Midwest Snowsports Development League (MSDL) Guidelines

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The mission of the Midwest Snowsports Development League (MSDL) is to establish guidelines form member teams in the hopes of standardizing competition formats and results and to promote smooth, professionally run events. *With special thanks the MSDL would like to acknowledge the following persons for their support and service to this organization and the Snowsports industry; Eric Lund, Jeff Putrah, and Steve Mintz.* Two divisions operate within the guidelines of the MSDL, an Alpine Division and a Snowboard/ Twin Tip Division. Member teams shall meet once annually to review league bylaws and rules, the treasurer's report, division competition guidelines and establish event calendars.

Current members (2018):
Members of the Alpine Division: Afton Alps, Andes Tower, Buck Hill, Coffee Mill, Detroit Mountain, Elm Creek*, TR2 @ Hyland, Mount Kato, Mount Ski Gull, Powder Ridge, Tonkawood, Trollhaugen, Welch Village, and Wild Mountain.

Members of the Snowboard/ Twin Tip Division: Afton Alps, Buck Hill, Elm Creek, Hyland Hills, Mt Ski Gull, Powder Ridge, Trollhaugen, Wild Mountain, and Welch Village.

* Elm Creek is not eligible to host Alpine Ski Races

Organizational Policy:

A)   Meetings of the MSDL delegates and/or coaches will be held on the last Monday in April. Each division secretary shall email respective member area's delegates and/or coaches a notification of the meeting date three weeks prior to the event.

        1) Proposals to change any League bylaw(s), rules(s) or event guideline(s) by any member area must be submitted to each member area at least 14 days prior to the date of the annual meeting as a "REPLY TO ALL" to the above-mentioned notification.

        2) Each member area shall have one voting delegate in any bylaw, rule or policy change considered.

        3) This notification will be sent to the most recently updated list of delegates and coaches as maintained by the league secretary.

        4) The following schedule will be followed:
                5:30 pm   Snowboard/ Twin Tip By-law meeting
                6:30 pm   MSDL Organizational Policy Review/ Alpine Meeting

B)   Membership in this league is limited to those having a recognized Snowsports School, which administers a MSDL Program. To participate in an MSDL event, athletes must be members of their Snowsports School.

1) A "recognized snow sports school" is one that is owned and operated by a Ski/Snowboard area. With the current exception of TR2 @ Hyland and Tonkawood.

2) New members must be voted on individually and admitted into the league at the discretion of the current members of that division to which the new member is applying.

3) New members must participate within the league for one competition season before attaining voting rights at the spring meeting. New league members are able to participate in discussions regarding league bylaw changes or motions.

C)   Each division will conduct three regular season events and one end of season event. Within each division it may be determined to have one or more member areas host an event on the same day.

1) The Alpine Division is composed of two leagues; a Saturday League for member teams with Saturday programs and a Sunday League for members having Sunday programs.

2) The Snowboard and Freestyle Division has one league with events on Sundays only.
- Starting in the 2018/19 season there will be an alpha rotation for hosting an event with the rotation starting with Afton Alps not hosting an event

3) Each area will be given an opportunity to host an event before any area can host more than one event in a season.

D)   Voting to change the organizational policy shall be discussed and considered by the MSDL delegates as a whole, not individually by each division. As such, any proposal to change or amend bylaws under the "Organizational Policy" received by either Division Secretary shall be forwarded to the other secretary so that it may be distributed to all delegates and/or coaches.

E)   A copy of the MSDL guidelines as well as a copy of the master roster for the event (including the bib number, age, competition age, date of birth and gender of each competitor) should be posted at the registration area of each MSDL event.

Race League Team Dues:
Note: to avoid complications with the league bank, league dues should still be payable to Midwest Ski Racing League (MSRL).

Team Base Dues	$ 40.00		
1 – 25 Racers	$ 40.00	151 – 175 Racers	$280.00
26 – 50 Racers	$ 80.00	176 – 200 Racers	$320.00
51 – 75 Racers	$120.00	201 – 225 Racers	$360.00
76 – 100 Racers	$160.00	226 – 250 Racers	$400.00
101 – 125 Racers	$200.00	251 – 275 Racers	$440.00
126 – 150 Racers	$240.00	Greater than 275 Racers	$480.00

1) Each team will pay the base fee plus the per competitor fee, based on the total number of racers in all four leagues: Saturday Ski, Sunday Ski, Snowboard and Twin Tip.

