

# OURAY ICE FESTIVAL COMPETITOR RULES:

## CHECK IN, TIME, AND ACCESS

1. CHECK IN. YOU MUST CHECK IN NEAR THE LOWER BRIDGE BEFORE WALKING IN TO THE COMP. AREA.

- CHECK IN TIME IS 15 MINUTES BEFORE YOUR STARTING TIME.
- YOU MUST BE AT THE START OF THE COMP ROUTE 5 MINUTES BEFORE YOUR START TIME.

2. TIME. YOU ARE ALLOWED 12 MINUTES TO COMPLETE THE ROUTE.

- TIME WILL START WHEN CALLED BY THE JUDGES, WHETHER OR NOT YOU HAVE BEGUN TO CLIMB.
- IF YOU ARE STILL ON THE ROUTE AT 12 MINUTES, YOUR HIGH POINT WILL BE THE HIGHEST CONTROLLED HOLD REACHED AT THAT TIME. AFTER 12 MINUTES, YOU WILL BE CALLED OFF THE ROUTE AND LOWERED TO THE BOTTOM.

3. EXIT/CLIMB-OUT. COMPETITORS WHO DO NOT FINISH THE ROUTE IN THE ALLOTTED TIME WILL BE LOWERED AND MUST WALK OUT THE STANDARD EXIT PATH

## RULES AND JUDGING

1. JUDGING CRITERIA. PLACE WILL BE DETERMINED BASED SOLELY UPON THE HIGHEST CONTROLLED POINT REACHED. COMPETITORS REACHING THE SAME HIGH POINT WILL BE DIFFERENTIATED BASED ON TIME.

2. TOOLS. ONLY LEASHLESS TOOLS MAY BE USED. TOOLS WILL BE CHECKED AT THE BOTTOM OF THE ROUTE AND MUST DROP FROM AN OPEN HAND. NO HEEL SPURS ARE ALLOWED. TOOL AND CRAMPON POINTS MAY NOT BE DRIVEN INTO THE WOOD COMPETITION STRUCTURE OUTSIDE OF DESIGNATED HOLDS.

3. CLIPS. YOU MUST CLIP EVERY FIXED PROTECTION POINT ON THE ROUTE. YOU MUST CLIP EACH PROTECTION POINT BEFORE THE LOWEST PART OF YOUR BODY HAS MOVED ABOVE THE LOWEST CARABINER OF THE QUICKDRAW. IN THE CASE OF A TRAVERSE OR ROOF SECTION OF THE ROUTE, YOU MUST CLIP BEFORE YOUR BODY HAS MOVED BEYOND AN UNCLIPPED CARABINER/QUICKDRAW IN THE LINE OF THE ROUTE AS DETERMINED BY THE JUDGES. THE ONLY THING THAT MAY BE SUPPORTED BY IN-SITU GEAR IS THE ROPE; NO TOOLS OR CRAMPONS MAY BE PLACED IN GEAR FOR ANY REASON, AT ANY TIME. YOU MAY NOT WEIGHT TOOLS WITH ANYTHING OTHER THAN WITH YOUR HANDS OR ARMS. YOU MAY NOT HOOK YOUR FEET, LEGS, OR ANY TOOLS WITH ANYTHING OTHER THAN YOUR HANDS OR ARMS. YOU MAY NOT HOOK YOUR FEET, LEGS, OR ANY OTHER APPENDAGES ON YOU TOOLS. ANY VIOLATION OF THIS RULE WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION.

4. BOUNDARIES. THE ROUTE MAY CONTAIN A BOUNDARY LINE; PLACING A TOOL OR FOOT ACROSS THAT LINE WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION.

5. PREVIEWING. IF FORMAL ROUTE PREVIEWS ARE ALLOWED BY OIPI YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED IN ADVANCE OF THE SCHEDULE AND RELEVANT RULES. YOU MAY VIEW THE ROUTE FROM THE UPPER VIEWING STANDS LOCATED NEAR THE BRIDGE ONLY, BUT MAY NOT USE VIEWING AIDS (BINOCULARS, VIEWING SCOPES, ETC.) TO DO SO. ON THE DAY OF THE COMPETITION YOU MAY NOT PREVIEW THE ROUTE FROM THE BOTTOM OF THE GORGE; YOU MAY NOT WATCH OTHER CLIMBERS UNTIL AFTER YOU HAVE FINISHED YOUR CLIMB; YOU MAY NOT DELIBERATELY PREVIEW THE ROUTE WHILE RAPPELLING INTO THE GORGE BEFORE YOUR ATTEMPT; YOU MAY NOT CLIMB ROUTES NEAR OR ADJACENT TO THE COMPETITION ROUTE IN ORDER TO PREVIEW THE COMP ROUTE. VIOLATING THIS RULE WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION.

6. **BROKEN HOLDS.** UPON A DETERMINATION OF THE JUDGES THAT A COMPETITOR'S ATTEMPT HAS BEEN AFFECTED MATERIALLY BY A BROKEN HOLD, THE COMPETITOR MAY OBTAIN ANOTHER ATTEMPT. ANY REQUEST FOR ANOTHER ATTEMPT BECAUSE OF A BROKEN HOLD SHALL BE MADE IMMEDIATELY TO THE JUDGES, AND NO COMPETITOR WILL BE ALLOWED ANOTHER ATTEMPT IF HE OR SHE HAS WATCHED ANY SUBSEQUENT COMPETITOR ON THE ROUTE. THE TOTAL TIME POSTED FOR ANY COMPETITOR WHO OBTAINS A SECOND ATTEMPT WILL BE THE TIME TAKEN TO REACH THE HIGH POINT ON THE FIRST ATTEMPT PLUS THE ADDITIONAL TIME SPENT ON THE ROUTE. IN OTHER WORDS, THE CLOCK WILL RESTART ONCE THE COMPETITOR REACHES THE PREVIOUS HIGH POINT.

7. **APPEALS.** THE COMPETITION WILL BE VIDEOTAPED. UNOFFICIAL RESULTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED BY 6:30PM ON THE DAY OF THE COMPETITION. FINAL RESULTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED NO LATER THAN 2:00PM SUNDAY JANUARY 16TH. COMPETITORS MAY APPEAL THE FINAL RESULTS NO LATER THAN 8:30 P.M. THE SAME DAY AS THE COMPETITION, BY FILING A WRITTEN APPEAL STATING ALL GROUNDS FOR THE APPEAL WITH THE OIPI BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND POSTING A \$100 CASH BOND. IF THE APPEAL IS SUCCESSFUL, THE \$100 WILL BE RETURNED; IF THE APPEAL IS NOT SUCCESSFUL, THE \$100 WILL BE FORFEITED. THE DECISION OF THE APPEALS JUDGES SHALL BE FINAL AND NOT SUBJECT TO FURTHER APPEAL.

8. **RESULTS.** WINNING COMPETITORS WILL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND THE OUTDOOR AWARDS CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT THE PARK ICE PARK APPROXIMATELY 2:00PM JANUARY 16TH, NONATTENDANCE AT THE AWARDS CEREMONY WILL RESULT IN THE FORFEITURE OF THE COMPETITOR'S PRIZE MONEY UNLESS PRIOR ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE.