

2019 VICTORIAN INTERSCHOOLS SNOWSPORTS CHAMPIONSHIPS

School Coordinator Meeting
28th March 2019



2018 Statistics

6464 Event Entries

2931 Participants

210 Schools

500 Volunteers

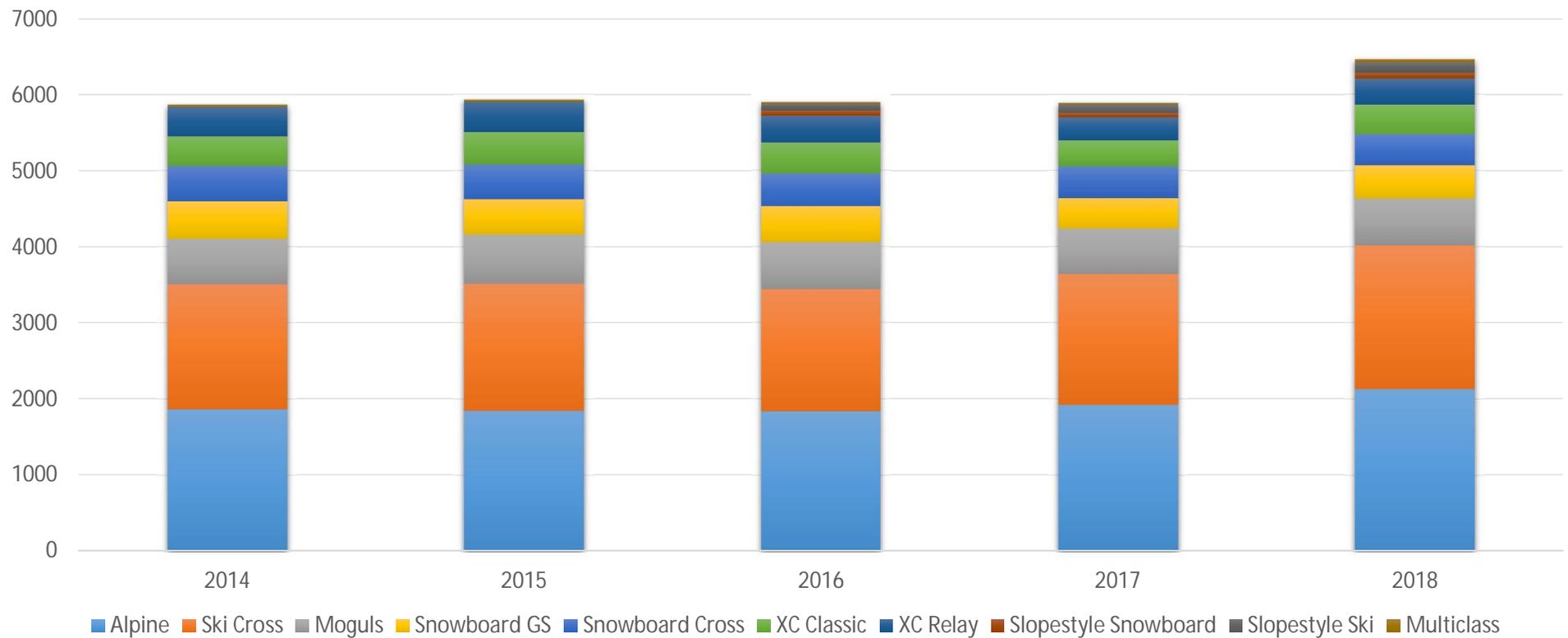




Events	Divisions	Competitors
Alpine Giant Slalom skiing	1-6	2125
Ski Cross	1-6	1898
Moguls	1-5	617
Snowboard Giant Slalom	1-5	428
Snowboard Cross	1-5	414
Cross Country Classic	1-5	389
Cross Country Relay	1-5	338
Slopestyle Ski	1-3	142
Slopestyle Snowboard	1-3	82
Multiclass	1-3	31
Total events	87	

Division 1	Year 11-12
Division 2	Year 9-10
Division 3	Year 7-8
Division 4	Year 5-6
Division 5	Year prep-4
Division 6	Year prep-2 (Alpine and Ski Cross)

