

## GDHL Racing: A Guide for New Racers

### The League

The GDHL offers a series of weekend races in January and February, featuring both individual and team scoring. We host an opening Calcutta evening and an awards dinner to close the season. Racers come from a wide range of ages and abilities.

### Format

The schedule typically includes seven races: three giant slaloms, three slaloms (one extra-long), and one super G. Each racer can take two runs per race (except super G), with the best time counting. Racers may opt out of a second run. The top four results contribute to the overall individual and team championships.

### Ranking

Racers are ranked based on previous results or other relevant information. Newcomers should complete a questionnaire to help determine their ranking. We may also offer trial runs during adult gate training to establish appropriate rankings.

### Teams

Racers are assigned to teams based on their ranking. Teams typically have 8-12 members. Some racers may prefer not to be assigned to a team.

### Calcutta

The Calcutta is a highlight of the season, featuring a live auction of teams. Proceeds are divided among the winning teams at the end of the season. Team members can purchase shares in their team.

### Bib Numbers

Bib numbers are assigned based on ranking and age. Faster racers start later, and some preference is given to women and older racers. A raffle determines bibs 10 and 20.

### Key Points:

- **Races:** Seven races, including giant slaloms, slaloms, and super G.
- **Scoring:** Individual and team scoring.
- **Calcutta:** Live auction of teams for prizes.
- **Ranking:** Based on previous results or questionnaire.
- **Teams:** Assigned based on ranking, optional for some.
- **Bibs:** Assigned based on ranking and age, with a raffle for special bibs.

### Race Schedule

- **Timing:** Races typically start at 10:00 AM or 1:00 PM on Saturdays or Sundays.
- **Course Inspection:** The course opens for inspection 45 minutes before the start, closing 15 minutes before.
- **Course Conditions:** Racers may be asked to side slip or avoid gates during inspection to maintain course integrity.
- **Safety:** Do not ski the course at speed during inspection or shadow the course, as this may result in disqualification.

## Scoring

- **Points:** The winner receives points equal to the number of racers plus one, decreasing by one point for each subsequent finisher.
- **Individual Awards:** Based on the four best finishes.
- **Team Success:** Winning teams often have one or more lower-ranked racers who exceed expectations. Consistent participation from all team members is crucial.
- **Scoring Adjustments:** Points may be adjusted for racers who cannot complete four races.

## League Operations

- **Rules and Officials:** The League relies on racers to report DSQs and follow course rules.
- **Race Management:** The Club makes decisions regarding race cancellations, delays, or changes due to weather or other conditions.
- **Safety:** The safety of racers, crew, and others is the top priority.
- **Second Runs:** If time constraints prevent all racers from taking a second run, only those who did not finish their first run may attempt a second.
- **Scoring Adjustments:** The League committee may make adjustments to scoring in exceptional circumstances.