

PARA Gate Judge Certification Exam

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Place an X beside the single best answer

1. At the Gate Judge meeting prior to the race, you will:
 - a. Receive your supplies and bib.
 - b. Review the rules of legal passage and how to diagram faults.
 - c. Discuss the schedule for the day.
 - d. All of the above.

2. You should be in your assigned position on the hill
 - a. At the scheduled start time of the run.
 - b. At least 10 minutes prior to the scheduled start time.
 - c. Before the first competitor starts.

3. Gate Judges who are walking into position should:
 - a. Be at the finish 10 minutes prior to the scheduled start
 - b. Meet the Chief Gate Judge above the finish when he/she finishes assigning gates to the skiing Gate Judges.
 - c. Be at mid-course at the start of the race.

4. When deciding where to position themselves, Gate Judges should consider all of the following except:
 - a. Best view of assigned gates.
 - b. Ability to perform course maintenance or assist DNF competitor.
 - c. Keeping the chair you will use during the race out of fall zones.
 - d. Location of coaches and spectators.

5. After moving into position and before the start of the race, you should do all of the following except:
 - a. Pre-number your card with bib numbers to match the start list.
 - b. Fill out the header information on your gate card.
 - c. Draw four diagrams of your assigned gates with gate numbers.
 - d. Draw fastest legal passage on your first diagram and note your location.

6. During the race you may:
 - a. Discuss your decisions with the coach of the competitor in question
 - b. Physically assist a racer who is hiking to a missed gate.
 - c. Indicate by saying the color or pointing to a gate a hiker must complete for legal passage.
 - d. Pull a racer off course who has missed a gate above your assigned gates.

7. Interference is defined as:
 - a. Any object that creates imminent danger for a competitor
 - b. Any outside object that causes the skier to change their racing line or affects their speed
 - c. Snow conditions that would affect the speed of a competitor

8. Which would not be grounds for interference:
 - a. Broken or missing gate
 - b. Course worker who is replacing a panel
 - c. Broken goggles
 - d. Gates still swinging from passage of a previous racer.
 - e. A competitor hiking in the race line

9. A tip straddle is:
 - f. A fault
 - g. The tip of the inside ski passes over the base of the gate
 - h. Usually occurs in SL
 - i. All of the above

10. Each diagram of a fault requires all the following except:
 - j. Bib number of competitor(s) who committed the fault
 - k. Explanation of the fault
 - l. Gate Judge name
 - m. Gate number where fault was committed

True or False

11. You should document incidents of interference only if they occur at your assigned gates.
12. You should document incidents of interference only if the racer pulls off course and requests a rerun.
13. Racers who have been interfered with should continue on course and immediately report to the Finish Referee after they cross the finish.
14. If a competitor loses a ski above the second to last gate, you should enter a fault on your gate card.
15. You should only fault a competitor if you are convinced a fault was committed.
16. It is permissible to ask an adjacent Gate Judge's opinion of legal passage if your vision was obstructed.
17. You should enter every DNF you witness on your gate card.
18. If you do not have any faults, you may give your gate card to another Gate Judge to turn in for you.
19. Under no circumstances may a racer finish that has lost a ski.
20. Gate Judges who have recorded faults may leave the facility as soon as they have turned in their gate cards to the Referee or TD.
21. Gates may be legally passed in any direction, but must be passed in numerical order.
22. The gate line in double pole SL, GS, SG & DH is the imaginary line between the innermost poles of the turning and outside poles.

23. _____ The gate line in single pole SL is the imaginary line between a gate pole and the turning pole of the gate immediately previous to it.
24. _____ Both ski tips and both ski tails must cross the gate line to be considered legal passage.
25. _____ If a gate has been knocked out, the gate line rules do not apply.
26. _____ A racer who enters and exits a gate from the same side has always committed a fault.
27. _____ Gate Judges should watch the tips and feet, not the body.
28. _____ Single pole slalom may be used for all USSA age groups.
29. _____ In single pole slalom only combinations and delay gates will be set with double poles.
30. _____ In single pole slalom the fastest way for a racer to legally pass a missed gate is to loop around it in either direction.

A competitor may be sanctioned or disqualified for (place an X before all that apply):

31. _____ Visibly displaying anger
32. _____ Requesting a rerun without legitimate cause.
33. _____ His/her parent making a protest to a race official.
34. _____ Hiking too far even if he/she has not caused interference.
35. _____ Continuing on course after knowingly committing a fault that would lead to disqualification.
36. _____ Radioing course conditions to a competitor at the start
37. _____ Interfering with another competitor.
38. _____ Passing through a gate twice.
39. _____ Not following the rules for inspection.
40. _____ Shadowing the race course at high speed during inspection.

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What is wrong with each of these diagrams? Type in answer on the line that corresponds to the diagram number.

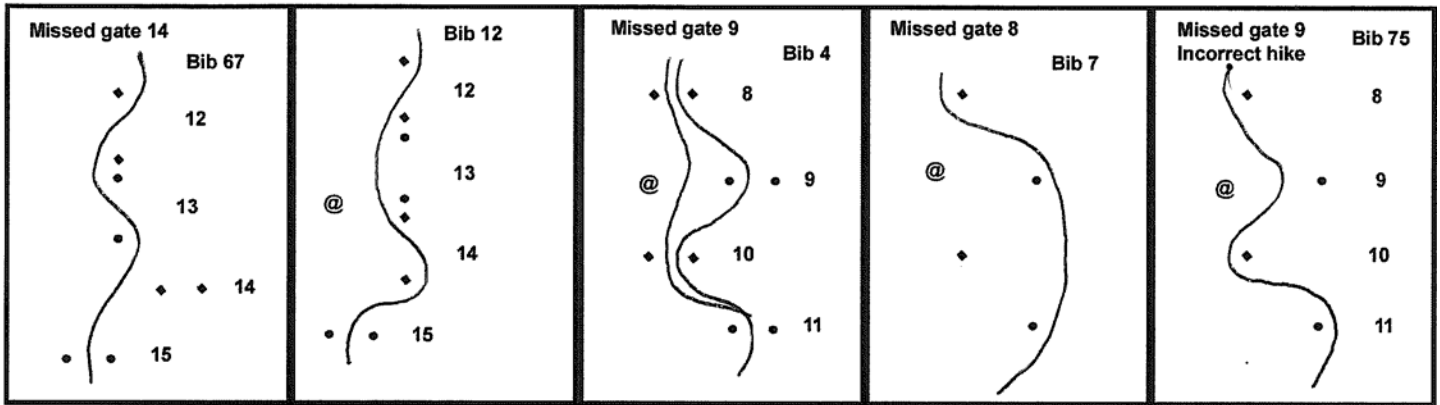


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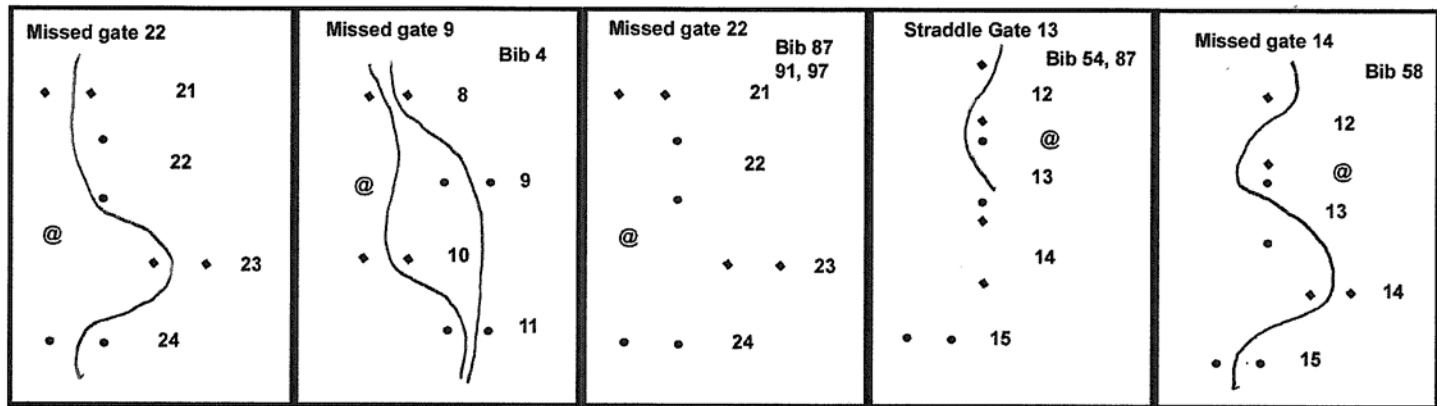


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