

PACRAT

PACIFIC NORTHWEST SKI CLUBS' RECREATIONAL ALPINE TEAMS

LEAGUE RULES

Revised per Board Meeting of September 24, 2001

I. Eligibility

- A. In order to compete on behalf of a member club's team in any PACRAT competition, a person must satisfy the following requirements:
1. Be at least twenty-one (21) years of age on the date of the first scheduled race.
 2. Be a member in good standing of a NWSCC club at least two weeks prior to the date of the first scheduled event. It is the responsibility of the club's Race Chairperson to verify that all participants representing his or her club are qualified members.
 3. Persons not eligible to participate are current full-time ski/snowboard instructors, paid ski patrol members, current pro racers, national and NORAM team members, or others who are paid as a result of their skiing/snowboarding ability. Any exceptions can only be approved by the PACRAT Board.
 4. A racer may belong to one PACRAT team only.
 5. A racer may use either skis or a snowboard or mono-ski on the race course during a race event.
 6. A racer must use one type of board for the entire season - use skis or snowboard for all races. A racer may not switch between skis, snowboard or mono-ski during the season. Any racer switching between skis, snowboard or mono-ski during the season will be disqualified for the remaining season.

II. TEAMS

- A. Each club may enter an unlimited number of teams made up of eligible members of their club. However, it may be necessary to limit the total number of teams in the league. If so, teams will be accepted on a first paid basis.
- B. Each team shall consist of up to ten (10) members. Substitute racers are not allowed.
- C. All team members must be registered prior to the first scheduled race. Changes to a team roster may not be made after the first race. Cases involving "extreme hardship" may be brought before the Board for consideration.
- D. Each racer will be assigned their own individual bib number for the season.

III. Classification

- A. There shall be seven (7) classes for men and seven (7) classes for women: Beginner, Novice, Intermediate, Advanced Intermediate, Advanced, Expert, and Elite. Efforts will be made to establish class sizes no smaller than 10 racers and no greater than 25 racers. However, once established, the class barriers (see section V.A.) shall not be changed for the remainder of the season. Class barriers may be revised at the beginning of each season, but not during the season.
- B. Racers will be initially (their first race of the season) placed in the class in which they last qualified and all downstrikes and upstrikes start anew with the first race of the season. Racers with no prior PACRAT participation will be initially classified by the results of

their first race. The Board is empowered to adjust any racer's classification consistent with the interests of PACRAT racing.

C. Upgrading and Downgrading of Racers

1. General: These provisions are intended to prevent the under or over classification of racers, as well as provide an automatic upgrading or downgrading system that will keep the racer's classification in line with his or her progress in racing.
2. Strike System: Racers whose handicaps exceed their class barrier shall receive an "upstrike." Racers whose handicaps fall below their class barrier shall receive a "downstrike."
3. Upgrading by Strike System: On the day that a racer collects an "upstrike," they will retain the same class status and be eligible for any points awarded in that class for that race. The racer will then be upgraded to the appropriate class, based on the racer's handicap, for the next race.
4. Downgrading by strike system: When a racer collects two "downstrikes" in consecutive finished races in the same class, the racer shall be placed in the next lower classification for the next race. A racer that is disqualified (DQ), does not finish (DNF), or does not start (DNS) shall not receive a "downstrike" and said race shall not be included in the consecutive count.

IV. Points Scoring System

- A. Team points shall be awarded based on placement within a class, handicap improvement and participation.
 1. Placement Points: Placement point distribution is based on two premises; i) each class winner will receive 10 points, and ii) 50% of the starters in each class will be awarded placement points, rounding down for an odd number of starters (i.e. a class with 5 starters receives placement points for 2 racers that finish). The lowest available placement points will be 2 as each participant will receive at least 1 point for each race started (see 3 below). Thus, with a class of 18 starters, placement points are available to the top 9 finishers with places 1 through 9 receiving 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2 points. The placement point matrix that follows is constructed so that statistically each racer in a class with over 3 starters will have an equal chance of scoring three points (i.e. if there are 18 starters the total available placement points equal $10+9+8+7+6+5+4+3+2=54$ divided by 18 starters equals 3). Should a class have two to three starters, 10 points will be awarded to the winner of the class if the racer finishes.