



**ARMY SNOWBOARDING ASSOCIATION (ASA)
SNOWBOARDING RULES ADAPTED FROM FIS
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References:

- A. [Federation Internationale de Ski \(FIS\) Snowboard International Competition Rules \(ICR\) 2019-20 dated Dec 19](#)
- B. [Federation Internationale de Ski \(FIS\) Specifications \[SB\] Competition Equipment dated Jul 19](#)
- C. [Army Snowboarding Association Safety and Governance Directive dated 5 Jan 19.](#)
- D. Statement of Requirement SNOWJACK Contract 2020-2024

INTRODUCTION

1. **Governance.** The Army Snowboard Association (ASA)¹ Rules are issued to clarify or expand upon the FIS International Snowboard Competition (ICR) Rules (see Ref A) and the ASA Safety and Governance Directive (see Ref C). All 3 publications will be reviewed annually and followed by the organisers and competitors at an Army Snowboard Competition. These rules will be endorsed by the ASA main committee and ASA Event Committee prior to the start of each season and confirmed at the open brief prior to the commencement of EX SNOWJACK the Army Championships.
2. **Events.** Each of the ASA organised competitions will consist of one or more of the following disciplines for both Ladies and Men: Parallel Giant Slalom (PGS), Snowboard Cross (SBX), SlopeStyle (SS) and Slalom (SL). Rules specific to each event are contained in Annexes A – D.

ORGANISATION

3. **Officials.** The organization of each competition is governed by Ref C. Attention is drawn to the following areas:
 - a. **Hill Team.** The ASA Secretary will appoint a Hill Team for each competition that comprises suitably experienced members. Composition for the Hill Team may vary between events and may include:
 - (1) **Technical Delegate (TD).** The TD should ideally hold a valid FIS TD license, however, if this is not possible, then National TD credentials can be authorised as acceptable by the ASA Organizing Committee (OC).
 - (2) **Chief of Race (CoR).** The CoR will be responsible for the conduct of the event.
 - (3) **Race Referee (RR) or Chief of Gates (CoG).** The RR / CoG will be responsible for the organization and conduct of all event Referees.
 - (4) **Other Hill Appointment.** All other hill team appointments will be filled by the Contractor designated in Ref C. The ASA Event Committee may seek help from Corps and Combat Arms if they have spare riders available.
 - b. **Jury.** Any problems or disputes related to the Judges or with the judging must be dealt by the Jury. The Jury will be formed by the; CoR, TD, RR/CoG (or Finish Referee (event dependant)). The Jury will refer any problem that it cannot resolve to the Organizing Committee.
 - c. **Organizing Committee (OC).** The OC will be comprised of the Chairman, Event Secretary and if required, OIC Timing/Calcs.

ELIGIBILITY

4. **Service Personnel.** To be eligible for participation in ASA events, a competitor must be a serving member of the Army, an individual on an FTRS engagement, a member of the Army Reserves or a member of a University Officer Training Corps. A Regular or Reserve Service person of the RAF or RN may also compete in an ASA event but only if they are held on the strength of an Army unit; they cannot compete for any individual prize or contribute to Corps prizes but may contribute to Unit teams.

¹ ASA is a sub-association of the Army Winter Sports Association (AWSA).

Ex-Regular/Reserve Service personnel who are registered with the Armed Forces Para Snowsports Team (AFPST) and Battle Back (BB) Athletes are also eligible to participate, but their individual results will be extracted from the final results.

5. **Gender free/fair.**

- a. “Gender free” does not discriminate between gender, e.g. if the calculation of a result is described as gender free then male and female riders are considered equal and placed according to their score.
- b. “Gender fair” differentiates between gender, e.g. if the calculation of a result is described as gender fair then male and female riders are considered separately and placed according to their score.

6. **General.** The full eligibility criteria for each competition will be contained in the relevant competition instruction. Points to note are:

- a. Athletes will only be allowed to race if they have personally signed the Athlete’s Declaration and returned it to the Competition organizers. All forms from under-age applicants must be counter-signed by their legal guardians.
- b. The ASA must guarantee that all athletes registered to race accept the competition and event rules of the ASA.
- c. A competitor may be eligible to race after suspension only after he has proved that any sanctions imposed on him have been fulfilled or lifted by the appropriate body.
- d. All competitors must register for all events at the start of the competition; partial attendance is not permitted.