2) Dues for each season are due on September 1. Dues are to be sent to the league treasurer. A late fee of $25.00 is charged for dues after September 1. If a team has not paid current dues

and late fee by the spring meeting, the team will not be scheduled to host a race for the following season.

3) The person/area responsible for acquiring, sorting and sending ribbons out for the races during the season will receive a $1000 stipend to cover hours worked – this is above the expense of ordering the ribbons, envelopes and postage expense.

Racer Qualifications:

A)   Any racer holding a USSA card is not allowed to compete in the MSDL events. In special situations, where the racer cancels their USSA competitor's card, the head coach shall notify the coaches of the upcoming races and notify the league secretary. The racer will then be allowed to compete at MSDL events.

B)   Age groups shall be decided by the racer's age as of September 1st. Birth dates are to be included on the team rosters.

B1)   A racer can elect to move up into the older age groups prior to December 30th. This election will remain in effect for all four races. Team rosters with all revisions should be sent to the Championship race host area.

B2)   Racers may not move back down to the "birth" age group once a move up has been elected. Make a notation on the roster of racers changing age groups.

The age groups are as follows:
1) Six and Under
2) Seven
3) Eight yr. old
4) Nine yr. old
5) Ten yr. old
6) Eleven yr. old
7) Twelve yr. old
8) Thirteen yr. old
9) Fourteen yr. old
10) Fifteen and Older (must be in high school)

D)   FIS etiquette is encouraged on the courses. Shadowing of courses, by racers and coaches, is not approved. All racers must stop between each gate while inspecting the course. Blatant shadowing or pre-running of the courses is grounds for disqualification.

E)   Any behavior deemed unsportsman like, from racers, coaches or parents, will be grounds for disqualification from the race event.

F)   All racing bibs will be worn so they are in clear view of the race officials. Any racer wearing an incorrect bib number may be subject to disqualification.

G)   It is the racer's responsibility to be on time for his/her turn in the race order. If a racer misses their turn in the race order, they will race at the end of their age group.

H)   Any racer may finish the race on one ski and have that time recorded, provided the racer has not missed any gates. A missed gate is when <u>both</u> feet do not pass around the gate.

H2)   When a 9 year old or younger racer loses a ski, gatekeepers and or coaches, after a 10 count, may assist that racer in recovering and putting on their ski(s).

I)   All Competitors are required to have a valid lift ticket to participant in any MSDL event.

J)   Hosts areas may require an additional wavier to be signed to participate in the event.

Race Specifications:

A)   Each race should provide each racer two runs in the morning and two runs in the afternoon. The events should include slalom (2 runs) and giant slalom (2 runs). If the race is deemed to be running late, only one afternoon run will be given to each racer, even if the racer has a DNF.

B)   Awards are based on the following formula (per racer): best time in slalom + best time in giant slalom = best combined time. The best-combined time is then used to compute the racer's place in the appropriate age and gender group.

C)   In league races, awards will be given out to 10 places for the 8 & under age groups. The rest of the age groups will have awards to 8 places, depending on number of racers. If there are 30 or more racers in an age group, the awards will be given out to 15 places. For the championship race, awards will be given to 15 places.

D)   Team points are calculated as follows:
First place = 5, Second place = 4, Third place = 3, Fourth place = 2, Fifth place = 1 point.
Participating teams are ranked according to the total number of points earned by their racers.

Raedeke Rule:
In the event of a tie: the total points for the tied places are added up, then shared evenly among the teams of the tied athletes (example, a tie occurs for 1st place—points for first and second place are added and then each team is awarded 4.5 points. "Third" place person then is given 3 points etc.

E)   All awards and team rankings should be announced as soon as possible after the racing is finished for the day.

Running a Race - Participating Coaches:

Pre-registration is mandatory. Team rosters must include the racer's:
        First Name
        Last Name
        Middle Initial (optional)
        Gender (M/F)

Race Category (4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18)
The racers should be grouped by gender and race category on the roster. Total number of coaches should also be included.

A2)   All registrations will be stored in a cloud-based storage location set up by the league with agreed upon formatting of columns. When a host area is approaching their race date, they will download the up-to-date visiting area's registration. No later than 14 days prior to the race date. All late entries (after the close of "official" registration) will run at the end of their age group.

