



SkiEast League Bylaws

2026

League Mission

The SkiEast League, Inc was formed as a high school athletic sports league to promote and support alpine ski racing among high school athletes in eastern Massachusetts in accordance with the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association's principles, guidance and overall goals for high school athletic competition.

League Purpose

The name of the organization is The SkiEast League, Inc., organized as a 501 C3 corporation. The organization shall have an office located at 132 Front Street, Suite 305, Scituate, Massachusetts, 02061 and at such other places as shall be designated by the executive board from time to time by resolution. The SkiEast League is to be governed by the following By-Laws in support of its Mission through the following organizational and operational articles.

Representatives and Executive Board members of the SkiEast League agree to the following bylaws to govern the decisions and oversight of the SkiEast League. These bylaws were passed with a majority vote of higher than 50% (1 vote per team's Representative). If these bylaws are broken by a Representative or Executive Board member, the Reasonable Responsibility Clause (Rule 3) will be followed.

Head Coach Signature: _____ Date: _____

Assistant Coach Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Section A: SKIEAST LEAGUE OVERSIGHT

1. SkiEast League Oversight
 - 1.1. SkiEast League Representatives
 - 1.1.1. Each school's Athletic Director will appoint one "Representative" who will communicate and vote on behalf of their school's Athletic Department (Rule 3)
 - 1.1.2. A Representative can be an Athletic Director, an Assistant Athletic Director, a head coach, an assistant coach, or a volunteer.
 - 1.2. SkiEast League Executive Board
 - 1.2.1. President (Rule 4 & 21)
 - 1.2.2. Vice President (Rule 5 & 21)
 - 1.2.3. Secretary (Rule 7)
 - 1.2.4. Treasurer (Rule 8)
 - 1.2.5. Diplomat (Rule 9)
 - 1.2.6. Due to the highly specialized nature of ski racing, it is a priority of the SkiEast League to have current coaches, those with prior experience coaching in the SkiEast League, or those with prior SkiEast League experience as Executive Board members.
 - 1.2.7. Executive Board members are allowed to be their school's Representative but are not required to be a Representative.
2. Executive Board Term Limits
 - 2.1. The Executive Board will function with a 2 year term limit (Rule 12)
 - 2.1.1. If the SkiEast League Representatives have confidence in the Executive Board, a vote may take place every 2 years for the current leadership team to stay in place.
 - 2.1.2. Otherwise, the Vice President will become President after working closely with the President for 2 years to learn about the league.
 - 2.1.3. The Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Diplomat seats open for reelection every 2 years.
 - 2.1.4. Members of the Executive Board can serve multiple consecutive or nonconsecutive terms on the Executive Board if voted to do so.
3. Reasonable Responsibility Clause
 - 3.1. If a Representative or Executive Board member of the SkiEast League violates the terms of the bylaws or displays unethical or unsportsmanship-like conduct, evidence may be brought forward to the President, Vice President, and Diplomat for review.

- 3.1.1. The President, Vice President, and Diplomat will review the evidence.
- 3.1.2. If deemed appropriate, the evidence is then presented to the AD's in our league.
- 3.1.3. The AD's will have 48 hours to review the evidence and the bylaws to determine if the President, Vice President, and Diplomat may initiate a "Vote of No Confidence."
- 3.1.4. If the AD's vote in favor with a 50% margin, the President, Vice President, and Diplomat may initiate an anonymous Vote of No Confidence to the Representatives.
- 3.1.5. If the Representatives vote in favor with a 50% margin, the Representative or Executive Board member who broke Rule 3 will be suspended or removed from participation in communicating with and making decisions for the SkiEast League.
- 3.1.6. The President will partner with the AD's to determine appropriate consequences.
- 3.1.7. If a Representative or Executive Board member is removed by a Vote of No Confidence, an Athletic Director may appoint a new temporary Representative to communicate and vote on behalf of their school's Athletic Department (Rule 1)
- 3.1.8. If an Executive Board member is removed by a Vote of No Confidence, their role will pass to the next person in line (Rule 2) until the next biannual meeting.
- 3.1.9. In the case of the President, the Vice President will assume the responsibilities until the biannual meeting (Rule 10)

4. Financial Oversight

- 4.1. Fiscal Year - July 1st to June 30th
 - 4.1.1. The Current Fee structure for the SkiEast League is a \$100 fee per team and an additional \$5.00 fee per registered athlete.
 - 4.1.2. Authorized signers on the league's bank account are the President and the Treasurer (Rule 5 & 8)
 - 4.1.3. The Treasurer calculates invoices for each Athletic Department (Rule 8)
 - 4.1.4. The Treasurer receives payments from Athletic Departments and pays league bills (Rule 8)
 - 4.1.5. The Treasurer assembles financial statements for the league (Rule 8)
 - 4.1.6. The President makes financial purchase decisions regarding the routine operation of the league (Rule 5). This includes but is not limited to:
 - 4.1.6.1. Equipment and supplies - Examples: radios, batteries, bibs, printing, awards; Professional Fees - Examples: stipend for TDs, timing functions; Subscriptions - Examples: website hosting,

Quickbooks; Biannual meeting costs; Extraordinary one-time expenditures - Examples: Donations to ski areas, senior day, etc.

- 4.1.7. The President will seek league wide approval via email prior to extraordinary one-time purchases being made.

