

# Welcome



**It is with great pleasure that Snow Sports SA welcomes you all back to the African snow at Tiffindell Ski Resort, and the 4<sup>th</sup> edition of QuikSnow, the SA National Snowboard & Freestyle Ski Championships.**

An especially warm welcome to all of our competitors who have traveled from all corners of South Africa to pit their freestyle skills against the best our country has to offer. Our local snowboard and freestyle ski community has enjoyed considerable growth during the past several years and the future of these sports looks very promising as recognition, participation and support of our local riders and SA winter sports in general, remains on the increase.

Special thanks to all of our sponsors for their generosity, to our race officials for their untiring efforts, the media for their passion and our hosts Tiffindell Ski Resort, for without their hard work and assistance an event of this magnitude would not be possible.

Although this is the 15th Annual National Snow Sport Championships, and the 4th consecutive QuikSnow event, it is also a first because a new format of event is being piloted this year. For the first time the freestyle disciplines of snowboarding and freestyle skiing are enjoying an event dedicated exclusively to the latest progression and trends in these sports.

With this, we wish all of our participants great success, a lot of fun and a memorable National Championship event.

Oliver Schwankhart  
Event Manager



# About

Snow Sports South Africa



Snow Sports South Africa, the National Federation responsible for all competitive and high performance aspects of Snowboarding and Skiing in South Africa. Snow Sports S.A. is directly associated and represented at the highest sporting level on both a national and international stage, with various sporting and administrative bodies. Locally, Snow Sports SA is affiliated to SASCOC (South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee) as well as to the Department of Sports and Recreation. Internationally, Snow Sports is a member of FIS (Federation Internationale de Ski), the International Ski and Snowboard Federation and other winter sports macro bodies such as the FIBT (Federation Internationale de Bobsleigh et de Tobogganing) .

These Snow Sport SA affiliations are the gateway to international competitions. Local athletes who demonstrate hunger and talent could enter the international competition arena and walk the road that leads to the FIS World Cup circuit, FIS World Championship events (every 2 years) and ultimately to Olympic participation (every 4 years), in selected Ski and Snowboard disciplines. Snow Sports S.A. also gets considerable support from FIS through their Aid & Promotion programs, such as free training days offered by the various FIS World Championship candidates, the FIS Alpine, Cross Country and Snowboard training camps .

It should also be noted that athletes taking part in FIS races and the World Cup circuit competitions represent themselves (to gain FIS points and a world ranking) but when it comes to World Championship events and the Olympic Games, they represent their country at which point Snow Sports S.A. are required to inform the Department of Sports and SASCOC about selected participants at such events. SASCOC is the only national body that selects "Team South Africa" for the Olympic Games.

Snow Sports SA is also the governing body that presides over the Annual National Ski and Snowboard Championships.

For more information on how to obtain an international FIS license and realistic chances of entering the pathway to international competition please contact [oliver@snowsports.co.za](mailto:oliver@snowsports.co.za) , the snowboarding representative of Snow Sports South Africa.

# RACE PROGRAM



## Sunday 27 July

10h00 Arrival and Race Registration.  
Training runs BoarderCross & Skier Cross.  
Big Air and Slopestyle open practice.

14h00 - 16h00 Timed qualification runs Skier Cross/Boardercross

## Monday 28 July

09h00 Ladies Skier Cross & Boardercross  
10h00 Mens Skier Cross  
11h00 Mens BoarderCross Top 32 Division  
14h00 Mens BoarderCross Bottom 32 Division

## Tuesday 29 July

09h00 Qualification Slopestyle Skiing and Snowboard  
13h00 Final Slopestyle Skiing and Snowboarding

## Wednesday 30 July

09h00 Qualification Big Air Skiing and Snowboarding  
13h00 Big Air Finals -Skiing and Snowboarding

## Thursday 31 July

Departure from Tiffindell

# RACE COMMITTEE



<b>Event Manager</b>	Oliver Schwankhart
<b>Race Chairman</b>	Peter Peyper
<b>Resort Liaison</b>	Nicola Burns
<b>Head Judge</b>	Kai Linder
<b>Snowboard Judges</b>	Stephan Rassmann, Dorin Bambus
<b>Slope Manager</b>	Pierre de Wet
<b>Chief Marshal</b>	Janko Krivan
<b>TD : Boardercross / Skier Cross</b>	Marco Caromba
<b>TD : Snowboard Freestyle</b>	Robbie Alunni
<b>TD : Freestyle Skiing</b>	Janko Krivan
<b>Race Secretary</b>	Karin Weich
<b>Media Liaison</b>	Jules Coetzee (Print), Nicola Burns (TV)
<b>Entertainment</b>	Liam Victor, Hanlie Schoch, Kuba Graniki & Alessio Lacovig
<b>Prizegiving</b>	Hanlie Schoch
<b>Branding Marshals</b>	Schalk Joubert, Johan Crawford
<b>Medical Supervisor</b>	Rolf Schana EMERGENCY

# COMPETITION RULES

## A. Rules applying to all Events

### 1) Disputes and Adjudication

The decision of the Race Committee is final in all matters relating to QuikSnow – SA National Snowboard & Freestyle Skiing Championships.

### 2) FIS

Where applicable to local conditions, International Ski Federation (FIS) rules will apply to the competition events of the SA National Snowboard and Freestyle Skiing Championships.

### 3) Entry

The SA National Snowboard & Freestyle Skiing Championships are open to all competitors aged 8 years or older – with a junior category that caters for the ages of 8 -18 years inclusively. Only South African Citizens (SA Passport holders) qualify for the titles, prize money and SA National medals. Special Quiksilver Trophies and Prizes are awarded in an open category.

### 4) Registration

An official Entry Form and Indemnity Form must be completed indicating in which events the competitor wishes to participate. Entry Forms will not be accepted as valid unless all sections marked 'compulsory' are properly completed, including the section for 'Commentator Notes'. Entry Forms must be delivered to the Race Secretary no later than 11h00 on the day before the start of the event, in order for the competitor to be included in the Bib Draw and start list for the event.

Entry forms are available from the Race Office at the event, from the morning before the start of the event, or register online at [www.snowboarder.co.za](http://www.snowboarder.co.za) or [www.snowsports.co.za](http://www.snowsports.co.za) on the day before the start of the event. Online entries must however be confirmed on arrival.

### 5) Entry Fees

A single race Entry Fees of R250 covers all events and must be paid to the Race Secretary on registration.

### 6) Payment

Payment must be made in cash or via the secure online payment system on [www.snowboarder.co.za](http://www.snowboarder.co.za) on or before the morning of the event. No competitor will be allowed to compete without having paid the Entry Fee.

### 7) Event Notice Board

The Event Notice Board will be situated at the resort and all official notices will be deemed as published once displayed there. It is each competitor's responsibility to ensure that they make themselves aware of all event notices, including any timetable and event changes, by periodic reference to the Event Notice Board. Additional information will also be displayed on our LED Display board.

### 8) Race Meetings

Race meetings will be held 20 minutes prior to the start of the days race and competitors will be given relevant race rules by the Head Judge. Bib numbers will be allocated for all competitors who have submitted a properly completed race entry form and paid the race entry fee. Start lists will be posted on the Event Notice Board. (Please check for errors or omissions!)

### 9) Bibs

Race Bibs will be ready for collection after the race draw and will be included in the racers goodie bags that can be collected from the Race Office on the day before the start of official competition. A single bib number per competitor will be valid for all events and the duration of the competition.

### 10) Course Marshals, Disqualifications and Protocol

Courses and gates will be under the jurisdiction of the Course Marshal, who will note and report all rule infringements to the Race Committee. Protocol, indicating disqualification with reasons, will be announced and posted on the Race Notice board as soon as possible after each run or round of a contest. Once announced, 15 minutes is allowed for the receipt of any protest.

### 11) Results

Provisional results will be posted on the Event Notice Board as soon as final Protocol and any protest resolutions are complete. Copies will be available, but priority will be given to Officials and Press.

### 12) SA National Titles

SA National Championship Titles will be awarded for :

- South African Champion – SnowboardCross (Men + Ladies)
- South African Champion – Skier Cross (Men)
- South African Champion – Snowboard Slopestyle (Men + Ladies)
- South African Champion – Skiing Slopestyle (Men)
- South African Champion – Snowboard Big Air (Men + Ladies)
- South African Champion – Skiing Big Air (Men)

### 13) Prize Money

As part of their commitment to the development of skiing and snowboarding in South Africa, Tiffindell Ski Resort have allocated R25,000 in prize money to the event to be awarded by Snow Sports SA to South African winners in certain race categories. Although all events and competitors are equally important, the distribution of prize money is reflective of competitor numbers in every event based on a principle of fairness, practicality and proportional representation.

**Prize Money will be allocated to 5 race categories in R5,000 portions in the following percentage splits.**

<b>1st place</b>	40% or R2000
<b>2nd place</b>	25% or R1250
<b>3rd place</b>	18% or R900
<b>4th place</b>	10% or R500
<b>5th place</b>	7% or R350

#### Eligible events are :

Overall Ladies Freestyle Snowboard R5000  
Overall Men's Freestyle Skiing R5000  
Men's Boardercross R5000  
Mens's Snowboard Slopestyle R5000  
Men's Snowboard Big Air R5000

### 14) International Competitors – OPEN PRIZE CATEGORY

Although National titles and prize money can only be allocated to SA passport holders, QuikSnow is open to all nationalities and in order to acknowledge their participation and contribution a special OPEN PRIZE CATEGORY has been developed to honour our international winners and guests. This category is an overall category and is open to both local and international competitors. Quiksilver Trophies, medals and prizes are awarded to this category.

### 15) Demo Events

Although every effort is made to be as representative and fair as possible to all ski and snowboarding disciplines, as well as both sexes, low competitor numbers in certain disciplines dictate that they cannot hold official events status. As such, these events will be run but on the basis of DEMO events to hopefully create a platform for future athletes to participate in such events. The Ladies Freestyle Skiing events of SkierCross, Big Air and Slopestyle fall into this category.

## ***B. RULES APPLYING TO SPECIFIC EVENTS***

### ***B1. SNOWBOARD CROSS (SBX) and SKIER CROSS (SX)***

The course is set under guidance and jurisdiction of the Technical Delegate : Boarder/Skier Cross and is under the control and rules and regulations of the Race Committee.

#### **Qualification**

##### **Qualification standards**

The qualification standards will be established before each season. The standards cannot be modified during the season. Two Boardercross divisions will be held in the event that competitor numbers exceed 32 in total. Should more than 32 entries be received, a TOP 32 DIVISION and a BOTTOM 32 DIVISION will be created.

All competitors are required to participate in a mandatory timed qualification run which will occur the day before the final competition. The fastest 32 times will make riders eligible for the TOP 32 Division, similarly for the BOTTOM 32. Riders will be ceded into the race starting order in order of their qualification results.

Any rider who missed his/her qualification run may be ceded in the Top or Bottom rider category at the discretion of the Race Chairman based on prior year results. Any such rider will be placed at the bottom of the relevant Top or Bottom 32 heat and will have to fight for advancement through the subsequent rounds.

#### **Women's and men's events**

These standards can be different for women's and men's events. Training before the event is mandatory. A time period the previous day will be allocated for training.

**Helmet** - Helmets are required as per FIS regulations. It is also strongly suggested that all competitors wear protective gear.

#### **Notice of cancellation**

In the event that there is not enough snow on the run(s) selected for the races, the Organizer must cancel the event(s). The cancellation must be approved by the Race Chairman.

#### **Snowboard / Skier Cross Rules**

1. The Snowboard Cross (Boarder Cross) is a competition where four competitors ride simultaneously side by side down the same course.

2. Start. The starting gates have to open simultaneously for all competitors and a competitor must not be able to push open the gate. Before the starter gives the command GO or a single audible signal, he must first ensure that all the riders are ready by asking: All riders ready, attention...
3. Starting Order. Seeded Riders will be distributed evenly through the starting list. All the open places will be filled with the remaining riders by Bib Number in descending numbers.
4. Sudden Death Qualification. Until there are the final 4 men and the final 4 woman left, each round will be single run sudden death. There will be a Plate Final to secure positions from 5th to 8th, for the riders coming 3rd and 4th in the semi finals. The riders will line up according to seeding or Bib number. The first 2 riders across the finish line will advance to the next round. In each round prior to the finals time will be measured. The best time achieved by a competitor in any round will be the qualification time of a competitor. The competitors who do not qualify for the Finals or Plate Final will be ranked by their qualification time.
5. Finals will consist of 1/4 Finals, 1/2 Finals, Plate and Main Final. The winner of the Main Final will be ranked 1st, with those behind him/her ranking 2nd, 3rd and 4th. The winner of the Plate Final will be ranked 5th, with those behind him/her ranking 6th, 7th and 8th. All other Finalists will be ranked according to their qualification time in places 9th-16th.
6. Causes for disqualifications are the following:
  - Gates (Red and Blue) will be used to mark the course. Failure to keep on the correct Line through the gates will result in disqualification.
  - The course will have both Berms and Jumps. Failure to clear all jumps on the course will result in disqualification.
  - False start
  - Not finishing the run with at least the front foot fixed to the board.
  - While shoving and interfering with another competitors line are allowed, a competitor may not use his hands or arms for shoving, doing so will result in disqualification.
  - Failure to wear a Helmet or the competition Bib, will result in disqualification.

## ***B2. SLOPE STYLE (SS)***

### **Training**

Training for the Slope Style is mandatory. Times will be allocated by the Head Judge and Event Director for this purpose.

### **Qualification - Elimination Rounds**

The qualifications will be organized on the morning of the finals. Seeded riders will claim START position numbers in order of seeding starting with Top Seed. Un-seeded riders will take Bib numbers from after seeded riders. The starting order will be in reverse START POSITION number as per the start list which shall be announced over the PA or the Start Referee.

### **Finals**

In the Final the 16 men and 10 woman will have the opportunity to take 2 runs. The best run of the two will be used for the final score.

### **Ranking**

All runs are scored in the Slope Style contest. Since the limited field size impacts final standings the entire field of 16 men and 10 woman will be ranked. All other competitors will be ranked according to their highest score of the two elimination rounds.

### **Helmets**

Helmets are required as per Aces Up Tour regulations. It is also strongly suggested that all competitors wear protective gear.

### **Public Address System**

Music must be used at Slope Style events. The sound system must be powerful enough for the competitor to hear the music clearly and without distortion while at the top of the Slope Style course. This also applies to commentator.

### **Slope Style Judging**

For each Slope Style event there will be 3 judges present during the entire event. Judges must give scores during the Slope Style event in accordance with the Slope Style judging criteria. Judges shall use score cards to mark score by bib number and may keep a memory board to note tricks, falls and other specifics.

### **Protests**

Any protests or problems arising from judging will be dealt with by the Competition Jury (Head Judge & Event Director). Protests should be handed in to the Event Director and not the Head Judge. Protests must be received within 30 minutes of the run in question. Any protests received after this time shall not be considered valid.

### **Slope Style Scoring System**

Judging is broken into 3 parts:

#### **1) Airs, wall rides, spines, etc (Not rails) (30 Points in Total)**

- Amplitude (5 Points)
- Difficulty (10 points)
- Variety (5 points)
- Execution (10 Points)

## 2) Rails (30 Points in Total)

- Difficulty (10 Points)
- Variety (10 points)
- Execution (10 Points)

## 3) Overall Impression (40 Points in Total)

### Criteria Considerations

The judges look at the overall run, how it progresses and flows, taking everything into consideration. This means the amplitude, difficulty, variety, slope use and execution of the tricks. Amplitude refers to the height of the trick performed, difficulty, not only to tricks performed but also the placement of the tricks and the combination used. Variety refers to a good mix of standard airs and rotations as well as combinations of tricks and rotations on the rails. Execution refers to the stability, fluidity and control of the maneuvers performed.

### Overall Impression – Judge 3 (Head Judge)

This judge will score the run by evaluating the overall precision, including the execution of the run and the routine attempted. The OI Judge evaluates the precise nature of the run in relation to the maneuvers attempted, both individually and as a sequence. The overall impression of the run is most important as the OI judge evaluates the sequence of tricks, the amount of risk in the routine and how the rider uses the Slope Style course. *The OI Judge takes falls into consideration and can deduct up to 25% of the points for the run for each fall.*

The OI Judge looks at how a rider puts together the run to show a variety of tricks that are well executed and difficult. The OI Judge looks at falls as not only affecting the trick attempted, but also on the next few hits since the rider may have lost momentum. The OI Judge also considers the rider's intensity, smoothness and slope use. Thus high amplitude and higher risk taking will increase a rider's score, as will attempting a difficult maneuver at the beginning of the run. Also sequences of tricks are important, for example, back to back 540's may be more difficult than splitting them up.

### Deductions for falls will be as follows (points shall be deducted from OI Score)

0.1 – 2.5 points	Unstable body, flat landings, missed airs, speed checks and flailing.
2.6 – 4.0 points	Using hand for stability and hand drags.
4.1 – 8.0 points	Minor falls, body contact with snow.
8.1 – 12 points	Major falls and complete stops.

## Split Scoring System

The split scoring system works as an integration of checks and balances. A good Slope Style run is not based on any one thing, but is based on everything as a whole. The key concept is balance – this is what distinguishes a good run. The main problem for the judge panel is to determine what's the ideal and what is not. To help judges in assessing a Slope Style run, 3 key concepts are considered:

First, we have the concept of "Variety". If the athlete can do a large number of different tricks, he/she shows a high mastery of the sport and is thus better than someone who can only do a limited number of maneuvers.

Second, we have "Difficulty". A good rider must be able to perform tricks that are difficult.

Third, each trick must be performed with ideal "Execution". This is where discrepancies in judging are often being challenged. What is ideal execution? The answer really is that it's up to the discretion of the Judge, this is the nature of a judges competition. For example: one who performs a method air by barely bending his knees and just touching his board has not performed the trick in a difficult and well executed manner compared to someone who grabs his board, pulls it over his head, holds it and straightens his legs. It is up to the judge to make this decision and to ensure that his decisions remain consistent.

### Tie-Brake

In the event that two or more competitors obtain the same score, the highest Overall Impression total score in the tied run shall determine the winner. If the overall impression scores are tied, the next step is to compare the individual scores by judging criteria. The rider with the greatest number of higher scores shall be declared the winner. If all the above tie-break rules are the same, then the rider with the highest standard air (Judge 1) score shall be the winner. If these scores are tied, the two riders will share the position.

## B3. BIG AIR (BA)

Training for the Big Air is mandatory. Training times will be allocated by the Head Judge and Race Chairman for this purpose.

### Qualification – Elimination rounds

The Qualifications will be held on the morning before the Finals. Seeded riders will claim START position numbers in order of seeding starting with Top Seed. Un-seeded riders will take Bib numbers from after seeded riders. The starting order will be in reverse START POSITION number as per the start list which shall be announced over the PA or the Start Referee.

The qualification will be organized in 2 runs, with all competitors riding both runs. The lower score of the 2 runs will be dropped and the best score of each rider will be used as a qualification score. The Top 16 men and Top 10 ladies will advance to the Finals.

### **Finals**

In the Final the 16 men and 10 woman will have the opportunity to take 3 runs. The highest scoring run of the first 2 jumps will count. The 3rd and final jump will count. The winner will be determined by the rider with the combined scores of the these two point scoring rounds. Start Order will be determined in the reverse order of the results of the qualification round.

### **Ranking**

All runs are scored in the Big Air contest. Since the limited field size impacts final standings the entire field of 16 men and 10 woman will be ranked. All other competitors will be ranked according to their highest score of the 2 elimination rounds.

### **Helmets**

Helmets are required as per Aces Up Tour regulations. It is also strongly suggested that all competitors wear protective gear.

### **Public Address System**

Music must be used at Big Air events. The sound system must be powerful enough for the competitor to hear the music clearly and without distortion while at the top of the Big Air course. This also applies to commentator.

### **Big Air Judging**

For each Big Air event, 3 judges will be present during the entire event. Judges must give scores during the Big Air events in accordance with the Big Air judging criteria. The judges shall use score cards to mark score by Bib number and may keep a memory board to note tricks, falls and other specifics.

### **Protests**

Any protests or problems arising from judging will be dealt with by the Competition Jury (Head Judge & Event Director). Protests should be handed in to the Event Director and not the Head Judge. Protests must be received within 30 minutes of the run in question. Any protests received after this time shall not be considered valid.

### **Big Air Scoring System**

Judging is broken into 3 parts:

#### **1) Difficulty and Control of the Trick (30 Points in Total)**

- Execution (10 Points)
- Difficulty (10 points)
- Control (10 Points)

#### **2) Amplitude and Landing (30 Points in Total)**

- Height (5 Points)
- Length (5 Points)
- Landing (20 Points)

#### **3) Overall Impression (40 Points in Total)**

The OI takes into account the overall impression of the air, from entry, to landing and run off. All Aspects of the Air are taken into account as well as the STYLE of the rider, including "tweaking" and comfort in the air.

### **Control of the Trick**

When the rider performs a trick he/she must show a perfect mastery of it. Execution of the trick has to be smooth, which means the body must be in good balance, arms have to be in control and not trying to keep balance by 'opening the window' and shaking all around. Spins have to be demonstrated in one unique movement with a rhythm equal from beginning to end. Rewinds in landings are not penalized if they are clearly done on purpose and with control (i.e. land switch and revert to ride normal).

The grab(s) chosen must be held as long as possible during the spin. Furthermore it has to be sharp. Unclear grabs such as quick double grabs and small hand touches are not good. Basically we can say that if the movement performed by the rider looked easy, it was well done and executed properly. Top points go to those tricks performed with good execution and high difficulty.