- Participants in a Saturday D-Team program will race in Saturday races. Participants in a Sunday D-Team program will race in Sunday races.
- Be very careful about using embedded formulas for calculating ages as they tend to round ages up and mess up registration
- Do not send rosters to the hosting area with embedded formulas, or hidden lines.

A3) Following closure of registration on race day, a representative of the host area will highlight corrections to data in the master Google sheet (Roster) and note the change, providing increasingly accurate lists as the season progresses.

A4) No Strip Rule
- Hosting team makes the call no later than 8:30 AM on race day.
- Coaches/parents will be notified.
- There will be signage at the registration table.
- All participants must follow once the "no strip" has been decided.
- Disqualification may result if not followed
- Hosting area will make a call to lift the No Strip rule 30 minutes prior to inspection of afternoon races
- Ski jacket and minimum ski shorts are required under the No Strip rule
- Temperature guidelines
  - < -10 °F Ambient Temperature or -40 °F wind chill

B)   The ratio of coaches to racers should be kept to a ratio of 1:8. Complimentary tickets for coaching staff that represents a ratio less than 1:8 will be given only at the discretion of the hosting area. Areas wishing to send more coaches than a 1:8 ratio must contact each hosting area the week prior to the race to determine if the extra staff will be comp'd.

C)   Each host area will have a designated race official (DRO). The designated race official of the host area is the final arbitrator in all disputes. The DRO's name shall be posted at all races in prominent places and the DRO shall have radio contact or some direct contact with hosting area coaches at all times during the race.

D)   Each race arena at an event will have a designated Chief of Course, the COC will be available during course inspection and while race is in progress in the finish arena for any course/operation concerns. Any concerns that cannot be resolved will result in discussing with DRO, COC, concerned Coach and Lead Coach from that area. All course concerns will be handled in a professional/ collegial manner

E)   All coaches are encouraged to check in with the host coaches periodically.

Running the races - Host Area

A)   It is encouraged that all coaches and parents volunteer to help run the race.

B)   Each host area should make a concerted effort to adhere to the following   schedule as closely as possible:

8:30 a.m.	Registration for the race
9:30 a.m.	All courses set and ready for study
10:00 a.m.	Starting time, morning race
1:00 pm	Starting time, afternoon race
4:30 pm	Awards presented

For Championship Races, host area will match the schedule and start times of all other races as noted above.

C)   Racers in the age groups 9 and under should be grouped by team for the starting order. The 2nd run will be in reverse order of the 1st run.

C1) To develop the race order, teams are randomly assigned in an alternating order and racers are randomly assigned to their team slot per age group.

D)   Course Considerations:
1)   Courses should be set for success, with giving no one racer an advantage or disadvantage.
2)   Course dye may be added to assist racers in direction changes.
3)   Courses will utilize the following guidelines:

	9 Years of Age and Under	10 Years of Age and Above
Slalom	• Course will use alternating color of "Stubbies". • Course set will consist of single pole, alternating color "Stubbies" with no control or out-gates. • Distance between turning gates: 7-9m. • Distance between poles in flushes: 4 – 5m. • Course will include 1 to 3 hairpins and 1 three-gate flush • Distance between gates in vertical combinations will be 0.75m to 1.0m • All vertical combinations entered from above the first gate. • Minimum of two open gates from start to first vertical combination. • Recommended two open gates between last flush and finish line whenever possible given hill configuration. • Path from last gate to direct skier towards middle of finish line with minimal directional change.	• Course will use alternating colors of 27mm full gates. Length will be determined by area. • Course will consist of single pole except first and last gate and vertical combinations which will use gate planes (turning pole and outside pole). • Distance between turning gates: 7 -12m. • Distance between poles in vertical combinations: 4 – 6m. • Course will include 1 to 3 hairpins and 1 to 3 three-gate flushes. • Distance between gates in vertical combinations will be 0.75m to 1.0m • All vertical combinations entered from above the first gate. • Minimum of two open gates from start to first vertical combination • Recommended two open gates between the last vertical combination and finish line whenever possible given hill configuration. • Path from last gate to direct skier towards middle of finish line with minimal directional change.
GS	• Course will use alternating color of "Stubbies". • Courses will be two poles set 1' apart (stubbie) with gate planes (turning pole and outside pole). (stubbie) placed	• Course will use alternating colors of 27mm full gates. Length will be determined by area. • Course will consist of two poles set 1' apart with gate planes

		for the first and last gate. • Distance between turning gates: 14 – 21 m. • Path from last gate to direct skier towards middle of finish line with minimal directional change.	(turning pole and outside pole) placed first and last gate. • Distance between turning gates: 17 – 25 m. • Path from last gate to direct skier towards middle of finish line with minimal directional change.

4)   All courses should be slipped after the completion of each age group. Slipping may be needed more frequently under certain conditions. Slipping can be designated by 'chief of course' or home coach. All courses should be slipped whenever a snow berm is present on the outside of the turn to remove the berm and keep the courses as safe as possible. Visiting coaches should do their best to assist the home coaching staff in slipping before, and during races.

E)   All late entries (after the close of "official" registration) will run at the end of their age group. Any racers not pre-registered will run at the end of their age group.

F)   All host areas are encouraged to post all race results during the event so racers can assess how they are doing. These posted results are unofficial. All signs listing results during the race should indicate that times posted are unofficial.

G)   Races will go on. It will be up to the parent's discretion to go to the race, in cases of inclement weather. The race will only be canceled if the ski area is closed.

H)   Electronic timing equipment is required to host a race. In the event of electronic equipment failure, hand timing may be used to facilitate getting the race done on time.

I)   Hand Timing

1)   There must be direct verbal communication between the top and bottom of the course when hand timing is used.
2)   At least two stopwatches must be used at the bottom of the course. The average of the two times will be used as the racer's time.
3)   The head coach of the host area should endeavor to inform the other participating coaches during the week before the race, that hand timing will be used.
4)   All coaches are encouraged to carry a stopwatch at all events in case of electronic equipment failure, to facilitate a hand-timed race.

J)   Disqualifications should be recorded (documented) by the gate judges or race officials on some type of DSQ card; either a fault only or fault/no fault card.

K)   DSQ's should be collected by the COC or DRO and posted on the outside timing boards for review by visiting parents and coaches.

L)   A protest period of 15 minutes after the end of event (SL or GS) will be held for any disputes based on the posted DSQ's

Safety at races:

- Course setters are expected to take into consideration all potential safety hazards in the racers path.
- Finish arenas are recommended to be at least 30 meters in depth unless it is limited by hill configuration, with a visual separation when more than 1 course comes into the same finish arena.
- A designated coaches' area incorporated into the exit area of the race is allowed so coaches can meet racers and coach them after the race.

Result reporting:
Results should be standardized when shared with other areas. Results to visiting areas should include:
Bib #
Area/ski school
Racer Name (first and last)
Sl 1st time run
Sl 2nd time run
Sl Best time of 2 runs
- GS 1st time run
GS 2nd time run
GS Best time of 2 runs
Combined (Best of SL and Best of GS)
Finish Order/ Place (in order of first to last by age and sex)
Team Points earned

3) Snowboard/Twin Tip Division
Competitor Qualifications:

Age groups may be altered once rosters have been submitted to accommodate the increase or decrease of an age and gender group. Recommendations for adjustments should be made via email by the DLO to the MSDL Directors. The DLO has the ability to make changes as listed in the email if no objections are brought forth prior to first event.

The age groups are as follows:

Snowboard Boys	Girls Snowboard / Twin Tip
Ages 8 & under	*Ages 10 & under*
Ages 9	*Ages 11 & 12*
Age 10	*Age 13 & 14*
Age 11	*Age 15 & over (in High School)*
Age 12	Twin Tip Boys
Age 13	*Ages 9 & Under*
Age 14	*Age 10*
Age 15 and Over (in High School)	*Ages11*

Age 12
Age 13
Age 14
Ages 15 and Over

C)   Any behavior deemed unsportsman like, from competitors, coaches or parents, will be grounds for disqualification from the competition. Per **Running the Competition –Host Area, Section A,** the Designated Official is the final arbiter in all disputes.

D)   It is the competitor's responsibility to be on time for his/her turn in the competition order. If a competitor misses their turn in the competition order, they will compete at the end of their age group. If their age group has completed that portion of the competition, the competitor may not get a run.

E)   Helmets are required to participate and goggles are strongly recommended for all competitors.

F)   All Competitors are required to have a valid lift ticket to participant in any MSDL event.

G)   Hosts areas may require an additional wavier to be signed to participate in the event.

Competition Specifications:

All competitors will compete in three events, Big Air, Slopestyle, and Boardercross
(2011/12 season will include 2 scheduled Big Air/Slope style events, 1 Boardercross event and 1 'championship' for the season.)