5. President's Responsibilities

- 5.1. All email communication will come from the SkiEast League President
 - 5.1.1. The President will email the SkiEast League with a weekly plan/update
 - 5.1.2. The President may appoint the Vice President or Diplomat to speak on their behalf via email if unable to do so
 - 5.1.3. Other league-wide communication may come from the Chief of Timing regarding the run order and start list (Rules 20 & 21)
- 5.2. The President will present the results of in season votes to the bylaws.
- 5.3. The President is the point person for *either* Ragged *or* Blue Hills.
 - 5.3.1. This responsibility is split with the Vice President (Rule 6)
- 5.4. The President contacts the Weather Advisory Team for emergency weather decisions (Rule 15)
- 5.5. The President will make the decision on practice format (GS or SL) and race format (GS or SL) for that week (Rules 19 & 24)
- 5.6. The President is an authorized signer on the league's bank account in partnership with the Treasurer (Rule 4 & 8)
- 5.7. The President makes financial purchase decision regarding the routine operation of the league (Rule 4)
- 5.8. Biannual Meeting Protocols
 - 5.8.1. The President will schedule the biannual meetings (Rule 10)
 - 5.8.2. The President will lead the biannual meetings, following the agenda in place, as well as facilitate Robert's Rules of Parliament (Rule 14)
 - 5.8.2.1. The President has the ability to table a discussion and move on to the next agenda item or redirect back to the current agenda item.
- 5.9. The President is a member of the Jury on race day (Rule 22)
- 5.10. Anything not listed as a duty will fall to the discretion of the President
- 5.11. The President can make edits to the league website so long as they communicate with the Executive Board about the changes being made (Rule 7)

6. Vice President's Responsibilities

- 6.1. If the President is not able to communicate, Vice President may communicate directly with the league via email if appointed to do so by the President (Rule 5)
- 6.2. The Vice President is the point person for *either* Ragged *or* Blue Hills
 - 6.2.1. This responsibility is split with the President (Rule 5)
- 6.3. The Vice President collects in season votes and tallies them (Rule 13)

- 6.4. The Vice President amends the bylaws as needed following an in season vote (Rule 13)
 - 6.5. The Vice President creates a rotating system and assigns when teams are “hosting a race” (Rule 20)
 - 6.6. The Vice President creates a rotating system and assigns teams which race(s) they are responsible for organizing the bibs (Rule 43)
 - 6.7. The Vice President creates a rotating system for the Weather Advisory Team (Rule 15)
 - 6.8. The Vice President may join the Jury for races if there is a conflict of interest with the Chief of Race, the Start Referee, or the Finish Referee
 - 6.9. The Vice President can make edits to the league website so long as they communicate with the Executive Board about the changes (Rule 7)
7. Secretary’s Responsibilities
 - 7.1. The Secretary takes meeting minutes during the biannual meetings.
 - 7.2. The Secretary shares meeting minutes via email before and after the biannual meeting.
 - 7.3. The Secretary is responsible for collecting and counting amendments to the bylaws at biannual meetings (Rule 14)
 - 7.4. The Secretary is responsible for collecting and counting ballots during election years (Rule 12)
 - 7.5. The Secretary makes any tie breaking votes in season as needed.
 - 7.6. The Secretary is the primary Executive Board member who maintains and oversees the SkiEast website and communicates with the Executive Board with matters pertaining to the website (Rules 5, 6, 8, 9)
8. Treasurer’s Responsibilities
 - 8.1. The Treasurer calculates invoices for each Athletic Department (Rule 4)
 - 8.2. The Treasurer receives payments and pays league bills (Rule 4)
 - 8.3. The Treasurer assembles financial statements for the league (Rule 4)
 - 8.4. The Treasurer is an authorized signer on the league’s bank account in partnership with the President (Rule 4)
 - 8.5. The Treasurer can make edits to the league website so long as they communicate with the Executive Board about the changes (Rule 7)
9. Diplomat’s Responsibilities
 - 9.1. If the President and the Vice President are not able to communicate, the Diplomat may communicate directly with the league via email if appointed to do so by the President (Rule 5 & 6)

- 9.2. The Diplomat collects proposals to amend the bylaws from Representatives via an anonymous google form shared at the beginning of the season (Rule 13)
 - 9.2.1. All proposals submitted during the season will be tabled and moved forward at the spring or fall bi-annual meetings (Rule 13)
 - 9.3. The Diplomat may join the Jury for races if there is a conflict of interest with the Chief of Race, the Start Referee, or the Finish Referee (Rule 22)
 - 9.4. The Diplomat can make edits to the league website so long as they communicate with the Executive Board about the changes (Rule 7)
10. Biannual SkiEast League Meetings
 - 10.1. The President must give the Representatives and Executive Board no less than 3 weeks notice of the biannual meeting date and notify the Representatives via email (Rule 5)
 - 10.2. The Fall SkiEast League Meeting must occur 4-6 weeks before the start of the season
 - 10.3. 1 week following the Fall SkiEast League meeting, the skieastracing.org website must be finalized and go live for teams to begin the registration process for the Seeding Race (Rules 7 & 11)
 - 10.4. The Spring SkiEast League Meeting must occur at most 4-6 weeks from the end of the season.
 - 10.5. SkiEast League Meetings will follow Robert's Rules of Parliament
11. School Responsibility to the SkiEast League
 - 11.1. League Dues
 - 11.1.1. Athletic Departments must pay their SkiEast League dues by the final in season race (February 13th, 2024) (Rule 4)
 - 11.1.2. If an Athletic Department does not, their team and individual results will be "frozen" and will not count towards league standings or State qualification until the dues are paid.
 - 11.1.3. If league dues are held up or the team encounters a problem, they must alert the President as soon as possible to come up with a solution or extension.
 - 11.2. Registration
 - 11.2.1. Teams must have their registration complete on the SkiEast website 1 week before the Seeding Race in December (Rule 10)
 - 11.2.2. If a team does not, the team will not be allowed to participate.

Section B: VOTING

12. Voting for Executive Board Seats

12.1. Board promotions and elections will take place every 2 years (Rule 2)

- 12.1.1. If the SkiEast League has confidence in the leadership team, a vote may take place at the spring biannual meeting for the current leadership team to stay in place (Rule 2)
- 12.1.2. Anonymous nominations will be submitted by google form to the Secretary up to 48 hours before the meeting start time
- 12.1.3. Nominees will be notified within 36 hours to accept or deny the nomination
- 12.1.4. Nominations must be accepted or denied within 24 hours of receiving notification
- 12.1.5. At the spring biannual meeting, nominees are given 2 minutes to present why they would be a good candidate
- 12.1.6. The Secretary will start and stop the timer and interrupt if allotted time is exceeded
- 12.1.7. Each Representative will cast one vote at the meeting by anonymous google form to the Secretary.
- 12.1.8. To maintain anonymity, only votes that are submitted electronically will be counted towards the outcome.

