

UniSport Australia Guideline

Snow Sports

Men and Women

UniSport snow sports competitions are conducted in accordance with the rules of [Snow Australia](#) as developed for Interschools competitions except where these differ from UniSport competition guidelines; in which case the latter shall take precedence.

1. Team/squad size

- 1.1. Maximum registrations per individual event – no limit

2. Safety

- 2.1. Where required by either the host mountain staff or UniSport personnel, safety requirements will be adhered.
- 2.2. Participants of the championship will abide by the host mountain regulations and rules and abide by the [alpine responsibility code](#):
 - Stay in control and avoid other people and hazards.
 - Use appropriate protective equipment, especially helmets, to minimise the risk of injury.
 - You must have the ability to use each lift safely. If in doubt ask the lift attendant.
 - Obey all signs and warnings, and keep off closed trails and areas.
 - It is your responsibility to avoid and give way to people below and beside you.
 - Do not stop where you are not visible from above or where you obstruct a trail.
 - Before starting downhill, or merging into a trail, look uphill and give way to others.
 - Use care to prevent runaway snowboards.
 - If you are involved in or see an accident, alert and identify yourself to Resort Staff.
 - Be aware that it is dangerous to ski, board or ride lifts if your ability is impaired by drugs or alcohol.
- 2.3. Natural and man-made obstacles are part of the alpine experience. Collision with these objects can result in serious or fatal injuries. Ski with caution and in control.
- 2.4. EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED. While skiing or boarding you may encounter changes in visibility and snow conditions.
- 2.5. Skiers and snowboarders found skiing/boarding out of control and/or behaving recklessly will have their lift tickets confiscated.
- 2.6. All participants will be required to submit to a breath test prior to commencing their first event of the day. This is a UniSport risk management requirement. See UniSport Guideline [Use Of Alcohol at Nationals Snow](#) for more information.

3. Competition format

- 3.1. The following events will be conducted:

Alpine Ski events:	Giant Slalom, Super G, Ski Cross,
Snowboard events:	Giant Slalom, Super G, Snowboard Cross

- 3.2. UniSport and the host mountain reserve the right to adjust timing and schedules as conditions require.
- 3.3. UniSport personnel in consultation with the host mountain may amend the program if due to inclement weather it is not possible to complete the contest in the allotted time/order.
- 3.4. Decisions to cancel or postpone an event shall be made by the host mountain and UniSport personnel or by a unanimous decision at the team representatives' meeting.
- 3.5. Competitors are not permitted to be a forerunner in any race that they are competing in. Immediate disqualification will result.

3.6. Inverts are not permitted in qualification rounds. Competitors will be disqualified from the competition if an invert is attempted during qualification. Depending on venue and weather conditions, the event organisers may approve inverts for the finals, subject to the following:

- The event organisers notifying competitors in advance if inverts are permitted for finals
- Any competitions that enable inverts to be performed will require participants to sign the relevant invert waivers for that final.

3.7. The following event formats will apply in 2026 based on competitor numbers:

Event	Format	Further details
Alpine		
Giant Slalom	Best of two runs	Second run, reversed order
Super G	Best of two runs	Second run, reversed order
Freestyle		
Skier Cross	Best of two runs qualification	Top 8 elimination
Snowboard		
Super G	Best of two runs	Second run, reversed order
Giant Slalom	Best of two runs	Second run, reversed order
Boarder Cross	Best of two runs qualification	Top 8 elimination

3.8. The boarder cross and skier cross shall be conducted according to a single knockout format:

- Qualification for the finals will be best of two timed runs.
- Finals are based on 8 competitors for both skier and boarder cross events (four riders per heat).
- The first two riders advance from round to round as determined by their place of finish in each heat.
- In case of a tie, the rider with the fastest qualification time will advance.
- The following formats shall be used with four heats for 16 competitors and two heats for 8 competitors:

Format for 16 competitors				
Heat	1st position	2nd position	3rd position	4th position
1	1	16	8	9
2	5	12	13	4
3	3	14	6	11
4	7	10	15	2

Format for 8 competitors				
Heat	1st position	2nd position	3rd position	4th position
1	1	8	4	5
2	7	3	6	2

- Final elimination heat lane choice - lane choice for each subsequent elimination heat in the final round will be based on qualifying times.
- The best qualifier remaining in the elimination heat chooses a start lane first, followed by the second-best qualifier and so on for the third and fourth qualifiers of that heat.