Big Air – One trick preformed over a man-made jump.

A minimum of 2 jumps must be built to accommodate lower and higher level competitors. Starting and landing areas must be clearly marked (paint, kool-aid). The landing pad must also be marked in equal increments according to length. Competitors will choose which jump they will use.

Big Air Jumps must adhere to MSDL specifications. See Attachment

The jumps must not be altered unless deemed to be unsafe*. All changes must be made as needed. Coaches' inspection must be completed by 8:00 a.m.*

The course monitor/referee should be clearly identifiable for safety and crowd control.

If a competitor is performing a rodeo, corked spin, or switch attempt, the starter must be notified.

Any attempt at an inverted trick will result in immediate disqualification from the entire competition.

Big Air jumps will be open for practice hits a minimum of 30 minutes prior to the start of (each) the morning and afternoon sessions. Addtional time may be available between age groups but it not garunteed.
Slopestyle- Tricks preformed during a run. The tricks may consist of groundwork (ollies, spins) or air tricks using the obstacles within the run boundaries.   This event is not timed.

The course should take approximately 25-45 seconds to complete with clear visibility from start to finish. Judges must have a clear view of the entire course. Starting and finish areas must be clearly marked (paint, kool-aid). The course must have at least 6 hits in two lines of travel. Man-made obstacles are allowed. Courses *must be built to accommodate lower and higher level competitors.*

The elements must not be altered unless deemed to be unsafe. All changes must be made as needed. Coaches' inspection must be completed by 8:00 a.m.

The course monitor/referee should be clearly identifiable for safety and crowd control.

The slopestyle course will be open for practice 30 minutes prior to the start of (each) the morning and afternoon sessions. Addtional time may be available between age groups but it not garunteed.

Boardercross – Multi-rider race on a terrain course.

Boardercross will be run on a full run course. The course should have a combination of banked turns, rollers, drops, whoop-di-doos, jumps and any other snow features deemed appropriate by the course builders. Features should accommodate a wide range of rider abilities.

Competitors will be given at least 30 minutes to view and practice the course. Riders and skiers will be allowed to run the boardercross course prior to the start of the event.

Riders will complete a minimum of 2 races using double elimination.
Riders will be seeded by age into groups based on the number of participants.
If the age group has 5 or less participants, the group will complete 3 races with points awarded to first (5), second (3) and third (1)
For groups of 6 or more, the attached bracket will be used to assign heats*.*

Running a Competition - Participating Coaches:

Pre-registration is mandatory. To facilitate starting on time, *each head coach must send a complete team roster to the Designated League Official (DLO) and the current league secretary, by January 1. The current league secretary is identified on the official league roster.* Team rosters must include the competitor's name, gender, birth date, and competition age group and total number of competitors. All rosters should show the participant's Date of Birth matching their competition age. The competitors should be grouped by gender and age on the roster. Additions are permitted throughout the season. Please send changes to host area, league secretary and DLO at least one week prior to competition. Please send a complete revised roster to the Championship competition host area 10 days prior to the event. Competitors are allowed to move up into an older age category. If a competitor moves up in age grouping their DOB must match their competition age. Competitors moving up in age categories should be

listed separately on the team rosters. Include a list of coaches and a contact person with each roster. Competition rosters should be sent in the following Excel format:.

Last Name	First Name	Area	Date of Birth	Competition Age	Gender	

B)   The ratio of coaches to competitors should be kept to a reasonable number (about one coach for 10 competitors).

C)   All grievances should go through the head coach of the team, to the designated competition official.

D)   All coaches are encouraged to check in with the host coaches periodically.

Running the competitions - Host Area:

A)   Each host area will have a designated official. The designated official of the host area is the final arbitrator in all disputes. *The competition officials name will be posted at the registration area and announced at the morning coaches meeting.*

B)   It is encouraged that all coaches and parents volunteer to help run the race.

C)   The host area will provide the following: Access to a snowboard park or be able to provide air elements for the competition, a designated run for the slopestyle competition and a designated run for the alpine competition.

D)   Each event must have a designated starting area or ramp.

E)   The competition will accommodate all age groups for the boys and girls with 2 events running simultaneously.

F)   A designated judge's area shall be provided. The area is to be semi-private and no smaller than 10 square feet.

