

## Information One



## Ski Shack Fairlie/ Dynastar Aoraki Secondary Schools Skiing /Snowboarding Championships 2010

Welcome to another season of skiing and snowboarding.

David Weith will be the Chief of Race and I have again stepped in to the role of organiser/administrator (off field) for the event.

Glen Currie(MTHT) again (with the help of Mt Dobson will be chief of Snowboarding (On field)

Sam Staley from Mt Dobson Ski and Snowboard Clubs is Ski Chief of Course.

### Date/Venue

Mount Dobson Ski Area on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> August with postponement dates Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>.

If the competition is unable to be held on any of these three days then it unfortunately will have to be abandoned.

Last years winners will then represent the Aoraki region at the South Island Secondary Schools event.

The South Island Event is at Cardrona, Wanaka 11<sup>th</sup> **Sept** (p/p 12<sup>th</sup>)

### POSTPONEMENT

Notice will be given at 6.30 am on 98 PORT FM and Classic Hits.

Team managers will also be contacted by text message only if you fill out the Text number on entry sheet.

### CHAINS

Chains are to be carried by **all** vehicles and fitted where specified by the ski field operator.

### **MANAGERS**

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### **TEACHERS IN CHARGE**

Remember: Bus drivers should not be off skiing.

**Staff are there to manage & encourage the students not off skiing.**

PLEASE accept your given responsibilities in the professional manner your B.O.T's , Principal and parents would expect of you! **(ZERO abdication of responsibilities!)**

Schools need to have their **RAMS** form in order.

Those transporting students should always carry chains.

**We are all going into a “potentially dangerous mountainous environment where weather can change quickly. YOUR RAMS report should reflect this and you being FULLY prepared. Correct clothing should be worn and food should be available.**

**Spectators and Additional Staff** are required to **pay for their LIFT PASSES.**

### **GATEKEEPERS/OFFICIALS**

These will be supplied by Mount Dobson Ski Club and **AT LEAST ONE** volunteer supplied by each school participating.

All race officials are identifiable by armbands or high visibility orange vest with their title clearly printed on them. (Non skiers, and or adults who are

not assisting on the day are required to purchase a lift pass)

**NOTE** If you are wearing an armband or vest supplied by the race organisers you are not required to purchase a lift pass.

### **PRESENTATION**

There will be **NO** afternoon tea owing to speedy electronic results processing.

Trophies, medals and certificates will be presented on the mountain immediately after the event.

The prizes are donated by the sponsors; SKI SHACK & DYNASTAR

### **SPONSORSHIP**

Sponsors - Ski Shack, Dynastar and Alpine Energy. Wherever possible please support our sponsors. Please **“support those who support us!” (you)**

### **ENTRIES & COST:**

One event only. \$ 50.00 per racer

A Team (3 or 4) is \$200

This includes entry fee, tow pass, bib fee and prizes.

If you hold a season pass then it is just \$ 30.00

Bibs to be returned to the RSD by TEAM MANAGERS before Presentations.

**Schools will be charged \$25.00 per bib not returned.** No excuses accepted!

Equally schools will be fined **(\$20)** for **“No Shows”** at Start line.( Introduced because of too many simply not fronting, causing delays, and NO School Manager to be seen!)

Entries only on the official entry form and sent on or before noon Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> **August** .

Entries will be accepted from schools which are not partner schools of the Aoraki Secondary Schools Sports Directors office, **but** these teams will not be able to win trophies (unless privately funded). **HOWEVER** appropriate certificates and winner’s medals will acknowledge performances of merit by teams and individuals.

### **Race Format and Rules**

### **START**

## **Procedure (Both Senior and Junior Ski):**

Racer must report to the Start Marshal 10 minutes before allocated start time. Competitors who are late may be disqualified at the discretion of the Chief of Race or may be required to ski at the end of the field.

Pushing off from start post or other aids is forbidden. The racer must start with only the aid of poles.

10 seconds before the start the starter will give each racer a warning "10 seconds". The last 5 seconds will be counted 5, 4,3,2,1, and then GO. Visual starts are available on request. The starting order will be as be on the start sheet provided at the Managers meeting at 8.30AM at the race HQ in the car-park area. This will be Random Seeding within your seed block.

## **PASSAGE THROUGH GATES:**

If a competitor misses a gate and is aware of this, he/she no longer has a right to pass through further gates. A racer has correctly negotiated a gate if he/she has passed each gate in the correct colour sequence.

On the ski courses the competitor must pass between the inside poles of the double gates. On the snowboard course competitor must pass between the inside poles of the single gate. If a competitor straddles or misses a gate he/she may go back and pass through the inside pole. A gate keeper may only respond to a competitor **GO or GO BACK**. An official may not assist a competitor in anyway, nor can any other person. A gate has been passed correctly when both competitors' feet have passed across the gate line.

## **CROSSING OF THE FINISH LINE**

The finish line must be crossed on both skis or/ on one ski/ or with both feet in the case of a fall in the immediate finish area. Snow boarders must cross

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the line standing. The time is taken when any part of the body or equipment stops the timing system.

## **TIMING**

Timing of the Senior and Junior race will be electronic and will be backed up by manual stop watch. Snowboard results will be posted on a notice board at the bottom of the course.

