

IROQUOIS COUNCIL, - SNOW DERBY JUDGES MANUAL

Part 1 of 2

GENERAL GUIDELINES

As a Snow Derby Judge the most important rule to follow is this:

- ☞ Look for ways to give points to the boys, don't look for ways to take points away from them.
- ☞ Let's build them up, not tear them down.

Judges should head out to their respective sites as soon as the opening exercises are completed. Don't wait until the first team of Cadets has left.

Bring the following supplies.

- ☞ Compass to find your station if you don't know where it is.
- ☞ Clipboard to hold your station summary sheets.
- ☞ Lots of sharp pencils. Pens freeze in the winter!
- ☞ Lunch
- ☞ Thermos of hot tea / coffee / hot chocolate.
- ☞ Extra gloves, mitts, hats if it's cold.
- ☞ Camera ?

RECEIVING JUDGE,

Each station will have a Receiving Judge. He will not be involved in judging skills at each station, but instead shall

- ☞ Be the senior Judge at each station and ensure that all Counselors judge consistently.
- ☞ Resolve questions by other Judges at the station.
- ☞ Ensures that each Cadet team arrives at the correct Station in the correct order, thus ensuring that they utilized their Compass and headings card correctly.
- ☞ Ensures that each Cadet team behaves in an orderly fashion thus not disturbing other Cadet teams being judged.

1. When a Cadet team approaches your Station, ask the Captain for his heading card.
2. Check the team number on the Compass Heading master list to ensure that they are at the correct station.
3. If the team is at the correct station, in the correct order, initial their headings card and direct the Cadet team to a team of waiting Judges, or to an area where they can patiently wait for their turn, without interrupting the judging of other teams.
If the station has a campfire isolated from the judging area, they may warm themselves at the fire.
4. If the team is at the wrong station per the sequence on their Heading Card, initial the Heading Card in the 'INCORRECTARRIVAL: box, and on your Compass Heading master list, and send them back to their last station to attempt to get to the correct station.
5. The Receiving Judges should be located close to the marked tree. This is the point where the Cadets should start out from using their headings card and compass. It should also be where they end up. The actual site of the judging station may be several meters away, wherever space allows.

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STATION JUDGES

Here are a few specific points to keep in mind.

1. Do not judge your own Cadets. There should be other teams of Judges that can judge your club's Cadets.
2. At the beginning of Snow Derby, all the Station Judges and the Receiving Judge for a station should review the Cadet requirements for the station to ensure that all Judges will mark in the same manner. When any Judge faces something unexpected, review the problem with the remaining Judges and Receiving Judge ASAP to ensure you will all treat the situation in the same manner.
3. Judges work in pairs, but score individually. When you are finished judging a Cadet team, check with your partner to make sure that your scores are within 2 or 3 points. Check addition. Be consistent. Write neatly.
4. Put your scores on the Cadet score card, place it in the appropriate envelope, seal the envelope, and return it to the team Captain.
5. If you make a change on the team score card, or Station Summary sheet, please initial or sign the change. Do not average your scores, this will be done by the Scorekeeper -after the Sled Judging station.
6. Most questions are directed to the team Captain. *"Captain, would you or one of your Cadets please demonstrate the emergency ground to air signal for 'REQUIRE DOCTOR'"*.
7. Some questions are directed to an individual cadet *"Would the fourth Cadet in the line please recite the Cadet Motto."*

Use some common sense in asking Cadets to recite their Landmarks. There may be some Jr. Cadets who may not be able to recite the Pledge to the Flag of Canada.

8. Cadets must not use crib sheets. The preparation is to be done at home, or on club nights.
9. When you have been advised that all teams have made it through your station, return to the registration table, and turn in your Station Summary Sheet to the Snow Derby Chairman. These will be used in the event that the teams score cards get damaged, or lost by the Cadet team.