



IMD Race Protocols- 2020-2021

Race Series Protocols

Communication will be paramount this year with regard to field sizes. Per US Ski and Snowboard Guidelines, all IMD races will have a max field size of 100. It will be crucial to get your athletes to register early. It will also be crucial to communicate with the Race Organizer and Carma Burnett if you will be pulling any athletes after they have registered. We want to avoid at all costs having an over-subscribed race and having to pull athletes from the race.

Registration Protocols-

- The Race Announcement should be available 4 weeks prior to the race when at all possible.
- Registration needs to open 3 weeks prior to the 1st race.
- Registration needs to close 7 days prior to the 1st race at midnight.

Once Registration is closed we will know who has been entered into the race. If the race is not full, then the Race Administrator can open the race up again and fill the remaining spots. At that time, the standard \$10 late fee should be implemented.

Race Days-

All athletes must submit a pre-race symptom check on the morning of the race. Team Captain will sign off on the team symptom check each morning. Each race organizer will outline the procedure on their race announcement. Follow protocol of stated by the host venue. Visiting coaches need to know the ski area's CoVid protocols in order to convey them to his/her team.

- 5 Days Prior to your Race, there must be a meeting with the CoVid Coordinator, Chief of Race and the IMD Director to go over

the details regarding CoVid Protocols. IF it is deemed unsafe to host the race, the race must be canceled at least 72 hours prior to the first race.

- Standardized Time for Team Captains Meetings via Zoom is 7:00pm. Start List to be posted on Live Timing.
- What's App will be the Communication Distribution platform for IMD with regard to coaches and officials. Teams must submit a coaches list along with phone numbers so the race host can put those coaches into the communication distribution chain.
- Live timing will be the platform that parents can utilize e.g start lists, results, DQ's. There will not be any scoreboards at the races.
- There will be social distancing between teams at the start. Inspection will also be staggered by teams and announced at the TC meeting.
- 1 Coach from each team will pick up bibs in the morning. Athletes will keep their bibs for the series.
- There will be no awards ceremonies at races. 1 Coach from each team will pick up awards at the end of the day. We encourage parents to email photos of their athletes with their awards to photos@imdalpine.org.
- All athletes, coaches and officials will practice social distancing and wear a mask at all times unless racing or training.
- Athletes, coaches, parents and officials should refrain from using the lodges except to use the restrooms.

Series Changes Due to CoVid 19

The IMD Director will have a small quota of 5 men and 5 women to use as a discretionary quota to all IMD races. This quota will only be used in the event of extraordinary circumstances. This quota is strictly in place due to the impact CoVid 19 could have on athletes and teams.

Open Series/ IMC

The Open Series is open to U16's, U19's and a small number of YOB 2007 (2nd year U14). There will be a protected quota of 10 for YOB 2007. For the Sean Nurse Open race on 2/4-7, the YOB 2007 athletes will be selected from last season's rankings. If an athlete pulls off the YOB 2007 board an alternate will be picked as a replacement, not to exceed picking up athletes ranked 15th or later on the board. The U14's selected for the SnowCup at Snowbird on April 1-4 will be selected based on their year-long ranking, including the U14 IMD Championship at Jackson. Again, alternates will be selected if an athlete chooses to pull from the board. The Open races will be split by gender. The women will race the first two days of the Sean Nurse and the men will run on the second 2 days. The gender split at the SnowCup is not yet determined.

U16/IMC Series

The U16 Q is open to U16's and U19's. Preference will be given to the U16's at their U16 Qualifiers. Registration will close 7 days prior to the first race at midnight. If the race is not full, registration will open again and athletes may register on a first come first serve basis. These races will be gender split with girls and boys alternating as to which gender will run first in a particular series.

* There will be no Leader Bib at the U16 series for the immediate future. If allowed, IMD will re-institute the Leader Bib mid-way through the season. Overall IMD Leaders will be announced at the end of each series.

