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**CLEVELAND METROPOLITAN SKI COUNCIL  
RACING PROGRAM**

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At any point in the rulebook in which reference is made to a skier, skis or skiing, it shall also refer to boarder or board when appropriate.

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## **I. DEFINITIONS**

1. CMSC – Abbreviation of Cleveland Metropolitan Ski Council.
2. CMSC Race Committee (“Committee” or “Race Committee”) The body of representatives from CMSC affiliated clubs that govern ski racing.
3. Combined Race Weekend (“Combined” or “Combined Weekend”): A race weekend during which three race disciplines are held for skiers or snowboarders, and the standings are determined by the total, combined time of all three races.
4. Competitor – A skier or snowboarder registered to race in the particular event in which (s)he has entered.
5. Racer – A competitor who has stepped into the starting zone and is attempting to ski/ride the race course.
6. Equipment – Skis can be any length, equipped with DIN-rated releasable bindings. Snowboard equipment must be “standard for the time.”
7. Starting – When after the proper signal, the racer trips the starting wand.
8. Finishing – When a racer correctly crosses the finish gate and breaks the light beam with any part of his/her body or equipment.
9. Obstruction – Any object on or near the race course, which is considered by an official to be detrimental to the racer’s uninterrupted completion of the course.
10. Shadow – To ski/ride alongside or in the “line” of a race course, or a section of same, duplicating or approximating the turns required to negotiate the course.
11. DNS – Abbreviation of “Did Not Start.”
12. DNF – Abbreviation of “Did Not Finish.”
13. DQ – Abbreviation of “Disqualified.”
14. Sanctioned events – Events that have the following present:
  - a. Registration/entry fee
  - b. CMSC official bibs
  - c. Timed runs
  - d. CMSC race officials
  - e. Gatekeepers and other work details duties
  - f. Official results

## **II. GENERAL AUTHORITY OF CMSC RACE COMMITTEE**

1. All race sites and dates shall be arranged by the Race Committee
2. The Committee will determine the format of the race.
3. The Committee shall be governed by these rules, or when not covered, shall decide on all questions in accordance with logical understanding.
4. All competitors entered or racing shall be subject to the directions and controls of the Committee.

5. The Committee will convene at the completion of the day's events. Race results will not be considered official until the Committee so declares, following the meeting.
6. A vote of the committee is necessary in rendering any decision. No justification for any decision need be made public. The decision of the committee is final.

### **III. GENERAL RULES**

1. Eligibility and Responsibility of Clubs
  - A. All clubs shall be paid members of CMSC
  - B. All clubs shall have a race chair or representative.
  - C. All clubs shall be responsible for educating their race chair and racers, and for the acknowledgment and understanding of these rules and guidelines.
  - D. All clubs shall be responsible for their competitors' bibs. If not returned, a \$20.00 fee per bib shall be charged to competitor's club.
  - E. All clubs shall submit race roster to the committee.
  - F. All clubs shall provide personnel to assist on race day as outlined in the Race Management section of this manual.
  - G. All clubs shall be held responsible for proof of age and membership of any competitors of their respective clubs. A racer must meet the age requirement for his/her class prior to the annual qualifying race prior to the racing season with the exception of racers attaining their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday as specified in Section III.2.A.
  - H. Competitors must be full members of affiliated clubs with the ability to participate in all club functions.
  - I. All clubs shall be responsible for the following payment policy:
    1. Pre-registered race fees are to be paid in full, within five days after the race has taken place. These fees will be accepted by MAIL only. Race fees cannot be accepted for any race at the race site.
    2. Payment for pre-registered competitors must be made by club check only. No cash will be accepted. If club does not have a checking account, personal or cashier's checks will be accepted. Checks, however, must contain address, phone number, and club's name on check, if personal check is used.
      - a. All pre-registration fees will be non-refundable; i.e., if pre-registered racer does not show, club is still responsible for fee.
    3. The following information should accompany each check sent by a club.
      - a. Ski area and date of race
      - b. Number of pre-registered racers

- c. Amount of race fee designated.
  - d. Total amount enclosed.
  - e. Race chair's name, phone number and club name.
4. The penalty for late race fees is subject to club disqualification from subsequent competition.
- J. No two clubs may join together to compete as one team.
- K. The decisions of the CMSC Race Committee are final.
2. Eligibility and Responsibility of Competitors
- A. A competitor must be 18 years of age prior to the start of the day's race.
  - B. All competitors will be registered prior to the start of the day's race, with no refund.
  - C. In the event of a postponed or canceled race, the Committee will consider refunds.
  - D. Competitors registered for any CMSC sanctioned race must register and race under the auspices of only one CMSC-affiliated club throughout the entire racing season.
  - E. At pre-registered races, the competitor must pick up his/her bib no later than the pre-determined time on the day of the race. A pre-registered racer who misses bib pickup or any racer who loses his/her bib may run the course at the end of his/her class with no bib. However, a racer from their class may file a protest to have the competitor disqualified.
  - F. All competitors, as deemed necessary by their race chair, will be responsible to provide assistance to the Race Committee.
  - G. All competitors will be responsible for the proper care and timely return of their assigned race bibs.
  - H. All competitors are responsible for the understanding and acknowledgement of these rules and guidelines.
  - I. All competitors must sign the release agreement.
  - J. It is mandatory that all competitors wear a helmet in all races.
  - K. A competitor must report 15 minutes before the start of the race to which (s)he is assigned to work.
3. Classification of Competitors
- A. Classification of Men's Division shall be: AA, A, BB, B, CC
  - B. Classification of Women's Division shall be: AA, A, BB, B, CC
  - C. Veteran classification for males and females over 55 who wish to compete as Senior Veterans shall be: SV
  - D. Veteran Classification for males and females over 65 who wish to compete as Super Senior Veterans shall be: SSV
  - E. Veteran classification for males who wish to compete as veterans age 40 and over: AA VET, A VET, BB VET, B VET, CC VET
  - F. Veteran classification for females who wish to compete as veterans age 40 and over: A VET, B VET, CC VET