12.2. Voting Structure:

- 12.2.1. Arlington's Representative casts 1 vote
- 12.2.2. BC High's Representative casts 1 vote
- 12.2.3. Cohasset/Marshfield's Representative casts 1 vote
- 12.2.4. Hingham's Representative casts 1 vote
- 12.2.5. Natick's Representative casts 1 vote
- 12.2.6. NDA's Representative casts 1 vote
- 12.2.7. Needham's Representative casts 1 vote
- 12.2.8. Norwell's Representative casts 1 vote
- 12.2.9. Scituate's Representative casts 1 vote
- 12.2.10. Quincy's Representative casts 1 vote

12.3. The nominations will pass if a 50% margin is reached.

- 12.3.1. The Secretary will tally the results (Rule 7)
- 12.3.2. The President will email the results to the league within 48 hours (Rule 5)

13. Bylaw Certification

13.1. The bi-annual fall league meeting serves as the absolute and final deadline for the consideration, discussion, and adoption of all league bylaws and amendments for the current season.

13.1.1. No changes, amendments, additions, or modifications to the official league bylaws will be permitted or entertained after the fall league meeting is formally adjourned and loose ends are completed.

13.1.2. Any proposed changes received after this date will automatically be tabled and deferred for discussion until the following spring or fall bi-annual meetings.

13.1.3. Any significant safety concerns that arise midseason will be addressed at the President's discretion.

13.1.4. The season's bylaws will be certified at the completion of the fall meeting and as soon as any pending votes are completed.

13.2. Voting

13.2.1. Each Representative is allotted one vote (Rule 12)

13.2.2. To maintain anonymity, only votes that are submitted electronically will be counted towards the outcome

13.2.3. The proposal will pass if a majority is reached.

13.2.4. The Vice President will collect and count the votes (Rule 6)

13.2.5. The Vice President will amend the bylaws as necessary (Rule 6)

13.2.6. The President will email the Representatives as soon as possible to formally notify that an amendment has been accepted or rejected (Rule 5)

13.3. Communication and Access

13.3.1. Representatives are highly encouraged to consult their Athletic Department.

13.3.2. Representatives may communicate privately with other Representatives regarding proposals.

13.3.3. An Athletic Director may submit a proposal for review following the above stipulations.

14. Voting on Amendments at Biannual Meetings

14.1. A proposal must include a viable written solution to the problem, a written recommendation as to how to implement the proposal effectively, and/or examples of how the proposal will benefit the SkiEast League.

14.1.1. New proposals must be submitted 5 days prior to the biannual meeting

14.1.2. New or tabled proposals must be seconded according to Robert's Rules

- 14.1.3. League members will have 2 minutes to state their thoughts on the proposed idea
- 14.1.4. The secretary will be in charge of oversight and note taking (Rule 7)
- 14.1.5. The President, Vice President, and Diplomat cannot comment, and will defer to a trusted proxy to speak or give a written statement to a fellow Representative to read out loud.
- 14.1.6. It is each Representative's responsibility not to speak on behalf of their own personal beliefs, but to speak on behalf of their Athletic Department and what is in the best interest of the SkiEast League at large.
- 14.1.7. Once all comments are heard, Representatives will vote via anonymous google form at the meeting with their personal devices.
- 14.1.8. Each Representative will cast one vote (Rule 12)
- 14.1.9. The President will email the results to the league within 48 hours (Rule 5)
- 14.1.10. The Vice President will amend the bylaws as needed (Rule 6)
- 14.1.11. The vote will pass if a majority is reached.
- 14.1.12. To maintain anonymity, only votes that are submitted electronically will be counted towards the outcome
- 14.1.13. A rejected proposal can be resubmitted to the biannual meeting agenda one year later.
- 14.1.14. An Athletic Director can submit a proposal for review at the biannual meeting following the above stipulation.

Section C: WEATHER

15. Races Cancellations Due to Weather

- 15.1. 3 Athletic Directors will be selected each week on a rotating basis to be on-call with the SkiEast League President as a "Weather Advisory Team"
 - 15.1.1. The Vice President will create the rotating AD schedule at the beginning of the season (Rule 6)
 - 15.1.2. The President will email the rotating AD schedule to the Athletic Departments at the beginning of the season (rule 5)
 - 15.1.3. The Weather Advisory Team will consult with the President about what the Blue Hills TD or the Ragged TD thinks is safe.
 - 15.1.4. The President cannot give a personal opinion as a coach given potential bias.
 - 15.1.5. Athletic Directors may communicate with their team's Representative/coaching staff and with each other to seek input
 - 15.1.6. The Weather Advisory Team will vote to cancel/postpone races. The SkiEast League will uphold the decision.

- 15.2. Blue Hills races may be canceled due to weather or unsafe conditions within a time window of 48 hours prior to the race starting through noon of the day of the race.
 - 15.2.1. Wednesday Race Starts at 6:30 PM, cancelation can start Monday at 6:30 PM through Wednesday at 12:30 PM
 - 15.3. Ragged races must be canceled 48 hours prior to the race start time so buses can be canceled without financial penalty
 - 15.3.1. Saturday Race Starts at 9:00 AM, cancelation must be complete by Thursday at 9:00 AM
 - 15.3.2. Sunday Race Starts at 9:00 AM, cancelation must be complete by Friday at 9:00 AM
 - 15.4. Once a race is canceled by the Weather Advisory Team, the decision is final and is no longer up for debate.
 - 15.5. Should a team elect to forfeit a race due to the weather, either their newly submitted roster or their prior roster will be used by the Chief of Timing to determine the team's DNSs.
16. Blue Hills Practices and Weather
- 16.1. Each team will make their own decisions if they would like to attend practices given the weather, snow conditions, safety, etc. and are encouraged to consult their Athletic Department.
 - 16.1.1. If your team chooses not to practice, this is not grounds for a league race cancellation. Race cancellations are solely determined by the Weather Advisory Team (Rule 15)

Section D: COMMUNICATION

- 17. Communication
 - 17.1. The primary form of communication within The SkiEast League is via email from the President (Rules 5, 6 & 9)
 - 17.1.1. Representatives and Executive Board members will agree to respond to emails within a timely manner.
 - 17.1.2. Any non-urgent concerns regarding the bylaws, league oversight, or safety must go through the proposal google form (Rule 13)
 - 17.1.3. If there is an immediate question while enroute to a race or practice, text or phone call communication is appropriate within the allotted time window given the Office Hours Clause.

