HIGH SCHOOL
SNOWBOARD LEAGUE

Vermont Principals’ Association

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About Our League
Our league was founded in 1996 and was the idea of Herman Weiser, past chair of the VPA Skiing Committee. Herman, known to many as “Bud” noted that “Vermont High School kids (Ross Powers, Hannah Teter, Kelly Clark) were winning Olympic medals in a sport which we didn’t have as an interscholastic sport.” One of the other key members in the sports implementation was Paul Kelly from Manchester.

Thanks to these visionaries we now have a great league in which athletes compete in Giant Slalom, Halfpipe, and Slopestyle events. Schools interested in joining the series should contact the series director, check out the season schedule and come out to an event to see the action!

Governing Body
The league is run by the Snowboarding Council which is made up of coaches from the league. The council makes rulings throughout the season. If a coach is not satisfied with the ruling of the coaches council they may submit a petition to the VPA who will make the final ruling. Descriptions of the council and its duties are as follows:

Council Description:
The Coaches Advisory Council consists of a minimum of 3 but no more than 5 individuals committed to working within the sport of snowboarding to advocate for coaches’ support of strong and clear policies defining professional behavior that advances the safety and welfare of athletes. Members are willing to communicate with coaching colleagues in efforts to support of the adoption and implementation of effective policies and procedures that will ensure fair competition environments.

Member Qualifications:
- Must be recognized as a current or past snowboarding coach at a Vermont high school
- Must have been a Head Coach in the league for a minimum of 3 years.
Council Positions/Descriptions

Director:

The director oversees all that goes on in the league. They are the primary contact person for all league related questions and/or concerns.* The director will plan and help to organize annual pre and post season coaches association meetings. He or she is in charge of calculating the scores from each regular season event. All official event scores will come from the director. They will be the moderator for protests of and for leagues matters such as but not limited to qualification requirements and event outcomes. They are charged with calling a vote for which the council will decide as a group as how to proceed. All appeals to a decision should be forwarded to the director upon which they will be brought to the Vermont Principals Association for consideration. In the event that the director can no longer hold the position the assistant director will take their place until the following years re-election takes place.

*While the person who holds this position is likely to be able to answer event specific questions one should refer those questions to the host school for that event.

Assistant Director:

The assistant director will aid the director in overseeing league matters. They are the secondary contact person for all league related questions or concerns.* They should only be contacted if repeated attempts have been made to the director with no response. They should not be contacted for a second opinion. The assistant director is in charge of cross checking events scores with the director. Once in agreement the assistant director will enter the official scores on the league's website. In the event that the assistant director can no longer hold the position a member of the council will take their place until the following years re-election takes place.

*While the person who holds this position is likely to be able to answer event specific questions one should refer those questions to the host school for that event.

Treasurer:

The treasurer will deal with all financial matters including: league fees, bank management, tax exemption, supplies ordering, business entity renewals, etc.

Member:

Members will be generally aware of league happenings. While a concern can be passed up to the director from a member however every effort to first contact the director and if necessary the assistant director should be made before doing so. If an issue arises members on the council will be charged with voting on to come to a decision of or about league matter.
Election Process

Positions are elected each year at the annual coaches meeting and the term length is one year.

Coaches Duties

Certified Coaches will have met the prerequisites as outlined by Vermont Principals Association.

In order to achieve Certified status, a coach must hold a current and recognized NFHS certification in Fundamentals of Coaching, First Aid and Concussion training.

Duties

- To be registered with, approved and certified by the VPA
- To know the all of the rules and regulations of this series which include those in this booklet and those of the Vermont Principals Association
- To be responsible for the registration of team members 72 hours prior to competition
- To attend annual coaches meeting in the fall
- To attend all Riders’ meetings
- To disseminate information and bibs received at registration or Rider meeting information to team members.
- To abide by the VPA’s guidelines
- To wear a helmet while riding at events
- To set a positive example for the Youth attending the competitions
Regular Season, Scoring, and Qualification for the State Championships

Goal of the regular season: The regular season is setup to determine the top 5 teams in the state, and the top 20 male and top 15 female individuals who should compete for a title at states in all three Series disciplines (slopestyle, giant slalom, and halfpipe). Individuals and teams qualify for states based upon points accumulated through regular season competitions.

Scores and rankings for teams and individuals will be recorded and updated on a weekly basis on the VPA Snowboarding website.

Scoring System: For all series events, both regular season and state championships, a *low score wins* scoring system is in place. Each rider receives a score based on the place that they finish within the competition field. Riders and teams will score 1 pt. for 1st place, 2 points for second place, 3 points for 3rd place, etc.

- Scores for male riders and teams will range from 1 (best score) to 20.
- Scores for female riders and teams will range from 1 (best score) to 15.
- The top four competitors on a team score in each event. These 4 scores are added together to obtain a team score. The lowest team score wins.

Event Finishing Order: (Regular season and State Championships)

A. Halfpipe and Slopestyle Events: Best score out of 2 runs
B. Giant Slalom: Combined time of both runs
Tie-Breaker: (Regular season and State Championships)

1. Team Tie

If two or more teams finish with the same score after a series event, the league will implement a tie-breaker to determine the outcome. Of the tied teams, the team with the best scoring individual rider will be declared the higher finishing team.

2. Individual Tie

If two or more individuals finish with the same score after an event the league will implement a tie-breaker to determine the outcome.

A. Halfpipe/Slopestyle: Of the tied riders, the rider with the best score of the two runs in the event will be declared the higher finishing individual. Low score wins.

B. Giant Slalom: There is no tie-breaker for GS events. In the event of a tie of combined times, both individuals would receive the same finishing order.

Injury/disqualification: If a team starts with 4 or more riders, and finishes with less than 4 due to injury/disqualification, scoring will be as follows:

The injured/DQed rider will receive a score of one position greater than the last competitor in the field (i.e. If the competitive field contained 45 riders, the injured/DQed rider would receive a score of 46).
States Qualification Overview:

A. Individual Riders

- Individual points are awarded to the top 20 male riders and top 15 female riders at each regular season event.
- Individuals must compete and receive a score in at least 2 regular season events in each discipline in order to qualify for states.
- Following regular season competition, eligibility for the state championships for individuals will be determined by the average of the 2 highest individual scores for each discipline during the regular season.
- Individuals who compete and score in at least 2 regular season events in each discipline will be eligible to be ranked to compete for the overall state championship.

B. Teams**

- Team Size: 4 minimum, 8 maximum per regular season event.
- Teams are awarded points for the top 20 male riders, and top 15 female riders in each competition in the following manner:
  1. Boys: Top 4 scoring team riders at each competition
  2. Girls: Top 3 scoring team riders at each competition
- If a team competes in an event but does not have a rider place in a scoring position, the team will not earn a score for the event.
- Teams must compete and receive a score in at least 2 regular season events in each discipline in order to qualify for states.
- Following regular season competition, eligibility for the state championships for teams will be determined by the average of the 2 highest team scores for each discipline during the regular season.
- The top 5 scoring boys and girls teams in each discipline (giant slalom, halfpipe, slopestyle) will be invited to the state championships for that discipline. In the event of a tie, more than 5 teams may qualify.

- Teams that score in 2 regular season events for all series disciplines (min 6 events) will be included in the pool of teams to be selected to compete for the overall state championship. In the event of a tie, more than 5 teams may qualify.

**For any rider to be eligible to be included on their team at states, they must have competed in two events of the particular discipline that they will be competing in at states**

**Scoring Examples:**

**Team Qualifying**

Team A competes in 4 slopestyle events and scores the following:

- Event 1: 1 pt
- Event 2: 7 pts
- Event 3: 5 pts
- Event 4: no points

By the rules Team A’s slopestyle team average would be 3 \( \frac{(1+5)}{2} \)

**Individual Qualifying**

Hannah Teeter competes in 4 halfpipe events and scores the following:

- Event 1: 15 pt
- Event 2: 10 pts
- Event 3: 7 pts
- Event 4: 15

She would have a halfpipe average score of 8.5 \( \frac{(10+7)}{2}) \).
State Championships

The Vermont High School Snowboarding Series will award state championships in the following disciplines, in both boys and girls divisions:

**Individual:** Slopestyle Champion, Giant Slalom Champion, Halfpipe Champion, Overall State Champion

**Team:** Slopestyle Champions, Giant Slalom Champions, Halfpipe Champions, Overall State Champions

*Rules:* All regular season rules concerning scoring, event finish, and tie-breakers are followed at the state championships, with the following exceptions:

**Teams:** At the state championship, teams may run a maximum of 6 riders in each event they qualify for.

- Boys: Top four competitors receive a score in each event
- Girls: Top three competitors receive a score in each event

Giant slalom, slopestyle, and halfpipe are scored separately at states. These scores are then added together to determine the overall boys and girls team state champions, with the low score winning. **A team must compete in all three disciplines at states to be eligible for the overall state championship.**

**Individuals:** At the state championship, individuals will receive a score in each event they compete in. Giant slalom, slopestyle, and halfpipe are scored separately. These scores are added together to determine the overall boys and girls individual state champions, low score wins. **An individual must compete in all three series disciplines at states to be eligible for the overall individual state championship.**
Series Guidelines

DISQUALIFICATIONS
A competitor shall be disqualified:

● For Improper Helmet Use
  ○ For not wearing a helmet
  ○ If a helmet comes off during a run
● If there is an infraction under
  ○ Competitor’s Equipment
  ○ Gate Faults
    ■ Ie. skipping a gate, running the wrong course, jumping over gates
● If false information is presented to
  ○ The Series Director and/or Counsel
  ○ Event Organizing School
  ○ VPA
● For unsportsmanlike conduct:
  ○ For using foul or obscene language
  ○ For making foul or obscene gestures toward judges or officials. (Or anyone)
● For inappropriate gear/bibs
  ○ Must wear Bib at all times that are at Competition (Including prior to start and after finish)
  ○ For not wearing a bib properly during inspection, competition, or official training.
  ○ For competing in a bib other than their own or letting another competitor compete for them. No borrowing or lending of bibs.
  ○ All clothing and Equipment must be appropriate
    ■ No expletives/derogatory
    ■ No drug or alcohol reference
    ■ Vulgar or Profane
● For shadowing on a competition course, or a coach/parent shadowing a competitor.
● For modifying the setting of a competition area
● For doing anything to disrupt an event by destructive means, such as destroying or moving a safety fence or changing a gate setup
● For accepting assistance during a run.
● Towing-in competitors is not permitted
● For not starting properly
● For removing a foot out of a binding during a run.
● For not respecting the host resort’s regulation
● For being under the influence or in the possession of illegal drugs or alcohol at a competition venue
● For inverted tricks where the forward or backward rotation is more than 1 rotation. Double front flips and double backflips are not allowed. (NEW RULE: SINGLE BACK AND FRONT FLIPS ARE ALLOWED IN 2019-2020)

RE-RUNS
Reasons
• Obstructions of any kind (apart from snow) in the competition venue, which interfere with the competitor.
• A gate out of position which causes an obstruction.
• Failure of hand timing and backup timing and the main timing system.
• Judges missing a run
• Falling before reaching the first gate in GS
• Falling before first feature in Slopestyle
• Falling before first wall in Halfpipe
• Course Malfunction Required Actions
• Only the Host school shall officially declare a re-run per specified reasons
• The result of that re-run will be the official result.

Procedure
• Reruns happen as soon as the competitor makes it back to the start
• Competitor shall immediately stop their run and alert an official of an obstruction and exit the course. Athlete must not cross the finish line
• Competitor must fulfill these conditions or the right to a re-run is forfeited. At Freestyle events, the competitor must stop immediately, lift one hand up to signal, and go directly to the finish area and report to the TS, Head Judge or the Finish Referee. Under the direction of the TS, head judge and starter the competitor may have the option of a re-run.

DISQUALIFICATION A competitor shall be disqualified if:
• The competitor does not stop when the starter gives the signal for a false start
• The opponent is obstructed by the competitor
• He/she does not pass a gate correctly

START CADENCE
Prior to giving the start command, which may be an electronic beep, or other appropriate means, the starter shall ensure that the competitors are ready. Approximately five seconds before the start, the starter shall prepare the racers by announcing the following:
• Riders ready......
• (Starter visually checks both riders in a dual GS)
• Start

INSPECTION / PRACTICE
Inspection / Practice sessions are required. Bibs must be worn and visible during official Inspection / Practice sessions. Practice is subject to competition rules.

