

Welcome to the Crescent Ski Council Racing Program

To help make your transition into the racing program easier, we have compiled a description of what you need to know and do to be an active and responsible member of your team. Anytime you need more information or assistance, contact your club Race Director. You can get a copy of the current Race Rulebook from the Crescent website. Become familiar with the rules and procedures that will apply to you as a racer. The information that follows will give you an overview of some of the key points contained in the complete Race Rulebook document.

Responsibilities

As a qualified racer, you have certain responsibilities. They include paying the annual racer's fee of \$25, completing an annual Crescent waiver form, signing a mountain specific waiver where required, and staying in communication with your Race Director regarding which races you will be attending during the season.

When you register with your club Race Director, you are only registering for racing. Lodging arrangements are usually made separately with the designated club trip leader. In some clubs the Race Director and the Trip Leader may be the same person, but be certain to check. It is your responsibility to notify your Race Director at least a week prior to a scheduled race in which you are planning to participate. Your Race Director must turn in your name by the Monday night before the race. You will not be allowed to register at the mountain the day of a race.

If you have indicated that you will race on a specific day/weekend and must cancel, please contact your Race Director as soon as possible. If you are a "no show" at a race, you could cause your club to lose points. Each club is allowed (usually two) "no shows" per race to accommodate emergencies, injuries on the mountain, and sudden illnesses. If you "no show" more than one weekend without alerting your Race Director to the situation as early as possible, you may be prevented from racing for the rest of the season.

On weekends you are racing, you will pick up your racing bib from your Race Director either the night before or, on the morning of the race up to one hour before the race. You will use the same bib for the entire weekend. You cannot race without your bib properly displayed and a replacement bib will cost you \$5. You are also required to wear goggles, and must have them on in the starting gate.

Ways to be Disqualified During a Race

1. You will be disqualified if you fall in the course and lose a ski. If you fall and both skis stay on, you can get up and continue through the course.
2. You will be disqualified if you fall and slide past two gates. If you fall and slide past only one gate, you can get up and climb back up to the gate you missed and ski around it correctly.
3. You will be disqualified if you ski or fall and slide outside the course. This usually means you go beyond where gatekeepers are standing, safety fencing, or into the woods or gullies.
4. You will be disqualified if you don't ski around the correct side of a gate and then ski correctly through the next gate.
5. You will be disqualified if you straddle a gate.
6. You will be disqualified if you ski through the finish line when you are not the designated racer running the course. NEVER ski through the finish line when inspecting the course or when leaving gatekeeping positions. If you don't know how to get out of the course area, ASK—but don't ski through the finish line.
7. You will be disqualified if you don't show up for assigned gatekeeping duties or you fail to sign in for each run that you are assigned to gatekeep. If you are a gatekeeper, you will have a special tag on your bib indicating what days you gatekeep.
8. You will be disqualified for unsportsmanlike behavior, for example, profanity, display of explosive anger, or throwing equipment.

Interference

If you are racing through the course and are interfered with, stop and notify the nearest gatekeeper that you have been interfered with and request a rerun. Examples of interference are someone skis into the course, a gate is down on the course, someone's equipment is laying in the course from a previous run, etc.) **DO NOT COMPLETE THE RACE RUN AND DO NOT SKI THROUGH THE FINISH LINE.** If you finish the race and then claim interference, you may not be given a rerun.

Gatekeeping Rules

Everyone shares in gatekeeping responsibilities during the season except race workers, who have other responsibilities during the race. Generally, you will gatekeep on either Saturday (both runs) or Sunday (both runs). You must sign in for both runs. Sign-in sheets are in the gatekeeping clipboards located at each gatekeeping position. The Chief of Course will usually tell you which gatekeeping position to work at. Do NOT leave your position until someone comes to relieve you. Use the radio at the gatekeeping position to contact the Starter or Chief of Course if you feel you need to be relieved and are in danger of missing your run. If you are gatekeeping and are late for your run you will be given a provisional run. Your Race Director will explain the details of how to coordinate your gatekeeping role with getting to the top for your own runs.

Gatekeepers must remain alert to what is happening in the race course, both uphill to the next position or the start gate as well as to the downhill positions or the finish shack. You will signal when someone DQs (disqualifies), if there is a hold on the course (for gates to be put back in, fallen racers to pick up their gear and leave the course, etc.), and if the course is "all clear" for the next racer. You should signal so both uphill and downhill positions can see your signals. You will also need to remain in radio contact with the Chief of Course or Starter and be prepared to respond as needed. Information on signals are shown in detail in the gatekeeper clipboard at your position as well as in the complete version of the Race Rules.

Other Racing Points to Remember

You are responsible for being at the top of course when it is your turn to race. Depending on where you are flighted you may have no time for free runs or refreshment/bathroom breaks, either before your first run or between your first and second runs. If you arrive late at the top of the race course but before the last person in your flight has raced, you will be allowed to race at the end of your flight. If you arrive after the next flight has begun racing you become a "no show" for that run. If it is your first run of the day, you can still make your second run. Some races run faster than others, so be careful about thinking you have plenty of time before your run. You can experience delays in lift lines or on lifts and it always takes more time to run into the lodge than you plan. Don't rely on what other people tell you about having time for one more run. **YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOURSELF BEING ON TIME.** Dress warmly and in layers as you may spend time waiting at the top of the race course for your turn to race.

If you become injured during a race weekend, in or outside the race course, let your Race Director know as soon as possible. Do not be brave and ski injured. Your safety and health are more important.

Read Sections 7.0-11.0 in the Race Rules for further details about these and other racing issues, and get ready for a fun and fast racing season.