



OISRA
Henry Bendinelli Sportsmanship Program



COACHES GUIDELINES
2016-17 Season

OISRA Coaches,

I know you are busy, but I need to ask you to add a couple of details to something you already do. The OISRA **Sportsmanship Program** needs your leadership in promoting participation by your racers. For the most part, you already support the vision and message of the program, which is:

Ignite the spirit of sportsmanship, classiness (with cool), and congeniality of teen snow sports athletes, inspiring life-long commitment and participation.

To make the statewide **Sportsmanship Program** a success, each team's coaches will need to take the following actions:

- **Familiarize** yourself with the Sportsmanship program materials
- **Promote participation** in Sportsmanship by your racers
- Be a **living example** of the Sportsmanship vision
- Participate on-the-hill by completing the "**Appreciation card**" several times each race day
- **Turn in** that Appreciation card to your League Leader at the end of the day.

Both parents and racers heavily favor this program, so take a minute to send this link <http://www.oisra.org/sportsmanship/home.html> to them and I'm sure you'll receive a positive response.

The Appreciation Scorecard is **your input** to the program. Your league leader will provide you with an ample supply of cards at your morning coaches meeting. With these cards you can record examples of:

- Team Spirit – where one or more racers are really going to the front of the pack with regards to creating a fun, positive spirit of camaraderie.
- Helping Hands – when you see racers going the extra mile to help out – not only with the race but also on any other part of the mountain.
- Classy Courtesy – when you see a racer making the extra effort to contribute positively to the experience of others on the mountain.

All you have to do is take a few moments to document "catching" racers exhibiting noble snow-citizenship, then at the end of the day, turn in your Appreciation Scorecard to your League Leader. Don't forget to catch all racers, not just your own.

Thanks in advance for your help with this program. The OISRA has produced wonderful snow sportspersons for decades because of the dedication of our coaches. Now we have a program to acknowledge it for the racers who contribute the most toward the positive vibe at our events.

Thanks for participating,

Randy Hewitt,

OISRA Sportsmanship Program Director