Positions below are available to any volunteer- no certification required. A great way to see every aspect of a ski race up close!

Gate judges are almost always needed at events. Even if you are not at your home mountain, you can still volunteer for a gate judge position. Check with the race administrator or someone from the race organizing committee on the day of the event to see if help is needed.

Gate Judge is responsible for supervising a pre-determined number of gates on the course throughout the competition and will mark faults made by competitors within these gates. Faults will be marked on a Gate Judge card and returned to the Chief Gate Judge at the end of each run.

Gate Judges are similar to officials in other sports in that each must make instantaneous decisions on a particular situation. However, while baseball officials call "ball", "strike", or "foul", and football officials call "offside", "pass interference", or "delay of game", Gate Judges decide on whether or not a competitor has passed through assigned gates correctly or has committed a "fault".

Chief Gate Judge organizes and supervises the work of any required Gate Judges. This official must make sure that the numbering, and depending on the decision of the Jury, the marking of the gates' placement is done within the required time frame. The Chief Gate Judge distributes required materials such as Gate Judge cards, clip boards, pencils etc. The Chief Gate Judge also instructs the Gate Judges in their duties, designates the gate(s) each Gate Judge will supervise, and places each Gate Judge in position. The Chief Gate Judge collects and delivers Gate Judge cards to the Referee at the end of each run and must be prepared to help either by assisting to keep spectators off the course or to help maintain the course.

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Certified Positions- attendance at a yearly clinic and/or exam required. If you are interested in taking your volunteer role to the next level, consider one of these positions. Talk to your club's program director for more details to get started.

There is always a need to fill the pipeline for these certified positions. If you have the time, energy and desire to volunteer at a higher level, it is never too late to start a shadow process to find out more about these important roles.

Chief of Timing and Calculations is responsible for supervising, documenting, and enforcing the quality control of actual timing and official results. Attendance at a Timing & Calculations Clinic and satisfactory completion of the written examination are required to attain certification. Attendance at a bi-seasonal Continuing Education Clinic is required to serve as a Chief of Timing & Calculations and to maintain certification.

Race Administrator (Race Secretary or Secretariat) is responsible for all secretarial work dealing with the technical aspects of the competition. This official is responsible for preparation and accuracy of Start Lists, Official Results, preparation of Program/Team Captains' Minutes and Jury meetings, preparation of forms required by Timing and Gate Judge crews, and publishing and duplicating Official Results in a timely manner.

Attendance at a Race Administration Clinic and satisfactory completion of the written examination are required to attain certification. Attendance at a bi-seasonal Continuing Education Clinic is required to serve as an event's Race Administrator and to maintain certification.

Jury Advisors- Start and Finish Referee There are two named "Jury Advisors": **Start Referee and Finish Referee**. They are appointed by the host organization. The two officials are an integral part of the competition. These officials supervise their respective areas from the beginning of competitors' course inspection until the completion of the training run or race. The Start and Finish Referee deliver reports regarding competitors' action.

The Committee appoints the Start Referee and Finish Referee who are "Jury Advisors" (U.S. Ski & Snowboard term).

Other certified positions include- Chief of Race, Chief of Course, Technical Delegate