



**YORK REGION ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
SNOWBOARDING PLAYING REGULATIONS**



1. **Season of Play:**
Co-ed Winter Sport
2. **Divisions:**
High School Team Racers: Participants are school-trained athletes only.
Open Team Racers: Participants are those snowboarders who have competed in A.O.S stage 4 or higher, and/or trained-to-compete or equivalent club level racing events (including alpine racing and/or boardercross). This would exclude slopestyle and half pipe competitions.
3. **Eligibility:**
 - a) See YRAA Transfer Application Form.
 - b) **Age Division Categories:**

Varsity	School Year: 2023-24
	Year of Birth must be no earlier than: 2004
	Date of Entry to grade 9 must be no earlier than August of: 2019
 - c) School Eligibility: Schools must have two (2) on hill days prior to competing at the OFSAA qualifying race. The on hill days can be races or practice days.
 - d) Snowboarding is classified as a team sport. A school team snowboarder is defined as an individual who practices under the direction and supervision of the designated teacher/coach, as approved by the school principal, from November 1st until the OFSAA Championship. All OFSAA racers must have participated in a minimum of eight (8) school practice sessions (dry land and on-hill). There must be on-hill training with the school team. A snowboard race is not defined as a practice sessions.
 - e) A student/athlete must be on the team roster at the proper age group for a specific sport and division, to be eligible to participate in that sport. The team roster must be completed on-line prior to the commencement of the competition.
4. **Governing Rules For All YRAA Races:**
 - a) F.I.S. Rules with OFSAA modifications.
 - b) Refer to the current OPHEA safety guidelines for this sport. Hard shell helmets must be worn by all Snowboard racers while participating in any competition. The racer must be wearing the helmet in the starting gate, throughout the entire race and in the finishing gate. If a racer loses the helmet in the race or races any part of the course without a helmet, the racer will be disqualified.
 - c) Events:
 - i) A season will consist of a maximum of five scheduled events. The events must occur between the first week of January and the first week of March.
 - ii) Each event will have two runs. For the individual scoring of points, each run will count as a separate race (therefore there could a maximum total of ten races each season).



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- d) i) **Scoring System for Individuals YRAA Championships**
- a) Points Scoring (High School Racer). The top 30 finishers in each run (2 runs per event) earn points towards the individual High School Racer YRAA Championship title.
- b) Non-YRAA participants will be removed from the standings for calculation of points.
- c) Points will be awarded as follows:

Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points
1 st	50	9 th	22	6 th	15	24 th	7
2 nd	40	10 th	21	17 th	14	25 th	6
3 rd	35	11 th	20	18 th	13	26 th	5
4 th	32	12 th	19	19 th	12	27 th	4
5 th	30	13 th	18	20 th	11	28 th	3
6 th	28	14 th	17	21 st	10	29 th	2
7 th	26	15 th	16	22 nd	9	30 th	1
8 th	24			23 rd	8		

- d) Point Scoring (Open Racer). The top 5 finishers in each run (2runs per event) earn points towards the individual Open Racer YRAA Championship title.
- e) Non-YRAA participants will be removed from the standings for calculation of points.
- f) Points will be awarded as follows:

Place	Points
1 st	15
2 nd	10
3 rd	7
4 th	4
5 th	2

- g) When a season has 6 or more races that score points, each racer's top 4 results, will be used to determine heir final standing at the end of the season. When a season has 5 or fewer races that score points, each racer's top 3 results will be used to determine their final standing at the end of the season.
- h) To determine places in the case of ties (for both divisions)
- In the case of a points tie the total points in head to head races will be used to determine the winner.
 - If a tie still exists, the racer with best individual single race will be determined ahead.
 - If a tie still exists, then the racer with the second best individual race will be determined ahead, then the third and forth races if necessary.
 - If both racers have identical race records then they will be awarded the same overall position.



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- d) ii) Scoring System for Teams YRAA Championship
- a) There will be one overall girls and one overall boys YRAA team champion.
 - b) The best 12 points achieved from any eligible racer (combined from Open Division and High School Division) from the YRAA standings will be used to determine a team's overall score.
 - c) A team can only use a maximum of 4 scores from any one racer. A score(s) of zero will only be counted if that racer has scored a point equal to or greater than 1 in at least one race
 - d) If there are a minimum of five teams in BOTH the High School Division AND Open Division then team scores will be calculated based on same formula as stated above and there will be separate High School and Open team titles.

e) **Start List**

At the final race calculating points towards the YRAA Snowboard Championship, the start lists will be as follows:

- High School Division: Top 30 inverted based on YRAA Standings; bib 31 and up will be sorted randomly by seed once the top 30 is removed.

