

## **RACE VOLUNTEER POSITION DESCRIPTIONS**

Thank you for volunteering and supporting quality Alpine, Cross Country and Snowboard competition at Mt. Bachelor. MBSEF relies on volunteers to insure the continuation of our history of hosting world-class quality events throughout each season. When volunteering, you are a representative of Mt. Bachelor Sports Education Foundation. Through your positive actions, the ski area and all skiers will be proud to support ski racing. Be cordial and respectful of fellow volunteers, all ski area employees, and the skiing public.

Below are brief descriptions for **ALPINE AND SNOWBOARD** positions we have to offer you.

**ASSISTANT STARTER** - presents each racer to the starter in the precise order as determined by the start list and records actual start times. Good people skills and calm under pressure are important.

**GATE JUDGE** - in charge of monitoring correct passage through their series of gates (usually 3-5). This job is critical for fairness of the race, but it is not difficult. Attention to detail is important.

**CROSSING GUARD** - allows the Mt. Bachelor guests to cross our courses. Includes anywhere from 1 - 3 crossings (depending on location and length of the race course). Requires personable and assertive volunteers to stop and start the crossing guests between racers. This position is critical for safety of both the competitors and the guests.

**HEADSET COMMUNICATIONS** - provides tracking of each competitor as they go down the course. Includes anywhere from 1 - 5 headset locations (wired into our Com line from start to finish). It may be necessary for these volunteers to call course "stops" in case of crashes, etc. and let the Race Director know what is happening in their location.

**HAND TIMERS** – in charge of running the backup hand timing system. This job requires concentration and consistency, but is not technically difficult.

**SCOREBOARD OPERATOR** - located at the finish area. Fills out sheets with each competitor's name and start order prior to the race. Writes down each racer's time on the scoreboard, after it is announced by radio or PA system (1 - 2 volunteers).

**ADMINISTRATORS** - a variety of jobs are available to assist the race administrator(s). Some of these jobs take place prior to the actual race day. Others take place on race day and after the event. Some volunteers will act as messengers and runners from finish to race headquarters.

### **Note:**

Please be prepared for the tasks assigned to you by packing a bag with plenty of extra clothing for inclement weather conditions. Bring food and water with you. On nice days, races usually run smoothly. On bad weather days, races take longer (more crashes, course stops, etc.). Be prepared to be outside for 4 - 6 hours each day.