COMPETITORS’ OBLIGATIONS AND RIGHTS

7. Competitors must make themselves familiar with the appropriate ASA Rules and must comply with the additional instructions of the Jury. Points to note are:

- a. Competitors are not permitted to compete while under the influence of alcohol. In the absence of a Breath or Blood sample the Event committee reserves the right to use military judgement regarding an athlete’s fitness to race.
- b. Competitors must attend the prize-giving ceremonies and winners must attend media activities. In exceptional circumstances, the competitor may be represented by another member of his team at prize-giving, but this person has no right to take his place on the podium.
- c. Competitors must behave in a correct and sportsmanlike and military manner towards members of the Organizing Committee, officials and the public. Any disciplinary matters will, in the first instance, be dealt by Team Captains and elevated to the Event Secretary when necessary.
- d. All racers participating in ASA events must carry accident insurance, in sufficient amounts to cover accident, transport, rescue costs (including helicopter lift) and including race risks. The Team Captains are responsible for adequate insurance coverage of all their racers sent and inscribed by them. The Team Captain, or their competitors, must be able to show proof of the respective insurance coverage at any time on request of the ASA, one of its representatives or the Organizing Committee. A confirmation of insurance held by individuals will be conducted by the competition organizers during registration, without this a competitor will not be able to participate.
- e. It is mandatory to wear FIS compliant (FIS Rules 2019, para 2013.6) helmets and goggles (with appropriate lenses for the event and prevailing weather) for all events, full details in Ref B. Helmet cameras and mounts are not permitted at ASA events. Back protection is strongly recommended by the ASA.

- f. Race boards are permitted; hard boots are not.
- g. Riders are permitted to listen to their own personal music (by use of a music player) only during the SlopeStyle event and if music is not centrally provided. Riding outside the competition while listening to music is not recommended as it reduces situational awareness and increases the risk of accidents.

ENTRIES

8. All entries must be made as set out in the relevant organizing instruction of the competition. No changes to the team list submitted will be permitted after this time unless Force Majeure circumstances apply, this is at the discretion of the competition Jury. Injury of a competitor will not be accepted as Force Majeure. Specific points to note:

- a. The organizers must have a final and complete event start list not later than commencement of the Team Captains' meeting before each event.
- b. Only Army personnel and those on Army unit establishments are entitled to make entries for ASA Unit competitions. Only Army personnel are entitled to make entries for ASA individual and Corps competitions. Every entry must include at least: Service number, surname, forename, date of birth, unit and Corps.
- c. The entry of a competitor for a race shall constitute a contract solely between the competitor and the organiser and shall be governed by the Athlete's Declaration.

9. **Open Category.** Riders who have snowboarded previously to the current season, and must be able to confidently link turns and determine direction at speed and on varied terrain. The rider must also be familiar with basic freestyle skills and be able to safely tackle a box/rail and a blue-line kicker.

10. **Novice Category.** Novices are those who have not snowboarded prior to 01 Sep 19. It is critical that this definition is followed in good faith; those who obviously contravene this will be placed into the Open competition at the Race Committee's discretion. Blatant disregard may lead to individuals being excluded from the competition entirely

DRAW, START ORDER AND SEEDING FOR NOVICE AND OPEN CLASSES

11. Competitors' starting order for the first event is decided as follows:

- a. Start order is a Corps based draw at the first Team Captains' meeting.
- b. Riders will start in the order they have been nominated by their Corps, a rider from each participating Corps will start in each packet of racers (e.g. if the competition consists of just 3 Corps then the first drawn Corps will be given bib numbers 1, 4, 7, 10, 13 etc).

12. The competitors will only be drawn provided written entries have been received by the Event Secretary before the Team Captains' meeting.

13. After the team order sheet has been submitted and the draw has been made, alterations MAY be made in the immediate 30 mins after the draw completion. No alterations are allowed after this time or on the day of the competition unless Force Majeure circumstances apply - this is at the discretion of the Event Jury.

14. Representatives of all the teams and individual competitors, taking part will be invited to the draw.

15. In extraordinary conditions, the Jury may change the starting order due to weather conditions; this will be conducted to ensure that no team is disadvantaged.

ACCESS TO COURSES

16. The protocol for course inspections is laid down in Ref A. The Hill Team, any designated personnel in support of the Hill Team and authorized media have access to the whole competition area.
17. Personnel (e.g. coaches, snowboard technicians, physiotherapists) attached to teams are permitted entry to the start area and service area at the finish.

MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS

18. Team Captains are responsible for the fitness of their competitors to race.
19. If requested by the ASA or its representative, competitors must undergo a medical examination before or after the competition. Such an examination would be at the individual's expense. The event committee retains the right to refuse race entry for a competitor under a medical sanction that specifically prohibits winter sports or where insurance could be negated through competing with a known injury.
20. Concussion Protocols are a team Captains responsibility and any athlete that presents with a significant head impact must conform to the guidance and direct of his team captain. Corps and Unit results take second place to individual health and well-being.

SANCTIONS

21. **Background.** All ASA affiliated associations, including their members, shall accept and acknowledge these rules and sanctions imposed, subject only to right to appeal pursuant to ASA Rules. Any disqualification, and subsequent penalties awarded, shall be recorded in the Referee's and/or the TD's Report.
22. **Penalties².** The commission of an offence may subject a person to the following penalties. These are imposed by the Jury. The scope of any penalty needs to take mitigating and aggravating circumstances into consideration.
23. **Verbal penalties.** The following Penalty decisions may be given verbally:
 - a. Reprimand.
 - b. The withdrawal of accreditation to the current event.
 - c. The denial of accreditation to the current event from persons who are within the confines of the competition area or any other location connected with the competition.
24. **Written penalties.** The following Penalty decisions shall be given in writing using Annex D. Written Penalty decisions must be sent to the offender, the offender's Corps or Unit Team Captain and Chairman of the ASA.
 - a. Monetary fine.
 - b. Reprimand.
 - c. Forfeiture of prizes and benefits.
 - d. Suspension from future ASA events.
 - e. Disqualification.
 - f. A time or Position penalty.

² Multiple penalties can be awarded for the most serious of offences.

g. Impaired starting position.

25. **Violation of Sanctions.** Where there is a violation of a sanction the Organizing Committee may impose such further and other sanctions that it considers appropriate. In such cases, some or all of the following sanctions may apply against the individual involved:

a. A written reprimand.

b. Competition suspension at the next level of sanction – for example if a three month suspension was imposed, a violation of the suspension will cause a two year suspension; if a two year suspension was imposed, a violation of the suspension will cause a lifetime suspension.

c. Withdrawal of accreditation from individuals involved.

d. Formal Military action through the AGAI or Military discipline process.

PROTESTS

26. **Designated place.** All protests are to be submitted at the location designated on the official notice board or at a place announced at the respective Team Captains' meeting.

27. **Form of protests.** Protests are, as a rule, to be submitted in writing however can be made verbally to one of the Jury members immediately after a race or a Marshall during the race. The template to be used is at Annex F.

28. **Protest deadlines.** Protests not submitted on time or submitted incorrectly or without the correct protest deposit will not be considered. The following deadlines are to be followed:

a. Against the admittance of a competitor: Before the draw.

b. Against the course or its condition: Immediately after course inspection and no later than 15 minutes prior to the start of the event.

c. If during the course of a qualifying run, a competitor believes that his progression has been impeded then they are to immediately ride off the course to the nearest gate Marshall and make their protest known. The rider must not pass through the finish.

d. Against another competitor or competitor's equipment or against an official because of irregular behaviour during the competition: Within 15 minutes after the last competitor has passed the finish.

e. For Snowboard Cross (SBX), before the next heat begins.

f. Against disqualification because of an irregular execution of the competition: Within 15 minutes after the posting of the disqualification.

g. Against the result: Within 15 minutes after the posting of the unofficial result list.

h. Against the Technical Delegate's decision to terminate the competition: Within 24 hours after the publication of the decision.

i. Against all other decisions of the Technical Delegate: Immediately and no later than 15 minutes after the decision has been announced.

29. **Protests factors and constraints.**

a. All Protests must be substantiated in detail using Annex F. Proof must be submitted and any pieces of evidence must also be included (video evidence may be admissible at the discretion of the Jury).

- b. At the Army Snowboarding Championships €25 must be deposited with the submittal of the protest. This deposit will be returned if the protest is upheld; otherwise it goes to the account of the ASA.
- c. A protest may be withdrawn by the protesting party before the publication of a decision by the Jury. In this case, the money deposit must be returned. A withdrawal of the protest is, however, no longer possible when the Jury or a member of the Jury makes an intermediate decision, e.g. a decision “with reserve”.
- d. Only one counter-protest is allowed by a different team.
- e. The decision of the Jury after the conclusion of the protocol period is final.
- f. In addition to the rider concerned, the following are authorised to submit protests. Wherever possible the Team captain should be used as the conduit for submitting a protest.
 - (1) Trainers/coaches.
 - (2) Team captains.
 - (3) Team managers.

APPEALS

30. Factors and constraints.

- a. A penalty decision is to be treated the same way as a Jury decision; in case an appeal is not filed within the set period, the penalty decision becomes final.
- b. Appeals are decided by the Organizing Committee. Appeals against the decision of the Organizing Committee can be made to the ASA Chairman / Ex Director as his proxy.
- c. Evidence and responses must be submitted in writing using Annex G with substantiating proof. Evidence submitted too late must be declined by the Event Secretary.
- d. An appeal is not possible against oral sanctions. In all other cases the legal remedy does not go beyond the appeal.
- e. In case of suspensions exceeding one week for all events published in the ASA Calendar (including supplementary races), the Organizing Committee is the only target of appeal.
- f. Fees and cash expenses are to be met by individuals making appeals and are not to be sourced from Public Funds.
- g. The decisions of the Organizing Committee must be addressed to the parties, the Corps to which they belong and to the members of the Jury against whose decision a protest was lodged.
- h. Except for oral reprimands and withdrawal of accreditation, a penalty decision of the Jury may be appealed iaw the provisions in the ASA Rules.
- i. If an appeal is not filed within the deadline established in the ASA Rules, the penalty decision of the Jury becomes final. In all remaining cases, appeals are to be directed to the Organizing Committee.
- j. The Jury shall have the right to submit to the Organizing Committee approval for suspensions beyond the event in which the offence occurred.
- k. The Organizing Committee shall have the right to submit to the ASA Committee comments with respect to any written penalty decisions.

- l. The Appeal must be decided within 24 hours of receipt, unless all parties involved in the Appeal agree in writing to an extension of time for the hearing.
 - m. All appeals and responses must be submitted in writing, including any evidence the parties intend to offer in support of, or in response to, the Appeal.
 - n. The Organizing Committee shall decide on the location and format for the Appeal.
 - o. Decisions of the Appeals Commission shall be announced orally at the conclusion of the hearing. The decision, together with its reasoning, shall be submitted in writing to the ASA Committee, which shall deliver them to the parties involved, their Associations and all members of the Jury whose decision was appealed.
31. **Authorised targets of an appeal.** An appeal can be made against the following:
- a. Decisions of the Jury.
 - b. The decision of the Jury to terminate a competition.
 - c. The official result lists. This appeal has to be directed exclusively against an obvious calculation mistake.
32. **Deadlines.**
- a. Appeals against Jury decisions are to be submitted within 24 hours after their publication and appeals against the official result lists within 30 days, the day of the competition not counted.
33. Higher appeals are to be made within 14 days of the receipt of the decision of the ASA Committee, in writing and substantiated to the ASA Secretary - the day of receipt not counted.

COMPLAINTS

34. A complaint based not on an alleged breach of the rules on the part of an official or a competitor, but on an alleged error in calculating the results, shall be considered, if sent by registered letter through the competitor's Corps at any time within one month of the date of the competition. If the mistake shall be proven, a corrected list of results shall be published, and the prizes redistributed.

CHAMPIONSHIP SCORING RULES

35. **Inter unit competition.** During the Army Snowboarding Championships, all participating teams in the Open event will contest a team event. In accordance with Ref A all normal race rules will apply. Scoring for the inter unit team event is based on the following:
- a. Teams are to be nominated by the Team Captain's meeting before the first qualifier race. No reserves or substitutes are permitted after this time.
 - b. Each team will enter a maximum of 5 named athletes with their top 3 riders counting in each event towards the overall team event. The team competition is gender free. The team score will be calculated by the addition of each team's top 3 riders' final race points. The team with the lowest total score from their top 3 riders will be declared the winner of the team event in that discipline.
 - c. The points awarded for each event are the same as the position i.e. first earns 1 point, second earns 2 points, etc.
 - d. The team points for each event included in the overall team competition are then added together and the team with the lowest overall total points will be declared the overall winning team (e.g. 20 points in the PGS plus 25 in the SS plus 15 in the SBX/SX equals an overall team score of 60 points). The teams will be placed in accordance with their score, low scores achieving a higher overall position.

e. In the event of a tie, count back to the winning team in the individual disciplines in the following priority is to be undertaken:

- (1) PGS
- (2) SBX/SX
- (3) SS

f. If a regular or reserve Service Person from the RAF or RN is held on an Army unit's strength then he/she will be placed in order that their score may contribute to the their unit team.

36. Individual competition.

a. The overall individual mens, womens, veterans (35 and over on the day of registration) and Junior (under 21 on the day of registration) and best Newcomer³ (Nelson Pratt memorial Trophy) will be calculated by the addition of individual event scores, the lowest total score will be declared the winner.

b. A regular or reserve Service Person from the RAF or RN, held on an Army unit's strength, is not entitled to gain a 1st, 2nd or 3rd place in any individual competition.

37. Inter Corps competition. The Inter Corps competition will be determined as follows:

a. Each Corps will require a maximum of 8 riders (gender free) with 6 to count. The score will be calculated by the addition of each Corps' top 6 named riders final race points based on position. The team with the lowest total score from their top 6 riders will be declared the winner of the Inter Corps competition in that discipline.

b. The female Corps team competition will require a maximum of 4 female riders (gender fair) with 3 to count.

c. The points awarded for each event are the same as the position i.e. first earns 1 point, second earns 2 points, etc.

d. The points for each event included in the overall Inter Corps competition are then added together and the team with the lowest overall total points will be declared the overall winning Corps (e.g. 20 points in the PGS plus 25 in the SS plus 15 in the SBX/SX equals an overall Corps score of 60 points).

e. In the event of a tie, count back will be undertaken in the following priority:

- (1) PGS
- (2) SBX/SX
- (3) SS

EARLY TERMINATION OF AN EVENT

38. The CoR retains the right to stop the continuance of an event if it deemed unsafe to continue or if time no longer permits the event to complete. The following factors will be considered:

³ Newcomer is defined as a competitor who has never competed in the Army Championships in the Open event.

- a. If an event has to be halted early then the results will be based upon the scores/times available so long as all competitors have had the opportunity for a single attempt at the course.
- b. If insufficient results are available then the Organizing Committee will decide whether to re-run the entire event on another day or to void the event.

Annexes:

- A. Parallel Giant Slalom (PGS)
- B. Snowboard Cross (SBX)
- C. SlopeStyle (SS)
- D. Slalom (SL)
- E. Penalty template
- F. Protest template
- G. Appeal template

PARALLEL GIANT SLALOM (PGS)

QUALIFICATION

1. **Race Equipment.**

a. Helmets designed for snowboard racing are required for Course inspections, training and competition. Non-protruding body protection and padding is strongly recommended – any protective equipment must be worn on the body.

b. Numbered race bibs with numbers on front, back and sleeves for better visibility by the course judges will be issued and must be worn.

2. **Inspection/Training.**

a. Competitors are normally allowed to inspect the course by slowly sliding down through or alongside the course (unless the incline of the course cannot support such an inspection method – this will be briefed before inspection commences).

b. Inspection times are at the discretion of the race jury but should be a minimum of 15 minutes.

c. Competitors must visibly wear their start numbers and their helmets when inspecting the course.

d. A single team coach may accompany the riders on their inspection.

e. At least one training run for the event will be held and this session and the event itself will ideally be held over 2 consecutive days (under certain mitigating circumstances the race jury may decide otherwise).

f. At least one training session is **mandatory** for each racer.

3. **Programme.** The programme for the event will be as follows:

a. Training sessions on similar terrain prior to the qualifying event.

b. Course inspection on the day of timed qualification runs.

c. Knockout finals.

EXECUTION OF PGS

4. **Number of entrants.** The knockout finals are based on a 32 or 64 gender free event which provides the male individual, Unit and Corps results. Additionally, an 8 or 16 female event (gender fair) provides the female individual results. All events consist of 2 riders per heat.

5. **Qualification.** Qualification will be on a dual course but may in extremis take place on a single Giant Slalom (GS) or Slalom (SL) course (as appropriate) designed to reflect (as much as possible) the gradient, length and number of gates of the parallel final that will follow. Depending on total competitor numbers, the qualification will either be undertaken in one or two runs as follows:

a. **One run qualifying.** The top 64, 32 or 16 men and 32, 16 or 8 ladies will qualify for the finals.

b. **Two runs qualifying.** Qualification for the knockout competition using the two run qualifying protocol will qualify the fastest 16 riders from the first run (8 from Red course, 8 from Blue). Those qualified riders do not go forward to run two and will be allocated bibs 1-16 in time order. The next fastest 16 riders from the second run will qualify for the Knockout and be allocated bibs 17-32.

6. **Finals.** A parallel final will consist of a 32 knockout, where each pair has to make two runs, one on each course. The time difference between competitors will be registered on each run and combined. The lowest time difference will proceed to the next round:

a. Knockout up to semi-finals. Places will be determined by the knock-out level reached; within each level the qualifying time will apply. Eg. a rider finishing in 1/4 finals will remain in Top 8 places even if qualifying time is slower than a rider in the lower finals.

b. Small and Big Finals. Winning riders from semi-finals will go to Big finals (for 1st / 2nd place); losing riders go to the Small finals (3rd / 4th place).

7. **Tie-Breaking.** The tie break is taken from the lowest difference on the first run down the course. If this time is tied there shall be another run for each of the tied competitors on the qualification course. This run will take place immediately after the qualifications. The start order will be drawn at the top of the course.

SNOWBOARD CROSS (SBX)

1. Race Equipment.

- a. Helmets designed for snowboard racing are required for all course inspections, training and competition. Non-protruding body protection and padding is strongly recommended – any protective equipment must be worn on the body.
- b. The use of square tail boards is not permitted during the Knockout phase of the competition.
- c. Numbered race bibs with numbers on front, back and sleeves for better visibility by the course judges will be issued and must be worn. Service-specific long sleeve shirts are also to be worn, where these have been provided by the ASA.

2. Inspection/Training.

- a. Competitors are normally allowed to inspect the course by slowly sliding down through or alongside the course (unless the incline of the course cannot support such an inspection method – this will be briefed before inspection commences).
- b. Inspection times are at the discretion of the race jury but should be a minimum of 15 minutes.
- c. Competitors must visibly wear their start numbers and their helmets during course inspection.
- d. A single team coach may accompany the riders on their inspection.
- e. At least one training run for the event will be held and this session and the event itself will ideally be held over 2 consecutive days (under certain mitigating circumstances the race jury may decide otherwise).
- f. At least one training session is **mandatory** for each racer.

3. Programme. The programme for the event will be as follows:

- a. Inspection followed by a training session.
- b. Inspection followed by one training run per competitor then the timed qualification.
- c. Knockout finals.

EXECUTION OF SBX

4. **Number of entrants.** The knockout finals are based on a 16, 32 or 64 gender free event which provides the male individual, Unit and Corps results. Additionally, an 8, 16 or 32 female event (gender fair) provides the female individual results. All events consist of 4 riders per heat or such other numbers as determined by the Jury.

5. Qualification. There are two options for timed qualification:

- a. **Qualification with 1 run.** All riders have 1 timed run. Usually only selected for bad weather.
- b. **Qualification with 2 runs.** This will be the default. Qualification for the knockout competition using the two run qualifying protocol will qualify the fastest 64/32/16 riders from the first run, those qualified riders do not go forward to run two and will be allocated bibs 1-64/1-32/1-16/1-8. The fastest 64/32/16 riders from the second run will qualify for the Knockout and be allocated bibs 64-128/33-64/17-32/9-16.

6. **Tie breaking.** If 2 or more competitors have the same best time, the tie will be broken by the combined time of the 2 qualification runs. If they are still tied they will receive the same rank but the competitor with the higher bib number during qualifying will be ordered first. This tie-breaking rule does not apply to competitors who are tied for the qualification rank of 4, 8 or 16th female or 64, 32 or 16th male. If two or more competitors are tied for the 4, 8 or 16th female or 64, 32 or 16th male places, all competitors will run as many run-offs as required until the ties are broken. In this run-off format both (or more) competitors run together; gate positions may have to be changed to reflect the fact that more than one rider will be riding the course at the same time. Lane choice will be decided by draw at the start.

7. **Lane choice.** Start lane choice during each heat is based only on qualifying time and not finishing positions in the previous heat. The fastest qualifier chooses their lane, the second fastest chooses their lane and so on in each heat. Each start lane is to be identified by a number. Looking down the course the positions are set from left to right. (Position 1 is very left looking down - Position 4 is very right looking down).

SBX PROTESTS

8. **Disqualifications (DQs).** DQs will be announced and/or posted immediately after each heat at a designated area at the bottom and/or top of the course.

9. **Process.**

a. All protests must be reported to the Chief of Race or another Jury member **before** the next heat begins. Competitors do not need to stop or raise their hand if they believe that they have been impeded. Protests submitted after the next heat has started will not be accepted.

b. Protests need not be in writing but all other ASA rules for protests apply. The Jury will consist of the Technical Delegate, Chief of Race and the Finish Referee / Chief of Gates. The protest fee must be paid at the time of the protest.

10. **Intentional contact.** If a competitor is disqualified/sanctioned because of intentional contact, they will be automatically ranked as last in their heat. All other competitors, even if they are victims of this intentional contact, will be ranked as they came into the finish. As the Army Snowboarding Championships are a team competition, the Jury may vary this rule if it is felt that a team has used this rule to their (unfair) advantage.

SLOPESTYLE (SS)

1. Race Equipment.

- a. Helmets designed for snowboard racing are required for all course inspections, training and competition. Non-protruding body protection and padding is strongly recommended – any protective equipment must be worn on the body.
- b. Numbered race bibs with numbers on front, back and sleeves for better visibility by the course judges will be issued and must be worn.

2. Inspection/Training.

- a. Competitors are normally allowed to inspect the course by slowly sliding down, through or alongside the course (unless the incline of the course cannot support such an inspection method – this will be briefed before inspection commences).
- b. Inspection times are at the discretion of the race jury but should be a minimum of 15 minutes.
- c. Competitors must visibly wear their start numbers and their helmets during course inspection.
- d. A single team coach may accompany the riders on their inspection.
- e. At least one training run for the event will be held and this session and the event itself will ideally be held over 2 consecutive days (under certain mitigating circumstances the race jury may decide otherwise).
- f. At least one training session is **mandatory** for each racer.

3. Programme. The programme for the event will be as follows:

- a. Inspection followed by a training session.
- b. Following training the scored runs.

EXECUTION OF SS

4. **Execution of SlopeStyle.** The event will commence on the direction of the TD and will last for a set period of time based on the number of competitors. Following a period of training and practice (details to be promulgated at Team Captains' Mtg), riders will be permitted to take 2 scored runs, in bib order, before a cut is made to a final of 4,8,12 or 16 ladies and 8, 12, 16, 24 or 32 men. The number qualifying for the Finals may be adjusted by the Jury based on factors such as safety, weather conditions and rider ability. The male competition may have additional female riders who compete gender free for the Unit and Corps Competitions.

