

Job Instructions for Course Maintenance

The Top Ten things every Course Maintainer must do

1. Remember one of the two Golden Rules of Recreational Ski Racing — “Everyone is here to have Fun.” You can ask the Chief of Course what the other one is.
2. Arrive at the course at least 15 minutes prior to start of race.
3. Look over the course, staying aware of any potential safety concerns - weird patches of snow in the track, ice that you may need to soften up, spots where dirt might show.
4. The Golden Rule for Side Slipping:
“When in doubt, push the snow out (away from the gate) — unless it’s real thin, then push it in (towards the gate).”
 - Make sure that you and the Chief of Course agree on what needs to be done.
 - You may want to use a rake in those areas where it is real heavy or real deep and you can’t push it well with your skis.
 - Don’t be afraid to ask the Chief of Course how to slip a course properly.
5. Stay out of the way of oncoming skiers - If you interfere, you give up the privilege to do course maintenance for life. Got It? Good.
6. Put on your arm band (available at the top of the hill) for identification and report to the Chief of Course that you are there and that you are not an idiot.
7. Observe as many of the racers as possible — your perspective is very important at jury meetings.
8. Take your poles off and leave them at the top — you will not need them if you are doing your job.
9. Carry a drill, wrench, a red gate and a blue gate with you at all times and use them whenever needed. Leave them at the start shack when the race is completed and if the drill battery is dead put it in the charger.
10. Turn your green card into the Chief of Course.