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SECTION 1 INTRODUCTION

PHILOSOPHY

The philosophy of the racing rules shall be such that they encourage participation and reward a club with many good recreational skiers at the expense of one with a few outstanding skiers. It is felt that this approach will both discourage and minimize the efforts of a few "ringers" or of a club formed just for racing for the trophy. Undoubtedly, the competition for first place will be intense, but the trophy will be awarded on the basis of team strength. It is hoped that the strong competition which will surely develop over the Flatland Trophy(s) will never overshadow the fact that the race is being run for fun and to encourage more intermediate grade skiers to get in a race and support their respective club.

1.1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this outline is to help designated representatives of the FSA ski clubs to understand what steps are necessary to conduct the annual FSA Races. A well planned race is organized to make the event run smoothly, to minimize waiting on the hill, to enjoy the challenge of competitive skiing while continuing to have fun, to learn how a race is officiated, and to meet skiers from neighboring ski clubs. The purpose of the Flatland Races shall be threefold:

- (1) First - to encourage competitive skiing at all levels both within and between Flatland Ski Clubs.
- (2) Second - to provide an annual forum to determine in open competition which of the many Flatland Ski Clubs have the best skiers, on an overall club basis.
- (3) Third - to provide an annual weekend social event to bring Flatland Ski Clubs together so that friendships may be widened and matters of common interest, both within and without the world of skiing, may be discussed.

1.2 DEFINITIONS

- (A) Flatland Ski Association - The Flatland Ski Association membership shall consist of any dues paying ski club or regular organization of skiers in the states of Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, and Oklahoma; or any other club so selected by the Board of Directors.
- (B) Host Club - The Host Club for the Flatland Challenge Race shall be designated by the Board of Directors of FSA. The Host Club will organize the event and provide the Race Chair for the annual Flatland Challenge Race.
- (C) Host Area - Annually a ski area shall be designated by the Board of Directors of FSA as the host area for the annual Flatland Races. This area should be accessible to as many Flatland Clubs as practical and should not be designated as host area until the area management has been contacted and has agreed to give wholehearted cooperation to the Race Committee.

7 SCOPE

- (A) Although this body of rules is directed principally at the annual FSA races (held since 1965), it shall also serve as the necessary guideline for any organized FSA ski race.
- (B) For purposes of identity, the annual race(s) (held since 1965) shall be known as the "Flatland Challenge Race (or Races)".

1.4 RACE COMMITTEE

The governing body which regulates the conduct of the Flatland Races is the Race Committee.

- (A) Formation and Voting Privileges The Race Committee shall be formed to consist of the FSA Race Chair of the Host Club and one representative from each of the participating clubs.
- (1) The club representative shall also be the Race Chair for his particular club.
 - (2) He (or his alternate) shall be entitled to one vote in all committee decisions.
 - (3) The presence of one-half of the committee shall constitute a quorum.
 - (4) A simple majority vote shall rule.
 - (5) The Race Committee Chair shall NOT vote except to break a tie vote.
- (B) Responsibilities The Race Committee shall function as follows:
- (1) Administer and make all arrangements for the races.
 - (2) Retain its official capacity until March 31st of the respective year of its holding office.
 - (3) Hold meetings, as necessary, to perform tasks.
 - (4) Establish race schedules, dates, and arrange with area operator for course locations and flags.
 - (5) Conduct race procedures and designate the race rules and scoring system.
 - (6) Standardize registration, seeding of racers, and assigning of racing bibs.
 - (7) Officiate and finalize all time/race results.
 - (8) Assist in trophy/awards selection presentation.
- (C) Changes All changes to the racing rules shall be made subject to the approval of a majority of the Race Committee, and ratification by the FSA Board of Directors.

SECTION 2 PUBLICITY / COMMUNICATIONS

2.0 PUBLICITY

The power of the press and printed page should not be underestimated, nor should it be neglected. Communication with the FSA Clubs is essential both before and after the race. Communication before the race is in the form of information and publicity - encouraging the skiers to participate as well as giving dates and location of the race. Communication after the race is in the form of race results and recognition to participants and clubs.