- G. Classification of snowboarders shall be: BSB, CCSB, CSB. Males and females compete together.
- H. The above classes are subject to change as deemed necessary by the CMSC Race Committee.
- I. In order to be eligible for trophies, points and prizes for the Combined Weekend, competitors must compete in an assigned class in at least TWO sanctioned CMSC races prior to Combined Weekend. If a race is cancelled prior to Combined Weekend, the Committee may reduce the number of required races.
- J. In order to be eligible for trophies, points and prizes for the Snowboard Combined Weekend, competitors must compete in an assigned class in at least one sanctioned CMSC race prior to Combined Weekend. If a race is cancelled prior to Combined, the Committee may reduce the number of required races.
- K. Competitors requesting new class status (i.e. Non-Vet class to Vet class or Vet class to Non-Vet class) must:
  - 1. Submit to club race chair desire to change class.
  - 2. Club race chair must submit to Race Committee one week prior to pre-race registration.
  - 3. Race Committee will review previous race results and history before placement in proper class; i.e., a lateral move is not always proper placement.
  - 4. A review of previous race results and history will also be reviewed at the beginning of the year when new class status is submitted for a racer.
  - 5. Competitors must compete in their assigned class prior to Combined Race weekend, unless they have been bumped, in order to be eligible for trophies, points and prizes for the Combined weekend.
- L. A racer may request a change in class status only once per season.

4. Qualification

- A. Qualification enables an unclassified competitor who has never raced to be classified in one of the CMSC classes. A former CMSC-classified racer who has not raced in the previous race season may race in the CMSC race class in which (s)he had last competed, subject to reevaluation.
- B. A competitor may qualify at any CMSC sanctioned race of the season except Combined weekend. Some races, such as special events and elimination events, shall not be used as qualification races.
- C. At pre-registration, the race chair of the unclassified competitor's club shall make recommendation as to which class to place said competitor. Qualifier classes are: A QUALIFIER ("AQ"), CC QUALIFIER ("CCQ"), or SNOWBOARD QUALIFIER ("SBQ").

The race chair must also indicate whether the racer wishes to qualify into a Vet class.

- D. Race chair shall accompany the unclassified competitor when registering day of race, when possible.
- E. A competitor registered as a qualifier shall not be eligible for trophies or points and will not be awarded points for the club (s)he represents. The participation of a competitor as a qualifier is not considered as the competitor's first race of that season.
- F. In the event the unclassified competitor falls and is unable to complete any runs, (s)he shall be permitted one re-run. If the competitor fails to complete his/her re-run, (s)he shall be classified with the recommendation of the CMSC Race Committee.
- G. Based on the racer's performance in his/her qualifying race, (s)he shall be placed in a competitive class for his/her next race.
- H. A competitor shall be eligible for trophies, points and prizes when competing in his/her first race after qualifying.
- I. Competitors qualifying in one season and not racing in any other sanctioned events remaining in that season shall be considered as qualified for the following season.
- J. There shall be no qualifying at Combined Race weekend.
- K. A competitor's first two sanctioned races following qualification or reassessment will be used to verify his/her classification.

5. Bumping

- A. A bumping system is employed to allow a competitor to move into a class in which the competitor is competitive.
- B. A strike system shall be used to justify bumping a competitor to a higher class.
- C. A competitor may be awarded a strike when (s)he places in the top 35 percent of the class above, or the top 3 finish positions of the class above, or as determined by the Committee.
- D. After receiving two strikes a competitor will be bumped to the class above.
- E. Competitors who feel they are not competitive in their particular class may submit so in writing to their race chair. The race chair will present the request to the Race Committee for consideration.
- F. Strikes do not carry over to the next race season.
- G. All decisions of the Committee are final.

6. Points and Trophies (or other awards such as medals)– Competitor

- A. Trophies shall be awarded to first, second and third place finishers in every class regardless of the number of starters.
- B. Points shall be awarded based on number of starters as shown on point system chart. (SEE APPENDIX A).

- C. In the event two or more competitors have identical results, they shall be awarded points and trophies equally. The following finish position, points and/or trophy after the tie will be nullified.
  - D. For the Combined weekend, a combined prize will be awarded for each class to the competitor who has the lowest combined time for all events. Competitor must finish all the events to be eligible for the Combined trophy.
  - E. Overall “CMSC Racer of the Year” for each class will be determined by the following format:
    - 1. Competitors must compete in over half of the sanctioned races that took place in the race season.
    - 2. Winner will be determined by the accumulated total of racer points in that season per class.
    - 3. Competitors bumped during the race season do not carry over racer points to the next class. In any event the competitor is eligible to win all the classes in which they have raced.
  - F. Points do not carry over to the next race season.
  - G. Trophies not claimed at the trophy ceremony after the end of the “Awards Ceremony” become the property of the CMSC Race Committee.
7. Points and Trophy – Club
- A. CMSC-affiliated clubs will be awarded points based on the combined results of their individual members competing in a CMSC sanctioned event.
  - B. The points awarded to a club will be the total of all points received by that club’s competitors in a given event. Penalty points for club members who are disqualified for unsportsmanlike conduct; or did not perform or report for race duty as assigned by a race official, provided no substitute was provided by the racer’s club, will be deducted from the club’s total (10 points each instance).
  - C. In the case of Combined Race weekend, the points awarded to a club will be the total of all points received by that club’s competitors during the Combined Race weekend.
  - D. Overall “Club of the Year” trophy for Division I and Division II will be determined by the annual accumulated total of club points. Clubs will be divided into the two divisions as determined by the Race Committee.
8. Prizes – Competitor – Rules for Distributing Sponsored Prizes
- A. Competitors are not eligible to win more than one major prize in the current race season. Major prizes will be determined by the CMSC Race Committee.
  - B. Winners must be present at awarding of prizes. If winner is not present at drawing, another name will be drawn.

- C. Rules are subject to change as deemed necessary by the CMSC Race Committee.
9. Registration
- A. Pre-Registration Procedure
    1. Only the Race Chair or their designated alternate from affiliated clubs will pre-register their members with the race registrar.
    2. Time deadline for pre-registration will be given prior to each race season.
    3. Race chairs will use the on-line pre-registration system to indicate names and classes of all racers to be pre-registered.
    4. Work duties will be assigned upon receipt of all clubs' pre-registration rosters.
    5. Registrar will email work assignments to Race Chairs
    6. Race chairs will contact the race registrar on the designated date to finalize pre-registration.
  - B. Late Registration Procedure
    1. Late registration will take place on the day of the race. If it is a two-day event, a competitor can late register for both days.
      - a. A pre-determined late registration fee for late registration is expected at the time of sign-up. Cash or personal check is accepted.
    2. Late registration takes place at a pre-determined time at the race area, traditionally during Bib Pick-up.
    3. Late registrants may be asked to perform duties as requested by the CMSC Race Committee.
    4. No late registration for Combined weekend.
10. Seeding Order
- A. First Race
    1. Competitors will be seeded randomly by the registrar.
    2. Late or day-of-race entries start at end of class and in order of first come, first serve.
  - B. All Other Races
    1. Start order for pre-registered racers will be in the order of overall class point totals of the current season.
    2. Competitors with zero points will be seeded randomly by the registrar after the competitors with more than one (1) class point.
    3. All late registrants are seeded at the end of their classes and in the order of first come, first serve, regardless of season points.
    4. On a double-event weekend, order will not change.



5. Competitors that are bumped will start with zero points in their new class.

11. Bib Pick-up and Responsibility

- A. Each competitor shall be responsible for pick-up and return of his/her bib.
- B. Failure to return bib assigned to a racer will result in a fee of \$20.00, which will be assessed to the racer's ski club. Failure to pay the fine or return the bib may disqualify that club from participating in future CMSC race events.

#### IV RACING RULES

1. Race Day

- A. The following general "guidelines" are to be used by the individual competitor, but variations may occur depending on the particular area. Be aware of special start times at all races, especially at Combined Race weekend and dual races. Some groups may be combined.
- B. **8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.**
  - Bib pick-up – Generally in the main lodge but may vary depending on race area.
  - Late registration (exception to this would be Combined)
  - Check work duties and any race day announcements posted near bib pick-up area.

**Prior to Race**

- Report 15 minutes prior to start of race for work duties. Your club race chair will inform you of the location.

**10:00 a.m.**

- Race start for Group I if one course is used.

**45 MINUTES AFTER COMPLETION OF GROUP I**

- Race start for Group II if one course is used.

**45 MINUTES AFTER COMPLETION OF GROUP II**

- Race start for Group III if one course is used.

**45 MINUTES AFTER COMPLETION OF GROUP III**

- Race start for Snowboard if one course is used

**After Race**

- Bib return – as soon as competitor has completed his/her second run (depending on format) to the bib collector.

- Posting of calculated results
- Protests heard by the Race Committee, if necessary, on calculated results
- Awarding of points, trophies and/or prizes

2. Course Inspection Rules

- A. Bibs must be visible.
- B. Skis/snowboard must be on feet to inspect course.
- C. The “line” is defined as the path a racer takes to negotiate the race course.
- D. Only sidestepping, sideslipping, or snowplowing at a slow rate of speed are permitted in the line of the course.
- E. Slow/controlled skiing is permitted alongside the race course so long as turns are not parallel to the line or gates of the race course.
- F. Snowplowing in the line of the race course is permitted when requested by a CMSC race official.
- G. Inspection of start may not constitute a simulated start.
- H. Any competitor assisting another competitor in course inspection must abide by all rules. In the event the competitor has already returned his/her bib, the competitor is exempt from Rule IV.2.A.

3. Starting Rules

- A. The start area shall be clear of all competitors not starting.
- B. The start shall be prepared in such a way that competitors can enter and exit from starting gate without unnecessary difficulty.
- C. Outside help to a racer is forbidden at the starting gate. Any last minute instructions to competitor must be made before the competitor reaches the starting gate.
- D. Competitors shall line up in numerical order per class.
- E. Starting order by group for most events, including dual format, shall be as follows:

**GROUP 1:** SSV, AAVM – AAW – AAM – AVW – AVM – AW  
– AM – AQ

**GROUP 2:** BBVM – BBW - BBM – BVW – BVM – BW – BM

**GROUP 3:** SV – CCVM – CCVW – CCW – CCM – CCQ

**SNOWBOARD:** BSB – CCSB -- CSB – QSB

Starting order may be altered at the discretion of Race Committee.

- F. Upon request of the starter, the racer must plant his/her poles in front of the starting wand and have his/her boots behind the wand. A snowboard racer is allowed to push off from a solid point on the start.
- G. The racer is not permitted to push off with or from anything other than his/her own ski poles. Ski poles must remain in the snow throughout countdown and throughout initial starting thrust. A

snowboard racer is allowed to push off from a solid point on the start.

- H. Upon entering gate, the starter shall ask racer: “Racer ready?” When racer acknowledges starter that (s)he is ready, the starter shall say: “Go when ready.” At this time the racer may leave the starting gate. In the event of a dual course, the countdown of “Racer ready? 3, 2, 1, go” shall be used. Both racers must leave on “go.” In any case a racer must leave the starting gate or trip the starting wand within 5 seconds of the proper signal or be subject to disqualification.
- I. After a racer acknowledges the “Racer ready?” signal, any tripping of the starting wand, whether accidental or intentional, will constitute a start.
- J. Time shall start as soon as any part of the racer’s body or equipment trips the starting wand after the racer has informed the starter (s)he is ready.
- K. In the event a racer is not at the starting area when his/her number is called, (s)he shall be permitted to start at the end of his/her class. If (s)he is still not in the starting area when the first person in the following class has left the starting gate, (s)he may be disqualified from that run.

4. Disqualification

A skier may be disqualified from competition for any of the following reasons:

- A. Skiing in any area, which is closed, to competition in any way other than that described in the Course Inspection Rules.
- B. Shadowing.
- C. Skiing through one or more successive gates of any course.
- D. Missing the start time. (refer to IV.3.K for further details)
- E. Failure to have racing bib number clearly visible on the upper torso while racing the course or clearly present while inspecting the course.
- F. Pre-running or post-running a race course without the prior approval of a CMSC race official.
- G. Not starting in numerical order. Only the start official may make changes to this rule.
- H. Failure to re-start after being called back due to false start. A false start is defined as:
  - 1. Not complying to Starting Rules IV.3.A through L
  - 2. Starting before the starting cadence
- I. Failure to properly negotiate all the “gates” of the race course. Both ski boots must properly negotiate all gates.
  - 1. A double pole gate is defined as the imaginary line joining the two points together where the poles enter the snow.

2. A single pole gate is defined as the point where the pole enters the snow. The competitor must pass to the outside of each gate to properly negotiate the course, as defined by the first gate.
  3. Missed Gate: In missing a gate, in single pole slalom you must climb back up and around the missed turning gate and follow the course in the correct direction. (see appendix D )
  4. A double pole “banner” gate is defined as the inner pole of each banner gate where it enters the snow.
  5. A single pole “banner” gate is defined as the point where the outer pole enters the snow. The competitor must pass to the outside of each gate to properly negotiate the course, as defined by the first gate.
- J. Losing a ski while racing. A competitor may, however, finish the two gates previous to the finish gate on one ski without a disqualification.
- K. Registering for and finishing a race in a class other than that for which the competitor has qualified.
- L. Giving physical assistance to a racer, whether or not such assistance was requested during the race. Only after a competitor has lost his/her ski may assistance be rendered to help clear the course for the next racer.
- M. Not performing or reporting for a duty assigned by a race official. The racer’s club will also be penalized 10 club points for each instance if the club did not provide a substitute.
- N. Failing to comply with any request of a CMSC race official.
- O. Displaying unsportsmanlike conduct as determined by the Committee. The penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct shall be, but not limited to, disqualification from that day’s race, suspension from a number of future races, or unconditional dismissal from the race program. The racer’s club will be penalized 10 points for each instance of unsportsmanlike conduct. Sportsmanlike conduct is defined as, but is not limited to: respect for competition officials, ski area employees, fellow racers, and the skiing and snowboarding public, respect for facilities, privileges and operating procedures, the use of courtesy and good manners, acting responsibly, refraining from the use of profane or abusive language.
- P. Interfering with and /or influencing or attempting to influence ski area personnel in the setting of the race course.
- Q. Entering the timing shed or disturbing timing personnel in any way.
- R. In the event both a DQ and a timing malfunction take place in the same run, the DQ will take precedence.
- S. “DNF”(“Did Not Finish”) – failing to correctly cross the designated finish gate.

- T. In the event a racer falls, misses gate(s), skis off course, or stops and fails to give way and/or is overtaken by or otherwise interferes with another competitor.
  - U. Racing with the wrong bib number.
  - V. Not complying with all rules stated within this rules booklet and/or amendments.
6. Reruns
- A. Reruns may be given for the following reasons:
    1. False starts
    2. Gate(s) missing
    3. Obstacles in course in which the competitor must alter his/her course. Gate(s) dislodged by the racer are not considered obstacles
    4. Interference by spectators, gatekeepers, or by a competitor who has fallen and not been able to clear course.
    5. Timing failure
    6. Accidentally starting timing equipment before the starting cadence.
    7. Starter calls back racer to starting gate.
  - B. Racer who feels that (s)he deserves a rerun due to interference must exit the course at the point of interference. (S)he may not continue to any other part of the course.
  - C. Racer must inform nearest gatekeeper of the reason(s) for exiting the course.
  - D. Racer must immediately ski to bottom of race course and file for rerun with the Bottom Official on the same race course.
  - E. The Bottom Official may issue a rerun to racer and will note that reruns are provisional and will be judged by the Committee at the conclusion of the day's events.
  - F. Racer must proceed to start of race course directly after receiving rerun approval and present herself/himself to the start official.
  - G. Only then will (s)he be able to attempt to complete his/her provisional rerun.
  - H. Racers with reruns will be given the opportunity to start their reruns as soon as they get to the starting gate and as soon as the starter can accommodate them in the line-up.
  - I. In the event of a timing failure, the racer will automatically receive a rerun unless there was a known DQ prior to the racer reaching the finish line. In this case no rerun will be given.
  - J. All racers shall be aware of their times. If times are not posted within a reasonable length of time, the racer may presume (s)he has no time for that run. (S)he may then inquire from the Bottom Official the status of his/her time. No rerun will be given to the racer who fails to report to the Bottom Official within a reasonable time after his/her run.

- K. Reruns, if deemed valid, shall take precedence over the run that it has replaced. All decisions by the CMSC Race Committee are final.

7. Protests

- A. A protest may be made by a competitor against another competitor, club, or decision of an official.
- B. The competitor must provide a detailed explanation of his/her protest and name any official(s) involved and/or be able to name competent witnesses.
- C. Any competitor is entitled to a provisional run/rerun to complete the race if under protest.
- D. If the provisional rerun is slower than the original time, or the racer did not finish the rerun, whether the protest stands or not, the rerun will stand as is.
- E. A protest registered by a competitor shall be in writing on a protest form (see Appendix D) and shall contain the following:
  - 1. The particular rule or rules alleged to have been broken or infringed upon.
  - 2. The location and time of the incident
  - 3. A statement of the facts
  - 4. Names of official(s) involved and any witnesses.
  - 5. A diagram of the incident
  - 6. The time protest was presented to Race Committee official.
- F. A written protest shall be signed by the person filing. Upon presentation to the CMSC race official on duty, a \$10.00 filing fee is due. It must be filed no later than ½ hour after the alleged incident. In the event of a protest filed against “course,” the form and fee must be filed before the start of the race.
- G. The \$10.00 protest filing fee is refundable to the racer only if the judgment is in favor of the racer’s protest by the CMSC Race Committee.
- H. A protest made in writing may not be withdrawn but shall be decided upon by the Committee. Officials will be available for discussion of rules and regulations prior to filing a protest. Officials are not required to listen to extensive arguments and may DQ a competitor for unsportsmanlike conduct.
- I. All persons directly involved with such protests will be informed as to the time and place of the hearing.
- J. Each party to the protest as well as witnesses will testify separately. All others will be excluded. The protest committee will conduct hearing as it sees fit.
- K. Failure on the part of any of the interested parties to make an effort to attend the hearing may justify the protest committee to dismiss the case or to decide the protest as they see fit.
- L. The committee shall make its decision promptly after the hearing.