2014-2018 Event Entries Totals and by event



2018 Key survey results



- 93% were Satisfied or Very Satisfied with the 2018 Vic Interschools
- 90% were Satisfied or Very Satisfied with the 2018 Vic Interschools Cross Country
- 92% of Schools were Satisfied or Very Satisfied with the Vic Interschools website
- 90% believed that the volunteer ticketing system worked well
- 92% Agreed or Strongly agreed that the Volunteer allocation system worked well



Event entry closure and Start lists

All School Coordinators are required to highly recommend that their entire Snowsports community is subscribed to the Vic Interschools Enews.

This is done on the home page of the www.vicinterschools.com.au website.

Start lists will be made live in the week preceding **event entry closure dates Monday 22nd of July for Cross Country and Monday the 5th of August for all other events**. Notification of the start lists becoming live will be communicated via the Enews to all subscribers.

All Coordinators and Families are required to check the start lists BEFORE the event entry closure dates as there will be no late entries or changes made after the closure dates.

The lack of checking start lists prior to event entry closure in previous years lead to children being unable to compete in events that they had desired as well as certain children being unable to lodge a team result.



Interschools 2019



Important documents

Event Documents

For all critical event information please download all of the Important documents found on the quicklinks section of this page.



Quick Links

- [2019 Summary Event Schedule >](#)
- [2019 Event entry and Lift access pricing >](#)
- [2019 Important Dates >](#)
- [2019 Terms and Conditions >](#)
- [2018 Event Management Report >](#)
- [Injury and Illness refund process >](#)



2019 VICTORIAN INTERSCHOOLS SNOWSPORTS CHAMPIONSHIPS Important dates

Important: Live start lists will be published on the website on Wednesday the 17th of July and Wednesday the 31st of July prior to the event entry closure dates of Monday the 22nd of July and Monday the 5th of August. All families must be subscribed to the Enews so that they receive the alerts to check the start lists prior to the event entry closure dates. NO LATE ENTRIES OR CHANGES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

June

Mon 10th Online Event Entry system opens for all 2019 events

July

Mon 22nd Event Entry System and Lift Ticket Ordering Close for the 2019 Victorian Interschools Cross Country Championships

Fri 26th Entry and Lift Ticket Payments/EET details due for 2019 Victorian Interschools Cross Country Championships

Code of Conduct

- Very positive signs of general conduct of competitors and spectators in the past 2 years
- Some serious incidents have taken place around the village over the past 2 years
- Recommendations for presentation of Code of Conduct to parents and children at bib presentations and information nights
- Non field of play changes to the Code of Conduct to be published
- Representation of the school on and off the snow throughout the event week

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- Ski Cross and Snowboard Cross clothing start area protocol
The staff member (normally the assistant chief of course) responsible for the start area line up will assess if competitors clothing meets the Jacket and Pants clothing rules. If they do not they will be told to change to compliant clothing before being permitted to start the race. Failure to change into compliant clothing will result in a disqualification prior to the start.
- As introduced in 2018 Alpine events will have their own ratio built into the entry system in 2019. That is schools will be required to provide an Alpine event volunteer for every 8 Alpine event entries.
- Australian Interschools Multiclass event to continue at Mt Buller in 2019
- Friday night Div 1 Mogul event to be held under new Chamois lights
- Saturday night fireworks will be moved to follow the completion of the Friday night mogul event on Chamois

Anticipated 2019 Rule changes

- Division 5 race suits no longer permitted
- No waxing of skis or snowboards permitted in marshalling and start areas
- Competitors to put skis on once entered into the athletes only areas
- If a competitor loses a ski or snowboard on course they will be recorded as a DNF for that run
- If a competitor loses a ski pole they will be allowed to continue their run
- An increase on the number of individuals that can qualify for the Nationals will be announced in the coming weeks. Teams will remain at “up to 6 teams” for the Nationals



New Skyline timing and lift hut

Following the construction of the Little Buller Spur “Bluff Start” and “Snow Spray Start” permanent start huts, a new timing and lift hut on Skyline has been constructed.