U14 Junior IMC Series

The U14 Q Series is open to all U14 athletes. In addition, there are some U16 athletes that will be declaring the U14 Q series as their primary series. All athletes that wish to compete must register by the deadline. In the event that there are more than 100 athletes registered for the race, the U14's will be protected and the U16's athletes could get pulled from the race. This series has the highest probability of having too many athletes register. It's vitally important that you communicate with the Race Administrator if you know that an athlete is registered but will not be racing. These races will be split by gender. We have utilized a mock race for the first U14 race in Sun Valley. We will continue to do so for the rest of the U14 Qualifiers in order to manage the field size.

Additional- The U14 Western Region Championship and U14 Tri Divisional Championship are canceled this season. U14's may not race out of division for the 2020-21 season.

North Series

The North Series is open to U8-U12 athletes. U14 and older athletes with over 300+ points may also race in these races. These races are gender split. The seeding at these races will be according to teams. There will be a rotation for the teams so that one team doesn't end up running last at every race. The rotation will be the same for the 1st and 2nd race at a venue. Within the teams, on the first run the youngest age class within a team will run first followed by the older age classes. For the second run of the race, the run order will be flipped. The last team to race the first run will run first in the second run and the oldest age class within the team will run first. The first run start list will be reversed for the second run.

South Series

The South Series is open to U10-U12 athletes. U14 and older athletes with over 300+ points may also race in these races. Because of the number of athletes in the South, the South Series races will be 3-day events. These races will be split by teams. There will be a rotation for the teams so that one team doesn't end up running last at every race. The rotation will be the same for the 1st and 2nd race at a venue. Within the teams, on the first run the youngest age class within a team will run first followed by the older age classes. One gender will run their first run, followed by the other gender in each race run. For the second run of the race, the run order will be flipped. The last team to race the first run will run first in the second run and the oldest age class within the team will run first. The first run start list will be reversed for the second run.

YSL

All regular IMD YSL races have been canceled for this season. Clubs are urged to join other clubs and have some intramural racing. IMD has scheduled one late season YSL Spring Fling on 3/13-14 at the Utah Olympic Park. This event will be split by teams. The team split will be published prior to February 15.

North/South/YSL

Independent athletes can choose which days they would like to race. In the event there are too many Independent athletes, they will be assigned to a certain day. Independent athletes will be seeded in between teams throughout the race.

Championships

Tri Divisional Championships will be in Big Sky, Montana on March 18-23. This event will be for U16 athletes. U14 athletes may not attend. Quotas will be forthcoming. This event will be split by gender.

Intermountain Championships will become a South Finals and a North Finals. It is not necessary to get the North and South together this season. The North finals will be at Bogus Basin and we are currently looking for a site in the South that can host this event in Mid-March. The impact of this decision will be that the North and South races will not be qualifiers this season, reducing the stress and need to travel for families. The North and South Finals will basically be just another race.

U14 IMD Championships

This race will be a divisional U14 race. This event will be a two-tiered final. A board will be created from the series. The second half of the board (Group B) in the boys and girls will race on March 24th and 25th in Jackson. The quota will be 45 boys and 45 girls with an IMD Discretionary Quota of 5 boys and 5 girls to equal 50 boys and 50 girls total. The top tier of the board (Group A) will race second. The top 45 boys and girls on the U14 board will race on the 26th-28th. A super-g will be added for the top tier of this event.

Spring Development Project

The Spring Development Project will take place in Grand Targhee on April 3-5. The quotas will be YOB 2009- 6 boys and 6 girls, YOB 2008- 15 boys and 15 girls, YOB 2007- 25 boys and 25 girls. Selections for the YOB 2007 and 2008 will come from the results at the IMD U14 Championships. The 2007 YOB selections will be determined by the Development Committee and will be posted soon. IMD will have a discretionary quota of 4 boys and 4 girls to this project.