- 17.2. Office Hours Clause
 - 17.2.1. Representatives and Executive Board members will agree to cease communication via text message or phone call from 8:30 PM to 8:30 AM.
 - 17.2.1.1. Text and phone call communication may resume at 7:00 AM on Ragged race days while enroute to Ragged.
 - 17.2.1.2. Text and phone call communication with the Chief of Timing regarding rosters does not have any time restrictions.
 - 17.2.1.3. Email communication does not have time restrictions.

- 17.3. Terminating Communication
 - 17.3.1. Representatives and Executive Board members reserve the right to terminate verbal, text, phone call or email communication if deemed appropriate given the context of any specific conversation. They must state that they are terminating communication at that time (Rule 3)
 - 17.3.2. Representatives and Executive Board members must respect these boundaries or risk penalty under the Reasonable Responsibility Clause (Rule 3)

18. Athletic Directors and Communication

- 18.1. Athletic Directors may communicate directly with other Athletic Directors in the SkiEast League or with the league President with any questions or concerns
 - 18.1.1. Concerns with rules or race function are submitted via the proposal form (Rule 13)
 - 18.1.2. Concerns about safety or unsportsmanlike conduct by an athlete or a coach may go through direct contact with Athletic Directors or the President
- 18.2. An Athletic Director may submit a proposal to the board through the Proposal Form for review by the President, Vice President, and Diplomat (Rule 13)

Section E: PRACTICE OVERSIGHT

19. Practice Oversight and Scheduling

- 19.1. The decision to change the practice format to SL or GS or vice versa lies solely with the President and will be communicated in the weekly email (Rule 5)
- 19.2. Teams are assigned the following time slots for practices, which have been adjusted slightly from previous years for efficiency.
- 19.3. The assigned time slots must be followed during the preseason and in season.
 - 19.3.1. If a team is not attending practice, another team may assume their slot for that night only after communicating the change to the President.

- 19.3.2. Teams are allowed to switch time slots among themselves after communicating the change with the President.
- 19.3.3. If a Representative would like to change their team’s allotted practice slot permanently, they may submit a proposal (Rule 14) outlining a new league schedule for review at a biannual meeting, which will follow Robert’s Rules.
- 19.3.4. Should a team have an immediate conflict with their time slot, bring the concern directly to the President for resolution.
 - 19.3.4.1. School scheduling and work conflicts are examples of immediate conflict.
- 19.3.5. Should there be an issue with practice scheduling due to cancellations or changes from Blue Hills, the President, Vice President and Diplomat will create a new practice schedule to be sent out to the league by the President. This will be on a week by week basis.
- 19.3.6. The schedule will be created so that your school’s current times are considered and followed.

3:30-5:00		4:30-6:00		5:30-7:00		6:30-8:00	
BC	NDA	Needham	Scituate	Natick	Hingham	Quincy	Arlington
		Cohasset		Norwell			

Section F: RACE OVERSIGHT

- 20. Race Day Officials
 - 20.1. Technical Delegate (TD) - Appointed mountain race staff
 - 20.2. Chief of Race - President
 - 20.3. Start Referee - Vice President
 - 20.4. Race administrator & Chief of Timing - Volunteer with timing experience
 - 20.5. Finish Referee - Hosting team/rotates (Rule 6)
 - 20.6. Chief of Gates - Hosting Team/rotates (Rule 6)

- 21. Race Day Official’s Responsibilities
 - 21.1. Technical Delegate (TD)
 - 21.1.1. The TD will be appointed by the Blue Hills or Ragged race program and does not have an affiliation with the league’s Officials, Executive Board or Representatives and participates on race days as a neutral party.

21.2. Chief of Race

- 21.2.1. Point person for Blue Hills TD and Ragged TD on race days.
- 21.2.2. Checks to be sure all race officials are in position prior to the race.
- 21.2.3. Trains the gatekeepers prior to race
- 21.2.4. Call the start/stop of the race.
- 21.2.5. Starts the timer and announces the 15 minute window to protest DSQs at the end of the race via radio.
- 21.2.6. Anything not listed as a duty falls to the discretion of the Chief of Race
- 21.2.7. The Chief of Race can delegate any unforeseen responsibilities or the responsibilities of an absent Official to the most qualified person as they see fit.

21.3. Start Referee

- 21.3.1. Officially calls the start time
- 21.3.2. Plugs in reruns when confirmed by Chief of Timing via radio
- 21.3.3. Slip is 30 minutes and will be started and stopped over the radio by the Start Referee
- 21.3.4. Monitors course maintenance and determines when mid race slips are needed and calls them over the radio

21.4. Chief of Timing - Volunteer with timing experience

- 21.4.1. Generates start list
- 21.4.2. Awards reruns with Finish Referee
- 21.4.3. Monitors timing & generates race results

21.5. Finish Referee - Hosting team/rotates (Rule 6)

- 21.5.1. Must be a coach from the host team and must stay for the jury (cannot leave before the 15 minute window is up)
- 21.5.2. Gatekeeper for 3 last gates and calls DSQ for those gates
- 21.5.3. Monitors athletes crossing the finish line and calls DNF when a racer misses the finish line
- 21.5.4. Awards reruns with Chief of Timing
- 21.5.5. Clears the course following the end of the slip
- 21.5.6. Listening for profanity and looking for unsportsmanship-like conduct (Rule 35)
- 21.5.7. If Rule 35 is broken, the Finish Referee calls it in over the radio with a bib number.

- 21.6. Chief of Gates - Hosting Team/rotates (Rule 6)
 - 21.6.1. Assigns gatekeepers to gates
 - 21.6.2. Hands out/collects radios to/from each gatekeeper
 - 21.6.3. Monitors the gatekeeper radio communications
 - 21.6.4. Communicates needs of the gatekeepers to the Chief of Race, Start Ref and Chief of Timing (ie. reruns, etc).
 - 21.6.5. Collect cards at the end of the race and turns them in to the Chief of Timing and/or to the Jury for review

- 22. The Jury (Ski Racing's version of a "Referee")
 - 22.1. The jury will hear and decide on protests and preliminary reruns following the completion of the race (Rule 28)
 - 22.1.1. Voting Juror 1: Chief of Race
 - 22.1.2. Voting Juror 2: Start Referee
 - 22.1.3. Voting Juror 3: Finish Referee/Chief of Gates
 - 22.1.4. Advisory Juror 4: Chief of Timing
 - 22.1.5. Advisory Juror 5: Race TD (Blue Hills or Ragged Official)
 - 22.1.6. Should one conflict of interest occur, the Diplomat or Vice President will step in as the 3rd Jury member.
 - 22.1.7. Should a second or third conflict of interest occur, a volunteer Representative will step in.

- 23. Gatekeepers
 - 23.1. The hosting team is responsible for providing parent volunteers or non-racing athletes to work as gatekeepers for their allotted races.
 - 23.1.1. If a team is struggling to find gatekeepers due to availability, team size or experience, they may contact other teams to ask for help finding volunteers.
 - 23.1.2. If a team foresees this issue, they may combine hosting responsibilities with another team if planned in advance.
 - 23.1.3. If a team neglects their responsibility to provide gatekeepers the day of the race, but enough volunteers are found by other teams, the responsible team forfeits their results.
 - 23.1.4. The team is still allowed to participate in the race without an official score.
 - 23.1.5. If a team is unable to provide gatekeepers and can not find enough volunteers from another team the day of, then the race is canceled due to improper oversight of the course.

- 23.2. Number of gatekeepers
 - 23.2.1. GS – 1 gatekeeper per 4-5 gates
 - 23.2.2. SL – 1 gatekeeper per 6 gates
 - 23.2.3. Hosting team needs to prioritize gatekeepers who have SL experience for SL races

- 24. Race Stipulations
 - 24.1. The default for Blue Hills races is to complete one run.
 - 24.1.1. If Blue Hills sets 2 courses, a second run may be added.
 - 24.1.2. A second run may be added if the league is in danger of not having enough races throughout the season.
 - 24.2. Changing a race from SL to GS or vice versa will be decided solely by the President after being counseled by the mountain's TD (Rule 5)
 - 24.2.1. This change can take place up to, but is not limited to, 24 hours before the race start
 - 24.2.2. Wednesday Race Starts at 6:30 PM, change must be made by Tuesday at 6:30PM
 - 24.2.3. Saturday Race Starts at 9:00 AM, change must be made by Friday at 9:00AM
 - 24.2.4. Sunday Race Starts at 9:00 AM, change must be made by Saturday at 9:00AM
 - 24.3. Once a race is scheduled as either Varsity or JV, it can not be changed to the other for any reason.
 - 24.4. "The Shootout Race" may be changed to a States qualifying event if voted by the President, Vice President, and Diplomat with a 2/3 majority vote only when the SkiEast League is at risk of having too few races to qualify for States.

Section G: RACING RULES

Note: The SkiEast League follows USSA rules.

Refer to the USSA guidelines for anything not directly listed here.

- 25. Race Safety
 - 25.1. The President will determine if a GS race or a SL race will take place (Rules 5 & 24)
 - 25.2. The course will be set by the mountain's race staff and TD.
 - 25.3. The vertical and horizontal distance between gates in GS and SL may differ from what is recommended under the USSA Rules.

- 25.4. Once the course has been set, deemed appropriate by the Chief of Race and the TD, and slipped by all athletes within the allotted time determined by the Start referee, gates may not be moved into a new position.
 - 25.4.1. If it is determined that a gate needs to be moved due to safety, the gate may be moved within one panel distance.
 - 25.4.2. If a gate is moved greater than one panel, there must be a new slip, and a new race will commence with any old times being thrown out and all racers will be awarded a new run on the new course.
 - 25.4.3. If racing conditions are determined to be unsafe midrace (i.e. excessive fog, ice, cold, lack of snow, etc.), the race must be canceled or postponed and all times are thrown out.
 - 25.4.4. An exception to moving a gate greater than one panel distance or conditions deteriorating quickly is if an entire roster has finished safely and another has not.
 - 25.4.5. Example: If all of the varsity girls finished before the gate was moved or conditions became unsafe, but only a few varsity boys were able to finish safely, then the girls' results count towards the girl's individual and team standing, but the boy's incomplete results would be thrown out.
- 25.5. A race may not start without sufficient B-netting in place.
- 25.6. A race may not start without the finish corral netting in place.

- 26. Missed Start Rule
 - 26.1. A seed is composed of one athlete from each school (10 racers). If the next athlete from the same school starts, the prior seed is now complete.
 - 26.1.1. If an athlete misses their start, then they run at the end of their seed.
 - 26.1.2. If an athlete misses their seed, then they run at the end of their gender (example: run at the end of all the varsity girls if they are a female varsity racer)
 - 26.2. In the event of a rerun, the Start Referee will determine where that athlete reenters the run order when the athlete arrives to the start (Rules 21 & 28)

- 27. Slip Rule
 - 27.1. All athletes must maintain a slow and controlled speed while slipping.
 - 27.1.1. Skis must be maintained in either a wedge position or parallel to the hill.
 - 27.1.2. Racers are not allowed to ski around any gates as if they are racing the course while slipping or they risk penalty under the On The Mountain Conduct rule (Rule 38)
 - 27.1.3. Racers are not allowed to ski fast or out of control while slipping the course or in the corral area during the slip or they risk penalty under the On The Mountain Conduct rule (Rule 38)

27.2. Inside vs. Outside Slip

27.2.1. This will be determined by the TD and communicated during the Coaches Meeting in the finish corral. It is then stated over the radio by the Chief of Race.

27.3. The Start Referee opens and closes the slip run over the radio.

27.3.1. A Slip run is 30 minutes long, and is closed when the Start Referee states it is complete over the radio.

27.3.2. The Finish Referee then sweeps athletes from the course on their way to the finish corral.

27.3.3. Blue Hills or Ragged may have their own limit on how long athletes can remain on the course after the slip is closed.

27.3.4. The finish referee can ask athletes to leave the course when sweeping the course.

27.3.5. If an athlete slips for preview after the Start Referee has called the close of the slip over the radio, then the athlete is penalized by moving to the end of their gender (Rule 26)

28. Interference Rule

28.1. Interference includes course maintenance, fallen athlete, hiking athlete, equipment in race path, or any other clear obstruction to forward motion along one's natural race route.

28.1.1. A missing gate does not qualify as an interference unless the down gate itself is in the racer's natural race path.

28.1.2. Once an athlete has crossed the finish line, they have accepted their run and their time and cannot request a rerun or file a protest (Rule 29)

28.1.3. If an interference occurs, the athlete must ski out of the course as close to the place the interference occurred as safely possible.

28.1.4. The athlete then skis directly to the nearest gatekeeper to notify them.

28.1.5. The Finish Referee is notified by the gatekeeper via radio.

28.1.6. The athlete then skis to the Finish Referee to explain what happened.

28.1.7. If it is determined that an athlete was interfered with and should receive a rerun, the Finish Referee will contact the Chief of Timing and Start Referee.

28.1.8. If it is not clear, an athlete may get a provisional rerun and the jury will decide at the end of the race if the rerun was justified (Rule 21 & 22)

28.2. The Start Referee will determine where that athlete reenters the start order when the athlete arrives to the start (Rule 26)

29. DSQ Rule

29.1. A DSQ is when one or both skis do not break the plane of a gate. If this happens, they are disqualified (DSQ) for straddling or missing a gate. The gatekeeper must write down their bib number and draw a picture of the infraction.

29.1.1. Refer to Rule 30 to determine if hiking is appropriate.

29.2. At the end of a race, the head gatekeeper will collect all DSQs from the gatekeepers. Only members of the jury and gatekeepers are to be present for this discussion. All DSQs will be announced over the Ski East Coach's radios and a preliminary DSQ list will be posted at the finish area.

29.3. The list of DSQs will be announced over the radio by the Chief of Race and will include the start time and the end time of the Protest Period. At the end of the protest period, all remaining DSQs will be presented to the timer to produce the final results.

29.4. Parents and teammates cannot protest.

29.5. The head coach or the assistant coach and the athlete must be present

29.6. If one of the involved parties has left the mountain or is unavailable, the DSQ stands

29.6.1. Exception: If the coach or the athlete is with ski patrol overseeing an injury or is seeking medical attention, then a parent or teammate can represent the athlete or coach and will be heard by the jury.

29.7. After hearing all the information involved, the jury will discuss privately and make a decision using a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote

29.7.1. The jury is not required to give an explanation of their decision once a decision has been made, though they may if they choose.

29.7.2. If an athlete continues to push the jury, they risk penalty under the Team Conduct Rule (Rule 36)

29.7.3. If a coach continues to push the jury, they risk penalty under the Reasonable Responsibility Clause (Rule 3)

29.7.4. The decision is final and the race results will be adjusted as needed by the Chief of Timing

30. Hiking Rule

30.1. Hiking in GS

30.1.1. If an athlete loses one or both skis, they may not reenter the course

30.1.2. Once an athlete comes to a full stop, they may not hike or reenter the course

- 30.2. Hiking in SL
 - 30.2.1. If an athlete loses one or both skis, they may not reenter the course
 - 30.2.2. If an athlete misses or straddles a gate, the athlete may hike
 - 30.2.2.1. They must round the missed gate (clockwise or counterclockwise) and then reenter the course
 - 30.2.3. If the next racer is approaching, the athlete must ski off course with enough time as to not interfere and will not be granted a rerun
 - 30.2.4. The racer that overtook them may go to the nearest gatekeeper and then to the Finish Referee to request a rerun if there was an interference with a hiker (Rule 28)

- 30.3. If an athlete crosses the finish line, they may not request a rerun (Rule 28)

- 31. Start Rule
 - 31.1. Athletes have from “Racer Ready” to 3 seconds after “Go” to push through the start gate
 - 31.2. If an athlete loses their ski out of the start, they receive a DNF and can not request a rerun.

- 32. Helmet Rule
 - 32.1. All helmets must be FIS certified.
 - 32.2. If this is not possible, hard ear helmets for GS are permissible, which includes the older ISO standard helmets.
 - 32.3. Athletes are not allowed to have any attachments to their helmets like GoPro, etc.
 - 32.4. Gate guards are allowed during SL races, and must be removed for GS races.

- 33. Pole Rule
 - 33.1. If an athlete loses a pole while on the course, they may continue without penalty.
 - 33.2. Athletes must have baskets on both poles or they will be removed from the start gate.
 - 33.3. Athletes may borrow poles from a fellow athlete or coach.
 - 33.4. If they consequently miss their spot, they go to the end of the seed, and if they miss their seed they go to the end of the gender (26 & 27)

- 34. Last Two Gate Rule
 - 34.1. Should an athlete lose one or both skis within the last two gates of the finish, they may continue through the finish for a successful time
 - 34.1.1. Proper gate passage rules still apply (Rule 29)
 - 34.1.2. Hiking rules still apply (Rule 30)

35. Unsportsmanship-like Conduct Rule
- 35.1. The conduct of an individual who shows a strong outburst of negative emotion publicly that causes visible distress for themselves, coaches, other athletes, spectators, the mountain's staff, the mountain's race equipment, or skiers at large. This includes, but is not limited to, use of profanity (swearing), slamming poles, throwing skis, yelling at self, coaches, officials, spectators, etc.
- 35.1.1. Exception: An athlete's strong response to physical injury or pain will not be counted against a racer.
- 35.2. If an athlete uses unsportsmanship-like conduct and completes their run with a successful time (i.e. in the start gate, on the race course, or in the finish corral), they will be disqualified from that run.
- 35.3. On-course violations must be heard or seen by a gatekeeper or coach and reported to the Finish Referee who calls it over the radio.
- 35.4. Finish line violations must be heard or seen by the Finish Referee who calls it over the radio.
- 35.5. If another coach or parent hears or sees unsportsmanship-like conduct on the course or at the finish etc, they may tell the Finish Referee. It may be brought to the jury during the 15 minute protest window by the person(s) who heard or saw it (Rule 21 & 29)
- 35.6. If an athlete or coach wishes to protest, this may be done during the 15 minute window post race (Rule 21 and 28)
- 35.7. If an athlete breaks Rule 35 and is already DSQ-ed or DNF-ed, they will receive a DNS on their next run.
- 35.8. Should a race be canceled, this penalty carries over to the following race
- 35.9. Should an athlete violate this rule during the final SkiEast League race of the season, their overall standing position will be dropped 2 spots, affecting their run order at the MIAA State Championship.
- 35.10. If an athlete is suspended from a race due to unsportsmanship-like conduct, the coach of the athlete must notify their Athletic Director within 48 hours or risk penalty under the Reasonable Responsibility Clause (Rule 3).

