



OISRA
Henry Bendinelli Sportsmanship Program



LEAGUE IMPLEMENTATION
2016-17 Season

The **Vision** of the Snow Sportsmanship Program is to *ignite the spirit of sportsmanship, classiness (with cool), and congeniality of teen snow sports athletes, inspiring life-long commitment and participation.*

As you invest yourself into implementing this program, the Vision statement above will serve to guide you to a successful season.

Near season's end, each League Leader will collate participant data to determine the male and female winners. These winners will be honored at the League Awards Ceremony and the State Championships awards banquet.

IMPLEMENTATION STEPS

1. Choose a League Leader (or form a two-person job share)
2. Promote and educate the participants (racers) and evaluators (mainly coaches and start/finish referees)
3. Distribute and collect Appreciation scorecards at each race
4. Participate as a judge for the costume contest at Kelsey's Race
5. Encourage the participation of the on-hill evaluators - coaches, and race officials
6. Perform the calculations to select the league's winners
7. Present end-of-the-season awards ceremony
8. Pass the gavel of responsibility to subsequent year's leader

Below are details involved in each of the above steps.

IMPLEMENTATION DETAILS

1. Choosing a League Leader
 - a. Electing/choosing the League Leader the league's discretion
 - i. Impartiality needs to be part of the commitment
 - b. Time commitment will have two components, administrative and on-hill
 - i. Administrative time should be about 4-5 hours over the course of the season, as follows:
 1. Meet with the Sportsmanship Director for about an hour, have a coffee, and get a feel for the program and your duties.
 2. Announce your role to coaches, parents, racers, and league officials – 1 hour, mostly email, sending them to the <http://www.oisra.org/sportsmanship/home.html> website.
 3. Educate, train, and answer questions regarding using the Appreciation cards – 15-30 minutes, in person at beginning of season, in a league meeting or at the coaches meeting at the first race
 4. Collating scores after each race – 30 minutes each week

5. Arranging for awards through the OISRA Sportsmanship Director – 15 minutes
 6. Presenting the award at the end of the season – 15 minutes during the league awards ceremony
 - ii. On-hill time commitment (the fun part) includes:
 1. Distributing Appreciation cards – 15 minutes each race morning
 2. Observing the racers throughout the race day – completing Appreciation cards as you go along
 3. Reminding coaches and race officials to do the same
 4. Collecting Appreciation cards – 15 minutes at the end of each race
2. Promote and educate participants (racers) and evaluators (mainly coaches)
 - a. Notify and exuberantly promote the program to racers and assorted officials
 - b. Explain the protocols to racers and officials by distributing Sportsmanship information
 - i. Via email and with references to our website:
<http://www.oisra.org/sportsmanship/home.html>
 - ii. In person, at the first race of the season, hand out the ½ page sportsmanship program flyer
 1. Printed flyers are provided
 2. Bundle in appropriate numbers for each team
 3. Distribute to each coach to distribute to his/her team (can be at the coaches meeting on the morning of the first race)
3. Distribute and collect Appreciation cards at each race
 - a. OISRA will print the cards and distribute them to you, the League Leader
 - b. A few cards should be given to all race officials and coaches at each race, including:
 - i. Registration table personnel
 - ii. Start referee and assistants
 - iii. Finish referee and assistants
 - iv. All coaches
4. Maintain contact with the Sportsmanship Program League coordinator or Director
 - a. Nordic Chair: Laurie Martin, lmartin@bendcable.com
 - b. Alpine Chair: Dave Moulton (541) 388-1386, davmltn@aol.com
 - c. Program Director: Randy Hewitt, (503) 804-3838, OISRAsportsmanship@gmail.com
5. Evaluate and select the league's winners
 - a. Record the Appreciation scores weekly (see Excel spreadsheet link)
 - b. Follow the guidelines on the "Sportsmanship Scoring" document/spreadsheet
 - c. Select the top 20-25 winners (this number varies by league and by budgeted number of t-shirts)
 - d. Select a boy and girl champion (based on scores)
6. Present at the league awards ceremony
 - a. Arrange with the league officials to make an announcement and present the awards to the winners.

- b. Awards (T-shirts) and prizes (sweatshirts or plaques, and a letter) will be provided through the Sportsmanship Program
 - i. All winners receive a t-shirt.
 - ii. Top boy and top girl receive a plaque or sweatshirt
- 7. Pass the gavel of responsibility to subsequent year's League Leader.
 - a. Keep records of scores and the selection process for reference in case of dispute
 - b. Provide records and notes to the OISRA Sportsmanship Director to be used as building blocks for future years.
 - c. Determine a suitable process for passing the torch to next year's league leader. Try to find this person personally, it makes for a better transition.

Your dedication and diligence will be greatly appreciated by all the racers in OISRA. Furthermore, the establishment of a noble, fun, educational standard for snow sports participants will be for the betterment of us all.