

OISRA Board Action March 20, 2015

By unanimous email vote, the OISRA Board approved the following three proposals for changes to the OISRA Policies (additions in red and deletions are strikethroughs):

Proposal #1 Delete the following sections of OISRA Policy 6, League Responsibilities.

~~Leagues shall have a race season that consists of at least five (5) official qualifying races for the state championships.~~

~~Leagues shall maintain, validate, and post to its website, the results of each league race by Wednesday following each race.~~

Proposal #2: Make changes (deletions and additions to Appendixes III and IV) so that flexibility is added to the process of becoming a "guest" at the state championships.

Appendix III Temporary Membership for High Schools that are not OISRA member schools

Temporary OISRA membership allows students affiliated with temporary member high schools to participate in specific OISRA sanctioned event(s). ~~only at the League level and prior to the OISRA state championships.~~ Temporary member high school teams (and individuals on those teams) participate at a competitive event as if the high school were an OISRA member for only that event.

1. The temporary membership dues are \$1 per season to register a temporary membership school. Each racer's participation fee for each event is set by the Division.
2. Athletes and teams who compete for an OISRA Temporary Membership School do not receive **League titles, nor do they receive State Championship titles.**
3. Temporary Membership Schools do not have voting rights.
4. Designated coaches for Temporary Membership Schools must have criminal background checks.
5. The following **registration forms** must be received before any student from a temporary membership school has permission to participate in an OISRA event.
 - A school official must sign the OISRA Temporary Membership Application : MT(N) or MT(A)),
 - Designated Head Coach **must register online.** The OISRA Executive Director can deny permission for any individual to be a designated coach for a Temporary Member School for reasons not listed in the discrimination policy.
 - Each racer **must register online.**
6. Schools from states other than Oregon are eligible for temporary membership in OISRA.
7. Any school whose primary ski team is registered as an OISRA member school cannot also be an OISRA temporary member school.

Appendix IV Guest Category for State Championships

Any high school athlete (including athletes from other states) may compete, ~~only as an individual,~~ in the OISRA Guest Category at the OISRA state championships **as an individual** if

- 1) **They have participated in a league race as a member of a Temporary Member School team (see Appendix III) and they pay a State Meet participation fee OR**
- 2) **They are an individual who has not attended any OISRA League races and they adhere to the following procedures:**

- A school official signs the MG(N) or MG(A) form stating that the school offers a comprehensive curriculum that meets Oregon graduation requirements and giving the student permission to ski in the name of the school
- A designated coach signs the MG(N) or MG(A) form, stating the coach has had a background check, and this coach accompanies the racer to the event.
- The OISRA Executive Director can deny permission for any individual to be a designated coach for a Guest category racer for reasons not listed in the discrimination policy.
- A designated coach signs the CG(N) or CG(A) release of liability form.
- Guest racer signs the A1G release of liability form, ~~including the information of his/her USSA registration number, if the racer has one.~~
- A school official signs the OISRA academic certification form, stating that the racer meets the academic eligibility requirements of OISRA Policy 8.
- The Division Steering Committee approves the application.

Guest Category racers are not eligible to receive **OISRA** State Championship titles.

The results for Guest Category racers are ~~always reported separately from the~~ **ranked** with other individual racers' results, **but they do not displace non-Guest individual racers' points.** The race results of the racers in the Guest Category may not contribute to team scores.

Awards uniquely different from the standard State Championship awards will be presented to individual GUEST racers:

- If less than 4 racers of one gender compete in the Guest Category, the top racer of that gender is presented an award for overall combined performance.
- If 4 or 5 racers of one gender are in the Guest Category, the top 2 racers of that gender are presented awards for overall combined performance.
- If 6 or more racers of one gender are in the Guest Category, the top 3 racers of that gender are presented awards for overall combined performance.

Each Division can limit the number of GUEST racers allowed at the state meet, using whatever criteria the respective Division Steering Committee considers important for providing favorable conditions for all participants.

Proposal #3 -Make deletions and additions in OISRA Policies 7 B (League Rep responsibilities) as follows:

- Shall be responsible for overall management of their League.
- Shall have the authority to sign contracts in the name of the OISRA organization only for OISRA sanctioned races and the OISRA State Race, as approved by the Division Steering Committee responsible for that event and in accordance with Board-approved OISRA policies.
- Shall insure that all activities of the league are consistent with (1) OISRA Articles of Incorporation, (2) OISRA Bylaws, (3) OISRA Policies, (4) Division Policies and Race Rules and (5) Specific League SOP's.
- Shall convey the concerns of their league members to the Division Steering Committee.
- Shall inform ~~the respective league executives and the coaches in their league~~ **league members**, ~~within a reasonable timeframe, of any deliberations or~~ **of** decisions of the Division Steering Committee that are relevant to league operations; this will include but is not limited to: (1) Date, time and place of Division Meetings; (2) ~~Forms and Dues, Penalties and Fines;~~ **registration information**; (3) any changes in OISRA By-Laws, OISRA Policies, Division Policies, or Division Race Rules; (4) ~~State Race information;~~ (5) ~~League Race Schedule;~~ (6) ~~League SOP's~~
- Shall maintain an inventory of all items owned by the league **if the league is a project of OISRA**, including date of purchase or donation and approximate cost at time of purchase or donation. **A**

League that is separately incorporated from the Association and has its own federal 501(c)(3) status shall not commingle its assets with the assets of the OISRA Association.

- ~~Shall submit the following team and League information to the Registrar at Registration@oisra.org by December 1, and update when necessary: (1) League SOP's; (2) League Race Schedule.~~
- Shall submit League SOP's and League Race Schedule to the Division Steering Committee for their information.
- May delegate the responsibilities of league finances and/or league secretarial work to a League Treasurer and/or League Secretary.

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