



Intro to Gate Judging

Giant Slalom (GS)

2025-26 Season

Gate Judge Role

- Help maintain safety on race course
 - Gate Judges have best view of course & racers !!
- Determine whether each racer completes **proper passage** through course
 - Record any disqualifications (i.e. missed gate, straddle, overtake, etc.)



Help with Race Course Safety

- Alert course workers & other personnel on-course of approaching racer



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- Alert racer on-course if another uphill racer is approaching (a.k.a. Overtake)



“COURSE !!”

- Racer downhill must exit course

- **WAVE OFF** approaching racer if unsafe conditions exist downhill

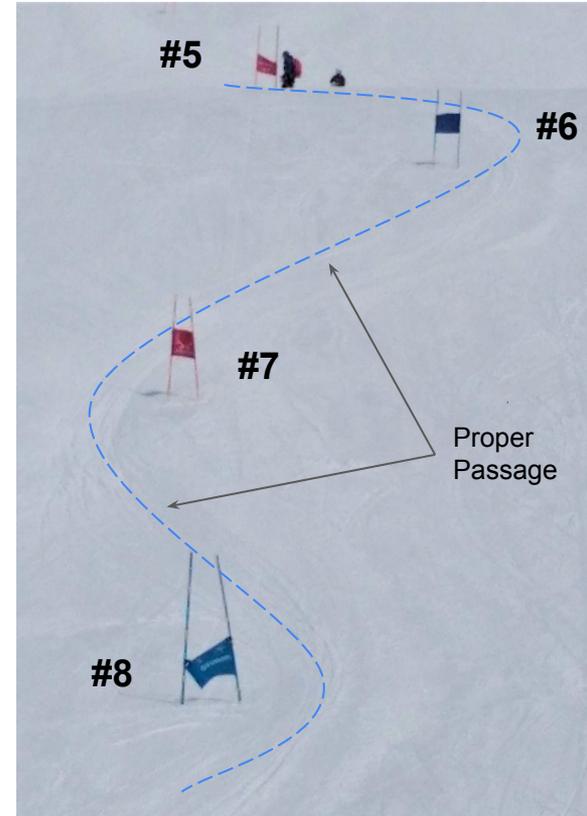
- Downhill racer unable to exit course, equipment in course, etc.

- Alert course workers or officials about potential safety issues

- i.e. Equipment in course, unsafe course condition, broken gate, etc.

“Proper Passage”

- Each Gate Judge assigned a set of gates on race course
 - Example: Gates #5 through #8
 - Gates assigned by Chief of Gates
- Chief of Gates will explain “proper passage” through assigned Gates
- Each Gate Judge will fill out Gate Card
 - Document proper passage through your assigned gates
 - Use to record any disqualification by racer
- **Note: one (1) card per Gender per Run**



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Types of Disqualification (DSQ):

1. **MG** = Missed Gate Racer went on wrong side of gate
2. **ST** = Straddle Only 1 ski went around gate
3. **BR** = Binding Release Racer must exit course
4. **HK** = Hiking Racer takes more than 2 uphill steps
5. **OV** = Overtake Racer was passed (or overtaken) by next racer
6. **UC** = Unsportsman conduct (excess profanity, throwing equipment, etc.)



Note: Must see Racer Bib Number !!

If you're in doubt about a DSQ, give it to the racer

GS Rule (Metro League Only)

- Racer may come to a Stop (Pause only) for gate correction or Fall Recovery
- Racer allowed to "skate" horizontally for gate correction
- Maximum of 2 intentional steps uphill after recovery
 - Allow only once per run
- If more than **2 steps uphill** taken, racer is Disqualified must exit race course
 - Use DSQ code "HK-gate #" on gate card
 - Note on card : # of steps taken
- If uphill racer is approaching (4-5 gates), downhill racer (attempting gate correction) must exit course
- If downhill racer is overtaken, they must exit course