The manner of communication may be through club flyers/notices or club newspapers, publicity releases to local newspapers, Ski Racing and other national magazines, with additional publicity spread via local ski shops, telephone snow reports, and radio and TV through interested commentators and sports announcers.

2.1 PRE-RACE COMMUNICATIONS

It is the responsibility of the Race Committee to make available sufficient advance publicity to all of the FSA Clubs about the Flatland Challenge Race. The following information should be outlined:

- (A) Date, time and place where the race will be conducted.
- (B) Time and location of registration.
- (C) Other pertinent information, such as entry fee, meeting locations, and race location at the ski area.

The Race Committee from each club is responsible for seeing that the above information is disseminated to its respective club members.

2.2 POST-RACE COMMUNICATIONS

Publication of race results has the greatest impact if it is timely, concise, and accurate. Because of the importance of releasing race results on an immediate basis, the Race Committee will be responsible for compiling the race results and distributing them to each ski club participating in the race and to the Flatland Ski Association Publicity Committee.

SECTION 3 RACING RULES AND REGULATIONS

3.0 GENERAL RACER ELIGIBILITY

Any bona fide member in good standing in a Flatland Ski Club as described in 1.2 (a) shall be eligible to compete in the Flatland Races providing that the individual has purchased an activity ticket (the validation of said purchase being the responsibility of the club race chair). The following, however, shall constitute as exclusions to eligibility:

- (A) Persons who are not at least 16 years of age as of January 1st of the year of the race.
- (B) Persons who have, within ten years from the date of the races, held a certified racing card or rating from any division of any international ski or ski racing association with the exception of ratings from the U.S. Ski Association, the U.S. Recreational Skier Association, or Nastar.
- (C) Persons who are currently members of any interscholastic or intercollegiate skiing team.
- (D) Persons who are currently a member of any Professional Ski Patrol and/or a certified ski instructor who has received pay (within the past 5 years) for associated work performed outside the FSA area.
- (E) To be eligible to enter the Flatland Races, each racer must be a valid member of the participating Flatland club, per the Club's membership bylaws, and a physical resident in the Flatland states as outlined in Section 1.2 (A) or as per following sections. The racer must have been a member of the club at least two weeks prior to the race committee/chair's first meeting at the annual race week. (Further, the Race Committee has defined that late memberships qualify as an exception.)
- (F) Eligible racers must be permanent residents within 350 miles of any club headquarters city during the period of December 15 prior to the race date through the race date.
- (G) To be eligible to race a participant must have signed a liability waiver. Participants under 18 years of age must have the race waiver signed by their parent or guardian. Additionally, participants under 18 must have a notarized guardian form; signed by their parent or legal guardian, on file with the FSA Race Director by the annual Race Chairman's meeting. (Appendix A has a sample guardian form.)

3.1 EXCEPTIONS TO EXCLUSIONS

Exceptions to these exclusions will be considered by the Race Committee while meeting prior to the FSA races. This will be done according to the following procedure:

- (A) A club race chair can submit an exception request in writing to all other club race chairmen, seeking their vote on the exception prior to the annual FSA races. Two-thirds affirmative vote is required to grant the exception. Request for an exception shall be submitted to each club race chair, at least four (4) weeks prior to the annual race committee/chair's meeting, who must then indicate their vote to the FSA Race Chair, in writing, at least two (2) weeks prior to the annual meeting. Results of the vote by each club will be announced by the FSA Race Chair at the race committee/race chairmen's meeting prior to the start of the annual races.
 - (1) All exceptions shall be submitted on an approved form. The form must be complete in order for the exception to be considered by the race committee. Exceptions may be in writing or computer generated and will include the following information: reason for exception, racers name, city of residence, skiing ability (if known), event in which racer will be seeded, whether racer has competed in prior FSA races (if so, which event and what final place). A response noting an acceptance or rejection of the exception request will be sent to the Club Race Director requesting the

exception and the FSA Race Director.

- (2) Once a skier has been denied an exception, he/she may still participate in the FSA challenge races as a “guest forerunner” to the race division in which s/he may have otherwise been qualified. Said racer must purchase an FSA Activity Ticket and will not accrue or be eligible for individual or team points or the award of any FSA medallion. The racer is eligible to receive FSA lapel pins and door prizes.
- (B) Any other exceptions to the race rules that occur (per each club) in the four (4) weeks prior to the race committee/chair's meeting prior to the start of the annual races, will be brought before the club race chairmen at the annual meeting. Two-thirds vote of approval must be given to grant each exception submitted at the annual meeting prior to the start of the annual races.
- (1) Each club will be allowed no more than three (3) exceptions, excluding mail-ins.
 - (2) The chair submitting the exception will be given one minute per exception to make any pertinent remarks. Discussion on each exception will be limited to one minute. The FSA Race Chair will be given authority to stop discussion and issue call for vote.
 - (3) Club Race Chair requesting an exception will provide in writing the following: name, place of residence, relation to club, ability, seed and event, and reason for exception.
- (C) Changes to a club's seed order at the annual races are not exceptions and do not require a two-thirds vote of approval of the club race chairmen. A change is defined as any combination of deletions/additions/shift in seed order of an individual race.
- (D) If an exception is denied as under 3.1 (A) and (B), the vote will be final.

3.2 ENTRANTS

With the exception of the cross country race, a club may enter any number of eligible skiers.

(A) Seeding (Order for Racing)

- (1) Club Seeding - A drawing shall determine the order of clubs participating in the races. The drawing shall be held at the annual off-season FSA race meeting.
- (2) Racer Seeding - Club race chair is responsible for seeding his own club members in order. A general rule to follow for seeding is in order of skiing ability, the better skiers first.
- (3) Seed Lists - A seed list of racers for each challenge event and a club roster must be received by the FSA Race Chair two (2) weeks prior to the race committee/chair's meeting. Clubs not submitting seed lists by the due date will lose its seed slot and will be placed at the end of the seed list. If a racer's name does not appear on a club's official roster as published, then that race chair must submit a supplemental list of racers who will participate and have met all club and FSA eligibility requirements for membership.

(B) Individual Seeding Changes A change is when a chair deletes a seeded racer and adds another racer at the same bib number. Adding a racer at the top and shifting lower racers down would be a multiple change. Adding a racer at the end of the seed list is not a change. If a race chair deletes a racer from the wrong challenge (due to a mistake) and adds that racer to the end of the correct challenge, it is not considered a change. However, if the racer is added up in the seed list, that is a change.

- (1) Each club will be allowed no more than five (5) changes in each of the following races: men’s challenge, women's challenge and open race.
- (2) Each club may make no more than two (2) changes on each of their two (2) Cross-Country teams at the race committee meeting on the night before the race.
- (3) Medical exceptions occurring the day of the race will be subject to a vote and approved by the race committee at the race committee meeting on the day of the race.
- (4) These changes will be given to the race committee at the annual race chairmen's meeting prior to

the start of the annual races. The changes will be given to the race committee by the club race chair in club seed order as previously determined. The race chair will verify all changes and sign the change sheet before leaving.

3.3 RUNS

The number of runs shall be at the discretion of the Race Committee, based upon number of entrants, time, snow, and weather conditions.

