

RACE RULES

COLORADO DISCOVER ABILITY, SKI CHALLENGE BENEFIT RACE

Thank you for racing for us! Race course rules will be enforced in order to provide all participants with safe, fair, enjoyable and competitive environment.

Course Inspection

You are permitted and encouraged to inspect the race course between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. Inspecting the course from the lodge, chair lift, or from the start hut is not good form. To inspect the course, competitors are asked to **side slip only** and not ski the course. You will be disqualified if you take a "practice run" through the gates during the course inspection. Competitors must carry their start numbers. Make sure that you exit the race course prior to the finish line (where the photocell is located) so you don't interfere with the automated timing system.

Determining the Winners

The Ski Challenge Benefit Race Giant Slalom will be decided by the best of two runs. The second run will be held on the same course.

Racer Classification

Participants will compete in classes based on skier's age, gender and ability level. .

Race Format

- Single GS Course
- 2 Runs
- Random Seeding (bibs issued in ascending order during registration).

Scoring (time-based)

- A team score is the total time of all 4 competitors, best combined run time.
- Individuals ranked by class with the best run time.
- Competitors are timed by Brower Bib ID wireless timing system, operated by the Colorado Discover Ability. Race results are entered, computed and compiled using a Ski Club Software from Split Second, Inc.

Race Location

The main race course will be located on the lower part of Wonderbump trail at Powderhorn Resort. Take the main quad chairlift ("Take Four") to Midway (middle station) and exit to your left.

Helmet Rule

All competitors must wear a helmet for the event. You will not be allowed to start if you are not wearing a helmet. Usual excuses, like I forgot it at home, will be ignored. Attempting to bribe the starter with a promise of free beer afterwards will be frowned upon. It will be reasonable however, to beg, borrow or bribe a helmet from a fellow competitor or race organizers. The rules do not specify who's helmet you must wear, only that a helmet must be worn. It will be considered good technique to inform said fellow competitor of your intentions to use their helmet before skiing off on your run.

Helmet Rule 2

You must wear a helmet on your head. Wearing your helmet on your elbow or on your knee will be grounds for imposition of the Rule Violation Rule.

Speed Suit Rule

When the ambient temperature at the time of registration drops below 0F, the use of speed suits shall be banned. Dress warmly. Some, however, are still encouraged to wear speed suits in the bar after the race.

Ski Length Rules

CDA Ski Challenge does not enforce FIS or USSA ski length rules. Run what you bring. However, skis from 1970's are considered bad form and you must be prepared to endure heckling, and defend criticism of your play in the bar after the race.

Bib Rule

You must wear your race bib (number) when on or around the race course. No exceptions. You may wear your number on your chest or on your leg (above the knee in front).

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Giant Slalom Rules

The Gates

A giant slalom gate consists of 4 slalom poles and 2 gate panels (flags) or 2 slalom poles and 1 gate panel.

The gates are alternately red and blue. The gate panels are fastened between the poles so that the lower edge of the flag is approximately 1 m above the snow and is capable of tearing or breaking away from the pole. A Giant Slalom consists of a variety of long, medium and small turns. You are free to choose your own line between the gates.

Starting

- You must have both ankles behind the starting gate or line. You must assume a stationary position in the starting gate before starting.
- If we use stopwatches, you must move through the starting gate on or within 1 second after the "GO" signal. A countdown of 5 seconds shall be given.
- If we use electronic timing, you may start during the countdown from 5 seconds before "GO" until 15 seconds after "GO."
- A False Start is defined as a start earlier or later than the prescribed time.
- The official starter has the responsibility of declaring a False Start and recalling the racer (you).
- A single False Start shall be permitted, providing that you exit the course immediately upon being recalled by the starter.

Disqualifications

- You will be disqualified if you lose a ski during the race, except the last two gates (last gate and finish gate) where you will be allowed to complete the course with one ski.
- You will be disqualified for missing one or more gates or the finish line. You will also be disqualified for missing a gate if both feet and both ski tips do not pass through the imaginary line between the poles, except the last two gates as described above.
- You may be disqualified for unsportsmanlike or reckless conduct at the discretion of the representatives of the race course, CDA or Powderhorn Resort.
- You will be disqualified if you receive physical assistance during the race. (Exception for racers with disabilities, who require specialized assistance with equipment or guidance through the race course.)

Racing on the Course and the Finish Area

- When skiing, be prepared to comply with a signal to ski off and stop.
- If a gate is missing, you must make a concerted effort to pass in a legal manner or immediately stop and ask for a re-run.
- In the event of interference, you must ski out of the course immediately, report to the nearest gate judge, and ask for a re-run.
- If you lose a ski on course (except below the second gate above the finish line), you will be disqualified and must move your equipment and yourself immediately off the course to make way for the next racer. If you lose a ski below the second gate above the finish line, you then may finish on one ski. **Once again, if you lose a ski on course (except below the second gate above the finish line) or knowingly miss a gate, you may NOT continue in the race course.**

Once you cross the finish line, you must stop within the finish area. Then you may proceed out of the finish area as quickly as possible, to make room for the next racer.

Rule Violation Rule

Anyone caught to be in violation of Race Rules will be subject to the ancient and disgusting ordeal of Uggabugga.

The Ski Challenge Benefit Race would not have become the success it is today without the enthusiastic involvement of people like you. Thank you!

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