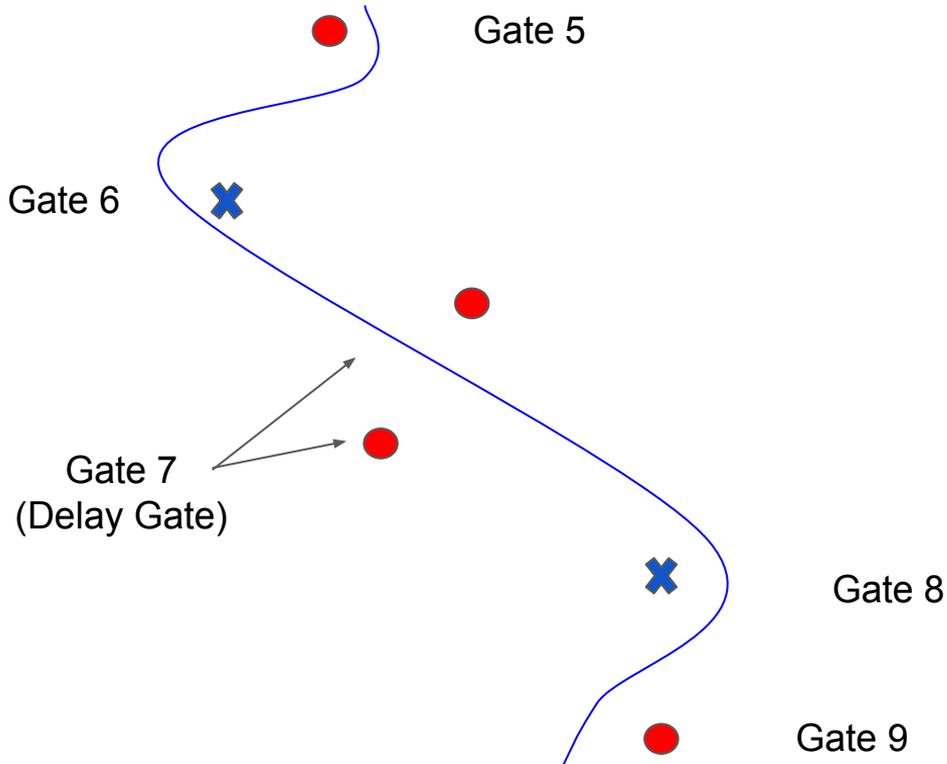


Interference Rule

- Racer is unable to continue down course due to:
 - Impeded by previous racer still in course
 - Impeded by course worker or official on course
 - Stopped due to unsafe condition on course (i.e. equipment, animal, etc.)
- Interfered racer will seek Gate Judge (or Official) to request re-run
- As Gate Judge, instruct racer to:
 - Ski down side of course (outside of race course)
 - DO NOT CROSS the FINISH LINE
 - Find FINISH REFEREE to request re-run
- Note on Gate Card how racer was interfered with (along w/ Bib #)

Special GS Gate: "Delay"

- Gates set to transition course across the hill
- Each pair of colors count as 1 Gate



- **After each Run, Chief of Gates will review & collect Gate Cards**
- **Do not leave assigned Gates until Chief of Gates has dismissed you**
- **Please have your cell phone handy in case we need to contact you (after race) about a disqualification**

Thank You!

Example Race Day Schedule

- 8:00-8:30 am Sign-in at volunteer table
- 8:30 am Gate Judge Meeting
- 9:00 am Lifts-Open
- 9:15 am Gate Judges meet Chief of Gates at top of race course - Chief of Gates begin assigning gates
- 9:45 am All Gate Judges in-place
- 10:00 am Run #1 Girls Start
- 11:00 am Run #1 Boys Start
- 12:00 pm Run #1 complete - Chief of Gate will review & collect Gate Cards, dismiss for lunch
- 1:00 pm Gate Judges return to position on Race course - Chief of Gates will then reassign gates
- 1:30 pm Run #2 Girls Start
- 2:30 pm Run #2 Boys Start
- 3:30 pm Run #2 complete - Chief of Gate will review & collect Gate Cards, dismiss you from course.

Note: Schedule can dynamically change during race day, Chief of Gates will alert you of changes

Race Day Suggestions

- Bring a pack on the hill to carry:
 - Extra clothing
 - Lunch (along with water)
 - Sunscreen
 - Hand warmers
 - Gear to keep you dry (i.e. in case it rains)

- Support your racer, your team, and all other skiers

**Weather can change
suddenly during the race**

Be Prepared !