INSPECTION / PRACTICE PROCEDURE All competitors must inspect the course prior to commencing their practice runs. It is recommended that the course be fenced on all sides with only one or two entry gates at the top. The intention is to have the competitors enter into the course from the Start Area and Drop In. A Starter (host or race official) present at practice will help to regulate the flow. Competitors are allowed to drop into the course, once the previous competitor has hit the first feature.
- GS- Courses will not be slide slipped. The purpose of inspection will be to evaluation course contours. Riders can run parallel to the course outside of the gates, but NOT between.

Number of Judges For each slopestyle event there shall be a minimum of two scoring judges. It is strongly discouraged to ask a coach to spot landing on jumps during a contest.

Procedures Each judge will record the competitor’s bib number, score, and the competitor’s run in its entirety, from the moment the competitor drops into the course and up to the moment the competitor exits the course, on specified competition sheets. All judge competition sheets are to be used for verification purposes, but will not be shown to coaches, competitors, or parents, as they are considered confidential proprietary information until scores are released. No discussion concerning the
competitor’s results are allowed, except between the judge and Head Judge. Competitors and spectators are not permitted to approach or speak with the judges during the competition. All concerns or issues shall be directed to the Host.

Judges Duties The function of a judge is to give a score to each competitor in order to assign ranking. The judges must give scores for each competitor’s performance in accordance with the judging criteria. The judges must be fair, without bias and judge solely based on the performance of the competitor. They shall participate in practice judging conducted by the Head Judge during the practice runs. Judges must assist and be available to the Head Judge during the duration of the event, including practice and to perform other necessary duties. All judges shall articulate any potential conflicts of interest to the Head Judge. The judges, while in their professional capacity, shall refrain from discussing personal viewpoints of the judging to coaches, parents, competitors, media and spectators during and after the course of the competition. A judge shall be discreet and reasonable in all discussions. A judge shall not predict outcomes in advance. A judge shall accept criticism calmly and maintain composure in all situations. All concerns or issues shall be directed to the Head Judge.

JUDGED RUNS  Judged Run / Scored Run A judged run begins when the competitor exits the start area and enters the course. A judged run ends when the competitor completes their final maneuver and exits the course. After the completion of the run, the competitor will receive a score which is used to assign ranking.

DNF : Did not finish The judges will stop judging and in place of a score, a competitor will receive a DNF, only for that particular run, if the competitor:
• Removes a foot from their board
• Exits the competition area prior to completing their run.
• Stops their run for more than 30 seconds.
• Is not wearing a bib or wearing it improperly during their competition run. A competitor may also be disqualified from the entire competition and will not receive any scores due to more serious offenses.

Ties
Ties are to be broken by comparing the highest scored run by each competitor. If two competitors have the same score the judges will look at the combined total of two runs. The rider with the highest total of points would be the higher ranked competitor.
Scoring
• Scores shall be given to provide a ranking to all competitors.
• There shall be a minimum of Two scoring judges
• When three judges are scoring, all scores will count.
  • All scores should be posted after each event
• Judges will use a 100 point scoring system per judge. This is accomplished by using a 1 – 100 range.

The Host is responsible for managing the panel of judges.
Host duties are:
• To police the start and judge areas
• To conduct a judges meeting prior to the first day of competition
• To select which judge will be judging each category
• To communicate and coordinate between the judges
• To provide the judges with necessary materials and supplies
• To organize the work of the judges
• To approve freestyle competition area
• Communicate with the starter regarding the riders start.
• Prior to the event, check the visibility of the judges stand and any possible disturbances of the judge's view caused by media
• To call the safety patrol when necessary
Questions and Contact Info

For more information on our league visit our website at:
https://sites.google.com/site/vermonthighschoolsnowboarding/

Questions about the league or information in this booklet can be forwarded to:

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Member-at-Large - CJ Caforia (Enosburg High School)
Member-at-Large - Bobby Walls-Thumma (NCUHS)
Member-at-Large - Dave Bloch (Woodstock)
Appendix A

How to Submit a Roster

Our series uses SplitSecond* to keep track of event results. This program allows for fast data entry and results calculations. It is the expectation that coaches will:

A) Submit an electronic roster via email
B) Understand and use SplitSecond* software, in the event they are asked to host an event or help out with administering an event

Only rosters submitted as a “comma separated version” or with the file tag “.csv” and layed out correctly will be accepted.

If you are working in Microsoft excel you can work normally and then save the file as a “.csv” file.

It is not acceptable to submit a roster in another format to a host school and expect them to hand type your riders!

