

2011-12 Ultimate Ski & Snowboard Challenge Rules

1.0 ORGANIZATION

The coaches of the UNM Ski Team, in consultation with the Ultimate Ski & Snowboard Challenge (USSC) Executive Board, established rules and schedules for the race series. Races will be conducted by the coaches and or individuals designated by them in conjunction with the participating ski areas.

2.0 DIVISIONS

Each registered team will select one of the six divisions. Any individual (not on a team) will be listed in the Open Class division.

2.1 AM DIVISIONS (more advanced)

2.1.1 UNLIMITED: Open recruiting. Ability level: former ski racers, ski patrol, ski Instructors, Pro racers and advanced skiers.

2.1.2 CORPORATE (Verification may be required): No outside recruiting except employee's immediate family members. Ability level: former ski racers, weekend racers, advanced skiers.

2.1.3 RACE: Open recruiting. Ability level: former ski racers, ski patrol, ski instructors, advanced skiers, skiers with little or no race experience.

2.2 PM DIVISIONS (more recreational)

2.2.1 ADVANCED: Open recruiting. Ability level: more advanced skiers with little to some race experience.

2.2.2 CO-ED: Open recruiting. Ability level: advanced skiers with little or no ski racing experience (must score at least two (2) women).

2.2.3 RECREATIONAL: Open recruiting. Ability level: fair to good skiers with very little ski racing experience (entry level division).

2.3 INDIVIDUAL OPEN CLASS

Individuals not registered on a team may register in the Open Class division.

2.4 All newly formed teams must select either an AM or PM division. The AM division is for more advanced racers. Individuals racing for a team in an AM division cannot race for a team in a PM division and vice versa.

2.5 Each competitor must declare his or her classification at race registration. No competitor will be reclassified after the individual races on either platform (snowboard or skis). Competitors can switch platforms at will, however, they will not be reclassified. For example, if a competitor races his first run on skis he or she is not allowed to then switch to a snowboard AND be classified as a snowboarder.

2.6 The Handicap Committee reserves the right to move teams from one division to another division based on performance. Individual scores may be affected. THE DECISION OF THE HANDICAP COMMITTEE IS FINAL!!

2.7 FORMAT: AM & PM events will be held on a 25 to 35-gate SL/GS course. Each skier and snow boarder will ski each of two courses once with the single best time to count for scoring. Safety adjustments will be made accordingly.

3.0 ELIGIBILITY

3.1 Any skier or snowboarder may compete on a team.

3.2 A Skier or snowboarders may ski for only one team.

3.3 Registered racers cannot race as a floater.

3.4 Skiers registering and racing in the Open Class division may not also ski for a team in that

race.

3.5 Skiers age for handicap & classification will be their age as of December 31st.

4.0 TEAMS

All companies and/or individuals are eligible to enter teams, which may consist up to six skiers or Snowboarders (or a mixture of skiers and snowboarders) . Multiple teams from any group are encouraged. A team may be as few as one person. (Each person gets a score).

4.1 TEAM REGISTRATION

Team rosters, individual release forms, team entry fee, or team entry fee pledge, must be received prior to team registration. **Email addresses must be received from every individual racing in the event! NO EXEPTIONS!!!**

4.1.1 Any roster substitutions must take place by 12:00 noon Thursday prior to the race weekend, and must be submitted on a complete (name, address, phone, email, age, sex) roster substitution form (**submitted via email – unm.ussc@yahoo.com**).

4.1.2 Each team will be allowed three roster substitutions for \$10.00 each. Any additional changes will be accommodated at \$25.00 each. (To be paid upon receipt of I.D.)

4.1.3 IDENTIFICATION CARDS: Identification cards are issued to each skier on the team roster. Each skier must sign a waiver of liability to receive the I.D. and to be allowed to compete in the Ultimate Ski ^ Snowboard Challenge events. I.D. cards must have a photo attached unless the I.D. is a floater I.D.

4.1.3.1 To replace lost I.D. cards will cost \$5.00 each. No exceptions! (Picture not included.)

4.2 COST

4.2.1 First team of 6 (or less) is \$600.00. Additional teams of 6 (or less) from the same company or business entity are \$550.00. Open Class - individual entry fee is \$30.00 per race (Two runs). Entry fee for a team of 6 (or less) for one race is \$150.00.

4.2.2 Additional floater participants above and beyond a team of six (6) may be purchased for \$50.00 each. (Maximum of two (2)) **NOTE:** Additional two floaters will not receive participation points.

4.3 FLOATERS

Floater participation points will count toward the total team score. Anyone designated by the team captain may race as a floater, and must present a floater I.D. Total team size including floaters, will not be more than six (6). Exception: see rule 4.2.2.

4.4 TEAM CAPTAINS

The duties of the team captain as follows:

4.4.1 Acting as contact person, making the final decisions for his/her team.

4.4.2 Submitting team rosters: making changes as necessary.

4.4.3 Providing names floating entries if applicable.

4.4.4 Distributing racer results and other details to his/her team.

4.4.5 Attending or assigning another team member to attend the captains meetings.

4.4.6 Informing team members of Ultimate Ski & Snowboard Challenge (USSC) rules.

4.4.7 Appointing a person to work with the race organization when requested each team may be asked to supply one (1) person at one (1) race during the season.

4.4.8 Submitting Protests after results have been posted online.

5.0 RACE

5.1 REGISTRATION: (SEEDED & NON-SEEDED SKIERS MUST REGISTER)

Registration will be held the morning of the race, between 7:30am-10:30am. Racers will receive bib numbers in consecutive order as they register. AM & PM divisions may seed skiers.

5.1.1 Everyone that registers must do so in person and must present his/her photo Ultimate Ski & Snowboard Challenge (USSC) ID Card. All required information (name, address, email, age, sex) must be provided.