3.4 RACING RULES

Rules pertaining to all alpine race events are as follows:

- (A) Definition of a Valid Run A valid run consists of starting after an established countdown, both feet passing between all gates and finishing the course properly timed.
- (B) Starting Rules The racer must have both ankles behind the starting line or gate and both poles in front of the line. He must move through the gate on or after the GO signal. The official starter has the responsibility of declaring a valid start or recalling a false start.
- (C) Timing Rules Time of racers shall be performed, either manually or electronically, as determined by the Race Committee in conference with the Host Area Representatives. If stopwatches are used, the racer's time will be considered the average of the recorded times. A racer's official time will be that which has been recorded in the timing shack, as opposed to that posted on a display board, should the times differ.
- (D) Disqualifications
- (1) The following will result in automatic disqualification:
 - (a) Missing a gate.
 - (b) Both feet not passing through the gate (no straddling of gate permitted).
 - (c) Receiving physical assistance during the race.
 - (d) Loss of one or both skis during any part of the run prior to the last gate.
 - (e) Running through two successive gates of the course prior to the race (only side slipping within the course boundaries, no snow plowing except for single unlinked turns).
 - (f) Shadowing the course prior to the race. (I.e. skiing nonstop adjacent to the edge of two gates in succession of the course)
 - (2) The following actions are subject to disqualification:
 - (a) Missing (arriving late for) your starting position for the race. However, if a racer arrives at the starting gate within his or her starting block time, the racer will be allowed to run at the earliest possible slot, but no racer will be removed from the gate.
 - (b) Unsportsmanlike conduct.
 - (3) In the event both a disqualifying action and timing malfunction occur in the same run, first occurrence takes precedence.
 - (3) Going through the starting gate and not finishing the course shall be a "Did Not Finish" (DNF).
- (E) Re-runs Reruns will be permitted for the following:
- (1) False Start - It is the Starter's obligation to call back the racer before he/she passes through the second gate (after the starting gate). Only one false start is allowed per racer.
 - (2) Timer malfunction (either human or mechanical) - In the event of a start/time malfunction, an attempt should be made to stop racer before he completes the course.
 - (3) Interference to racer as determined by current FIS rules.
- (F) Race Jury The Race Jury shall consist of the current FSA Race Chair, assisted by the Race Director of the host ski area or one of their assistants, and another member of the FSA Race Committee.

- (G) Protests The Race Jury shall meet immediately following the race to hear any unresolved disputes from the racers. The racecourse will be held ready until all jury action is complete and all reruns, as awarded, are complete. Protests will be heard as follows:
- (1) All malfunctions and discrepancies under protest shall be reported to a member of the Race Jury as soon as possible and be recorded immediately.
 - (2) If a racer protests interference during a run, a re-run may be permitted; the Race Jury shall at its discretion:
 - (a) Recognize the protest and accept only the re-run; or
 - (b) Disallow the protest and accept only the original run.
 - (3) All protests must be reported as soon as possible after the racer completes his run to his club's race chair or designated assistant.
 - (4) All protests ruled valid by the Race Jury involving racer eligibility, unsportsmanlike conduct, or dishonest procedure will result in a 100 point penalty assessed to the club involved and disqualification of the individual racer involved, including forfeit of any medals or prizes won.
- (H) Results The Race Results shall be declared final when:
- (1) All protests by racers have been acted upon and re-runs, if awarded, are completed.
 - (2) The club race chair may have the opportunity to review the daily and final results AFTER tabulations are complete. If the race chair has reason to believe there has been an error, then the Race Committee will consider the Race Chair's observations.
 - (3) The Race Committee has compiled and approved the results for the awards presentation.

SECTION 4 OPERATIONS AND PROCEDURES

4.0 RACER RESPONSIBILITY

Each race participant will be required to perform the following:

- (A) To pre-register with his respective Club Race Chair.
- (B) To pay entry fee and obtain bib number, as required.
- (C) To check on possible changes in race time or location.
- (D) To be at the starting gate on time.

4.1 RESPONSIBILITY OF HOST CLUB

The conduct of the race is the prime responsibility of the Race Committee with assistance of the club hosting the race. The following are some of the procedures necessary for a well-run race.

- (A) Registration and Pre-Registration The registration procedure for the races is often cumbersome, time consuming and at a time when most skiers would prefer to be out on the hill for some skiing. It is, therefore, mandatory that pre-registration be handled by each club's race chair at some designated time and place.
 - (1) Each club race chair must transmit the club seed list and the official club roster and any supplemental membership roster information (as stated in 3.2(A)(3), to the FSA Race Chair two weeks prior to the race committee/chair's meeting.
 - (2) Collection of racing fees (as required) will be made by the Club Race Chair and a check submitted to the Race Committee not later than final registration for the race.
 - (3) The master-seeding list will be completed at close of registration and distributed prior to the race.
- (B) Entry Fees Entry fees are paid by the racer as required.
- (C) Race Bibs Race bibs will be assigned to each racer and will be given to each Race Chair at registration. He will, in turn, give these to his own racers prior to the race with racer's name and time of racing block. Bibs are normally furnished by the race sponsor.
- (D) Assignment of Race Officials The FSA Race Chair has the responsibility of conducting the race and assigning officials as selected for the proper officiating of the race.
 - (1) FSA officials required to help in conducting the race may vary with different host areas and will be determined by the FSA Race Chair in conference with a representative of the Host Area.
 - (2) The following officials are recommended for the annual Flatland Races.
 - (a) Chief of Race - (FSA Race Chair)
 - (b) Chief of Course - (Asst. FSA Race Chair)
 - (c) Assistant Chief of Race - (Next Year's FSA Race Chair)
- (E) Arrangements for Additional Help The above officials will require assistants; the number required depending on the number of courses and locations of each, plus allowing for personnel changeover several times during the race. Each FSA member club will be allowed to have at least one (1) race official on a volunteer basis. It is the responsibility of the Race Committee to provide the necessary personnel to conduct the race by appointing committee members and seeking help from clubs within the FSA.

4.2 RACE OPERATION AND PROCEDURES (ALL ALPINE EVENTS)

- (A) Course Setting
 - (1) Courses are to be set by the host area's ski school or race program director, or their designee, under

the jurisdiction of the FSA Race Chair. Race Committee members have the right to complain to FSA Race Chair about set up of racecourses. Two or more complaints are required for Race Chair to have these problem areas changed.

(2) Course descriptions for each race course are found in the specific race event sections which follow (Sections 5, 6, and 7)

(B) Starting Gate Procedures

(1) The starter must have a set of Master Seeding Lists (order of racing) on a clipboard with a pencil and keep the next four or five racers informed of their starting positions.

(2) Have the next racer in gate before ten-second warning.

(3) Tell Recorder name and number of the racer in the gate.

(4) Give ten-second warning to racer.

(5) Racer may move his feet if desired.

(6) No touching or holding of racer.

(7) Starter calls in the microphone and to the racer "Five Seconds, Racer Ready, Go".

(C) Finishing Gate

(1) The Recorder must have a set of Master Seeding Lists (order of racing) on a clipboard with a pencil (or a suitable substitute).

(2) Each Timer calls out, in order, his time to Recorder.

(3) After all times have been recorded, the Recorder should say, "Clear Clocks".

(4) The Timer on the mike should give the ten-second signal.

(5) If bibs are to be returned, they should be given to an attendant at the finish gate.

(D) Gatekeepers

(1) Make gate keeping assignments prior to the race.

(2) Have card and pencil available.

(3) Mark all disqualifications immediately and make note of error.

(4) Do not give assistance to the racer unless injured or elects not to complete the race.

(5) Gatekeepers should sign card and note gate location before returning card to their respective official when they have been replaced or race is complete.

(6) Each club will submit Gatekeepers to the Flatland Assistant Race Chair.

(E) Fore-Runners It is recommended that a ski instructor, or equivalent, be the forerunner for each course. This will set up a good pattern for all skiers to follow.

SECTION 5 FLATLAND OPEN RACE

5.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of the Flatland Open Race is to encourage participation by the novice racers from each club to enter competition with others of equal ability and contribute to the general goal of the Annual Flatland Race event.

5.1 COURSE

The course (courses) shall be set at the discretion of the Race Committee, on a beginner hill, bearing in mind that the purpose of the race is to encourage competition for the novice skiers within each club. Course should have no more than 8 gates.