Section H: MOUNTAIN CONDUCT

36. Team Conduct
- 36.1. Each team is required to represent the SkiEast League in a positive way while at Blue Hills or Ragged Mountain by demonstrating mature and ethical behavior towards the general public, mountain staff, ski patrol, and other SkiEast teams and coaches.

- 36.2. If a team fails to maintain mature and ethical behavior over the course of the season as it applies to Rules 37-40, then a team's league standing may be penalized.
- 36.3. The penalty is given in direct proportion to the severity of the incident(s) and is decided upon by the President, Vice President, and Diplomat by a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority vote
 - 36.3.1. If the President, Vice President, or Diplomat has a conflict of interest, then the Secretary becomes the 3rd deciding vote.
- 36.4. Up to 3 verbal warnings and opportunities to adjust the team's conduct are given when in danger of potentially incurring this penalty.
- 36.5. Athlete Honesty
 - 36.5.1. All athletes must give their name, bib number, and school if approached regarding conduct by a race official or coach of a different team.
 - 36.5.2. If an athlete is dishonest or refuses to identify themselves when approached regarding conduct, the team will be penalized.
- 37. Lodge Conduct
 - 37.1. Each team is required to stow their boot bags and personal belongings in a responsible way in accordance with the mountain's policies that will not hinder the general public or the staff.
 - 37.1.1. Bags must be put on a shelf while using the Blue Hills lodge.
 - 37.1.2. Athletes are not allowed to sit on the tables while using the Blue Hills Lodge.
 - 37.2. Each team is required to clean up their own trash in the lodge.
 - 37.3. Each team is required to use appropriate language in the lodge.
 - 37.4. Each team is required to put their skis and poles on a ski rack while in the lodge.
- 38. On The Mountain Conduct
 - 38.1. Each team is required to maintain an appropriate speed while skiing, including skiing to the start, slipping the course, and while free skiing on the entire mountain.
 - 38.2. Each team is required to be mature and ethical while waiting in the lift line.
 - 38.3. Each team is required to treat the lift operators with respect.
 - 38.4. Each team is required to use appropriate language while on the mountain.
- 39. Start Conduct
 - 39.1. Each team is required to keep the start area clear and must move if asked to clear the area by a race official or coach.
 - 39.2. Each team is allowed to play music at the start.
 - 39.2.1. Each team is required to play music that is school appropriate and must change the song if asked by a race official or coach to do so.

- 39.2.2. Music must be played quiet enough or far enough away from the start area so the starter and coaches can hear radio communications for safety and productivity. Teams must turn down the volume or move away if asked by a race official or coach to do so.
- 39.3. Each team is required to use appropriate language while at the start.
- 40. Finish Conduct
 - 40.1. Each team is required to ensure that all of their athletes come to a full stop after crossing the finish line and before they exit the finish corral for the safety of the athlete and the spectators.
 - 40.2. Each team is required to keep any areas for the general public to ski freely clear of socializing or equipment for the safety of the public and the safety of our athletes and spectators.
 - 40.3. Each team is required to pick up their skis and clothing while in the finish corral area.
 - 40.4. Each team is required to use appropriate language while at the finish corral.

Section I: RACE ROSTER

- 41. Varsity and JV Makeup
 - 41.1. An athlete will score as varsity if they have participated in half or more of the Varsity races as varsity. An athlete will score as JV if they have participated in less than half of the varsity races as varsity. Athletes will score as either varsity or JV, but not as both.
 - 41.2. The league's seeding schedule will be based on the previous season's team results. Team results are the combination of girls placement and boys placement (Rule 45)
 - 41.3. BCH and NDA will be combined for the purpose of combined score
 - 41.4. In case of a tie, the lowest of the two scores will be used as tie breaker
 - 41.4.1. Example: Team A scored 2 for girls and 4 for boys. Team B scored 3 for girls and 3 for boys. A combined score of 6 is a tie, so team A wins on tie-breaker.
 - 41.5. Each team can run up to 10 varsity boys and 10 varsity girls each race
 - 41.6. Athletes can move seeds and rotate on and off of varsity throughout the season since varsity is not fixed and may be adjusted by the coach to accommodate a racer's skill, experience, and race results.
 - 41.7. JV racers comprise the remainder of each team's roster

41.8. Alternates

41.8.1. Blue Hills

41.8.1.1. For the 3 GS races, each team will be awarded 6 non gendered alternate racers.

41.8.1.2. These racers will race at the end of the varsity seed and will not count toward the race itself. They will, however, have recorded times.

41.8.1.3. No alternates for SL

41.8.2. Ragged

41.8.2.1. No alternates will race at Ragged

42. Run order

42.1. Blue Hills

42.1.1. Racers will alternate 1 girl - 1 boy - 1 girl - 1 boy

42.1.2. If running a single course, racers will be alternated at the start

42.1.3. If running parallel courses each side will be designated a gender

42.1.3.1. If one side is on hold, the other course can continue if the Jury agrees that it is safe.

42.2. Ragged race order will be as follows:

42.2.1. Girls Varsity

42.2.2. Boys Varsity

42.2.3. Girls JV

42.2.4. Boys JV

42.3. Special races may have different start orders. These shall be clearly communicated when the race is announced by the President.