## **UNOFFICIAL OR PROVISIONAL TIMES:**

At the discretion of the race secretary, unofficial or provisional competitor time's for both runs will be posted on a white board at the race finish area. Official results will be announced at the prize giving. DNFs and DQs will be posted on a white board at the race finish area at the end of each run. **It is the competitors responsibility to note whether they have an infringement lodged against them.**

**NOTE:** If a racer DNFs or has a DQ in the first run they cannot start the second run.

## **COURSE INSPECTIONS:**

**Junior Course:** 9.00 finishing at 9.30AM

**Senior Course:** Approximately 11.00AM for 30 minutes at the completion of the second run of the Junior Race or at discretion of the Chief of Course.

### **NOTE: CHANGE FOR 2010**

Both runs through the race course for both Junior and Senior competitors will be run back to back this year with no break for lunch, so competitors need to remain on the course preferably at the marshalling areas at the top of the courses.

The competitor should preferably study the course by slowly skiing or boarding beside the course. Slow side sliding the course is allowed but not encouraged. Competitors should be accompanied by one team official on their course inspection.

It is planned that there will not be a course inspection for the second run as the same course will be used for both back to back runs. If the course

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requires a reset between runs, then a second course inspection will be at the discretion of the Chief of Course.

**NOTE:** skiers or boarders seen skiing or boarding through or practising turns parallel to the gates will be disqualified immediately. You have been warned.

## **RE-RUNS**

If a competitor is obstructed while racing they should stop immediately and apply for a rerun. The competitor should report to the finish referee by way of the side of the piste. The competitor should not continue to ski or board the course. In special cases, a re run may be ordered at the discretion of the finish referee, and the Chief of Race.

**Racers do not have priority on lifts.**

**COURSE:** (these may alter on the day according to snow and weather conditions)

## **SKIING**

**JUNIORS** - (Year 7 & Year 8)

Open Slalom (not demanding) starting at 9.30AM.

**NOTE: COURSE CHANGE SAME FORMAT AS 2009**

The Junior race will be run on the lower half of the Senior Course.

Competitors should dismount at the second dismount of the T Bar and make their way down to the start area on the lower Senior Course. Approximate number of gates 10-15. Two runs down a single Open Slalom Course. Racers who are late to the start will race at the end of the field. Any competitors who are granted a rerun for any reason will be given precedence on their rerun over subsequent skiers. Race order for both runs will be the same.

**SENIORS** – At the completion of the Junior race. A Giant Slalom course located to the right of the T Bar above the second dismount area.

Competitors should dismount above the second dismount of the T Bar.

Starting time will be approximately 11.30AM at the completion of course inspection. Approximate number of gates = 25. Two runs down a single GS Course.

Racers who are late to the start will race at the end of the field. Any competitors who are granted a rerun for any reason will be given precedence on their rerun over subsequent skiers. Race organizers reserve the right to amend this format subject to snow and weather conditions.

Race order for the second run through will still be in ranking groups but will be in reverse order within each ranking group.

## **SNOWBOARDING ( Boarder -Cross)**

The Snowboard races will be held at the PLATTER LIFT.

### **Snowboarding briefing at 8.45 at the top of the boarding course.**

The race will begin at approximately 9.00AM. This will be at the left hand side of the top of the Platter lift. There will be separate heats for boys and girls.

Competitors will contest heats of 4. The first two in each heat automatically qualify for the next round. Remaining competitors in each heat are then redrawn into a second “last chance qualifying” heat. The first two in these reportage heats also qualify for the second round. Other competitors drop out of the competition.

The competition then continues on a “knock out” basis. Team Calculations will be based on placing obtained in each section: Boys, Girls, and Mixed. A final race-off between boys from the Boys and Mixed competitions and girls from the Girls and Mixed competitions to determine individual places will conclude the programme.

## **BIBS**

The bibs will be issued to Team Managers at the Team Managers meeting at Race HQ at 8:30 AM. (N.B. Irrespective of your students start time all managers must attend the 8.30AM briefing)

Your bib will be tow passes and must be worn over your clothing at all times during the day.

**Bibs to be returned to your team manager** and these are to be put in the appropriate container at the prize-giving in front of the Mt Dobson Club Ski and Snowboard facility in the carpark.

Please do not leave the bibs up on the mountain.

**Schools will be billed \$25.00 each lost bib.**

## **PROTESTS**

### **Skiing**

Protests of any nature must be lodged by the Team Manager or team Captain on paper and submitted to the Finish Referee or Race Jury within 15 minutes of the incident. Chief of Race to be informed immediately.

Protests costs \$20.00 (payable with the written protest). The fee will be refunded if the protest is upheld. Otherwise F.I.S. rules apply.

### **Snowboarding**

Protests must be lodged immediately to Becks Hide at the bottom of the race and then Becks will contact Chief of Snowboard Race (Grant Shaw).

## **CONTINGENCY**

If the racing is incomplete due to weather conditions or the event is cancelled, then the current title holders have the right to retain their status and go on to represent Aoraki at the South Island Championships.

## **HELMETS**

The wearing of helmets is **compulsory** in both the ski and snowboard events. **A cycle helmet is not considered suitable.** Safety helmets are **not** available for hire on the mountain.

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**You will be not be allowed to race if you do not have a helmet.**

### **DISQUALIFICATION**

- \* A disqualification will also occur if a competitor uses coarse language during a race.
- \* If a skier or snowboarder does not complete the run they will be disqualified.
- \* If a skier or snowboarder does not turn up for the start of the first or second run be disqualified at the discretion of the race director.

**Apart from seeding at all times F.I.S Rules apply. Managers are advised that they should have a copy. The rules would be available on the NZ Ski Racing website.**