- M. Each decision shall be communicated to the club's race chair and the competitor(s) involved, and shall state the facts and grounds on which the decision is based including any applicable rules.
- N. The findings of the protest committee shall be final.

7. Timing

- A. Timing of competitors shall be performed electronically.
- B. All times shall be recorded to hundredths (0.00) of a second.
- C. All races shall be a combined time with the exception of an elimination format and one-run events.
- D. In the event a dual course is used, each course shall have its own timing equipment with each course starting and stopping the timing equipment independently of the other course. This rule does not apply when timed differential is used.
- E. All times shall be posted as "unofficial times" at or near the bottom of the race course during the race. "Official times" shall be posted as soon as possible at the end of the day's events.
- F. In the event of timing failure, all competitors affected shall receive a rerun, except those with known DQ.
- G. In the event of non-repairable timing equipment failure, that run for the affected class shall be canceled. Trophies and points for the one completed run that was timed electronically shall be awarded.
- H. All times shall be announced through a public address system wherever possible.

8. Results

- A. Results will be posted as soon as calculations are completed at the end of the day's events.
- B. Any protests or questions regarding the posted results will be heard by the Committee at that time.
- C. All competitors should contact their club's race chair with questions/protests. The committee will discuss any questions or protests with race chair only.
- D. Protests submitted regarding posted results must be presented within a one-half hour after posting of results.
- E. All decisions of the Race Committee will be final.

## **V COURSE TYPES AND DESCRIPTIONS**

- 1. All courses shall be set at, or as close as possible, to USSA standard courses and specifications in regard to the following:
  - A. Distance between poles
  - B. Distance between gates
  - C. Course layout

2. The hill on which courses are set and the availability of hills shall determine the following:
  - A. Vertical drop
  - B. Course length
  - C. Pitch of course
  - D. Difficulty of course
  
3. Slalom
  - A. Slalom is a technically clever composition of figures suited to the terrain, linked by single and double gates allowing a fluent run, but testing the widest variety of ski technique, including changes of direction with very different radii. Gates should never be set only down the vertical fall line of the slope, but should be set so that some full turns are required, interspersed with traverses.
  - B. Slalom events shall be single-pole.
  - C. Gates shall be alternately colored.
  - D. Courses may consist of any of the gates and combinations as shown in Appendix C, in any order as seen fit by the course setter and/or CMSC Race Committee.
  - E. Missed Gate: In missing a gate, in single pole slalom you must climb back up and around the missed turning gate and follow the course in the correct direction. ( see appendix D )
  
4. Giant Slalom (GS)
  - A. GS is a course which presents a variety of long, medium, and small turns. Gates should never be set only down the vertical line of the slope. The full width of the hill is used whenever possible.
  - B. All GS events shall be double-pole gates with two poles at each end of the gate.
  - C. Whenever possible, banner-type flags shall be used with alternating colored gates determining course.
  
5. Extra Long GS (XLGS) ... aka Super G or Super Long GS
  - A. An XLGS shall be a modified GS course. Modifications shall include no short radii turns, longer free-running sections between gates; all of which allow the racer to achieve a safe, controlled descent of the course.
  - B. All courses shall be double-pole courses using banner-type flags whenever possible with alternating red and blue gates.
  
6. Dual Format
  - A. Two courses set parallel to each other utilizing identical terrain variations, same profile and same difficulties.
  - B. Courses shall be run simultaneously to encourage head-to-head competition.



- C. Courses shall be set as a “blue” and a “red” course utilizing gates of the same color in each course.
  - D. “Break-away” (rapid) gates may be used in the event such gates are available.
  - E. One pole will determine each change of direction. The racer must turn outside the pole. The turn is clearly and unmistakably indicated by the previous and succeeding turns.
7. Elimination Rules
- A. Brackets for elimination races will be as shown in Appendix B.
  - B. All racers may qualify for competition in the elimination format.
  - C. Brackets shall be based upon the finishers in the qualifying race, not upon those who show up for the elimination race.
  - D. In the event a competitor’s pairing does not show, the competitor will receive a “bye.” Competitor may, however, elect to run the course at his/her option for practice only during the first round.
  - E. At start of the elimination race, a competitor shall be scratched if (s)he does not show up in time for his/her start. Once scratched, the competitor is eliminated from the race.
  - F. At the discretion of the CMSC Race Committee, a pre-run-off may be used to determine placement in brackets.
  - G. A ski racer falling or having a DQ on the first run will have to make up a 1.5 second “disadvantage” on the second run.
  - H. A snowboard racer falling or having a DQ on the first run will have to make up a 10 second “disadvantage” on the second run.
  - I. In the event both racers fail to finish the first run, the racer who successfully advances the farthest down the course will receive the “Time Advantage.”
  - J. The time differential between the two head-to-head competitors will be announced at the end of the first run as a “Time Advantage” to the faster racer (or the one who completes the run).
  - K. In the event ONE racer has a DQ or fails to finish the second run, the win will be awarded to the racer that successfully completes the second run. This is regardless of the outcome of the first run.
  - L. In the event BOTH racers fail to finish the second run, the racer who successfully advanced the farthest down the course wins. This is regardless of the outcome of the first run.
  - M. Intentionally skiing off the race course as deemed by the CMSC Race Committee, will automatically DQ racer from further competition.
  - N. Start positions will be determined from the previous qualification event in the following order:
    - 1. From fastest single run time to slowest single run time.
    - 2. DQ’s and DNF’s
  - O. One of two timing methods may be used:
    - 1. Combined timing

2. Timing differential
  3. In the event of a 3-decimal tie, there will be a coin toss and the winner gets to choose the course for a one-run ski-off.
- P. One of two starting methods may be used:
1. Combined timing will have starting wands working independently of each other.
  2. Timing differential will use “PRO” style starting gate. When using “PRO” style start gates, racers shall be allowed one barge per race day. In the event of a barge, both racers shall be recalled by an audible signal to re-start, when ready, at a time determined by the CMSC official. Racers receiving their second barge of the race day shall be disqualified and eliminated from competition.
- Q. If there is an occasion for a rerun, both racers must rerun.