43. Bibs

43.1. Bib organization responsibility will rotate from team to team each race and will be organized and overseen by the Vice President (Rule 6)

43.2. It is each team's responsibility to physically hand the bibs in at the end of the race to the next week's assigned team.

43.2.1. If a team's bibs are left at the mountain, it is that team's responsibility to retrieve the bibs and bring them to the next team with enough time to complete sorting.

43.3. If a team should lose a bib or damage a bib, the team is responsible for replacing the bib or providing funding to the SkiEast League to replace the bib.

Section J: SEASON RESULTS

- 44. States
 - 44.1. MIAA grants two States spots per number of teams in each league
 - 44.1.1. 9 teams in the SkiEast League = 18 available spots for SkiEast League athletes (BC High and NDA = 1 “team”)
 - 44.1.2. Top 18 per gender, plus 2 alternates
 - 44.1.3. Alternates (19 & 20) race if a qualified racer can not attend the event.

- 45. Low Point System Scoring
 - 45.1. Individual
 - 45.1.1. Each run will be scored independently for individual standings
 - 45.1.2. Score for finish = order/rank of finish
 - 45.1.3. Score for DNF or DSQ = Max number of entries that event
 - 45.1.4. Score for DNS = Max number of eligible racers for that event (e.g. 100 for Varsity)
 - 45.1.5. Individual season scoring must include at least one SL race if the league completes 3 or more SL races during the season.

 - 45.2. Team Results
 - 45.2.1. Combined runs will be considered for team scores
 - 45.2.2. Team score = total scores (sum of ranks) of top six racers
 - 45.2.2.1. 1st place = 0.75 points
 - 45.2.2.2. 2nd place = 2 points
 - 45.2.2.3. 3rd place = 3 points, etc.
 - 45.2.2.4. DNR = number of teams +1

 - 45.3. Combined Races
 - 45.3.1. Combined results at two run events may include award presentations such as the A.J. McEachern Memorial Race, etc.
 - 45.3.1.1. The combined result will not count toward overall league ranking.

 - 45.3.2. Throw Out Rule
 - 45.3.2.1. Individual season results will be tabulated with throw-outs as follows:

Total Runs	Drops	Best
2	0	2
3	1	2

4	1	3
5	2	3
6	2	4
7	2	5
8	3	5
9	3	6
10	3	7
11	4	7
12	4	8
13	5	8

45.4. Tie Breaks

- 45.4.1. Individual standing ties are broken by adding back each racer's next lowest throw-out (sum -1) or by considering all runs if necessary.

Section K: MISCELLANEOUS

46. Conflict of Interest

- 46.1. A coach who has a child racing for an opposing team must defer to another parent/guardian for all communication with their child's coaches.
- 46.2. A coach who has a child racing for their team must defer to the other coach on the team for all communication regarding their child's conduct in the league

47. Team Count on the Hill

- 47.1. All teams may *bring up to* 46 skiers to Blue Hills and Ragged Mountain (Rule 41).

48. Snowboarders

- 48.1. As this is an Alpine Ski Racing League, we will follow USSA Ski code and only roster skiers. Snowboarders cannot train on gates or race with the league.

Section L: APPENDIX

Amendments to the Bylaws will be stipulated below, with the prior rule pasted below the date of change.

November 11/21 Bylaw Amendment - Rule 41.4.6 - Alternates per venue

The amendment has been passed in a 8 accept 1 reject vote and is written into place above

January 26, 2024 Bylaw Amendment - Rule 21.5 - Finish Ref Requirements

The amendment has been passed in a 7 approve 2 reject vote and the new ruling in written into place above, below is the prior ruling

- 21.5. Finish Referee - Hosting team/rotates (Rule 6)
 - 21.5.1. Gatekeeper for 3 last gates and calls DSQ for those gates
 - 21.5.2. Monitors athletes crossing the finish line and calls DNF when a racer misses the finish line
 - 21.5.3. Awards reruns with Chief of Timing
 - 21.5.4. Clears the course following the end of the slip
 - 21.5.5. Listening for profanity and looking for unsportsmanship-like conduct (Rule 35)
 - 21.5.5.1. If Rule 35 is broken, the Finish Referee calls it in over the radio with a bib number.
- April 11, 20
- will remain
1 the 25/26
season.

April 11, 2024 Bylaw Amendment - Rule 9.2.1-3 - 9.2.4 - Diplomat Responsibilities:

The amendment has been passed in a 5 accept 4 reject and the new ruling is written into place above, below is the prior ruling.

- 9.2. The Diplomat collects proposals for bylaw rules changes and concerns about safety or race efficiency, etc. from Representatives via an anonymous google form shared at the beginning of the season (Rule 13)
 - 9.2.1. The Diplomat brings ideas and concerns to President and Vice President for consideration
 - 9.2.2. If it is urgent or involves safety, it can be put forward as an official anonymous vote to the Representatives if a 2/3 vote is met by the President, Vice President, and Diplomat (Rule 13)
 - 9.2.3. If it is not urgent or does not regard safety, it can be tabled until the biannual meeting (Rule 14)
 - 9.2.4. The Diplomat will compile the pros and cons of the proposal and help answer the questions people had for the whole group (Rule 13).

April 11, 2024 Bylaw Amendment - Rule 13 - Voting in Season

The amendment has been passed in a 5 accept 4 reject and the new ruling is written into place above, below is the prior ruling.

- 13.6. The Diplomat will routinely monitor the electronic proposals that are submitted and will present them for vote to the President and Vice Presidenton whether they will be brought to the Representatives (Rule 9)
- 13.7. If the President, Vice President, and Diplomat determine the proposal to be urgent through a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote, the proposal will be presented to the Representatives via email by the President 4 days before the race starts.

April 11, 2024 Bylaw Amendment - Rule 41 - Alternate Status

The amendment did not pass in a 4 accept, 3 reject, 2 neutral. Rule 41 will remain in place for the 24/25 season and cannot be proposed again until the 25/26 season.

Resources:

[Use this link to submit a proposal](#)

[Use this link to access all proposals and amendments to date](#)

[Use this link to access the 2024-2025 Bylaws](#)