

# Gate Judge Check List

## Gate Judges Must:

- Sign up on a work sheet Saturday morning to work a race. If your name is not on the list, you won't get credit for working the race.
- Be familiar with the rules and procedures for valid runs and DQ's.
- Be at the top of the hill with your green work card 15 minutes before the race to receive a bib and pencil.
- Position yourself on the hill 5 minutes before the race starts.
  - You are responsible for a section of the course. Make sure the gate judges above and below understand who is covering what.
  - You are the sole judge of whether a racer completed your section correctly or if the run should be disqualified.
  - For dual races you are responsible for only one of the courses.
  - You are responsible for re-positioning the race poles that might get knocked down by racers. For safety reasons, the pole must not lean towards the on-coming racers. If a pole is knocked down, place it back in EXACTLY the same location.
  - Help other gate judges with course repair as needed.
- Know the hand/pole signals for alerting race officials and other gate judges to conditions and events:
  - Raised crossed poles indicate the last racer disqualified. Signal a DQ **DOWN** the hill to the timing shack below.
  - Raised parallel (upright) poles indicate a delay is needed. Signal a delay **UP** the hill to the starter shack.
  - Raised pole with circling motion indicates the delay is over.
- Make sure that signals are passed up or down by other gate judges. The signals are useless if they are not seen in the start or finish shack.
- Write down the bib numbers of all racers who DQ in your section. Make notes if the event is unusual. You may be asked to explain the DQ at the end of the day in a jury meeting.
- Turn in your work card to the chief of course at the completion of the race. If you give it to anyone else you might not get credit for working.

## **Some Rules**

### **4.1. Automatic Disqualification**

The following actions will result in automatic disqualification:

- 4.1.3. Missing or straddling a gate. (Both feet and ski tips must be on the same side of the pole.) Straddling a gate is the same as missing a gate. In both instances the racer must go back and reenter the course at the missed gate.
- 4.1.4. Losing a ski during the race, with the exception of the area between the last gate and the finish line.
- 4.1.5. Interfering with the next racer or being overtaken by the next racer. This can happen when a racer falls and cannot get back into the course in time to avoid the next racer.

### **6.9. Gate Judges**

- 6.9.1 Gate judges stand on the hill and are responsible for judging the validity of each racer's run. They are assigned specific gates by the Chief of Course.
- 6.9.2 Each gate judge will be given a check card by the Chief of Course. When the gate judge determines a racer has disqualified, he or she must immediately write on the card the bib number of the racer and the reason for disqualification. (See Section 4 for possible reasons for disqualification.) A sketch should be drawn if there was incorrect passage. The cards of all gate judges are collected by the Chief of Course at the end of the race.
- 6.9.3 In the case of a dual races race, the gate judge is responsible only for one of the two courses. The Gate judge must stand outside both courses, nearest the one for which he or she is responsible.
- 6.9.4 Gate judges must inform the racer of any fault that could cause a disqualification. Gate judges must respond in one of two ways if asked any questions:
  - 1. "Back" if the racer has missed a gate, or
  - 2. "Go On" if the racer has passed through the gate properly.
- 6.9.5. Gate judges must reset any dislodged and leaning gate poles as close as possible to the original locations.
- 6.9.6. Gate judges should indicate that a delay is needed (course repair, fallen skier, etc.) by raising their poles parallel overhead.
- 6.9.7. Gate judges must wear unique identifying bibs or other unique identification.
- 6.9.8. Gate judges will not touch a racer or the racer's equipment unless the racer has already been disqualified.