## VI RACING MANAGEMENT

1. Duties of Race Committee/Course Officials
  - A. They are responsible for the legality of the course and may correct the widths of and distances between gates, if necessary, but not the intended setting of same.
  - B. They must oversee the preparation and maintenance of the course both before and during the race.
  - C. They shall obtain the necessary equipment (for example, start sheets, work assignments, gatekeeper equipment, pick etc.) and distribute to workers for the safe and efficient running of the race. They are also responsible for the return of all equipment.
  - D. They may delay the race once it has started if circumstances require it.
  - E. Top Official
    1. (S)he shall be located at or near the starting area and remain there until that group’s race has officially concluded.
    2. (S)he shall report to the start area at least 15 minutes before the scheduled start of the race.
    3. (S)he shall authorize all reruns.
    4. (S)he shall oversee the starting of all forerunners and pace setters.
    5. (S)he shall notify the ski area of all reruns.
    6. (S)he shall note starts and oversee all aspects of a smooth running race at the starting area.
    7. (S)he shall converse with the “Bottom Official” as to any needed repairs and any other difficulties that may need an official’s attention.

8. (S)he shall meet with all other officials at the bottom of the course after the end of the second run.
9. (S)he shall be in charge of lining up all competitors in numerical order and in class.
10. (S)he shall not allow anyone, other than reruns, to ski out of class at his/her discretion.
11. (S)he shall announce the order the racers are to compete.
12. (S)he shall note if racers have bibs correctly positioned.
13. (S)he shall have a complete starting order.

F. Bottom Official

1. (S)he shall report to the start area at least 15 minutes before the scheduled start of the race.
2. (S)he shall oversee the smooth running of the course.
3. (S)he shall appoint competitors to “snow plow” course for repair only. (S)he shall assist in course repair.
4. (S)he shall replace any broken or unsafe poles (gates), or appoint gatekeepers to do so.
5. Fifteen minutes before the scheduled start of the race, (s)he shall review gatekeepers’ duties with the gatekeepers and place gatekeepers on the hill.
6. During the race, (s)he shall meet with each gatekeeper to ensure the DQ sheets are properly filled out and collect DQ sheets during and after the race.
7. (S)he shall report to the Bottom Official with any DQs or any other difficulties that (s)he observed.

G. Bottom Official

1. (S)he shall be located at or near the bottom of the race course and remain there until that group’s race has officially concluded.
2. (S)he shall report to the finish area at least 15 minutes before the scheduled start of the race.
3. Bottom Official will be responsible for selecting pace setters and informing them of their duties.
4. (S)he shall oversee all aspects of a smooth running race.
5. (S)he shall keep the finish area clear of all racers and spectators.
6. (S)he shall be responsible for making sure a scoreboard from the ski area is in place along with writing utensils. In addition, (s)he shall oversee the posting of the times on the scoreboard.
7. (S)he shall issue reruns and protest forms.
8. (S)he shall oversee the collection of the bibs at the end of the second run.
9. (S)he shall periodically check in on the timing personnel.

10. (S)he shall notify racers of reruns in the event of timing failure.
11. (S)he shall not allow any racers to enter the timing shed. The official shall be the only person to inquire about a racer's time.
12. (S)he shall report to other officials any need to stop the race.
13. (S)he shall ensure that all DQ sheets are collected and turned in to the race committee
14. (S)he shall meet with all other officials at the bottom of the course after the end of the second run.

2. Course Personnel

A. Starter from Ski Area

1. (S)he shall operate the starting equipment and be in direct phone contact with timekeepers in the timing shed.
2. (S)he shall start all racers.
3. (S)he shall use the words:
  - a. Standard cadence – “Racer ready?”... Go when ready.”
  - b. Dual cadence – “Racers ready?” ... and at this point check to see if racers are ready. Then he will proceed by saying, “Three, two, one, go.”
  - c. Elimination cadence – “Racers ready? ... Blue course ready? ... Red course ready? ... Racers ready?” ...
4. (S)he shall call back any racers who have false starts or barges.
5. (S)he shall announce to timekeepers as to whether competitors have left starting gates and also of false starts or barges.

B. Starter from CMSC

1. (S)he shall be in charge of lining up all competitors in numerical order and in class.
2. (S)he shall report to the start at least 15 minutes before the scheduled start of the race.
3. (S)he shall not allow anyone, other than reruns, to ski out of class without the consent of the start official.
4. (S)he shall announce the order the racers are to compete.
5. (S)he shall note if racers have bibs correctly positioned.
6. (S)he shall have a complete starting order.

C. Gatekeepers

1. (S)he shall report to the top of the course 15 minutes before the start of the race. (S)he shall remain at his/her post observing pre-assigned gates and course until relieved.
2. (S)he shall have in his/her possession:

- a. Pencils
  - b. DQ sheets, DQ book
  - c. Gatekeeper bib
3. When a DQ occurs, gatekeepers must note on the DQ sheet:
    - a. Racer bib number
    - b. Gates involved
    - c. Reason for DQ
    - d. Note first or second run
    - e. Note gatekeeper's name, affiliated club, and position on hill.
    - f. Diagram of the actual approach of racer.
  4. In response to a question from a racer during the race, may say, "go on" if the racer passed through gates correctly, and "back" if a racer failed to negotiate a gate correctly.
  5. (S)he shall not render physical assistance to racers. Gatekeeper may clear the course if the racer wishes to discontinue the completion of the race.
  6. (S)he is to replace all fallen or broken gates to their original place in the snow. No alteration to the course may be made.
  7. (S)he shall replace all flags to their proper gate(s), if possible.
  8. (S)he shall report all possibly dangerous ruts and other obstacles to the proper ski area personnel.
  9. (S)he shall clear all stones, tree branches, and other foreign matter from the course.
  10. (S)he shall stand clear of the race course and not permit other racers, including spectators, to interfere with the operation of the race.
  11. (S)he shall wave his/her ski pole over his/her head to form an X to the gatekeeper(s) above him to let officials know a racer is down or the course is in need of repair.
  12. (S)he shall turn in all DQ Books, gatekeeper bib and DQ sheets to Bottom Official at the conclusion of the race.
- D. Timers from the Ski Area
1. They shall operate timing equipment.
  2. They shall record all times to one hundredth of a second.
  3. They shall be in contact with starter at all times.
  4. They may not DQ anyone unless approved by CMSC race officials.
- E. Time Recorder
1. (S)he shall be in charge of recording all times.
  2. (S)he shall report to the timing shed at least 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the race.
  3. (S)he shall have the complete starting order in duplicate.

