



QANTAS SKI CLUB

RACE RULES

2017

These race rules apply only to Qantas Ski Club organised events within Australia Official international airline events will comply with IAASF / FIS race rules

or

Any specific rules within a country holding a race event where QSC members are competing

These updated Race Rules were proposed and ratified at the QSC AGM held on 19 May 2017 and supersede all previous versions.

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1 Competition Rules

1.1 Eligibility

- 1.1.1 All competitors must be financial members of the Qantas Ski Club as recorded on the Club website.
- 1.1.2 All competitors must complete the ski resort's Race Department online race entry form within the cut off period specified by the Race Department.
- 1.1.3 QSC members who do not attend the QSC Ski Week are still eligible to race as long as they comply with the previous clauses 1.1.1 and 1.1.2.
- 1.1.4 All questions on eligibility shall be handled by the QSC Committee members attending the event.

1.2 Competition

- 1.2.1 The races of the QSC Ski & Snowboard Week shall consist of a Giant Slalom and Slalom races for both men and women.
- 1.2.2 Members attending the race week will be notified as soon as practicable prior to racing of any variations to the race format, e.g., weather or snow conditions.
- 1.2.3 All racers must race on equipment described as "Alpine Skis" or "Snowboard".
- 1.2.4 All competitors must wear their own Australian Standard approved safety helmet. Sharing is not allowed.

1.3 Rules

- 1.3.1 Race rules will be available to all members on the QSC web site.
- 1.3.2 Proposed changes in the race rules shall be submitted to the QSC Executive committee in writing at least 30 days prior to the QSC Annual General Meeting at which the said changes are to be discussed and voted on. The president shall be responsible for distribution of the proposed changes to committee members in accordance with AGM Rules noted in the QSC Constitution.
- 1.3.3 Competition shall be conducted by the ski resort's race department in consultation with the QSC Race Coordinator and Committee members attending the event.

1.4 Race Coordinator

- 1.4.1 The committee position of the QSC Race Coordinator (RC) shall be elected at each Annual General Meeting (AGM) by the members attending the AGM. A Ski Captain and Snowboard Captain may also be elected to assist the RC at the Qantas Ski Week.
- 1.4.2 The QSC RC shall contact the ski resort race department to book the date of the racing and ensure the structure of the race day complies with the QSC requirements for racing.
- 1.4.3 The ski resort will provide a Race Event Agreement to the RC which is to be signed by an Executive Committee member and witnessed by the RC or another Executive Committee member. The RC will ensure this Agreement is returned to the ski resort prior to the QSC Ski Week.

- 1.4.4 Qantas Airway Ltd will supply an insurance Certificate of Currency on request from the QSC and the RC or other Executive Committee member who will forward this document to the ski resort race department prior to the QSC Ski Week.
- 1.4.5 The RC will ensure all results provided by the ski resort race department are correct and in accordance with QSC race rules.
- 1.4.6 The RC in consultation with the Ski and/or Snowboard Captains will determine competitors' grading for the purpose awarding prizes.

1.5 Starting Draw

- 1.5.1 The starting order shall be compiled by the ski resort Race Department using their random selection method and bib numbers will be assigned accordingly. Selection will be in the following order - women, snowboarders and then men.
- 1.5.2 Racers' bib numbers will be the same for both Giant Slalom and Slalom races.
- 1.5.3 A racer who is late on arrival at the start will be relegated to the end of the start list.
- 1.5.4 The start order for both race disciplines will be bib order for the first run and second run but if a racer is delayed for any reason for the second run, racers will race on a first come basis. The QSC RC has the authority to adjudicate on any concern relating to start order, equipment status and condition.

2 Alpine Race Rules

2.1 Course and Inspection

- 2.1.1 Men and women, skiers and snowboarders shall run the same courses. Women will race first. Skiers and snowboarders will race in accordance with their starting order bib number.
- 2.1.2 Course length shall be determined by the ski resort Race Department but should be in the range of 30 – 50 seconds estimated time.
- 2.1.3 Depending on weather conditions there shall be 2 Giant Slalom runs, with a third run allowed only if one run is a Did Not Finish (DNF).
- 2.1.4 Depending on weather conditions there shall be 2 Slalom runs, with a third run optional.
- 2.1.5 Only skiable areas outside the race course perimeter will be available for free skiing or training.
- 2.1.6 Course inspection shall be made on the morning of the race and the course shall be closed 10 minutes prior to the start.
- 2.1.7 Inspection shall be made on skis or snowboard. It is not permissible to ski through the course.
- 2.1.8 Skiing (other than sideslipping through the course or shadowing the course) shall result in disqualification. Such disqualification shall be posted prior to the start of the respective races.
- 2.1.9 Bib numbers must be displayed at all times while on course. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.

- 2.1.10 Course repairs, packing, side-slipping during the race will not be permitted except if specifically instructed by the Race Department Course Controller.