The Skyline Hut will increase the available width in the finish area as well as providing timing cabling upgrades within the timing cabin and Skyline event site.

Lighting has been added as well as a PA system upgrade.



Chamois Lighting

As part of the Olympic Training Centre at Mt Buller, stage two of the development has seen the construction of nine light towers on Chamois.

For the first time in 2019 a Division 1 twilight mogul event will be held on the Friday evening. Division 1 Slopestyle and Mogul medal presentations will be made on snow immediately after the conclusion of the event.

Stage one saw the very successful earth regrade of the slope and upgrade of the drainage on the Chamois ski run. This has made it significantly easier to build training, trial and competition mogul courses.

A permanent judges stand is also planned to be constructed in the summer of 2019/20. This will make it easier to deliver more time efficient live scores and on schedule running of mogul events.



Mt Buller investments

Buller Ski Lifts is pleased to unveil the new \$6 million 6 seater detachable chair lift in season 2019. The new high speed chair will provide a faster transfer of skier and snowboarders from the village square to the Shakey Knees, Mercedes Benz, Skyline and Bull Run zones and lifts.

Snow making on Mens Downhill as well as the purchase of a second mobile SF100 Snow Factory and an upgrade of the second Canyons rope tow to a platter lift are other notable improvements for season 2019.



School Season Memberships and School Trials/Training

"Buller Ski Lifts in conjunction with Buller Holidays offers the extension of the 'Kids Festive Bird Membership' sale price of \$549 to bonafide Victorian primary and secondary school students. The School must agree to the terms and conditions, and provide Buller Holidays with a signed agreement prior to receiving application forms to disperse to parents. All student applications must be submitted no later than the 15th May, 2019."

School teacher passes are offered FOC for every 8 student passes ordered

If your school is interested in race training a timed race, freestyle, snowboard or cross country training please contact Buller Holidays. These training opportunities offer a great opportunity to students to familiarise themselves with Interschool type competition courses.



Challenger Alpine events

The Division 3 Alpine event was held once again in 2018 for both Girls and Boys. The events aim is to provide a fun and relaxed environment for skiers that are not typically involved in seasonal programs. The Challenger events also typically start later in the day.

The Victorian Interschools encourage all Schools with suitable Division 3 Alpine skiers to enter participants into the events. The race course conditions are generally much better and the race duration much shorter for the Challenger events.

Larger schools are encouraged to place all D teams and below in the Challenger event. Similarly small schools with children new to Snowsports are encouraged to enter their students in the Alpine Challenger events.



Slopestyle events

2018 saw Division 1-3 Slopestyle ski and snowboard events held again on the successful designated Skyline/Baldy course location. The course features of two boxes and two jump tables were constructed in early August. This allowed participants to practice and train on the course which was opened as part of the larger Skyline Terrain Park. The events in general ran very successfully and received positive feedback.

- Rider briefing attendance and course inspection is mandatory. Competitors will be disqualified and unable to start if absent at the briefing and course inspection
- The Interschools course features will be constructed in early to mid August in the upper section of the Skyline /Baldy Terrain Park.
- The Interschools Slopestyle features will be further refined in 2019 to reflect the appropriate level of accessibility and technical difficulty for this level of event.
- Top fifteen competitors will qualify for the Nationals assuming that they meet the minimum score criteria that is announced following the conclusion of the State Interschools events. No teams will qualify for the Nationals



Cross Country

The Cross Country primary course location of Tirol Flat has a new RFID timing system that has been purchased for Cross Country Interschools events.

The 2018 Victorian Cross Country Championships were relocated to the backup Village Canyons course due to extreme wind conditions on the event weekend. A live time trial format was adopted for the events due to the specific features of the course.

New power supply points have been installed on the Tirol Flat areas. In addition, a new podium backdrop and large podium steps have been produced to enhance the medal presentation area on Tirol Flat.