a. **Qualification.** In the qualification, all competitors can take 2 official scored runs. In both runs the start order will be determined by a competitor's bib number. Only the higher score of the 2 runs will count toward the final ranking of the qualification. In the event that there is a tie, such a tie will be broken by looking to the results of the other scored run (if necessary followed by the single overall impression scores given by the Judges, starting from the highest). If 2 or more competitors are still tied, each will be awarded the same ranking and in the competition that such unbroken tie(s) are for places, the final qualification field will be expanded. At the discretion of the Jury the number of scored qualification runs can be reduced to a single run.

b. **Finals.** In the finals, there are 2 options. The chosen option (usually 'One out of Two') will be briefed at the relevant Team Captains' Meeting prior to the event:

(1) **One out of Two.** The Jury will decide on number of competitors for the final, either 32, 24, 16 or 8 for the male individual and gender free team competition and 16, 12, 8 or 4 for the individual female gender fair competition. Each rider will have the opportunity to take 2 runs only. The start order for the first run will be based on the reversing of the results of the qualifications, e.g. place 16 of the men's qualifications and place 8 of the ladies' qualifications will start first, the start order for the second run will be based on reversing the results of the first run (best score starts last). The highest score of the 2 runs will determine the winner. In the event of a tie, such tie(s) will be broken by looking to the results of the other scored run (if necessary followed by the single overall impression scores given by the Judges, starting from the highest). If 2 or more competitors are still tied each will be awarded the same final ranking.

(2) **Open Session.** The finals may use an open session format with a random running start order. All competitors have a time limit (recommended 1 hour) to use the course as many times as they want within that time limit. All runs will be scored during the open session. Only the highest score of each competitor will count toward the final ranking. Ties will be broken by the next highest score of the competitor.

SLALOM (SL)

QUALIFICATION

1. **Race Equipment.**

a. Helmets designed for snowboard racing are required for Course inspections, training and competition. Non-protruding body protection and padding is strongly recommended – any protective equipment must be worn on the body.

b. Numbered race bibs with numbers on front, back and sleeves for better visibility by the course judges will be issued and must be worn.

2. **Inspection/Training.**

a. Competitors are normally allowed to inspect the course by slowly sliding down through or alongside the course (unless the incline of the course cannot support such an inspection method – this will be briefed before inspection commences).

b. Inspection times are at the discretion of the race jury but should be a minimum of 15 minutes.

c. Competitors must visibly wear their start numbers and their helmets when inspecting the course.

d. A single team coach may accompany the riders on their inspection.

e. At least one training run for the event will be held and this session and the event itself will ideally be held over 2 consecutive days (under certain mitigating circumstances the race jury may decide otherwise).

f. At least one training session is **mandatory** for each racer.

3. **Programme.** The programme for the event will be as follows:

a. Training sessions on similar terrain prior to the qualifying event.

b. Course inspection on the day of timed qualification runs.

c. Timed finals.

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4. **Format.** A single format event (no parallel riding) will consist of two runs. As this is a timed event males and females will race on the same course.

5. **Qualification.** Qualification will take place on a Slalom (SL) course designed to reflect (as much as possible) the gradient, length and number of gates of the final that will follow. Each competitor will conduct two runs, with times from each run combined to determine the finals start order.

6. **Finals.** The final will run similarly to the qualification event, with the combined time from two runs to determine the finishing order.

7. **Tie-Breaking.** The tie-break is taken from the first run down the course. If this time is tied there shall be another run for each of the tied competitors on the qualification course. This run will take place immediately after the qualifications. The start order will be drawn at the top of the course

PENALTY TEMPLATE

Offender's details				
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Surname:		Forename:		
Corps:		Unit:		
Offender's signature				
Details of offence				
Date(s) of offence:				
Description of offence:				
Penalty awarded:				
Jury details: <i>(rank and surname)</i>				
Jury signatures & date				

Copies to: Offender, Offender's Corps and Chairman ASA

PROTEST TEMPLATE

Protester's details			
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Corps:		Unit:	
Protester's signature			
Details of Protest			
Date of Protest:			
Description of Protest: <i>(explain the cause, the incident that then occurred and the effect of this incident on the individual, unit or Corps)</i>			
Jury's decision:			
Jury details: <i>(rank & surname)</i>			
Jury signatures & date			

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