SNOW SPORTS
(men and women)

2016

AUS Snow Sports competitions are conducted in accordance with the rules of the International Ski Federation (FIS) except where these differ from AUS sports rules; in which case the latter shall take precedence.

1. Team/squad size

1.1. Each university may enter up to 10 competitors in each event for men and women.

2. Safety

2.1. Where required by either the host mountain staff or AUS personnel, safety requirements will be adhered.

2.2. Participants of the championship will abide by the host mountain regulations and rules and abide by the Alpine Safety Code:

- Know your ability and always stay in control and be able to stop and avoid other people or objects
- Take lessons from qualified professional instructors to learn and progress
- As you proceed downhill or overtake another person, you must avoid the people below and beside you
- Do not stop where you obstruct a trail or run or are not visible from above
- When entering a trail or run or starting downhill, look uphill and give way to others
- Always use proper devices to prevent runaway equipment. Ensure your equipment is in good condition
- Observe and obey all signs and warnings.
- Keep off closed trails and runs and out of closed areas
- Before using any lift you must have the knowledge and ability to load, ride and unload safely
- Do not ski, snowboard, ride a chairlift or undertake any other alpine activity if your ability is impairedby drugs or alcohol
- If you are involved in, or witness and accident, alert ski patrol, remain at the scene and identify yourself to the ski patrol

2.3. Natural and man made obstacles are part of the alpine experience. Collision with these objects can result in serious or fatal injuries. Ski with caution and in control.

2.4. EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED. While skiing or boarding you may encounter changing visibility and snow conditions.

2.5. Skiers and snowboarders found skiing/boarding out of control and/or behaving recklessly will have their lift tickets confiscated.

2.6. All participants will be required to submit to a breath test prior to commencing their first event of the day. This is an AUS risk management requirement. See AUS Guideline – use of alcohol at Snow Unigames for more information.

3. Competition format

3.1. The following events will be conducted:

- Alpine events: Super G, Giant Slalom, Slalom
- Freestyle events: Slopestyle, Skier Cross, Moguls, Rails
- Snowboard events Super G, Giant Slalom, Slopestyle, Boarder Cross, Rails
- Cross Country events: Individual, Team Relay

3.2. AUS and the host mountain reserve the right to adjust timing and schedules as conditions require.

3.3. AUS personnel in consultation with the host mountain may amend the program if due to inclement weather it is not possible to complete the contest in the allotted time/order.

3.4. Decisions to cancel or postpone an event shall be made by the host mountain and AUS personnel or by a unanimous decision at the team representatives meeting.

3.5. Cross country rules are considered separate to these rules.

3.6. Competitors are not permitted to be a forerunner in any race that they are competing in. Immediate disqualification will result.

3.7. Inverts are not permitted and competitors will be disqualified from the competition if an invert is attempted:

- Inverts may be permitted depending on venue and weather conditions in finals only
- The event organisers will notify competitors in advance if inverts are permitted for finals
- Any competitions that enable inverts to be performed will require participants to sign relevant invert waivers for that final

3.8. The Super G shall have 1 run only and all other events shall have 2 runs.

3.9. Freestyle moguls will be conducted under the FIS rules as a 'single run elimination' with the 16 best qualifiers proceeding to a second run. The course will be determined by the event organisers and the race department.

3.10. The boarder cross and skier cross shall be conducted under FIS rules according to a single knockout format:

a) Qualification for the finals will be 1 timed run
b) Finals are based on 32 men competitors and 16 women competitors (4 riders per heat)
c) The first 2 riders advance from round to round as determined by their place of finish in each heat
d) In case of a tie, the rider with the lowest qualification time will advance
e) The following rankings shall be used for 8 heats in men's format for 32 competitors and for 4 heats in women's format for 16 competitors

Mens format for 32 competitors				
Heat	**1st position**	**2nd position**	**3rd position**	**4th position**
1	1	32	16	17
2	8	25	9	24
3	5	28	12	21
4	4	29	13	20
5	3	30	14	19
6	6	27	11	22
7	7	26	10	23
8	15	18	2	31

Womens format for 16 competitors				
Heat	**1st position**	**2nd position**	**3rd position**	**4th position**
1	1	16	8	9
2	5	12	13	4
3	3	14	6	11
4	7	10	15	2

f) Final elimination heat lane choice - Lane choice for each subsequent elimination heat in the final round will be based on qualifying times
g) The best qualifier remaining in the elimination heat chooses a start lane first, followed by the second best qualifier and so on for the third and fourth qualifiers of that heat

3.11. Rails shall be conducted dependant on the number of competitors registered into the event. The final event format will be confirmed after the close of registrations for the event.

