

Rocky Mountain Freestyle Volunteer Position Descriptions

Chief of Competition - The chief of competition directs and controls the work of all officials, summons the meetings of the competition committee for consideration on technical questions and generally acts as chairman of the team captains' meetings, after consultation with the TD. The chief of competition is appointed by the divisional chairperson and requires a USSA Official's license. Competition chiefs should attend the fall judge's clinic and any scoring clinics. The chief of competition works closely with chief of scoring to ensure all competitors are properly registered. The same person is typically chief of competition for the whole weekend. **Benefits of this position include lodging, lunch, lift ticket and the admiration of many!**

Chief of Scoring – The chief of scoring is responsible for the ongoing verification of all scoring calculations during the event. This person works with the scoring assistant to enter each competitor's times, scores and jump codes into the computer using a system called "Winfree", which calculates the final score. This is one of the people you see sitting in the tent next to the judge's stand. The chief of scoring position requires a USSA Official's license and is responsible for ensuring that a backup computer with updated Winfree application and registration files is available at each competition. Scoring chiefs should review and test the new Winfree version each season and maintain updates of any changes throughout the year. Scoring chiefs should also attend the fall judge's clinic. **Benefits of this position include lodging (if the same person or family is chief of scoring for the whole weekend), lunch, lift ticket and heated tent.**

Scoring Assistant - The scoring assistant aids the chief of scoring in entering each competitor's times, scores and jump codes into the computer. Typically, the assistant reads the information from the judge's cards and the chief enters the values, although these tasks may be switched between the positions. **This is another person you see in the tent. Benefits of this position include lunch, lift ticket and heated tent.**

Runner – This person retrieves the scores from the judge's stand and records each competitor's time (from the electronic timer) on the top score card, then passes the score cards to the chief of scoring and scoring assistant. This person may occasionally relieve either the score reader or the computer entry person on especially cold or hectic days. This person goes in/out of the tent a lot and this is a good introductory position if you're interested in learning to score. **Benefits of this position include lunch, lift ticket and access to the tent to warm up once in a while.**

Starter – The starter ensures that the judges are prepared for the next competitor and confirms their bib number and informs the chief of competition/head judge when a skier is not present for his/her run. When the competitor is in the gate, the starter counts the start into a radio "judges ready, skier ready, 3, 2, 1, go". The count is broadcast over the loudspeaker, so everybody knows the skier is coming. **Benefits of this position include lunch, lift ticket and reinforced ability to count backwards from three.**

Assistant Starter – The assistant starter position is similar to a cat herder. This person organizes the competitors at the start, always getting the next few skiers ready to enter the start gate to facilitate the starting process and keep it moving smoothly. This person should be a good people person and should enjoy working directly with the athletes. The assistant starter should try to be calm with the athletes, so they enter the start gate as relaxed as possible. **Benefits of this position include lunch, lift ticket and socializing with all the athletes.**

Electronic Timer – This person sits at the bottom of the course, near the tent and records the time from the electronic timer as each competitor finishes. In cases where the electronic timing system malfunctions (or if a malfunction is suspected), this person would get the back-up top and bottom hand times (from synchronized watches) and calculate the difference. The lists of times are provided to the runner. This person also alerts the chief of scoring and chief of competition if a timing system malfunction is suspected. **Benefits of this position include lunch, lift ticket and a good seat with a view of the finish.**

Top Hand Timer – The top hand timer holds one of a pair of synchronized stop watches that comprises the back-up timing system, in case of a malfunction of the electronic timing system (which does occur from time to time). This person works with the starter and assistant starter at the top of the course, recording the stop watch time as each competitor's boots cross the starting line. In case of a malfunction of the electronic timing system, the top and bottom times are radioed down to the electronic timer. The full list of start times is provided to the chief of scoring at the end of the day, for back-up of the competitor's times. **Benefits of this position include lunch, lift ticket, and an introduction to the starter's process.**

Bottom Hand Timer – The bottom hand timer sits just off to the side of the finish line and holds the second stop watch from the synchronized pair, recording the time when each competitor's boots cross the finish line. In case of a malfunction of the electronic timing system, the top and bottom times are radioed down to the electronic timer. The full list of finish times is provided to the chief of scoring at the end of the day, as back-up for the competitor's times. **Benefits of this position include lunch, lift ticket and extraordinary finish line excitement!**

Announcer - Did you ever dream of being a sports commentator? Here's your chance to start practicing the pronunciation of many interesting names. The announcer speaks into a microphone, providing information on each competitor - name and bib number at a minimum. The announcer traditionally also reads each athlete's bio as they enter the start gate on the first run of the day and may add color commentary. Some restrictions apply. **Benefits of this position include lunch, lift ticket and fame!**

Staple Stud/Staple Queen – You can be queen or stud for a day (volunteer's choice)! Here's your chance to look very important sitting on the judge's stand. This person collects a score card from each judge, ensuring that they are legible, quickly checking the arithmetic (we'll let you know beforehand which judges are occasionally numerically challenged), and then stapling them together. The staple stud/queen then passes the completed score cards to the runner. **Benefits of this position include lunch, lift ticket and the best seat in the house!**

Awards Processor - This person gets the scoop on the event results. The awards processor picks up the results from the scoring tent when women's second run scoring is completed and prepares the medals/ribbons. Once the men's competition is completed, this person will also prepare the men's medals/ribbons. This position only requires about an hour of time toward the end of the competition. **Benefits of this position include a sneak peak at the results!**

Webmaster – This position needs to be filled by the same person (possibly 2 people who can coordinate closely) for the competition season. This job requires about two to three hours a week during the competition season. The job consists of posting event Fact Sheets two weeks prior to each event, closing online registration each Tuesday evening around 5:00pm, and posting event results every Sunday or Monday night.. It may also involve occasionally posting articles about athletes, staff, events, etc. Some limited HTML experience or other coding experience is very

helpful, but not absolutely necessary. **Benefits of this position include marketable experience and a very appreciative RMD board!**