

All coaches must be familiar with the content of the TDSSAA Constitution, the TDSB Secondary Interscholastic Athletics Safety Document, the TDSB Event Management Protocol, and the TDSSAA Playing Regulations for their sport.

A. Eligibility

1. All players must meet the eligibility criteria as outlined in the TDSSAA Constitution with regards to:

- Age classification
- Academic eligibility
- Transfer eligibility
- Number of years in high school eligibility

2. Age Category

a) Senior

- i. The individual's birth certificate indicates that he/she has not yet reached his/her 19th birthday by January 1st prior to the start of the school year in which the competition is held
- ii. For the 2005-2006 school year, for OFSAA competition, a senior will be born in 1986 or later.

b) Levels

Level 1 Snowboarders are school trained and have not raced beyond the Nancy Greene club level.

Level 2 Snowboarders are club trained and have raced beyond the Nancy Greene level but are not members of a provincial, division or ski academy team and are not receiving an enhanced racing program (an enhanced racing program is one where the skier trains or races four or more times per week).

- c) In case of doubt regarding the age of a player, the player will be required to produce an authentic birth certificate.

- d)
 - i. The coach is responsible for verifying the age of all players on the eligibility list.
 - ii. In case of doubt regarding the age of a player, the coach will require the player to produce an authentic birth certificate.
 - iii. Coaches who wish to challenge the age of a player from another team must do so through the convenor.

- e)
 - i. In order to participate, a team must be registered with the regional convenor at the pre-season meeting.
 - ii. If for some reason a school representative is unable to attend the pre-season meeting they **must** contact the regional convenor **before** the day of the meeting.

- f) No member of the current year's Division, Provincial or elite team or equivalent is eligible to compete in the TDSSAA league or the OFSAA Snowboarding Championship.

3 Eligibility lists

- a) All snowboarders must be registered on a TDSSAA Eligibility List.
- b) The eligibility list must be completed in pen/ink and be in the hands of the regional convenor on or before a date determined by the regional convenor and coaches at the preseason meeting.
- c) Eligibility lists must be dated and signed appropriately.
- d) Entries are to include the names of the competitors listed in the order in which the coach wishes them to compete.

4. Late additions

Additions to the eligibility list must be made on a TDSSAA eligibility list and received by the regional/district convenor prior to the meet in which the additional racers participate.

5. Competition will be open to both individuals and teams.

- 6.
 - a) A school may have up to five (5) males and females on the school team at a given level.
 - b) Five (5) racers are eligible to race in each event but only the top three (3) will figure in the team scoring (see C, Meet Scoring System, for further details).
 - c) A team consists of three (3) to five (5) athletes.
 - d) A girl may participate on a boys' team if there is not a girls' team at the school.
- 7.
 - a) Each member of a school team entering the TDSSAA Snowboard Championship must have competed in at least one (1) preliminary training meet run by the TDSSAA prior to the entry deadline (subject to the vagaries of weather).
 - b) In the event that serious injury prevents a racer complying with this regulation, an appeal by his/her coach may be made to the regional executive to allow said snowboarder to be eligible for the OFSAA qualifying meet.
- 8.
 - a) To be eligible, school team members must participate in a minimum of two (2) practices per week during racing season.
 - b) The training may be dry land or on-hill training.

B. League Structure

- 1. The structure and dates of the TDSSAA snowboard season will be determined at a district-wide pre-season meeting.

2. Scheduling

- a) The meet convenor(s) **must** consult the appropriate regional athletics administrator(s) to determine the structure of the meets.
- b) The date of district OFSAA qualifying meet must be at least one (1) week in advance of the OFSAA Championships.

3. Seeding

- a) The regional/district convenor will set the seeding order by a draw method.
- b) The regional/district convenor will enlist the assistance of at least one other coach to complete the seeding process.

4. Results

The meet convenor is responsible for submitting meet results to the media.

C. Meet Scoring System

- 1.
 - a) The competitor with the faster total time two (2) runs in each event shall receive one (1) point, the second total fastest time will receive two (2) points, the third fastest time three (3) points, etc.
 - b) In the case of ties, the competitors will be scored the same and the appropriate places left out.
- 2. The team with the lowest team score will be declared the winner.
- 3. Those snowboarders who DNF (did not finish) or those who missed gates shall receive a score which is twice the number of the disqualifications or 50% of the field (whichever is the greatest) added to the last proper score in that event.
- 4.
 - a) Disqualifications such as DNS (did not start), unsportsmanlike conduct, other infractions, changed numbers, etc., do not count.
 - b) Such competitors will not be assigned.
 - c) There will be no team standing if a team does not have at least three (3) individual placings for each of the events.

D. OFSAA

There is no OFSAA Championship for snowboarding.

E. Defaulted/Cancelled/Withdrawn Games

1. Cancelled Tournaments

- a) Every effort must be made to complete the regional meets on the dates and at the times scheduled.
- b) With the exception of extreme weather conditions, unless notified otherwise by the regional convenor, all coaches should assume that tournaments will take place as scheduled.
- c)
 - i. If either the regional convenor or the **race committee** (composed of the convenor, assistant or past convenor and a teacher/coach representative from each team) determines that the meet cannot be run, all parties involved in the meet should be notified in time to cancel occasionals and transportation.
 - ii.
 - aa. The regional convenor will be responsible for rescheduling the meet.
 - bb. This should be done in coordination with the appropriate athletics administrator(s).

