



**OREGON INTERSCHOLASTIC SKI RACING ASSOCIATION
Henry Bendinelli Racer Sportsmanship Program**



**LEAGUE LEADER
INTRODUCTION
2016-2017 Season**

Dear League Leader Volunteer,

Thank you, in advance, for your willingness to accept this responsibility and invest your time and energy into this worthwhile program.

Welcome to the OISRA's one-of-a-kind racer sportsmanship program that endeavors to promote and acknowledge classy, congenial behavior among our high school skiers!

You and I know that participation in OISRA means a lot to the teens, coaches, and parents. In fact, we've all seen it positively affect the lives of high schoolers – sometimes profoundly. While we're doing this, we're creating passionate, life-long skiers who will set the standards for skiing and winter mountain enjoyment in the generation to come.

Often, one person can make a huge impact on whether a program succeeds or fails. While all of the groundwork for the Snow Sportsmanship program has been laid and implemented for six successful seasons, your league needs an individual who will put the program into action. ***This person is you.***

Even though it carries some responsibilities, this is an easy job. You'll need to be at the coaches meeting at each race (so it will cost you some sleep, the coaches tend to meet early) to hand out **Appreciation Cards** and remind the coaches to complete them. As the day's race wraps-up, you'll need to retrieve the completed cards, take them home, tally the results on a pre-designed spreadsheet, and voila, you're finished for the week.

There is no cost to you and minimal hassle. The OISRA Sportsmanship Director will provide all the materials and awards you need. The program has been funded thus far through private donations, mainly companies headed by people who appreciate the emphasis on sportsmanship. Your league will provide you with a lift ticket for the day just like it does for other race volunteers.

The racers love receiving sportsmanship t-shirts (and especially their parents love it even more) at the end of the season awards banquet – and you get to be the presenter. It's all very rewarding.

Thank you greatly for your help in implementing this program. We will meet before the season begins so that I can give you the documents and awards that you'll be using, as well as discuss the manner of implementation that has proven to work.

Thanks again,

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