

## SNOW SPORTS – CROSS COUNTRY (men and women)

2017

AUS Snow Sport Cross Country 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.

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### 1. Team/squad size

- 1.1. There is no limit to the number of entrants a university can have in the individual competition.
- 1.2. Each university relay event may enter up to 3 relay teams consisting of 3 participants per team, in both the mens and womens competition.

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### 2. Competition format

- 2.1. The following distances will be offered:
  - a) Womens individual            minimum 3 km; maximum 5 km
  - b) Mens individual                minimum 6 km; maximum 10 km
  - c) Womens relay                    3 different competitors x 1 km each
  - d) Mens relay                        3 different competitors x 1 km each
- 2.2. Distances for individual events will be confirmed by event organisers after an evaluation of the cross country course to be utilised.
- 2.3. All events will be held in freestyle technique.
- 2.4. AUS and the host mountain reserve the right to adjust timing and schedules as conditions require.
- 2.5. Individual events and the relay events will be scheduled such that the women's event is finished before the men's event starts.
- 2.6. Individual events shall be conducted using a mass start:
  - a) A random draw will determine the starting position within the mass start
  - b) The first university drawn is assigned letter 'A' and is placed first on the university start list, the second is assigned letter 'B' etc.
  - c) Individuals start list:
    - Row 1 = 'A'1, 'B'1, 'C'1, 'D'1, 'E'1, and so on
    - Row 2 = 'A'2, 'B'2, 'C'2, 'D'2, and so on
    - Row 3 = 'A'3, 'B'3, 'C'3, and so on until all participants have been assigned to a row
- 2.7. Each row in the start area shall be filled according to the individual start list. The number of skiers on each row shall be determined by the race organiser.
- 2.8. The order assigned to each competitor within each university shall be nominated by the team manager at the first team managers meeting of the event.
- 2.9. Relay events shall have a mass start. A random draw shall be used to determine the starting position within the mass start as per the procedure above for the individual events.
- 2.10. AUS in consultation with the host mountain may amend the program if due to inclement weather it is not possible to conduct an event within the allocated time, order or specified distance.
- 2.11. Decisions to cancel or postpone an event shall be made by AUS in consultation with the host mountain.

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### **3. Point score**

- 3.1. Individual events will be scored based on a medal tally and will apply to the teams overall placing for the particular event.
- 3.2. The combination of placings (medal tally) from the relay and individual events will determine the winner of the cross country event within the Snow Sports Championship.
- 3.3. In the event that the medal tally is tied between one or more universities, they will be separated by tallying the number of 2<sup>nd</sup> places each university won. The university with the most 2<sup>nd</sup> places will be deemed the overall winner. Should there still be a tie after the 2<sup>nd</sup> places are tallied, 3<sup>rd</sup> places will be tallied and so on until a winning university is determined.

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### **4. Uniform requirements**

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

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### **5. Award ceremonies**

- 5.1. Medal ceremonies will be held at the completion of the competition.
- 5.2. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be presented to those finishing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the competition.
- 5.3. The following trophies will be presented to the overall champions at the Australian University Games (note that trophies are presented at the black tie dinner):
  - Cross Country Overall Champions – The Bob Lawton Perpetual Trophy
- 5.4. Overall individual championships will be awarded to the male and female individual event winners.

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### **Previous rule amendments**

August 2002 | August 2005 | May 2010 | May 2012 | May 2014 | February 2015 | August 2015 | April 2017