



2017-2018 Volunteer Bond Program

Introduction

Many of our members are unaware of just how much volunteer work is necessary to execute the Speed Series Events. For example, it takes a minimum of 12 – 18 volunteers on hill each day of training and racing to execute a speed series event.

The Volunteer Bond Program has been introduced to encourage members to step forward and get involved, keep registration fees as low as possible and not rely on the same volunteers for every event which could result in volunteer burn out. Without the help of volunteers, the cost to operate the Speed Series Events would be substantially higher.

Purpose

The Purpose of the Volunteer Bond Program is to encourage members to become actively involved in the operation and success of the Speed Series.

In order to continue to provide a safe, competitive environment to our members we will be requiring either a time or financial commitment from each family, formally referred to as the “Volunteer Bond Program”.

Volunteer Membership & Training

Snowboard Ontario has the utmost respect and appreciation for our Officials and volunteers, we offer level I and II officials training at no cost, we also cover the cost for all Officials membership.

Prior to the first event you will need to complete the no cost member registration

https://snowboardontario.goalline.ca/register.php?reg_form_id=19866

Level I officials training is required for on hill positions, this course can be taken via webinar or online (please note access to online module can take up to 5 days)
To complete the online level I officials training you will need to email Janet to have set up completed JanetRichter@ontariosnowboarders.ca

Level 1 Webinars run for approx. 90 mins and will be hosted by our Chief of Officiating Craig Hurst, register at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0C4BAAAF2FA0FD0-level>

December 11th or 12th at 7pm

January 8th or 9th at 7pm

Volunteer Bond Fees

The Volunteer Bond Fee will be payable to Snowboard Ontario via Goalline member registration and will be required prior to the athletes first competition registration.

Scenario	Bond Program Fee	Required Volunteer Days
Family has 1 athlete	\$35.00	3
Family has 2 athletes	\$70.00 (2x\$35.00)	4
Family has 3 athletes	\$105.00 (3x (\$35.00))	5

The deposit would be fully refundable by March 31st 2018 under the following circumstances:

- The racer only competes at one Snowboard Ontario event
- A representative of the family (parent, sibling, grandparent etc.) volunteers for the required number of event days during the 2018 season.

Note: The event days can be completed by any combination of “representatives” from the family and volunteer requirements are per family, not per athlete

We understand that there are some families that would prefer to not volunteer their time at events, if this is the case for you please let us know via email JanetRichter@ontariosnowboarders.ca and your bond will not be returned to you and you will not be asked to volunteer

How to sign up *NOTE: Signup will close 1 week prior to each event*

Volunteer hours will be tracked using the online platform Sign Up Genius, each event will have a limited number of positions available for each event and sign up will be first come basis so you are encouraged to sign up early.

SBX <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0c4baaaf2fa0fd0-sbxvolunteeroffic>

Alpine <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0c4baaaf2fa0fd0-volunteerofficial>

Approved Volunteer Roles

It is up to each family to ensure that they full fill their volunteer obligation; only volunteer positions tracked through the Sign up Genius will be recorded towards the Bond Program

Position	Training Requirements	# of positions per event
Assistant Starter	Level 1 Official – Trained	1
Gate Keeper	Level 1 Official – Trained	10
Assistant Finish Referee	Level 1 Official – Trained	1
Scoreboard	None	2
Assistant Scorer /Timing	Level 1 Official – Trained	1
Course Crew	Level 1 Official – Trained	6

Announcer	None	1
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Frequently Asked Questions

- **Q.** Why is there a bond?
- **A.** The Bond Program has been introduced to encourage members to get involved and keep event costs manageable.
- **Q.** I don't want to volunteer or I'm really busy, do I have to volunteer?
- **A.** No. You can opt out of volunteering. Email JanetRichter@ontariosnowboarders.ca and your bond will not be returned and you will not be asked to volunteer
- **Q.** How many event days will I have to volunteer at each year?
- **A.** This depends on the number of family members you have racing, please see chart under Volunteer Bond Fees
- **Q.** I don't want to pay for the Bond.
- **A.** The Volunteer Bond is mandatory for all speed series athletes to remain in good standing with Snowboard Ontario. Unfortunately your athlete(s) will not be able to race until the Bond payment is complete. If you complete the required volunteer days your bond will be returned no later than March 31st 2018
- **Q.** If I only partially complete the required volunteer days, can I still get a refund?
- **A.** No, not unless you complete the full requirement.
- **Q.** Can I work off my bond next year?
- **A.** No, we need volunteers every season; we are working only for this year.

History

The concept of a volunteer deposit is not unique in the sport or snowboarding world, Quebec Snowboard requires a \$350 deposit. This is done in the form of a post dated cheque. If the required numbers of hours is not met, the cheque is cashed. Steamboat springs requires a \$500 deposit that is refunded on a prorated basis for the number of hours worked. If 50 hours are worked the entire deposit is refunded, if 8 hours are worked \$80 is refunded.