4. Start order

- There shall be a separate draw for each sport and the draw shall be a random draw from the competing universities.
- The random order of universities shall be rotated through the list of competitors (i.e. each university's first athlete competes and then the second competitor from each university competes and so on until all athletes have competed).

4.3. The order of competitors within the universities shall be nominated by the team managers.

5. Second run format

5.1. The start order for giant slalom shall be determined by race department based on how many competitors have entered. The order shall be a reverse order of the first run.

6. Point score

- 6.1. A points score tally will be kept which will tally all placings from finals only. The university with the most points will win a pennant. Separate tallies exist for men's and women's competitions.
- 6.2. If two or more competitors finish equal in an event, they shall share the points for the places tied.
- 6.3. The men's and women's overall champion universities will be the university with the greatest combined total point score at the completion of the competition.

Place	Individual finals
1 st	9
2 nd	7
3 rd	6
4 th	5
5 th	4
6 th	3
7 th	2
8 th	1

6.4. If the points score tally is tied between two or more universities, they will be separated by tallying the number of 1st places each university won. The university with the most 1st places will be deemed the overall winner. Should there still be a tie after the 1st places are tallied, 2nd places will be tallied and so on until a winning university is determined.

7. Team duties

- 7.1. Teams will be required to perform gate keeping duties in certain events via a gate keeping roster. A comprehensive guide to gate keeping can be found [here](#)
- 7.2. The person fulfilling the team duty requirements can be any competent person associated with the team or university and does not necessarily have to be a player e.g. team manager.

8. Uniform requirements

- 8.1. The specific uniform requirements for snow sports are as per Snow Australia standard with the following UniSport uniform requirements:
- a) Approved helmets must be worn for all disciplines except cross country. Helmets must also be worn by all competitors for course inspection. Competitors will not be able to start their race without a helmet.
 - b) Competitors must wear the allocated race bib as issued by the event organisers.
- 8.2. Race suits are only permitted (not compulsory) in the following events:
- a) Alpine – giant slalom, , super G
 - b) Snowboard – giant slalom, super G

- 8.3. Ski and snowboard attire must be worn for all other events (slopestyle, skier cross, boarder cross) Attire must be two pieces; pants and a separate top. The clothing must be loose fitting with at least 60mm gap between the material and bicep. Competitors will not be permitted to start and will be disqualified from the competition if not complying with uniform requirements.
- 8.4. Headphones and music players
Competitors are not permitted to wear or use music players or phones for the duration of their event, including start marshalling, course inspection, or whilst racing. Failure to adhere to this will result in disqualification.
- 8.5. Helmet cameras and Point of View Cameras (POVs)
Competitors are not permitted to wear or use helmet cameras or POV's for the duration of their event, including start marshalling, course inspection, or whilst racing. Failure to adhere to this will result in disqualification.
- 8.6. Waxing of any type is prohibited in the start area or course arena. Fluoro wax and Fluorocarbon liquid sprays are prohibited. All equipment may be subject to inspection.

9. Award ceremonies

- 9.1. The following pennants will be presented at the closing presentation:
 - Men's and Women's Snow Sports pennants
- 9.2. The following trophies will be presented at the closing presentation:
 - Overall Champion University – Ampol Inter-Varsity Combined Teams Trophy
 - Spirit of the Championships – Spirit of the Mountain
 - Men's Team Champions - The Ubergang Cup
 - Women's Team Champions – The Sports Craft Cup
 - Men's Individual Alpine Champion – The C.T. Grogan Perpetual Trophy
 - Women's Individual Alpine Champion - The Champions Cup trophy
 - Men's Individual Freestyle Champion – UniSport Overall Individual Male Freestyle Champion
 - Women's Individual Freestyle Champion – UniSport Overall Individual Female Freestyle Champion
 - Men's Individual Snowboard Champion – UniSport Overall Individual Male Snowboard
 - Women's Individual Snowboard Champion – UniSport Overall Individual Female Snowboard Champion

Previous amendments

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*All competitions will be held in accordance with the UniSport competition guidelines.