

## BC LawFirm Championship Race Rules

Welcome to the races at Whistler Blackcomb. Below you will find outlined some of the common sense rules which go hand in hand with racing. Safety is of paramount concern when we run events and many of these rules are in place to insure the safety of participants, spectators, course workers, officials, volunteers and other guests on the mountain. If you have any questions regarding these rules, please ask any of us at Whistler Blackcomb Events and we will be pleased to help you.

**HELMETS:** Helmets are recommended for racing at the GMC Race Centre Whistler Blackcomb.

**Movement During the Event** -- During the event, there is to be limited movement at the race site. Course inspections on or adjacent to the course may not take place while the event is in progress. All skiers descending along the side of a course must proceed slowly and under control. All participants and spectators must comply with the Alpine Responsibility Code at all times unless you are officially racing on the course. A copy of the Alpine Responsibility Code is printed on the Whistler Blackcomb Mountain Atlas (trail map) and on the Whistler Blackcomb website – [www.whistlerblackcomb.com](http://www.whistlerblackcomb.com)

**Pre and Post Race Skiing** -- All participants must respect the Alpine Responsibility Code and the marked SLOW ZONES when outside the competition venue. Be aware that course workers and officials will be on and near the race site before and after runs and during breaks between runs. All travel on, across or along side the course must be slow and in control. Watch for ruts and use extreme caution especially when approaching rolls, breakovers and drop offs. Racers are permitted to ski at speed and on the race line only during their run. Outside of their specific race run, skiers are not permitted to attempt to ski the race line even after the gates have been pulled.

**Course Inspection** -- During inspection of the course, only side-slipping and side-stepping are permitted. All skiers must carry their bibs during inspection. Skiing sections of the course and practicing turns parallel with the course (shadowing the course) are not allowed and will lead to a disqualification. Course inspection is closed when the race begins.

**Missed Start** -- Racers should arrive at the start in adequate time for preparation before their run. If racers miss their start, they will run either at the end of their class or the end of the class that is in progress at the time.

**Missed Gates** -- Both feet and ski or board tips must pass around the turning pole of all gates. If a gate is missed, the racer must hike through the missed gate with both feet and ski or board tips crossing the imaginary line between the gate poles, before continuing to run.

**Gates out of Place** -- If a gate has been knocked out and not replaced in time for the oncoming racer, the racer must make an attempt to make the turn around where the gate would be.

**Interference or Confusion due to Gates out of Place** -- If the racer is interfered with or is confused by a gate that is out, the racer must stop at that point. The racer should report to the nearest gate keeper, if applicable, before continuing down to the finish outside the course. The racer must report to the finish officials to request a re-run.

**Falling or Other Delays on Course** -- If a racer falls, they may continue, providing that the following racer is not too close. Once the downed racer has been passed, they must leave the course. **Lost ski rule** will be in effect. A competitor who loses a ski must abandon the course unless it happens in the last two gates above the finish.

**Unofficial Posted Results** -- All results posted at the finish line are unofficial. Times may later be checked and corrected by the officials if a discrepancy occurs.

**Re-runs** -- Provisional re-runs may be granted if a protest is made. However, it is the discretion of the Event staff whether the racer will be given the re-run result or the original result.

**Finish Line** -- Never pass through the finish gate unless you are the current racer on the course.

**Take care, ski well and enjoy your day at the races.**