- Boy’s team Slalom, Boy’s team GS. Boy’s team Combined. (9)
- Girl’s & Boy’s Combined (3)
- Medallions shall be provided for Teams: (six members)
- Girl’s SL team; first, second, third place. (18)
- Girl’s GS team; first, second, third place. (18)
- Girl’s combined SL & GS teams: first, second, third place. (18)

Boy's slalom team; first, second, third place.	(18)
Boy's giant slalom team; first, second, third place.	(18)
Boy's combined SL & GS teams: first, second, third place.	(18)
Girl's and Boy's combined team; first, second, third. (7x2x3)	(42)
Places 1-10 in: Girl's SL, Girl's GS, Girl's combined.	(30)
Places 1-10 in: Boy's SL, Boy's GS, Boy's combined.	(30)

The care of traveling trophies and any other permanent trophies are the responsibility of the Commissioner.

R. Rotation Schedule for State Championship:

Year Host League.

2013	Three Rivers.
2014	Emerald.
2015	Metro.
2016	Southern.
2017	Hood.

Section III. Freestyle Policies and Competition Rules

Freestyle competitors and coaches shall abide by all OISRA and Alpine Division Policies, including these additional Freestyle Policies:

A. General

1. All OISRA Freestyle Coaches shall be certified per OISRA policies.
2. During OISRA Freestyle training or the OISRA State Freestyle Championships, no inverts are allowed. An invert is best understood as any spinning maneuver where athlete's feet go directly over his or her head.
3. During OISRA Freestyle training and competition events, athletes shall wear helmets meeting USASA standards.
4. A Freestyle Technical Delegation (FSTD) consisting of 3-4 members shall be appointed by the FSC for the purpose of advising the Freestyle Sub-committee (FSC) on technical matters related to freestyle league and State events.
5. OISRA Freestyle competition rules reference the USASA Seasonal Rulebook (<https://www.usasa.org/members/membership/rulebook.html>) and the USASA Freestyle Manual:
http://www.usasaseriesdirectors.com/Help/Manuals/freestyle_manual_nov07.pdf

B. State Freestyle Championships Policies and Competition Rules:

1. The State Freestyle Championships shall be held in conjunction with the State Race Championships, and will consist of at least two of the four following events: Slopestyle, Rail Jam, ½ Pipe, and Skier Cross. The specifications for each event that are included in the USASA Seasonal Rulebook will be the Competition Rules that are followed.
2. The Freestyle Committee shall appoint a Freestyle State Coordinator(s) (FSSC). The Coordinator(s) shall be responsible for the administration of the State Freestyle Championships and coordinating with the State Race Coordinator. The FSSC shall also keep the Freestyle Committee informed of the progress in its planning.
3. A State Freestyle Championships Committee (SFSCC) shall consist of the FSSC, as Chairperson(s), and the FSTD. The SFSCC shall advise the State Championship Race Committee (SCRC) of all logistics regarding the State Freestyle Championships.
4. Time and Location:
 - i. The OISRA State Freestyle Championships will take place on any day or days of the same week as the State Races so as not to be in conflict with the race events. The order in which the events will be held will be determined by the FSSC.

- ii. The location of the State Freestyle Championships shall be coordinated with the State Race host league. It is recommended the host league solicit written proposals from ski areas. The host league will be responsible for securing freestyle venues, which shall be reviewed and approved by the SFSCC.
 - iii. If the host league cannot provide venues meeting the approval of the SFSCC, an alternate venue will be selected.
5. Qualifications and Registration for State Freestyle Championships:
- i. Until 100 competitors participate at the OISRA State Freestyle Championships, there will be no OISRA League competitions that are qualifying competitions for the OISRA State Freestyle Championships. At such time of fielding 100 competitors, league qualification standards shall be developed by the FSC.
 - ii. Any OISRA registered team may register a maximum of six individuals (5 participants and 1 alternate) for each of the events.
6. Event Personnel
- i. Competition Director (CD) supervises and controls the activity of all event personnel. S/he directs and conducts the Team Captain/Rider's meeting.
 - ii. The Jury shall consist of the CD, the Head Judge, and Finish Referee, as defined in Section 204 of the USASA Seasonal Rulebook.
7. Scoring and Judging
- i. Individual judging and scoring shall be conducted in accordance with the current USASA Freestyle Manual and the USASA Seasonal Rulebook.
 - ii. Team scores shall be the combined points of the team's top 3 designated participants in each event.
8. Disqualifications and Protests
- i. Disqualifications and protests shall be conducted in accordance with Sections 130 and 131 of the USASA Seasonal Rulebook.
9. Inclement Weather Procedures
- i. The CD, in consultation with the Jury, may decide to shorten a course, cancel additional runs, or postpone the event and attempt to run it the following day. It is conceivable that the Championships may need to be decided on the basis of those events already run. The CD will use the inclement weather conditions as defined in the USASA Freestyle Manual.
10. Awards
- i. The Freestyle sub division of the Alpine Division shall be responsible for acquiring trophies and medallions for Freestyle events, which shall be consistent in size, style, and color designation for place ranking with those awarded for the OISRA State Race Championships.
 - ii. Trophies and medallions shall be provided for presentation at the State Freestyle Championships in the following categories and numbers, depending upon which events are included in the Championships, and the number of contestants:

Trophies, places 1st-3rd:

Girls' Team – for each event included, plus Combined
 Boys' Team – for each event included, plus Combined
 Boys and Girls Team Combined

Medallions shall be provided for Team members (6) for places 1st-3rd:

Girls' Team – for each event included, plus Combined
 Boys' Team – for each event included, plus Combined
 Girls and Boys Team Combined

Medallions shall be provided for Individuals:

Places 1st – 3rd in Girls' for each event included
 Places 1st – 5th in Girls' Combined

Places 1st – 3rd in Boys' for each event included

Places 1st – 5th in Boys' Combined

- iii. OISRA shall provide two trophies for the Boy and Girl "Race and Freestyle Meister" (RFSM). To be eligible for the RFSM, an athlete must complete one race and one freestyle event. They may compete in as many events as they desire. The RFSM shall be determined by the top aggregate score (using the USASA Point System) of all the athlete's race and freestyle events.
11. Information Packet - The State Freestyle Championships information shall be added to the State Race packet and shall include the following information:
 - i. State Freestyle Championships Registration Information
 - ii. State Freestyle Championships Rulebook
 - iii. List of State Freestyle Championships Officials
- C. League Freestyle Competitions
1. OISRA leagues are responsible for developing Standard Operating Procedures for freestyle events within their league.