This is the exact way a roster should look for submission:

Coach Smith has her boy’s team in an Excel Spreadsheet like below:

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<th>Last</th>
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<td>Carl</td>
<td>Jackson</td>
<td>109</td>
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<tr>
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<tr>
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<tr>
<td>Sean</td>
<td>Fredericks</td>
<td>189</td>
<td>NWUS</td>
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She then saves them as NWUS_Boys.csv and emails it to the event host.
She will create a similar-but separate-file for her girl’s team and email that also.

*Splitsecond is a free download from www.splitsecond.com
Download the National FIS program – not the Club Software

Appendix B

How to Host a Snowboard Event

3-4 months Prior
1. Schedule event.
2. Add to google doc.

2-3 weeks Prior
1. Contact judges and schedule them for comp date. Email Judge’s Guide to judges and review and questions they may have.
2. Check in with mountain.
3. Send release form to coaches if it needs to be submitted prior to event.

10 days Prior
1. Send out invite to coaches.
   a. Include fees for event and release form.

5 days prior
1. Begin building start list in Splitsecond.
2. Confirm Judges.
3. Send Judge information (Name and Address) to Matt Steinke (939 Essex Rd, Williston, VT 05495).

72 Hours Prior
1. Email Confirmation to registered teams
   a. Include pertinent information about Competition
      i. Parking
      ii. Cost
         1. Whom check should be made out to
      iii. Location of registration table
      iv. Actual location of event (peak and trail)
v. Hosts emergency contact information

2. Close Registration
3. Send start list to mountain (If necessary)
4. Confirm Number of tickets

24 hours Prior
1. Finish creating roster in Splitsecond

Day of Event
1. Prior to start
   a. Confirm that weather is appropriate
   b. Define, set-up, and preview course
   c. Set up registration table by 10:00 (at the latest)
      i. Computer for roster updates
      ii. Printer to print rosters
      iii. Tickets for coaches and competitors
   d. Designate starter
      i. Review information about reasons for a re-run
         1. Falling before first feature, wall or gate
         2. Course interference
   e. Ensure radio contact with judges
   f. Designate knowledgeable volunteer to watch landings if judge unable to see (Strongly encourage to not be a parent, student or coach)

2. During Event
   a. Close course by 12:40
   b. Have coaches meeting at starting line of event (12:45 pm)
      i. Include any information unique to event
   c. Event should start at 1:00 pm
   d. Ski patrol should be easily accessible or at event
      i. Know Emergency Action Plan
      ii. Know where Ski Patrol Base is located incase you need to give directions

3. After Event
   a. Quickly and accurately enter results (please keep the actual judges sheets confidential)
   b. Export results from SplitSecond
      i. Click on “competitor” tab
      ii. Click on report button
iii. Select “race results”
   1. Official
   2. Nat/Year on Results
   3. Bib Number on results
iv. Select “Ok”
v. “Save to file”
vi. Save as text (.Txt) file
c. Send results to the Director and Asst. Director
   i. npeterson@millriverschools.org
   ii. bwalker@fcsuvt.org
d. Keep originals judges sheets (in case a score is contested) for 7 days

e. Thank all volunteers and Mountain staff
f. Pay and thank judges

Appendix C
Amateur Status Eligibility

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VPA Policy on Student Eligibility (7)
Eligibility Limitations and Amateur Status (b.)
Amateur Status and Rulings Comments (x.)
Revised 2/2/18

Students are ineligible if they have lost their amateur standing under any of these qualifications.

1. They have received remuneration, gifts or donations directly or indirectly for participation in an athletic contest or as a prize for being outstanding players.
2. They have participated under an assumed name.
3. They have entered into a playing contract with a professional club or agent.
4. Reference to “gifts or donations” is not intended to preclude the acceptance of playing apparel and equipment that is provided by the sponsoring organization.
5. Student athletes who lose amateur status in one sport do not lose it in other sports.
6. Amateurs or a team of amateurs may participate against a team of professionals. Amateurs may not participate on a professional team, or on a team where members of the team are receiving remuneration for their athletic service.
7. Student athletes who become members of a ski patrol will not jeopardize their amateur standing.
8. Student athletes should be advised to exercise great caution in participating in any athletic activity where there are cash prizes. As an example, student athletes should be extremely careful in participating in adult bowling leagues where there are cash prizes.