2. Withdrawn Teams

- a) If a team fails to cancel a previous commitment to participate in a race, (in time to not incur costs), they will be responsible to pay for all fees associated with their original commitment
- b) Coaches are reminded to cancel all transportation in the event of a cancelled tournament.

F. Rules/Laws of Game

- 1.
 - a) At the beginning of a team's season, all team members together with the coaching staff and a member of the school's administrative team will discuss the behaviour, rules and expectations for the team members.
 - b) All team members will be expected to abide by the code of behaviour for their school and the code of behaviour for athletes (TDSSAA Constitution, Article 1, Section E, item 2).
- 2. The current FIS Rule Book shall govern the competitions with the following exceptions:
 - a) In the first run of a meet each school shall have a skier in the first seed section.
 - b) For the first run each seed shall be drawn independently and randomly for the second (2nd) run the racers shall race in bib order (the first fifteen (15) racers after the first run will ski in reverse order of finish and the remaining racers will start in the order in which they placed in the first run).
- 3.
 - a) Each school must be represented by a coach or staff supervisor throughout the duration of the meet.
 - b) The coach or staff supervisor will register his/her team members at the meet and act as an advisor in any necessary discussions.

4. Disqualifications

- a) Racers will be disqualified for the following:
 - i. There is no staff advisor present
 - ii. Not wearing a helmet during any part of the race
 - iii. Failure to complete the course as set out by FIS rules, e.g. missed gate, straddled gate, etc.
 - iv. Failure to wear bib visibly outside clothing
 - v. Intentional knocking down of a gate after a fall or disqualification
 - vi. Shadowing the course during or prior to a race
 - vii. Snowboarding through a gate **prior to either ? of a race**
- b) The following disqualifications are ejections and the coach **must** report them to the board of conduct:
 - i. Not being in the starting gate on time
 - ii. Unsportsmanlike conduct at any time during the meet
 - iii. Profanity of any kind
 - iv. Use or possession of alcohol or other drugs
 - v. Insubordination to any race official
 - vi. Failure to comply with any request by race official, ski patrollers or area employees
 - vii. Snowboarding in any out of bounds area or closed trail
 - viii. Inappropriate behaviour on lifts or misuse of lifts

5. Course Officials

- a) Each course requires the following officials:
 - i. one starter and assistant starter
 - ii. one chief timer and assistant timer
 - iii. one chief of course
 - iv. gatekeepers as required
- b) Officials can be provided by the schools and/or the resort.

6. Etiquette

- a) All racers and coaches must conform to the written and customary rules of etiquette for alpine skiing.
- b) All players must abide by the rules of conduct of the Board and the TDSSAA Constitution.
- c) Smoking and the drinking of alcohol are expressly forbidden before, during and after the competition.

7. Specific local rules, as published by the host ski resort, will also be in effect.

8. The meet convenor or his/her representative is required to be at all meets.

9. Any protest must be delivered to the convenor, in writing, by the coach, not later than one half hour(1/2) after the disqualification list has been posted for that particular meet.

G. First Aid/Safety/Supervision

- 1. a) All coaches and convenors should be familiar with the content of the Toronto

District School Board Secondary Interschool Athletics Safety Guidelines.

- b) Particular attention should be given to the guidelines pertaining to this sport.
- 2. A properly equipped first aid kit (refer to the appendix in the TDSB Secondary Interschool Athletics Safety Guidelines) must be accessible at all practices and games.
- 3. Coaches are reminded to have an emergency action plan in place for all practices and meets.

H. Discipline

- 1. If a racer is disqualified from a meet for misconduct or for not showing up for a race, his/her coach **must** inform the following people **within twenty-four (24) hours following the meet**:
 - a) the principal of the school
 - b) the school's TDSSAA representative
 - c) the regional convenor
 - d) the chair of the Conduct Review Board
- 2. It is the duty of the coach to notify the racer of his/her suspension from all TDSSAA activities pending the Conduct Review Board (TDSSAA Constitution, Article 11, Section C, item 5).
- 3. All coaches involved must ensure that the meet official involved records a complete and accurate written account of the misconduct.

I. Awards

Team Awards

Team Championships will be declared for:

- Level One Boys and Level One Girls teams
- Level Two Boys and Level Two Girls teams

1 st place	Regional Trophy/Plaque 7 Gold Medals (5)
2 nd place	7 Silver Medals (5)
3 rd place	7 Bronze Medals (5)

Individual Awards

Individual Awards will be presented to the top 6 racers in each event.

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| 1 st place | Gold medals (4) |
| 2 nd place | Silver medals (4) |
| 3 rd place | Bronze medals (4) |
| 4 th - 6 th place | Ribbons (3 x 4) |

J. Equipment

1. In both slalom and giant slalom events a giant slalom helmet must be worn.
2. No slalom helmets are allowed for any race.

K. Uniforms

1. A racing bib must be worn and be visible at all times.
2. Numbers must be visible both front and back at all times.

L. Fees

1. The fees for participation in competitions shall be the responsibility of the participating schools.
2. The regional/district convenor and coaches will decide on the amount of the fee and to whom it is to be paid.
3. Fees are to include lifts and race fees.
4. A financial statement must be made available by the regional/district convenor to the coaches/regional treasurer/ Regional Athletics Administrator at the end of the season.

M. Transportation

1. All competitors should be transported to and from all competitions and on hill training sessions by a chartered coach or through specific arrangements made by the coach, principal and parents of racers.
2. Coaches should be familiar with the TDSB excursion policies and procedures.