

Inspection Videos – Snowboard

Correct Answers in Red

GS Inspection

Perform an inspection of this GS course. List any concerns that may jeopardize the safety of your athletes.

- Gate(s) close to the edge of trail
- Gate(s) close to obstacles
- Gate(s) on top of a roll
- Gate(s) with bases exposed
- Start area not protected
- Public on the training slope
- Gate(s) with flags put on incorrectly
- Heavily rutted course
- Tall gate(s) installed incorrectly/dangerously
- Flag(s) missing
- Too much loose snow in the course
- Course is improperly closed to the public
- Tree line could be protected with B-Net

GS Discussion/Feedback:

- Should be B-netted down rider's right from start to end of tree section
- Orange tape on ground does nothing to control the area.
- Rider's left could be b netted too since it is open to open to public
- Start area should be at least c-netted off to stop public and athletes from crashing into start gate
- Warning sign was posted INSIDE start not above it.
- Bottom half of the course may be vulnerable to a merging trail on the rider's right.
- Obviously, there were some stubbies set with knuckle above ground so you should leave your engine running to take kids with (at best) broken thumbs to the hospital
- Panels set limply. Preference is to angle tall poles away from stubbies a little to create tension and keep it out of rider path
- Some panels not attached to stubby correctly
- This is not a demonstration of staying out of the race line since some gates were passed in the line and others not. Coaches and athletes must pull out of the raceline when discussing strategy to avoid damaging the conditions in the line.



Park Inspection:

Perform an inspection of this park. List any concerns that may jeopardize the safety of your athletes.

- Snow is too soft
- Snow is too hard
- **Features are not adequately dyed**
- Shaping tool(s) are left close too close to feature(s)
- Feature(s) built too close to hazard(s) (side of trail, snowmaking)
- Debris in landing/spill zone(s)
- Take-offs are misshaped (inconsistent, flat)
- **Take-offs are missing roll-outs**
- **Take-offs are not clearly visible**
- **Flat light**
- Landings are misshaped (inconsistent, flat)
- Box(es) have exposed screws
- **Rail(s) set-up is incomplete/missing parts**
- Gap to features is too big
- Can't see rails from take-off

Park Discussion/Feedback:

- In the low light conditions, the take-offs and landings could be dyed or have pine boughs spread around to help athletes orientate themselves better.
- Some take-offs are difficult to see given the lighting.
- There is no skirting (plywood between supports) on the first down rail. If an athlete mistimes the approach or comes off too soon, they could get caught up in the support legs.
- The rails have a "street-style" set-up. Although not unusual, there is a greater potential of injury if athletes do not inspect and plan properly.
- The last three jumps do not have a roll out deck on the backside of the take-off, which prevents riders from being able to feel out the ramp and continue moving forward through the park. Athletes and coaches not expecting this drop may fall a significant distance to the deck. (compare with the take-off ramp on the jib-post).

Halfpipe Inspection:

Perform an inspection of this Halfpipe. List any concerns that may jeopardize the safety of your athletes.

- The wall is inconsistent in height
- There are holes in the wall
- The pipe is too wide
- The pipe is too narrow
- The wall is under vert
- The wall is over vert
- There is a kink in the middle of the transition
- There is a step-up into the flat bottom from the groomer
- There is a step-down into the flat bottom
- There is debris in the bottom of the pipe.
- The light is flat
- The pipe is poorly dyed

Halfpipe Discussion/Feedback:

- The wall varies in height, which will affect consistency of movements.
- Holes in the wall can catch ski tips and boards on take off and landing making it more difficult to ride this pipe.
- The wall varies from less than vertical (*under vert*) to more than vertical (*over vert*) in various sections. This is a challenge for athletes to be consistent with movements at the lip that would keep them landing back into the transition.
- The flat light makes it challenging for athletes to be consistent and push their skills. Better dye along the lip and down the transitions can help riders orientate themselves during the run.
- Inconsistent transitions (kinks, ridges and dips) can make the pipe more challenging to ride.
- Many of these factors alone are not an issue, but the combination of several of these factors can contribute to an unnecessarily challenging environment that can expose athletes to greater risk.



Snowboard Cross Inspection:

Perform an inspection of this Snowboard Cross track. List any concerns that may jeopardize the safety of your athletes.

- Snow is too soft
- Snow is too hard
- Too much loose snow in the course
- Heavily rutted course
- Features are not adequately dyed
- Shaping tool(s) are left close too close to feature(s)
- Feature(s) built too close to hazard(s) (side of trail, snowmaking)
- Debris in landing/spill zone(s)
- Jumps are misshaped
- There are gap jumps
- Not enough distance between start and first turn
- Track is narrow
- Gates with bases exposed
- Blind spots on the course
- Gate(s) with flags put on incorrectly
- Tall gates installed incorrectly/dangerously
- Flags missing
- Course is improperly closed to the public
- Start gates are not adequately protected from the public
- B-nets incorrectly installed
- B-nets missing from critical locations

Snowboard Cross Discussion/Feedback

- Given the flat light on the course, the track could be improved with dye on the features.
- Shaping tools must be removed from the track before training can begin.
- Ribbon to close the side of the trail is inadequate to properly close the trail to the public.
- A few flags are incorrectly installed which could prevent the flags from releasing if hit by a rider.
- Tall gates incorrectly installed.
- Sections of the track are narrow. This is only an issue if more than one rider is in the track at a time.