G)   *Legal and responsibility code will be followed at each competition by coaches and competitors. Appropriate action will be taken if they are not adhered to.*

H)   *No one shall disrupt, influence or in any way bias the judges.*
I)   A course monitor/referee shall be provided at each event for safety and crowd control.

J)   Private communications between the judges, the starter and the finish line for each event.

K)   The host area is encouraged to announce the competitors in each event.

L)   *The Host area must provide panel bibs for competitors with a consecutive number series. New bibs will be distributed at each competition.*

M)   *The host area must provide surveyors ribbon to be use to identify the competitors lead leg.*

N)   A standard organizational chart format should be used at each event to list judging and course assignments and responsibilities. See attachment.

O)   MSRL recommends that scores and points be posted throughout the day if possible.
          These posted results are unofficial. All signs listing results during the race should indicate that times and scores posted are unofficial.

P)   <u>The DLO will appoint an administrator to complete the scoring application. the host area will support the administrator as needed potentially including things like access to private space, a printer and support to write ribbons.</u>

Q)   Areas will host competitions for two seasons consecutively, rotating off the schedule every third season.

Judging Standards:

A)   Judged events are based on a 60-point scale for Big Air and Slope Style.

B)   Scores will be awarded to the full point.

C)   Coaches from each area will be assigned as judges at the beginning of the season. The selected coaches will carry these same duties throughout the entire season. One scorekeeper is required for each set of judges.   Each area will declare their judging designations and send them with their team roster by December 30 to the league secretary. Each area will provide a minimum of one judge per discipline and one alternate to fill in where needed.

   1. It is a requirement that all visiting teams must provide judging assistance to the hosting areas to be able to participate in any of the competitions.

D)   Each judge is encouraged to maintain their own separate scores through out the day as a back up.

E)   Big Air   3 judges total, each judging the overall performance of the competitor.
                  3 runs per competitor.
                  20 points available per Judge
                  60 points available on each run.

This event will be judged on amplitude, difficulty and style, with three judges evaluating the competitor's performance. Each judge may award up to a maximum of 20 points, with 60 points available for each run. The best score of two runs will be used to tabulate scores and rank.

F)   Slope style   3 judges total, each judging the overall performance of the competitor.
                  3 runs per competitor.
                  20 points available per Judge

60 points available on each run.

This event will be judged on number of tricks, difficulty and style, with three judges evaluating the competitor's performance. Each judge may award up to a maximum of 20 points, with 60 points available for each run. The best score of two runs will be used to tabulate scores and rank.

Scoring
Individual Scoring:
Use the top 2 scores from Slope Style and Big Air to get total score. Winners are determined by highest total score. In the event of a tie, 3rd scores will be added in from both events

Cumulative Scores:
All competitors' scores will be tabulated cumulatively throughout the season. This will provide competitors with an overall ranking for the season. In the event of a tie, the place(s) from the final event will be used as a tie breaker.

Team Points
Team points are accumulated from the event ranking of the competitor. Combined rank will not be used in this calculation. 1st Place = 5 points, 2nd Place = 3points,
3rd Place=1 point. The winning team will have the highest point total at the end of the competition. This will reward teams with the best overall riding ability in all age groups for boys and girls.

All awards and team rankings should be announced as soon as possible after the competition is finished for the day.

All participants must compete in both slope style and big air to accumulate any points during that day's competition.

Awards
Individual awards
Ribbons/medals/trophies are awarded for combined winners and team champions only. (No awards for individual events.) Ribbons for combined winners will go to the top 8 places.

Cumulative Awards
Ribbons/medals/trophies are awarded to competitors with the top ranked cumulative scores. Cumulative awards will be presented at the championship only. Cumulative awards will be provided in addition to individual awards.

The MSDL will provide the ribbons for the 3 season events and ribbons and medals for the champion event.

Judging Assignments:
Participating areas are responsible for providing 3 judges: one judge for Slope style, one for Big Air and one alternate.

Coaches' guide to running a competition

Follow the four "P's" as a guide to help you in running a successful event: Plan, Prepare, Predict, Prevent.

Plan
It is never to soon to start planning for your competition. The planning stage should be done about 6 weeks prior to your competition. Discuss with your coaching staff what you will need for the event, and whose support you will need at the area to run a successful event. Create a master task and needs list that can be used in the Preparation phase.