5.2 RULES

All previously, published rules contained herein apply to the Flatland Open Race with following exceptions and additions.

- (A) Each club may enter any number of novice racers.
- (B) Each entrant will have one run on one course only.
- (C) Seeding will be conducted in the same order as the Flatland Challenge Race.
- (D) If electronic timing is not available, the race may be stopwatch timed and started by lowering a flag at the starting gate.

5.3 ELIGIBILITY

Any bona fide member in good standing in a Flatland Ski Club who is a novice skier/snowboarder and has never been awarded individual club points in FSA competition or earned any type of NASTAR or CITIZENS racing medal.

SECTION 6 CROSS COUNTRY RELAY RACE

6.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of the Cross-Country Relay Race is to provide a team-scoring event for our Nordic skiers.

6.1 COURSE

This relay event should be held on a course of approximately one-quarter mile length, of varying terrain and of moderate difficulty. Each of the four (4) legs of the relay event should ski one lap of the course. The relay distance should total approximately one mile.

6.2 RULES

All previously, published rules contained herein apply to the Flatland Cross-Country Relay Race.

- (A) Teams shall be run in bib order.
- (B) Skis and poles must be properly attached prior to advancing.
- (C) Racers may not receive any assistance from other individuals during their leg of the relay.
- (D) Team placement will be determined by the cumulative time of the team.

6.3 ELIGIBILITY

Team members will consist of bona fide members in good standing in a Flatland Ski Club. Clubs may enter not more than two teams consisting of four individuals of which one must be a woman; but only the fastest team will be counted for team points.

SECTION 7 FLATLAND CHALLENGE RACES

7.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of the Flatland Challenge Race is to give men and women of all abilities, intermediate to advanced racers an opportunity to compete with their peers in a "head to head" type race that encourages competition with others of equal ability and contribute to the general goal of the Annual Flatland Race event.

7.1 COURSES

- (A) Men's Challenge Alpine Courses (Red and Blue) The men's challenge courses; both red and blue should be identical NASTAR type courses set up side by side on an intermediate slope. The blue course will be on the right side looking up from the bottom of the course.
- (B) Women's Challenge Alpine Courses (Red and Blue) The women's challenge courses; both red and blue should be identical NASTAR type courses set up side by side on a moderate to intermediate slope. The blue course will be on the right side looking up from the bottom of the course.
- (C) Snowboard Challenge Race (Red and Blue) The course shall be set at the discretion of the Race Committee.

7.2 RULES

All previously published rules contained herein apply to the Flatland Challenge Races with the following exceptions or additions:

- (A) Each entrant will have only one run through each course unless race officials grant a rerun.
- (B) Placement will be determined by handicap using a computed par time. This par time will be the average of the best 10 times on that course.
- (C) Racers may run in separate age categories, based on their age as of December 31st of the year prior to the race, with separate results for each category. Age will follow the current NASTAR age categories.
- (D) A participant cannot participate in the Open.

7.3 ELIGIBILITY

Any bona fide member in good standing in a Flatland Ski Club may participate.

SECTION 8 CLUB SCORING SYSTEM

8.0 SCORING ABBREVIATIONS

DNF: Did not finish - going through starting gate and not finishing the course.
 DQ: Disqualified - as covered under racing rules.
 DNS: No show - racer did not arrive at starting gate.

8.1 OPEN RACE

The FSA recognizes each club's novice participate with five points per finisher, regardless of time, to a maximum of 10 finishers (50 points) per club. Open Race points earned will be applied to total points accumulated by club for the Flatland Challenge Cup.