NOTE: athletes beyond top 30 will be re-seeded accordingly to fill seeds 1, 2, 3 ... and beyond

- Open Division: Top 15 inverted based on YRAA Standings; bib 16 and up will be sorted randomly by seed once the top 15 is removed.

NOTE: athletes beyond top 15 will be re-seeded accordingly to fill seeds 1, 2, 3 ... and beyond

f) **Course Inspection:**

- i) Pre-race marshals shall monitor the courses to assure that racers do not race any part of the course prior to the race.
- ii) Side slipping of the course shall not be permitted unless requested by the chief of the race. Inspection of the course will be from the side of the course only.
- iii) All racers must wear their race numbers (bibs) outside of their clothing at all times – pre-race, during the race and post-race. Failure to have numbers clearly visible will result in disqualification.

g) **Disqualification:**

- i) If a racer misses their start they can start at the end of the run. The racer must be present at the starting hut when the last snowboarder in the original order starts. At that time any racers missing their original start will be placed in order according to bib number. If the racer is not present when the last racer starts from the original order then they will be considered a DNS (Did Not Start) and will not be allowed to race.



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- ii) Not wearing helmet during any part of the race.
- iii) Unsportsmanlike conduct at any time during the event.
- iv) Use of profanity.
- v) Use or possession of alcohol or drugs.
- vi) Insubordination to any race official.
- vii) Failure to comply with reasonable requests by race officials, ski patrollers or area employees.
- viii) Failure to complete the course as set out by FIS Rules (e.g. missed gate, straddled gate, etc.).
- ix) Snowboarding in any out of bounds area or closed trail.
- x) Any inappropriate behaviour on lifts or in use of lifts.
- xi) Failure to wear bib visibly outside of clothing .

h) **Protests**

- ii) It is the coaches' responsibility to register all protests with the convenor, in writing, within 30 minutes of the posted results
- iii) The convenor will inform the coach of the Jury's decision.

i) **Jury:**

- i) The convenors and two predetermined coaches will make up the Jury
- ii) A team protesting a result may not have a member on the Jury

j) **Scoring for OFSAA Qualifying Only:**

- i) Scoring will be the same for boys and girls and will be as follows: the best three (3) placers from each race count towards the total for a team. Therefore, a team score will be comprised from a total of six (6) placings, the top three (3) from the first race and the top three (3) from the second race. The lowest overall team score wins.
- ii) In the event of a tie the total team times (1st and 2nd race) will be added. The team with the lowest total time will be the winner. If a tie still remains, the tie will be broken at the discretion of the convenor and the Jury.
- iii) If a team does not have a minimum of three (3) finishers in either of the two races then that team is not eligible for a team result.



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5. Supervision of Teams/Individuals:

- a) All teams or individuals must have on site supervision by a member of the teaching staff or retired teacher from the school that they represent.
- b) This teacher shall be responsible to the YRAA for the conduct of his/her team and shall be the only person involved in all exchanges with officials, opposing teacher/coaches and members of school staffs.
- c) A non-teacher (community volunteer, parent, etc.) is permitted to assist in the coaching of an individual or team provided that a teacher is present and responsible.
- d) The teacher must be present on the bench for team sports or in the immediate vicinity for all other sports.
- e) Unless the staff member (as defined in Section 1 a) – above) of the competing school is present, the opposing teacher/coach and/or convenor shall not allow the game to begin or an individual to compete and the competition shall be forfeited.
- f) No teacher/coach shall officiate a game involving his/her team.
- g) It is the teacher/coaches' duty to ensure the accuracy of the information provided on the game sheets compared to the team's eligibility list.

6. Costs:

A per team entry fee will be charged to cover the cost of facilities and miscellaneous expenses incurred in running a meet.

7. Awards:

- a) **Individual Awards:** The 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers in girls' and boys' High School and Open divisions will receive medallions.
- b) **Team Awards:** The 1st and 2nd place girls' and boys's teams will receive medallions (5 per team).
- c) **Trophies:** Presented to the top girls' and boys' teams.
Bill Crothers SS is ineligible to win these team awards. For scoring purposes, Bill Crothers SS team and individual results will be omitted after the competition scoring has been done. Final results for events will be posted with Bill Crothers SS student/athletes included.

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