2019 SSA Interschools Update

- 2019 Interschools Officials on-line course
- SnowID registration for Interschools
- 2019 SSA Participation Conference
- Snowracer App
- Introduction to Little Gliders.
- Little Shredders program

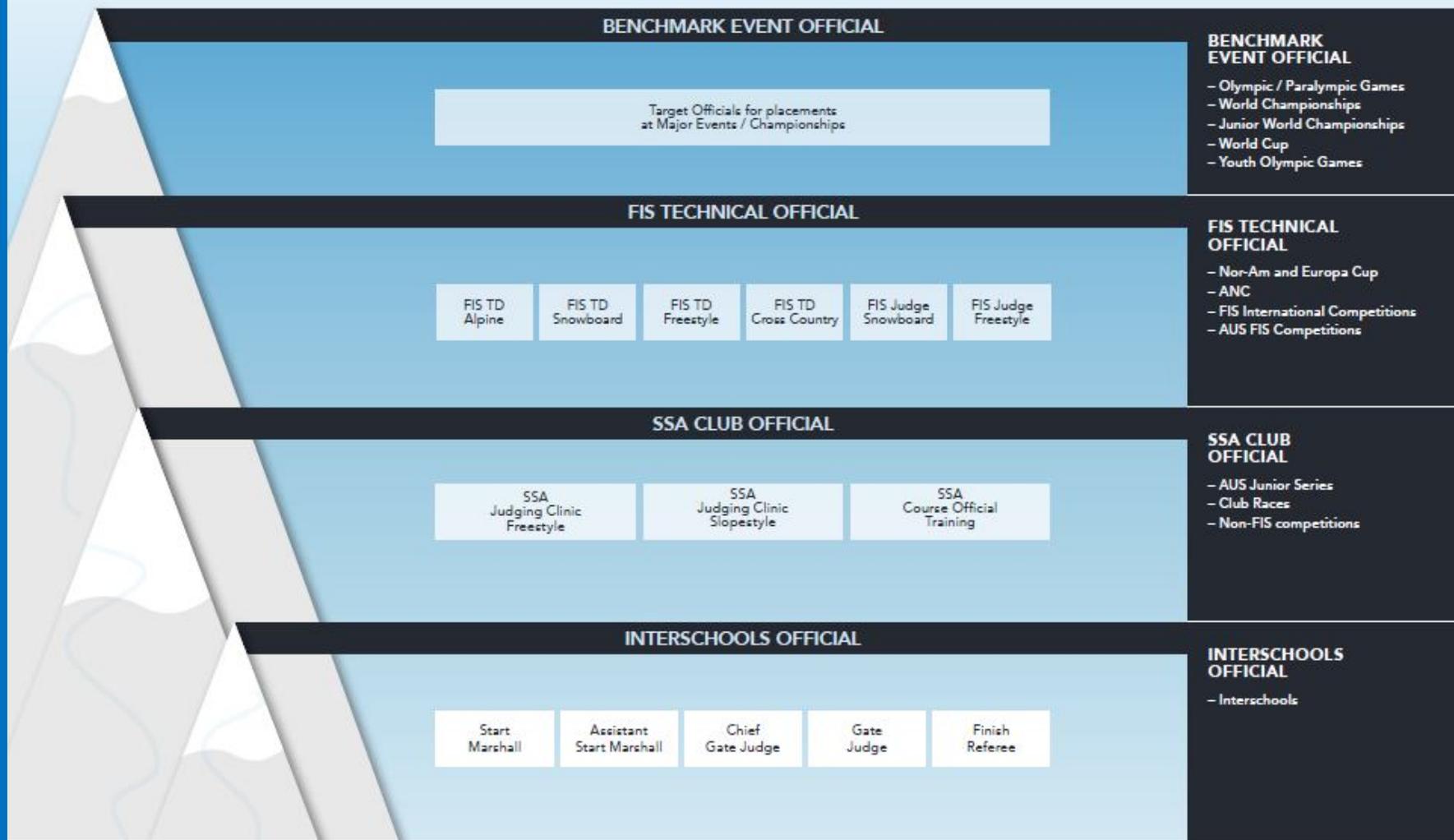


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On-line Officials Course

- The course will be streamlined.
- It will minimize the amount of on-course briefing that needs to be conducted.
- By allocating all officials a SnowID they will also have access to the same insurance coverage that SnowID competitors have (up to \$500 non medical) and it also covers off with Public Liability cover.