5.1.2 No person may register for another, except (a) spouse with the same last name, (b) parents or legal guardians of children 12 years old and under as identified on their USSC ID Card.

5.2 TIME TABLE

5.2.1 REGISTRATION: 7:30am till 10:30am. All USSC racers must register, sign a waiver, and pick up their bib at the registration area. All racers may purchase a discount lift ticket at the registration table. USSC ID is required for discount. NO EXCEPTIONS!!

5.2.2 RACE START ORDER (RECONFIRM START TIME AT TOP OF RACE COURSE) Racers will be run in bib order (low bibs first). AM Division first run scheduled start time 10:00 am. (approx. 2 skier per minute). AM Division First Run scheduled from 10:00 to 11:00am in bib order. AM Division Second Run scheduled from 11:00am to 12:00pm in bib order. PM Division first run scheduled 1:00 pm. First Run 1:00 – 2:00pm in bib order. PM Division Second Run scheduled from 2:00 – 3:00pm in bib order.

5.3 WOMEN

The women will run first (first come-first serve) before the seeded racers.

5.4 SEEDING

Four members of each team will be seeded, one per team, per seed up to 4 seeds. Names of skiers to be seeded must be by the head ski coach or designated USSC Director by the **Thursday** at noon prior to that weekend race. If names are not received, the team will not be seeded. No skier may ski under another name. Remaining bibs will be given on a first come, first serve basis. No seeding for the Individual/Open Class.

5.4.1 NO SHOW of seeded skiers will cost the team that seed for the remainder of the season. Lost seed may be purchased for \$50.00.

5.4.2 A team may use any amount of their 4 seeds as they choose. You do not have to seed skiers.

5.5 RE-RUNS

An official in the event of interference or timing malfunctions may grant Re-runs. DECISION OF RACE OFFICIAL IS FINAL.

5.6 DISQUALIFICATION

A racer may be disqualified for a single run, both runs, or for the season for:

- 5.6.1 Racing under false identification.
- 5.6.2 Racing with the wrong bib or no bib, or failing to display the bib during the run.
- 5.6.3 Missing a gate, not passing around the gate in proper manner.
- 5.6.4 Unsportsmanlike conduct.
- 5.6.5 Skiing through the gates prior to the race.
- 5.6.6 Missing your start.

5.7 PROTESTS

5.7.1 Protests concerning no time recorded or disqualification may be made to the finish line official within 30 minutes after racer runs the course.

5.7.2 Protests concerning incorrect times, incorrect bib number, or procedural problems must be submitted by **team captains** via email (**unm.ussc@yahoo.com**) no later than Monday 5p.m. Protests will be answered within 24 hours upon receipt.

6.0 RESULTS/PAR TIME

6.1 Unofficial individual finish times will be posted at the finish area during the race.

6.2 Unofficial individual finish times along with unofficial team scores will be calculated and posted at the registration area after the PM Division race..

6.3 Official results will be sent to team captains by Sunday 5pm of the race weekend. Final Results (adjusted after protests) will be available online by Tuesday 5pm or may be picked up at the evening socials.

6.4 Par time is calculated by using the average of the ten fastest for each run. This average time is then reduced by about 8 to 12 percent to get the Male Par Time. The Female Par Time is set about 5 percent higher than the Male Par Time.

6.5 All snowboarders will be given a ten (10) percent reduction off of their final time(s) in order to compensate for inherent disadvantages. This handicap percentage is based off the national standard.

7.0 SCORING/AWARDS

Season long for all divisions.

7.1 SCORING

7.1.1 The team scores per weekend will be computed by adding the top four (4) scoring individuals.

7.1.2 Team scores per season will be computed by adding weekend score.

7.1.3 Trophies for the season will be presented in each division: trophies for First-Third place.

7.1.4 Team scores will be based on the achievement awards won by team members; Gold (3-3.99), Silver (2-2.99), Bronze (1-1.99) plus bonus points for each racer per race: ½ point per racer up to six (6) participants. (The top four (4) medal grades will count for team scoring. Plus, the participation points.) The Co-ed Division has to score at least two women.

7.2 INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Given at the banquet in the following groups (we got rid of the open class awards):

7.2.1 All divisions men- 1st based on raw time 3 out of 4 races.

7.2.2 All divisions women-1st based on raw time 3 out of 4 races.

7.2.3 Am and Pm Overall Kids (14 and under) Awards – 1st, 2nd, and 3rd based on raw time 3 out of 4 races.

7.3 INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

7.3.1 Achievement pins (gold, silver, & bronze) will be based on a nationally recognized age/sex handicap. The handicap represents a skier's percentage of time behind the pace time, similar to NASTAR.

7.3.2 During the season an individual will be awarded no more than one achievement pin in each category: gold, silver, & bronze. Achievement pin points will continue to be awarded for each race result and used for calculating team score.

8.0 BENEFITS

8.1 Participation in races, training days, and socials.

8.2 Purchase half price lift tickets (all day/all lift adult tickets only) while participating during the events (except Taos Ski Valley which offers a discounted lift ticket).

8.3 Eligible to win prizes and awards.

8.4 Eligible to earn Corporate Bucks

8.5 Eligible to register up to six (6) additional individuals (per paid team) in the passport ski program.

8.5.1 Passport skier fee is \$25.00 each for the entire USSC season.

8.5.2 Passport skiers will be given a passport photo ID, which must be presented at each race for a discounted lift ticket. No Exceptions!!

8.6 Receive up to six (6) banquet ticketing for the annual USSC/UNM Ski Team Awards Banquet per team entered (only teams entering 4 races are eligible for free banquet tickets)