

**IFSA NORTH AMERICAN JUNIOR SERIES**  
**REGIONAL SERIES @ WHISTLER, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA**  
**U12, 12-14 AND 15-18 SKIING**  
**January 2 - 5**



**ATHLETE COMPETITION SCHEDULE**

**THURSDAY, JAN 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2020**

**Day 1: Check-in Day**

2:45pm – 3:15pm

3:30pm

**\*Must have \$40 cash for bib deposit at this time (USD or CAD)**

Check-in for all athletes @ 18 Below, Base II Blackcomb

Athlete and coaches Meeting at 18 Below, Base 2 Blackcomb Mountain

**FRIDAY, JAN 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2020**

**Day 2:**

8:15am

9:00am-9:30am

9:15am-9:45am

10:00am

4:00pm

**U12 Finals, 15 - 18 Qualifier**

Athlete lift load for U12, 15-18 Athletes

U12 Venue Inspection (Females, Males)

15-18 Venue Inspection (Females, Males)

Competition Start for U12, 15 - 18

Athlete Meeting at 18 Below, Base 2 Blackcomb Mountain

**SATURDAY, JAN 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2020**

**Day 3:**

8:15am

9:00am-9:30am

10:00am

4:00pm

**12- 14 Qualifier**

Athlete Lift Load for 12- 14 Athletes

Venue inspection (Females, Males)

Competition Start for 12-14

Athlete Meeting at 18 Below, Base 2 Blackcomb

**SUNDAY, Jan 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2020**

**Day 4:**

8:15am

9:00am-9:30am

9:15am-9:45am

10:15am

4:00pm

**Finals for 12-14, 15-18**

Athlete Lift Load for finals competitors

12-14 Venue Inspection (Females, Males)

15-18 Venue Inspection (Females, Males)

Finals Start

Awards at the Base of Whistler by the Excalibur Gondola

\*The schedule is subject to change due to weather and conditions. Please attend athlete meetings for updates. Please visit [www.whistlerblackcomb.com](http://www.whistlerblackcomb.com) for results and start lists.

# ATHLETE INFORMATION

## I Membership

1. All competitors who compete in an IFSA event must be registered members of the IFSA for that membership year.
2. The 2020 membership year is from April 20, 2019 – April 17, 2020.
3. Membership fees are non-refundable.
4. The IFSA board will set the membership fee for each year.
5. Members may register as both a snowboarder and a skier under one membership number.
6. Association members agree to complete all forms and paperwork accurately.
7. Association members will have personal health insurance during all events.

## II Required to Compete

1. Health insurance
2. Helmet and back protector
3. IFSA Membership
4. Waivers must be signed by a legal guardian (19 years here in Canada). **Coaches may not sign waivers.** Print them out and get mom or dad to sign them and bring them with you.
  - a. Download a copy of the WB waiver [here](#)
  - b. Download a copy of the IFSA waiver [here](#)
5. Lift tickets for each day of competition (not included in registration fee).
6. \$40 **Cash** (USD or CAD) bib deposit at registration, will be returned as soon as the bib is returned.
7. Attendance at athlete meetings and venue inspection is mandatory.

## III Safety Equipment

1. Helmets are mandatory when inspecting, competing, or riding within the venue. Coaches must also wear a helmet when accessing the venue.
2. **New for 2019-2020 season:** It is mandatory that an athlete wear a back protector during the competition run(s).
3. The IFSA strongly recommends additional protective gear such as but not limited to: hip, knee, and elbow pads, and a mouth guard.
4. The event organizer may require additional protective and/or safety equipment beyond the items mentioned above.
5. Athletes must have proof of individual insurance at check in and have it available for the duration of the competition.

## IV Athlete Code of Conduct

1. IFSA athletes will abide by local, regional, state and federal law while participating in an IFSA event.
2. Athletes will ride in control and obey all mountain signage when riding outside of the venue.
3. Drug and alcohol use by IFSA athletes is prohibited and is grounds for disqualification and suspension.
4. IFSA athletes must observe all rules and codes of conduct of the host mountain.
5. Ducking any rope line or disobeying any obvious signage is prohibited.
6. IFSA athletes must act in a professional manner and exercise good judgement.
7. IFSA athletes will treat each other, event officials, mountain officials, promoters, event organizers, sponsors, coaches, parents, and the general public with respect and kindness.
8. IFSA athletes will refrain from use of abusive language or behavior.
9. IFSA athletes will not steal, deface, or destroy sponsor or organizer equipment, property, or signage.

## V Judging Categories

1. **Line Choice:** Each competitor chooses their line or route down the course. High scores are given for choosing difficult routes. Difficulty is determined by steepness, exposure, air, snow and venue conditions.
2. **Control:** Competitors must remain in control at all times. Any loss of control will result in a lower score.
3. **Fluidity:** Constant direction towards a goal. This includes continuity, pace, and smooth transitions between sections of the course. Falling or stopping will negatively impact scores in this category.
4. **Technique:** Competitors are judged on style and turn quality relating to Big Mountain Freeriding.
5. **Style & energy:** This encompasses the pace, energy and creativity with which a competitor attacks or descends their chosen line or route. Style is an overall impression focusing on the fluid execution of maneuvers.

## VI Judging Format

1. Inverts will not be permitted. Horizontal spins (helicopters) or flat spins are still accepted as long as the feet do not raise higher than the riders head.
2. Falling and unsuccessfully landing jumps, cliff drops, or airs of any kind will have a significant negative impact on judging categories control, fluidity and technique.
3. No fall zones are not allowed in junior events. If an area has enough consequence to be considered a no fall zone it should be closed to juniors.
4. The technical director, with input from the head judge, will make competitor cuts after every run.
5. **New for 2019-2020 season:** To earn a score, every competitor must exit the venue through the finish corral. If an athlete exits the venue boundary, a DQ will be awarded.
6. In the event of a crash, equipment loss, DNF, or DQ an athlete must remain with the venue boundary and shall always exit via the finish corral.