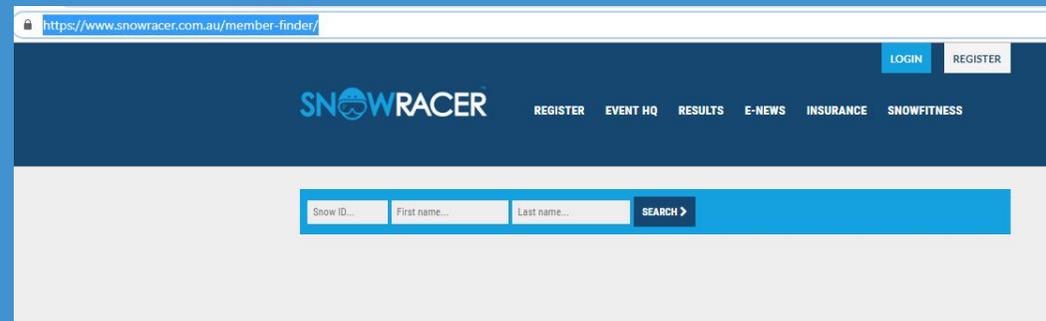
SnowID Registration – Entry update

- All Interschools entry will be completed by entering the SnowID number in 2019.
- Entry System is being updated currently.
- Spreadsheet Entry - will only be via the SnowID.
- Every event entered will on the system will be via the SnowID
- Entry System will show the name that matches up to that SnowID. If it is incorrect you will need to change the SnowID - or the competitor will need to log in to their SnowID and change their name.



Snow ID – Continued

- Make sure schools start to get SnowID numbers for your team now.
- Use the SnowID look up function on the Snowracer website to cross check the numbers you already have.
- Check the SnowID has the correct name you are after before you enter it into the Interschools entry system.



Snow ID – Continued

- Encourage your students to activate their SnowID for this year.
- Part of this process is to get people to accurately update their member details.
- Need to be mindful that some teachers have registered children for SnowID in the past, and some parents have registered children – all with different contact details.



2019 Participation Conference

- 2019 Dates: 7th and 8th of November
- Conference will be conducted over 2 days in Canberra, ACT.
- Dates structured to coincide with the new SSA Community Ski Awards to be held on the evening of the 7th November
- Targeted at School SnowSports Coordinators
- Consultation sessions conducted in 2018 with schools
- Conference is being driven by a sub-committee of NPC



2019 Participation Conference

The conference will involve keynotes, panels and workshops over a variety of topics including:

- Panel sessions with school coordinators that have been successful in growing their school participation via engagement within the school community.
- Trends in Sport, Snowsports and Industry
- Snowsports Athlete Pathways from Participation to High Performance
- Snowsports Risk Management
- Childsafe Sport Strategies
- Participation Event Rules and Guidelines
- Inspirational and Aspirational Stories from previous and current Olympic Snowsports athletes and coaches





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Introducing Little Gliders



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- New Cross Country program has been developed
- The program has been trialed in ACT and also with the assistance of MGGS in Melbourne
- SSA have developed stand alone Little Gliders curriculum program.
- We are evaluating a cross over product that utilises both Little Shredders and Little Gliders curriculum and equipment.
- The program will be coach delivered in the ACT in term 2, and an EOI for Term 3 will be available in May / June.



Little Shredders

- Little Shredders Program is available via Sporting Schools and direct via Ski and Snowboard Australia
- For more information visit:
www.littleshredders.com.au
- There is no Golden Ticket offer available this year.
- We have a small number of coaches available in Melbourne Metro that can assist with delivery at schools (\$50 per 45 min session).
- Contact Johnny Lipzker at SSA for more information about the program.





Looking forward to Winter 2019

A night scene at a ski resort. In the center, a large, illuminated palm tree sculpture stands on a snow-covered slope. To the left, a ski lift gondola is visible in the air. The background shows a ski resort building and other structures, all illuminated with warm lights. The sky is dark, and the overall atmosphere is festive and winter-themed.

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