4. (S)he shall record time of all racers to the hundredth (0.00) of a second, reported by the timer.
  5. (S)he shall record any reruns and DQ's.
  6. Any no-shows shall be noted "DNS" (did not start) on the timing sheet.
  7. (S)he shall also note as to which runs the DQ's and reruns took place.
  8. (S)he shall note any DNF ("did not finish") and as to which runs the DNF took place.
  9. (S)he shall give the completed timing sheets to the Bottom Official at the completion of both runs.
  10. These times shall be official times and their accuracy is of key importance.
- F. Time Announcer
1. (S)he shall be in charge of announcing the times of all competitors over a public address system.
  2. (S)he shall report to the timing shed at least 15 minutes before the scheduled start of the race.
  3. (S)he shall have the complete starting order in duplicate.
  4. (S)he shall announce bib numbers, then time or DNF, whichever is appropriate.
  5. (S)he shall make said announcements after the time recorder has had an opportunity to record the times.
- G. Scoreboard Recorder
1. (S)he shall be in charge of listing all times and bib numbers as announced over the PA system.
  2. (S)he shall report to the finish area at least 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the race.
- H. Bib Return Collector
1. This person is responsible for the collection of all bibs at the end of the second run. There will be a box at the finish area in which to put the collected bibs.
- I. Pace Setters
1. Pace setters are determined, usually from Group 1 racers, at the completion of their two runs. Pace setters are determined by the CMSC Bottom Official.
  2. Pace setters must have two consistent times.
  3. Pace setters will be requested to run all courses.
  4. If pace setters have been assigned "work duties," another pace setter will be selected.

### APPENDIX A – RACER POINTS

Racers finish	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
1	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
2	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	
3	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10		
4	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9			
5	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8				
6	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7					
7	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6						
8	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5							
9	4	4	4	4	4	4	4								
10	3	3	3	3	3	3									
11	3	2	2	2	2										
12	2	2	1	1											
13	2	1	1												
14	1	1													
15	1														

## APPENDIX B – ELIMINATION BRACKETS

### 8 RACERS

1 -  
5 -

3 -  
7 -

2 -  
6 -

4 -  
8 -

### 7 RACERS

1 -  
B -

3 -  
6 -

2 -  
5 -

4 -  
7 -

### 6 RACERS

1 -  
B -

3 -  
5 -

2 -  
B -

4 -  
6 -

### 5 RACERS

1 -  
3 -

2 -  
P -

### 4 RACERS

1 -  
3 -

2 -  
4 -

### 3 RACERS

1 -  
B -

2 -  
3 -

**B = BYE**

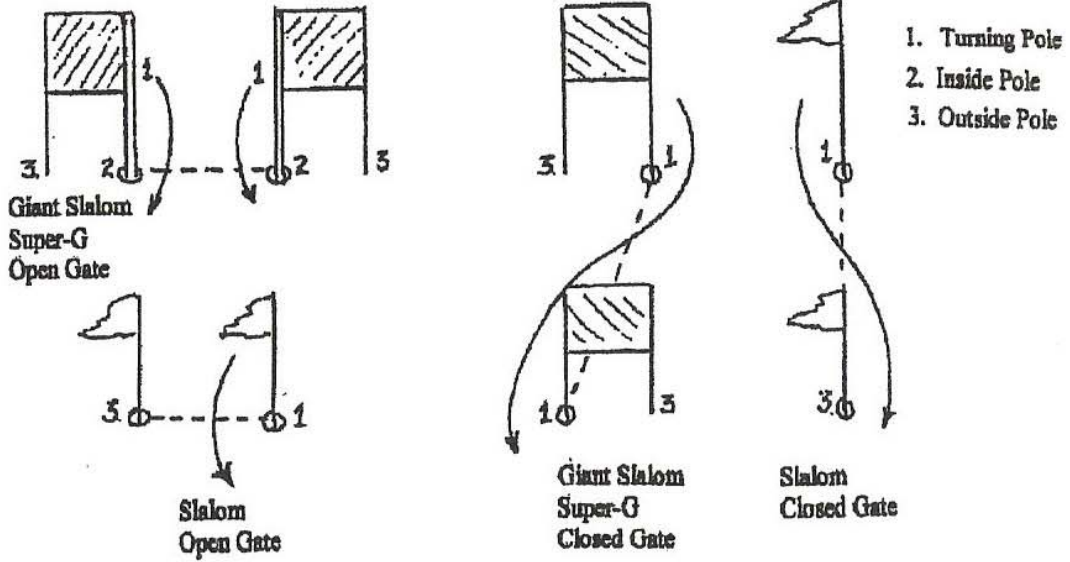
**P = WINNER FROM PRE-RUNOFF of 4 and 5**

NOTE: There will be a run-off for third and fourth places.

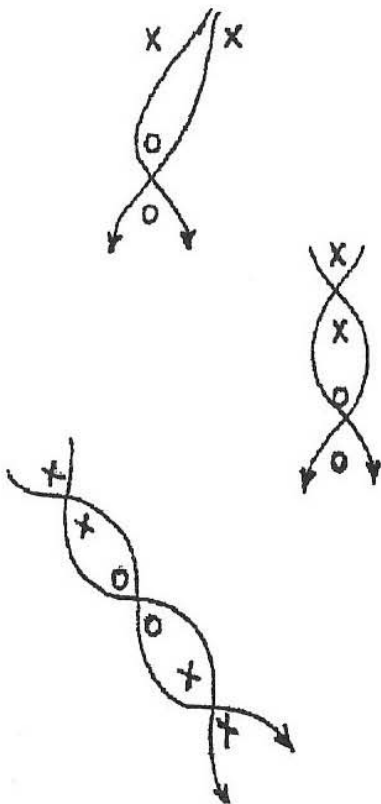


# APPENDIX C – COURSE TYPE

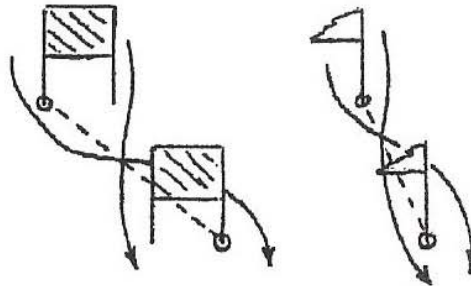
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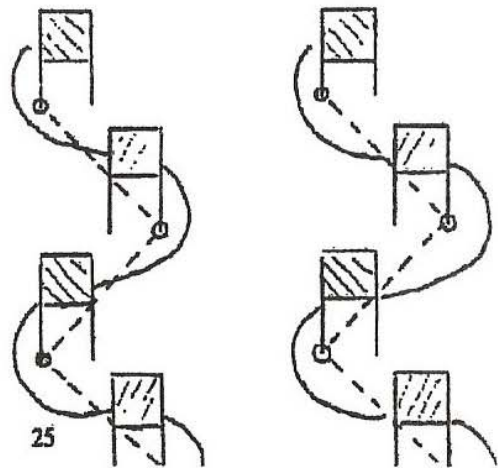
## GATE COMBINATIONS



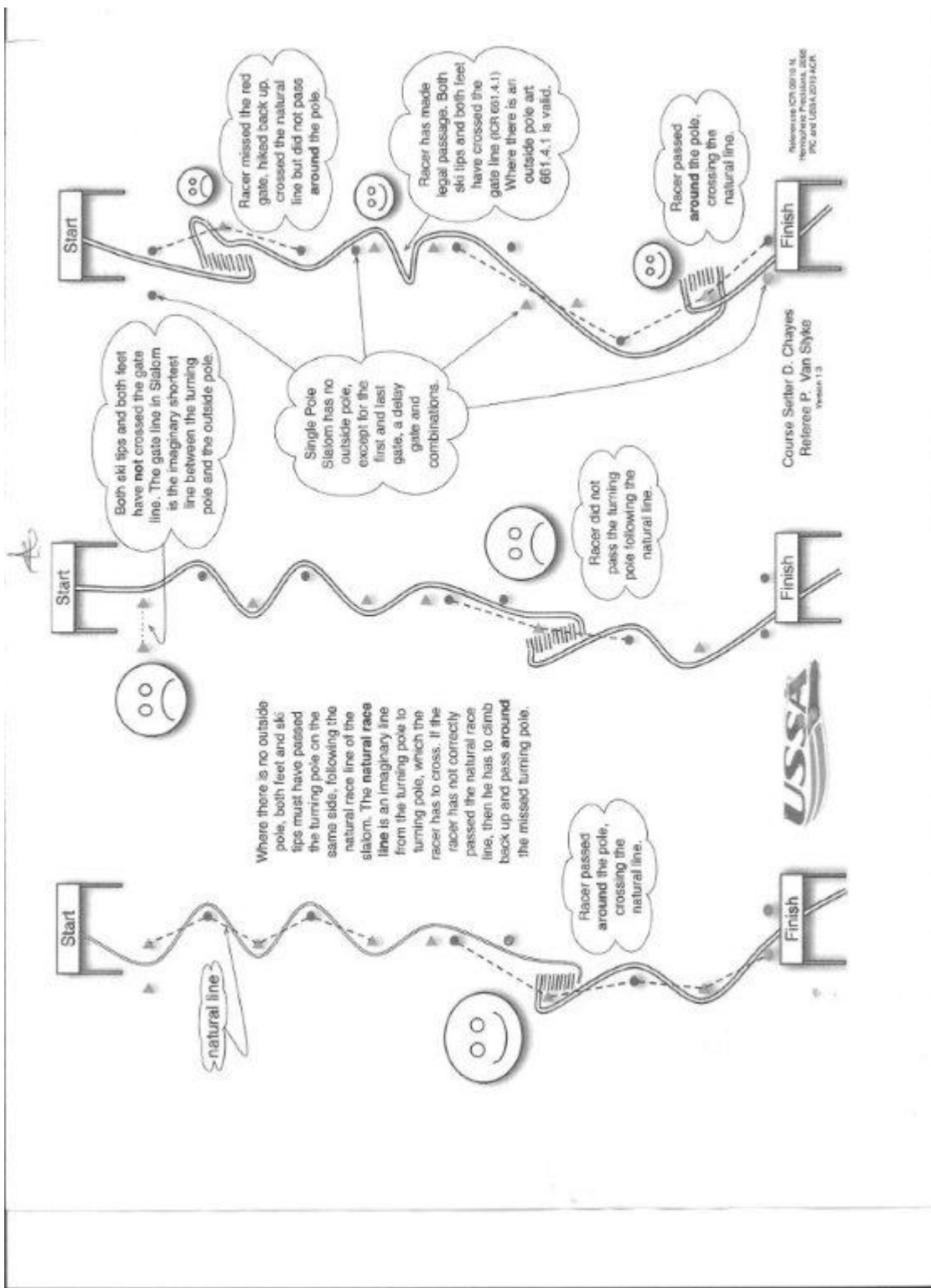
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## DUAL FORMAT



# APPENDIX D



## APPENDIX E – PROTEST FORM

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ RACE \_\_\_\_\_ TIME \_\_\_\_\_

RACE CHAIR NAME  
\_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF RACER \_\_\_\_\_

BIB NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS \_\_\_\_\_

RUN 1<sup>ST</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>ND</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

RED COURSE \_\_\_\_\_

BLUE COURSE \_\_\_\_\_

Describe in detail the reason for the protest, supported by a sketch if appropriate below.  
Be sure to list any competent witnesses and gatekeepers.

YOUR SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICIAL'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

**PROTEST MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE \$10.00 FILING FEE, WHICH SHALL BE REFUNDED ONLY IF PROTEST IS UPHeld IN YOUR FAVOR BY THE CMSC RACE COMMITTEE. RETURN COMPLETED FORM WITH \$10.00 TO A CMSC RACE OFFICIAL.**

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SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

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Minor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Minor's Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Your Relationship to Minor \_\_\_\_\_