## VII Judges

1. If judges are separated throughout the venue, due to the length of a venue or weather, radios must be used to establish a clear venue with each judge announcing "Venue Clear".
2. If judges are separated throughout the venue, each judge will score all categories, including line in their respective zone.
3. Judges will give the competitor scores to a scorekeeper throughout the competition for score tabulation.
4. All decisions made by the judges are final and may not be protested. Scores are reviewed at the end of the day before they are made public. This is to identify any clerical errors. Scores may not be changed based on preference or subjectivity.
5. The technical director and head judge may cancel a run or day due to weather and/or visibility. Cancellation will be announced at the completion of an entire run or before the start of a run.
6. In the event that it is necessary to cancel the remaining athletes in a division part way through the field, the technical director will be allowed to resume competition the following day in the same order as the previous day by running the entire division.

## **VIII Protests**

1. Protests may be filed due to run interference and must be brought to the attention of the TD immediately after the run.
2. Protests against disqualification and/or clerical order must be made within 15 minutes after the posting of final results.
3. It is the responsibility of the competitor to substantiate their protest.
4. No protests against scoring are allowed. All scores are final. Scores will not be changed or adjusted.
5. The TD may grant a provisional rerun due to interference on a case by case basis.
6. If the TD cannot make the determination of a provisional rerun, it is up to the discretion of the head judge.
7. Once the decision to award a rerun is made by the TD, the score for the first run is permanently removed from record and the rerun becomes the only score of record.
8. Under no circumstances may a competitor protest directly to the IFSA judges. All protests must be addressed to the TD.
9. If the protest is unsubstantiated by another competitor, it will be automatically denied.

## **IX Venue Inspection**

1. On venue inspection is mandatory for all athletes at all events.
2. Athletes are required to display a credential (i.e. a bib or number), showing that they are a registered participant, to inspect the venue.
3. Coaches are required to have current IFSA Coach Certification and a current IFSA Coach Membership to inspect the venue.
4. Any terrain enhancement is not permitted unless clearly stated otherwise by event officials.
5. During inspection athletes must be aware of everyone else around them.
6. Slow riding/skiing, is mandatory during venue inspection.
7. The technical director and/or any judge may disqualify a competitor from the competition for riding fast or recklessly during inspection.
8. Athletes may not practice, session, or rehearse a line during inspection or jump/drop any features on the venue. This behavior will result in immediate disqualification.
9. In blind areas, it is advised that athletes verbally announce themselves to make others aware of their presence.
10. Athletes are to be respectful of fellow athletes, coaches, and officials during inspection.

## **X Terrain Enhancement**

1. If a venue has limited features and/or the conditions dictate, the TD/event organizer may enhance the venue to create a more challenging and safe venue. No athlete participation in shovel or tool manipulated terrain is permitted.
2. Any level of enhancement will be clearly posted and/or communicated to all athletes and coaches by the event organizer or TD.
3. Due to snow conditions and safety concerns, an event organizer and TD may allow for terrain enhancement by coaches, athletes, event staff or volunteers in specific scenarios. This is restricted to situations where snow compaction is needed in the case of breakable crust, icy conditions, etc.
4. Athletes enhancing or manipulating the terrain during inspection or on the day of the event will be disqualified.
5. Coaches enhancing or manipulating the terrain during inspection or on the day of the event will be stripped of their coaching credentials and their IFSA Coach Membership shall be suspended until a satisfactory response to the IFSA Board of Directors is submitted.



## Alpine Responsibility Code

- 1.** \* Always stay in control. You must be able to stop or avoid other people or objects.  
\* Be aware as conditions on the mountain do change, so adjust your usage accordingly.
- 2.** \* People ahead of you have the right-of-way. It is your responsibility to avoid them.  
\* Do not pass people too close at high speed, you may not be able to avoid them if they fall or make an unexpected sharp turn. Be aware Snowboard riders have a blind side and may not see you on that side. Snowboarders have to check their blind side before turning across a busy ski run and make sure they are not turning into a fast skier. There are regular collisions on ski hills do your best to avoid these situations.
- 3.** \* Do not stop where you obstruct a trail or are not visible from above.  
\* Stopping under convex rolls should be avoided at all time as others cannot see you. If you fall and have to stop in such a place, have someone stop above you to protect you from on-coming traffic. Crossed skis or arms designate this temporary detour.
- 4.** \* Before starting downhill or merging onto a trail, look uphill and yield to others.
- 5.** \* If you are involved in or witness a collision or accident, you must remain at the scene and identify yourself to Ski Patrol.  
\* It is important to give clear information for First Aid purposes.
- 6.** \* Always use proper devices to prevent runaway equipment.  
\* It is your responsibility to have functioning ski brakes, snowboard retaining devices and make sure your gear is secure when taken off your feet. A runaway ski or snowboard is very damaging if it impacts with another person and you will be found personally liable for any damage caused by your equipment.
- 7.** \* Observe and obey all posted signs and warnings.  
\* Also use common sense for your safety and the safety of others. Realize that signs do change with conditions.
- 8.** \* Keep off closed trails and closed areas.  
\* Areas are closed for a good reason, conditions are not safe to proceed or not adequate to pursue your current activity. It is our goal to have all the terrain available for your enjoyment.
- 9.** \* You must not use lifts or terrain if your ability is impaired through use of alcohol or drugs.
- 10.** \* You must have sufficient physical dexterity, ability and knowledge to safely load, ride and unload lifts. If in doubt, ask the lift attendant or Ski Patrol.