4. Start order

4.1. There shall be a separate draw for each day and the draw shall be a random draw from the competing universities.

4.2. The random order of universities shall be rotated through the list of competitors (i.e. each university's first athlete competes and then the second competitor from each university competes and so on until all athletes have competed).

4.3. The order of competitors within the universities shall be nominated by the team managers.

5. Second run format

5.1. The start order for giant slalom and slalom shall be a reverse of the first fifteen (15) times and then in time order from the first run when there is a minimum of forty (40) competitors at the start of the first run. If there are less than forty (40) competitors then only the first ten (10) shall be reversed.

6. Point score

6.1. A medal tally will be kept which will tally all placings from finals only. The university with the most gold medals (1st places) will win the overall champion university.

6.2. In the event that the medal tally is tied between two or more universities, they will be separated by tallying the number of 2nd places each university won. The university with the most 2nd places will be deemed the overall winner. Should there still be a tie after the 2nd places are tallied, 3rd places will be tallied and so on until a winning university is determined.

7. Uniform requirements

7.1. Each athlete shall wear the uniform of their university. The university shall submit a description of its uniform if requested.

7.2. The specific uniform requirements for Snow Sports are as per the national sporting organisation standard with the following AUS uniform requirements:

- Approved helmets must be worn for super giant slalom, half pipe, rails, boarder cross and skier cross
- It is strongly advised that competitors wear approved helmets for all events

7.3. Minimum uniform requirements for AUS events must be met:

- A competitor must not use equipment or wear anything that is dangerous to him/herself or another competitor (including any kind of jewellery)
- Long or sharp fingernails are to be trimmed short
- All participating competitors are to be correctly attired in appropriate, matching team uniforms
- Exceptions may be made for some sports in cold weather, providing permission is granted by the appropriate officials. Additionally the exceptions will only be granted providing they are the same colour, and the extra clothing does not cover up any identification numbers or colours
- All numbers on shirts need to be clearly visible, and in a contrasting colour to the dominant colour of the shirt
- Mouth guards are strongly recommended for all sports where there is a potential for collision. It is compulsory to wear a mouth guard in those sports where it is stated
- All participants must retain the one number throughout the tournament (if numbered jerseys are used)
- Numbers on shirts are restricted to one or two digit numbers
- Players should not take the field of play in any costume or part of a costume. If they do, players will be asked to remove costume items or incur a code of behaviour report

8. Award ceremonies

8.1. Medal ceremonies will be held at the completion of competition each day.

8.2. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be presented to those finishing 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each race.

8.3. Pennants will be presented at the black tie dinner to the following teams

- Overall mens champion
- Overall womens champion

8.4. The following trophies will be presented to at the black tie dinner:

- Overall Champion University – Ampol Inter - Varsity Combined Teams Trophy
- Spirit of the Championships – Australian University Championships Spirit of the Mountain
- Mens Team Champions - The Ubergang Cup
- Womens Team Champions – The Sports Craft Cup
- Mens Individual Alpine Champion – The C.T. Grogan Perpetual Trophy
- Womens Individual Alpine Champion - The Champions Cup trophy

- Mens Individual Freestyle Champion – AUS Overall Individual Male Freestyle Champion
- Womens Individual Freestyle Champion – AUS Overall Individual Female Freestyle Champion
- Mens Individual Snowboard Champion – AUS Overall Individual Male Snowboard
- Womens Individual Snowboard Champion – AUS Overall Individual Female Snowboard Champion
- Teams Cross Country Champion – Bob Lawton Combined Universities Nordic Perpetual Trophy

8.5. Overall individual champions will be awarded to the male and female individual with the highest placed finishers for the following divisions:

- Alpine skiing (slalom, giant slalom, super G)
- Snow boarding (giant slalom, boarder cross, slopestyle, super G and rails)
- Freestyle (moguls, skier cross, slopestyle and rails)
- Cross country individual

Previous rule amendments

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