

Position Description

Role: Chief Judge (CJ)

Appointed By: Race Organising Committee as per 3.1 of the Ski Racing Australia Rule Book 2018 Edition (**Rule Book**).

Reports to: Race Organising Committee

Purpose: The CJ is responsible for the adjudication of decisions relating to the rule book and interpretation and application of the rules. The CJ is also an integral part in the smooth and timely operations of timing, judging and scoring operations. The CJ works closely with the Race Director and Safety Officer to ensure racing operations are well organised and racing is completed in a safe and timely manner. The Chief Judge must have expert knowledge of the Rule Book and how to apply the relevant clauses and penalties.

Direct Reports: Lap Scorers, Race day Secretary, Assistant Chief Judge, Time Keepers, The Starter, Technical Director, Chief Scrutineer

External Stakeholders: SRA, SRA National and State Judging Directors

Experience/Training Required.

- Completed the Judging training – Level 2
- Expert knowledge of the Rule Book and interpretation of the rules
- Knowledgeable about Ski Racing Australia and the sport of Ski Racing
- Strong but calm demeanour and a clear ability to work under pressure
- Ability to make difficult decisions and judgements

Duties and Responsibilities.

- In consultation with The Race Organising Committee recruit and recommend to the Race Organising Committee the appointment of the Assistant Chief Judge, Event Judges, time keepers, lap scorers and starter(s) for each Event, subject to the approval of the Race Organising Committee
- Be responsible to the Race Organising Committee as required by the Rule Book
- Fulfil all duties of the CJ as required by the Rule Book, specifically interpreting and applying the Rule Book as required of the CJ.
- Appoint an assistant Chief Judge, and the CJ may appoint more than one if required
- Approve the course for Events and Championships, including alterations to the course and ensure all competitors have been advised of those alterations prior to the start of the event.
- Supervise or assist in the setting up of courses for events.
- Supervise all judging and scoring operations including location and positioning of Event judges so as to best determine the finish and recording of event results.
- Briefing of all direct reports and Event Judges.
- Determine the allocation of Event Judges into positions.

- Determine the official timing method for an Event, in conjunction with the Race Organising Committee
- Engage with competitors to explain rules and judgements as required
- Appoint a Jury, subject to the rules, to adjudicate on protests and the interpretation of the Rule Book.
- Undertake rule interpretations as set out in the Rule Book.
- Approve corrections in the computation of scores where an error in computation occurred
- Collaborate with the Race Director, Tech Director or Chief Scrutineer as required to adjudicate decisions and applications of penalties
- Replace the Race Director if for any reason the Race Director is unable to perform his or her duties during an Event. In this event, the Assistant Chief Judge would assume the position of the Chief Judge
- Construct and provide competitors with a comprehensive pre-race briefing
- Attend the compulsory briefing of competitors to assure them-selves that all questions regarding the rules and general conduct of the event are thoroughly explained to all competitors.
- Require a person, on the day of an Event and during the designated time period, to submit to a breath test as per Rule 8.2 Note the number of starts in an event and ensure that all competitors complete the course and in emergencies notify the safety officer and/or the Race Director.
- Take the necessary action against any Competitor who is using unsafe equipment at any time (prior or during the event).
- Reject boats and other equipment in accordance with the Rule Book.
- Impose penalties, where appropriate, on competitors for breaches of the Rule Book.
- Impose penalties, disqualifications, or exclusion from events where the CJ is of the opinion that a boat or competitor behaved in a dangerous manner or in some way contrary to the Rule Book.
- Give approval to those permitted to board an official boat.
- Completion of the SRA report forms and any additional reporting requirements required by the marine authority.
- In the event of an Incident, ensure that the Competitor and/or crew member involved complete an Incident Report Form and return it to the Safety Officer