

## **SPECIAL OLYMPICS BC - Snowshoeing Criteria for Sanctioning of Competition**

### **SPORT RULES**

Refer to SOC Sport Rules and SOBC Exceptions to the SOC Sport Rules (if applicable). Rules can be found on the Special Olympics BC website [www.specialolympics.bc.ca](http://www.specialolympics.bc.ca) at

*Resources → Sport Rules, Resources and Videos → Snowshoeing*

### **DIVISIONING**

Due to the facility and time restrictions often faced at a Regional Qualifier the following divisioning procedure is suggested.

1. Local Coaches identify times generated by their athletes at events no earlier than three (3) months prior to the regional qualifier.
  - Should an athlete produce a time faster than the seed time submitted to the organizing committee prior to the regional qualifier the coach is obligated to submit the new time to the organizing committee prior to the start of the event.
2. The Competition Coordinator, Race Secretary and a SOBC Staff Representative will division athletes based on the Special Olympics Canada Divisioning Process.

### **FACILITY**

The competition venue should comply with the requirements dictated in the Special Olympics Canada Official Sport Rules keeping in mind that availability may require deviations from these recommendations. In situations, which require such a deviation, the Competition Coordinator is required to contact the Provincial Office for facility approval.

In addition to the venue requirements listed in the SOC Official Rules Book participants should also have access to the following facility amenities

- Access to washroom facilities for Male and Female participants
- Separate changing facilities for Male and Female participants
- Fully accessible to all participants, i.e. participants with a physical disability.
- Warming huts, (permanent or temporary).

### **SPORT OFFICIALS**

Due to the technical nature of the sport of snowshoeing the following officials, (refer to attached form) must be in place prior to applying for sanctioning from the Provincial Office, (form must be included with the application for sanctioning). For assistance in recruiting individuals appropriate for these roles please contact the SOBC Provincial Office. Brief job descriptions for each of these positions can be found in the SOBC Event Planning Guide for snowshoeing.

## **MINIMUM STANDARDS**

Minimum Qualifying Standards (MQS) have been established for the following events:  
1600M, 5KM and 10KM.

<b>Distance</b>	<b>Qualifying Time (Female)</b>	<b>Qualifying Time (Male)</b>
1600M	16:01	9:25
5KM	1:09:27	39:30
10KM	2:08:03	1:22:15

## **MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS**

The following are the minimum requirements for medical coverage at a Snowshoe competition.

- Two (2) First Aid Attendants at Start and Finish, (preferably trained in ski related events, i.e. prepared for temperature and remote location).
- A doctor on call throughout the duration of the competition.
- Access to a snowmobile and rescue sled

**Special Olympics BC – Snowshoeing  
Primary Officials Registration Form**

Officials not presently registered with Special Olympics BC must complete SOBC’s Event Participation Waiver and Media Release to be covered under the organization’s insurance policy.

POSITION	NAME	HOME TELEPHONE	ALTERNATE TELEPHONE	E-MAIL
Chief of Race				
Race Secretary				
Chief of Course				
Chief of Timing				