Prepare
The preparation phase should start as soon as the planning stage is complete. Tasks and needs should be assigned. Make sure to designate a deadline for each of the tasks or needs on the list compiled. Following through is a priority in the preparation phase. Head coaches need to be aware of task completion and that deadlines are being met.

Predict
While working through the preparation phase double check your task and needs list. What is missing? What haven't you planned for? Make a new list: computer problems, bad weather, chalet space, lift breakdown, grooming equipment breakdown, and multiple competitor injuries at the same time. This list should be all the bad stuff you don't want to think about happening.

Prevent
Confront the list made during the prediction phase and set a plan in affect to handle each item. Don't assume the event will go smoothly, make sure to work with those at the area to address any concerns you might have that are out of your control.

Event Task and Needs List

Completed   **Registration**
_____   Check-in Roster
                  Should list competitors DOB, Age, Age group competing in and Gender
_____   Bibs
_____   Pens
_____   Tables
_____   Clipboards
_____   Surveyor ribbon
_____   Age group signs

Volunteer List
_____   Registration   8 minimum for check-in and to tie surveyors ribbon on competitors lead leg
_____   Slope Style   1 score writer for scoreboard for competitors to see
                                  1 Starter
                                  1 Stager
_____   Big Air   1 score writer for scoreboard for competitors to see
                                  1 Starter
                                  1 Stager

_____   GS   1 announcer
                                  2 timers (top and bottom)
                                  1 score writer for scoreboard for competitors to see

1 Starter
                                    1 Stager

Signage

_____   Pointing to the Registration Area
_____   Area maps showing where the different events will be held
_____   Schedule of the day's events including time and place for the events
_____   _____
_____   _____
_____   _____

Scoring

_____   Designated computer with a printer
_____   Labels for ribbons
_____   Scoring program/ Labels for ribbons
_____   Scoring program/spread sheet
_____   _____
_____   _____
_____   _____

Judges

_____   Minimum of 3 clipboards per event
                One for the stager, starter and judges scores
_____   Copy of the bylaws and judging standards
_____   Copy of the master check-in roster
_____   Score sheets
_____   _____
_____   _____
_____   _____

Slope Style

_____   Chalk
_____   Fencing or banners to close area off
_____   Designate an area
_____   _____
_____   _____
_____   _____

Big Air

_____   Chalk
_____   Fencing or banners to close area off
_____   Designate an area
_____   _____
_____   _____
_____   _____

Departments to coordinate with

_____   Grooming/ Maintenance Staff
_____   Lift supervisor
_____   Ticketing
_____   _____
_____   _____
_____   _____

DLO will send a recommended event schedule prior to the first compeition each season. Schedule may be adusted throughout the year based on timing.

MSRL SNOWBOARD LEAGUE
BIG AIR SITE GUIDELINES

25-35°

25-30'

APPROPRIATE TO TAKE OFF

4 - 12 FT
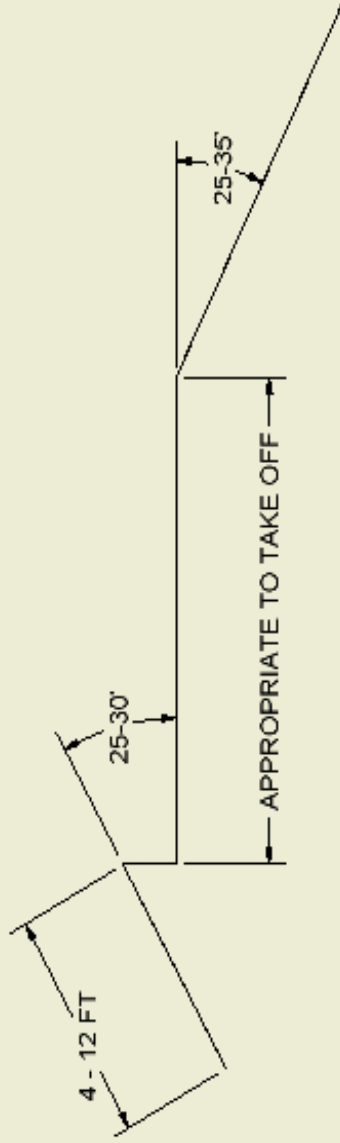
References:	OLYMPIC STD	VAIL STD.
TAKE OFF	27'	29'
Length	10ft	undefined
Width	15ft	17ft
LANDING	33'	26'
Length	115ft	undefined
Width	66ft	17ft