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## SNOW SPORTS NZ

### ALPINE RACE OFFICIAL LEVEL 1

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Snow Sports NZ is the national governing body for Alpine Ski Racing in NZ. We provide training and mentoring for club volunteers and race dept staff in all aspects of ski race organisation through a framework of nationally recognised qualifications to ensure that our sport rules are applied consistently and fairly across NZ.

The Alpine Race Official Level 1 course is the first step to the fascinating and rewarding role as an Alpine Official. Without your active participation in the racing program we would not be able to hold our ski races and many young athletes would not have the opportunity to participate in this sport.

Level 1 is a basic course prepared for race volunteers with little or no experience as alpine race officials. The goal is simple: to inform you about alpine ski racing and prepare you for the roles of gate judge, slipper, and hand-timer.

This 3-hour instructor led course will be backed up with on-snow mentoring from your local race organising committee and club.

### Learning Objectives

At the end of this course officials will:

- Understand the different types of race events and how they are organized,
- Understand the required personnel to run a race and the roles and duties of those involved.
- Be able to fill the role of gate judge, slipper, or Hand timer SSNZ and FIS level races.

### Course description:

Time required: Three hours.

Course fee: Free for SSNZ Members – includes online access to manual and training resources

Prerequisites: None

Exam: None

### What you need to bring:

- A notebook and pencil
- Your skis and boots
- Warm waterproof clothing
- Sunglasses, goggles, sun cream
- A packed lunch or lunch money
- Lift pass or lift pass money



## Course Resource Materials

[SSNZ Alpine, NZ Competition Rules \(NZCR\)](#)

[FIS, International Competition Rules \(ICR\)](#)

## Course Conclusion and Further Training

At the end of the Alpine Race Official Level 1 course, attendees will be certified to act as gate judge at any SSNZ race.

Before acting as slipper, at each race you must attend the briefing held by the chief of course at that race to go over the specific procedures for that race day.

Before acting as hand-timer, at each race you must attend the briefing held by the chief of timing to familiarise you with the specific equipment used at that race day.

To find out more about the Alpine Race Official Pathway and further training available please see

<https://www.snowsports.co.nz/sports/alpine-ski-racing/rules/>