

MHSAA 2011-12 SKI Interpretations – Revised

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Please print the MHSAA Coaches Manual as a resource for rules and regulations for alpine ski.

REMINDERS for the 2011-12 season and added to the MHSAA Ski Manual.

An editorial change in the MHSAA Ski Manual 2D (3) to read: All individual qualifiers shall race in flights 2.5 and 4.5 with equal distribution in each flight. In the event there is an odd number of skiers, the additional skier shall be placed in 4.5.

1. **New:** Course Review Committee shall be made up of each member of the Jury.

Add 7F 1- MHSAA Meet managers shall facilitate communications among all participating coaches regarding course setting. At the Regional level, participating schools will be represented in the course setting. At the Final level, each region shall be represented provided qualified personnel are available.

Add 7B3- In slalom, a minimum of 1 flush (3-4 gate combination) and 1 hairpin shall exist per course and the vertical combination must be set in a straight line. In slalom, the distance from turning pole to turning pole of successive gates must not be less than 6 meters and not more than 13 meters. The distance between gates within combinations (hairpin or flush) must not be less than 0.75 m and not more than 1.00 m. Delayed gates must have a minimum distance of 12 m and a maximum distance of 18 m from turning pole to turning pole.

2. Administration

Each qualifying team shall provide one worker for both the morning and afternoon events. This shall be applied to each male and female event. In the event the position is not filled with a qualified individual by that school, the head coach or member of that school's coaching staff will fulfill the responsibility assigned to the school. **Failure to comply would subject the team to unsportsmanlike conduct sanctions consisting of 5 points added to the team's total score.**

Course Management

Eliminate all outside gates for Slalom. Exceptions:

- a. First and last gate
- b. All combinations (flushes & hairpins)
- c. All through and delay gates.

Gate Passage

1. When outside gates are in:
A gate has been passed correctly when both the competitor's ski tips and both feet have passed across the gate line. If a competitor loses a ski, without committing a fault, e.g. not by straddling a pole, then the tip of the remaining ski and both feet must have passed the gate line.

The gate line in slalom is the imaginary shortest line between the turning pole and the outside pole.

2. Single Pole Slalom:

A Single Pole Slalom has no outside pole, except for the first and the last gate, a delay or through gate and vertical combinations (hairpin, flush).

Where there is no outside pole, both feet and ski tips must have passed the turning pole on the same side, following the natural race line of the course. The natural race line is an imaginary line from turning pole to turning pole, which the racer has to cross. If the racer has not correctly passed the natural race line, then he has to climb back up and pass above and around the missed pole from either direction. Where there is an outside pole (first and last gate, delay gate and combinations (hairpin, vertical) then number 1 above is valid.

FAQ

Question: Now that we have adopted Single Pole Slalom, do I have to set any outside poles?

Answer: Yes. Both the first and last gate must utilize outside poles. Also, all combinations (flush, hairpin), delay, and through gates must use outside poles.

