

CCSAM 2015 Event Organizers Meeting notes

Saturday May 9, 2015

10:30am - 12:00pm Sport For Life Centre - Conference room

Present: Richard Huybers, Karin McSherry, Steve Scoles, Jamie Giasson, Brian Walters, Sue Davidson, Chris Roe, Greg Richardson (telephone)

2014-2015 Season Debrief

- Member concerns - still some complaints about high race fees. Repeat: **Organizers are encouraged to consider a “family rate” or a reduced race fee for youth.**
- Sprints formatting - 2 slightly separated courses (at Windsor Park) allowed for back-to-back heats & the category awards were held during the breaks (not end of day) which meant a shorter day for all. Event wrapped up by 2pm.
- Citizen race category - repeat: Many Masters aged skiers, who are not super competitive but want to participate need more opportunities to race shorter distances. **Organizers are encouraged to offer shorter distance options for Masters-aged category participants.**
- Promotion/Advertising - repeat: we are not getting the word out to the greater community, we tend to promote within our ranks/advertise to our own community. **CCSAM will work on producing a ski event poster that will appeal to the masses.** Need to cross promote with other sports.
- Refund policy - repeat: all agreed that organizers should be free to create their own refund policy, not necessary for it to be the same as everyone else but very important for each event's refund policy to be published in Race Notice & Zone4 registration (if used).
- Later Start Times - repeat: a 12pm start time for races makes a lot of sense

CCSAM Event Organizers Guide - reprint from 2014 meeting notes

- It exists - please read it! The Guide is posted on the ccsam.ca website (along with a lot of other really informative things!)
- 2015 proposed updates to the Guide:
 - CCC Sanctioning policy & procedures - any organizer that wishes to have their event become Tier 2 CCC sanctioned must be aware of these policies/procedures. Just as important is a clear understanding of why *some* events should be nationally sanctioned (vs. Divisionally sanctioned). What MB events *should* be CCC Tier 2? There are very different expectations (e.g. cold weather cancellation), TD appointed by CCC (at organizers expense) and etc. CCC race license holders earn CPL points at CCC-sanctioned events **but** not all points races are created equal. The HPC should review the race schedule and make recommendations as to what races should be CCC-sanctioned **as well as** which events should have Juniors & Juveniles or Juveniles & Midgets racing **the same distance**.
 - Organizers please be prepared to work cooperatively with CCSAM/HPP when organizing a MB Cup race, especially if the race is identified as important for team selection.
 - Race notice template - consistency in our race notices is helpful to participants and when posting on ccsam website. **CCC Officials Manual** has a standard

template, just fill in blanks/delete irrelevant sections etc. Please submit race notices to CCSAM **at least 2 weeks** (30 days would be wonderful) in advance of your event. Remember that events on the CCSAM calendar are “Division-sanction” and the race notice should be proof-read/approved by CCSAM.

- Inclusion of Para Nordic and ID skiers. We need to work together toward the goal of inclusion of **all** participants. This includes skiers with physical impairments (sit skiers, visually impaired etc.) and intellectual disabilities (ID) e.g. Special O skiers. Organizers will need to know categories/distances/course profiles/timing adaptations, other facility needs etc. (Mary Montgomery to provide guidance here).
- Karin to create Technical Packages for MB Cups & Provincial Championships

2015 - 2016 Calendar

Last year we discussed the following and this motion was approved at the October 2014 CCSAM AGM:

Provincial medals will be awarded to Year of Birth (YOB) subcategories for the Pee Wee (1, 2, 3, 4), Midget (1 & 2) & Juveniles. Juniors & Seniors will be awarded medals in their overall categories and not their YOB subcategories. Master category athletes will be awarded medals in 3 overall categories - *Master 30+* (M1-4), *Master 50+* (M5-8) & *Master 70+* (M9 and up). Citizen category participants are not be eligible for Provincial medals.

In January 2015 it was brought to the CCSAM Board’s attention that combining Masters categories into 20 year groupings could result in discouraging Masters aged athletes from competing at our events. The CCSAM Board agreed to delay implementation of this motion until more stakeholder feedback is obtained to justify it’s implementation.

Cold weather policy

- Organizers noted that it “was much better last year” with everyone agreeing to follow the cold weather policy.
- There is still the issue of the relatively warm temperature in CCC’s cold weather regulation and it’s irrelevance to Prairie (& Northern) race events. **Karin** will bring this up at the CCC AGM in June.