8.2 CROSS COUNTRY RELAY RACE

The first place club will be awarded 500 points. Points for successive places will be 90% of the points awarded to the preceding place, rounded to the nearest whole number. Clubs with no finishers shall be awarded zero club points. In the event of a tie, the points awarded to each tied club will be the sum of the points designated for the tied positions, divided by the number of tied teams. [Ref Section 8.3 (A) (4)]

8.3 CHALLENGE RACE EVENTS

In keeping with the purpose and philosophy of the FSA, all Challenge Race events will consist of the same methodology for scoring of club points. All Challenge Races are valued and weighted equally towards total club points earned regards of age or sex. The Challenge Race events will consist of the following:

SNOWBOARD RACE MEN'S CHALLENGE RACE WOMEN'S CHALLENGE RACE

Club Placement within each Race or Age Category The term "event" will be used to describe an age category within a Challenge Race or an actual race. The total points accumulated by individual racers of a club within an event determine that club's placement within the event. Individual racer points in an event are determined as follows:

First place will be awarded points equal to the total number of participants in the category. Successive places in the category will be awarded points reduced by three points from the preceding finisher until the point total equals one or two, then all remaining finishers will be awarded one point.

Club Scoring within each Race or Age Category First place club points for each race or age category shall be determined by total points accumulated by individual racers of a club within the event. 100 Club Points will be award to the winning club for each age bracket in Men's and Women's Challenge Races and 200 for the Snowboard Race. Club points for successive places in each of the brackets shall be 90% of the points awarded to the preceding place, rounded to the nearest whole number. Clubs with no finishers shall be awarded zero club points.

Scoring in the Event of a Tie In the event of a tie, the points awarded to each tied club will be the sum of the points designated for the tied positions, divided by the number of tied teams.

| Total Individual Points in age bracket | | Club Points | Example of a tie: |
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| 131 | 1st place | 100 | Team 2 and 3 tied in the race event. The sum of second and third place points would be 171 ($90 + 81 = 171$). This number would be divided by the number of teams tied, in this case 2. Each team would be awarded 86 points ($171 / 2 = 85.5$ rounded to the nearest whole number = 86). The successive places will be 90% of the tied points awarded, 4 th place would be given 77 points, 5 th place 70, 6 th place 63, and so on. |
| 93 | 2nd place | 90 | |
| 58 | 3rd place | 81 | |
| 47 | 4th place | 73 | |
| 31 | 5th place | 66 | |
| 17 | 6th place | 59 | |
| 2 | 7th place | 53 | |
| 1 | 8th place | 48 | |

8.4 GENERAL

Overall club finish order shall be determined by adding all of a club's accumulated points in the Open, Snowboard, Cross Country Relay, and Challenge races. The club with the highest number of team points will be declared the first place finisher. Successive places will be determined by descending order of total club points.

SECTION 9 TROPHIES AND AWARDS

9.0 RECOGNITION

The recognition of individual and teams should support the purpose and philosophy of the Flatland Ski Association. Individual and club recognition is achieved by tabulation of results posted in accordance with these by-laws. However, recognition should also be made in the form of trophies and awards, in addition to earning points, for top performers in the races and flights. Such awards should be considered for the top positions on each course. Duplicate awards should be awarded for ties, but subsequent awards should be reduced accordingly.

9.1 TROPHIES/AWARDS

- (A) Flatland Challenge Cup The Flatland Challenge Cup is awarded to the FSA Club that has amassed the greatest number of club points during the races. Second and Third place trophies will also be awarded.
- (B) FSA Challenge Medallions shall be awarded to the top 3 skiers in each flight.
- (C) Open Race No significant prizes shall be provided for top finishers, to discourage "ringers". Awards and ribbons shall be presented as appropriate.
- (D) Cross Country Race Individual medallions will be awarded to the four individuals placing on the top three placing teams in the event.
- (E) Lapel Pins Awarding lapel pins to individual racers serves to maintain a high interest and continued enthusiasm toward the Flatland Races. These pins will be awarded on the FSA Races described in Section 8.3 Challenge Race Events and any other race the race committee should decide. Lapel pins will be awarded to racers based NASTAR handicapping, based on the current NASTAR Handicap Chart. Generally this will include NASTAR Pins provided by the mountain.

9.2 OTHER AWARDS - The Flatland Race has had in the past very fine sponsors and contributors. Awards given by the sponsoring and contributing organizations will be presented as coordinated by them and the Race Committee.