2.2 Timing and Start

- 2.2.1 Electronic timing and recording by the ski resort race department shall be used.
- 2.2.2 The start interval shall be determined by the Race Department Course Controller
- 2.2.3 Abandoning the race due to a fall or missed gate must be indicated to the Race Department Course Controller.
- 2.2.4 Racers who DNF in either the 1st or 2nd giant slalom run will still record a timed result. Racers in the slalom shall be allowed three runs so that a result can be obtained from the fastest two runs. Any re-run after a DNF can be taken after all qualified racers have completed the course.

2.3 Reruns

- 2.3.1 Provisional reruns may be granted, if in the opinion of the referee a racer's run has been interfered with by another skier, a spectator or animal on course, the blunder of an official or failure of the timing, a gate has been knocked down by a preceding racer and not replaced in time, or other similar occurrence outside of the racers control, which has slowed him/her down or lengthened his/her course, thus significantly influencing the racers time.
- 2.3.2 The racer must leave the course immediately after the interference, report to next gatekeeper or finish referee. The racer must not ski further through the gates and finish line.
- 2.3.3 Rerun requests are to be made by the racer to the RC or race department Course Controller immediately after the incident.
- 2.3.4 The racer may take his/her rerun after he/she has reported to the start referee, in accordance with the referees' decision.
- 2.3.5 If the competitor was already disqualified before the incident entitling a rerun, the rerun request is not valid.
- 2.3.6 If the claim for a rerun is shown to be unjustified, the competitor is disqualified.

2.4 Disqualification

- 2.4.1 The competitor shall be disqualified if he/she:
 - a) Enters under false pretences.
 - b) Trains on a course closed to competitors, or inspect a course in any way that is not permitted, e.g. without a bib number clearly visible, skis down the prepared course or through the gates, enters the course on foot without skis or snowboard.
 - c) Alters the course.
 - d) Makes a false start or contravenes the start regulations.
 - e) Fails to complete the course on at least one ski or the front foot affixed to the snowboard.
 - f) Receives assistance in any form.

- g) Fails to pass through all gates by crossing the line between the gates.
- h) Fails to cross the line in between the finish line markers.
- i) Does not wear the official start number, or alters it in any way.
- j) Interrupts or disturbs another competitor during their run.

2.5 Protests

- 2.5.1 Protests shall be considered only if submitted in writing, within 15 minutes after posting of the unofficial results or disqualifications.
- 2.5.2 Protest to be submitted to and considered by the Race Jury.
- 2.5.3 The Race Jury shall be constituted of QSC RC and club committee members attending the QSC Race Week.
- 2.5.4 All race results will be posted for examination at the awards presentation. Protests to the posted results should be made to the QSC RC within 6 hours of posting.

2.6 Giant Slalom Rules

- 2.6.1 Racers shall race against the clock.
- 2.6.2 All racers will have two runs and the fastest being counted towards their race finishing position unless they qualify for a rerun.
- 2.6.3 The fastest of both runs will be used to grade each skier for the Giant Slalom and Slalom events.

2.7 Slalom Rules

- 2.7.1 Racers shall race against the clock.
- 2.7.2 The combined times of the best two successful runs out of three will be counted towards their race finishing position. The third run is optional.

3 Awards

3.1 Grading

- 3.1.1 There will be two grades identified as 'A Grade', and 'B Grade' for skiers. If the total number of competitors exceeds 25 in either the men's or women's divisions, a third grade identified as 'C Grade' will be used.
- 3.1.2 The Giant Slalom will be the benchmark for determining the A Grade division and will be based on 10% of the 2nd fastest skier's time. If a C Grade is applicable then the same calculation will apply to determine the B Grade division.
- 3.1.3 Skiers in the A Grade division in the Giant Slalom will also be A Grade in the Slalom event.
- 3.1.4 A Grade will not have more competitors than B Grade and B Grade more competitors than C Grade.
- 3.1.5 Snowboarders will race in separate divisions of men or women.

3.2 Race Scoring

- 3.2.1 For the Giant Slalom the fastest out of the two runs will be used to establish the final finishing positions in each grade for men and women.
- 3.2.2 For the Slalom the combined total of the two fastest out of three runs will be used to establish the final finishing positions in each grade for men and women.

3.3 Prizes and Awards

- 3.3.1 Race medals (or similar equivalent) will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd for the skiers in Giant Slalom and Slalom for both men and women in 'A Grade, 'B Grade and 'C grade' and for men and women in the snowboard category.
- 3.3.2 Medals will be inscribed with the grade and division.
- 3.3.3 The Tony Bird Cup will be presented to the male skier or snowboarder with the closest split times in the Giant Slalom. It will be inscribed with the year it was awarded.
- 3.3.4 The Janet Staniforth Cup will be presented to the female skier or snowboarder with the closest split times in the Giant Slalom. It will be inscribed with the year it was awarded and with 'Donated by the Barretts'.

End of QSC Race Rules