ENGNE Race Series Technical Package – 2026/2027

Purpose

This document is to serve as a guide to organizers of ENGNE race series events to ensure a shared understanding of the minimum expectations regarding ENGNE Series Race. Specific questions and concerns should be directed to the ENGNE Race Director.

Objectives of the Race Series

The intent of the series is to have low-key, low stress events to expose both skiers and clubs to racing. The race series has the following objectives:

- Provide opportunities for local area skiers with a focus on U8-U14 and Masters to participate in several different race events around the region, with a variety of race formats.
- Provide opportunities for clubs to develop the capacity to run tier 3 and tier 2 races, by providing the needed equipment and technical support.
- Provide a means to motivate skiers and clubs by awarding points and celebrating our local skiers.
- Provide a platform for skiers to track their progress via meaningful metrics

Race Expectations

ENGNE has a minimal set of expectations for race organizers regarding the series. These expectations are as follows:

1. Races must have a published race notice and published results.
2. The published results will follow the Year of Birth (YOB), and Category guidelines outlined in this document.
3. Registration for events is open a minimum of two weeks prior to the event date.
4. Organizers must be able to provide race results in CSV format to ENGNE no later than a week after the conclusion of the event. Races using Zone4 are automatically covered. For other timing systems, please contact the ENGNE Race Director to agree on a suitable format.
5. The ENGNE series events follow divisional and national waxing guidelines. This means no fluoro products are allowed in any race under any circumstances.
6. Races **must** be sanctioned by a valid divisional and/or national federation - Tier 3 or Tier 2 sanction.
7. Races will need to be timed - various devices can be used to achieve this goal.
8. Races should follow divisional and national guidelines for race distances, maximum climb, total climb and height difference that are appropriate for each racing category offered.
9. Tier-2 races must be placed under the authority of a qualified Technical Delegate. The ENGNE Race Director will appoint the Technical Delegate at least one month before the event. For Tier-3 events, it is suggested a Technical Advisor be appointed to provide a neutral view of the organization. The Technical Advisor will be appointed by the ENGNE Race Director among experienced Level 2 to 5 officials in the Outaouais/NCD region.

Fees

ENGNE charges race organizers a $2/skier fee to cover the direct costs of the race series such as equipment maintenance, series awards and banquet. These fees are kept as low as possible to minimize race costs, however there are real costs to offering the race series and these fees allow us to break even.

Eligibility

All ENGNE series races must be sanctioned by the appropriate provincial and/or national federation. For most races, this will be a tier 3 Nordiq Canada sanction. For

races offering Nordiq Canada Points, a tier 2 sanction must be obtained. The insurance for the race shall identify ENGNE as a beneficiary.

The following provides more information:

- Tier 3 Event License
- Tier 3 Event FAQ
- Nordiq Canada Event Sanction Web Form
- Règlements Officiels Coupe Québec (for Québec-based tier 2 events)
- Ontario Cup Tech Package (for Ontario-based tier 2 events)

In keeping with the long-term athlete development model, the ENGNE Race series will be using YOB for race series awards for the younger participants and race categories for the older age groups. The following table outlines the race series awards groupings.

Male	**Age***	**YOB**	**Female**	**Age***	**YOB**
U8 Boys (1)	6	2020	U8 Girls (1)	6	2020
U8 Boys (2)	7	2019	U8 Girls (2)	7	2019
U10 Boys (1)	8	2018	U10 Girls (1)	8	2018
U10 Boys (2)	9	un 2017	U10 Girls (2)	9	2017
U12 Boys (1)	10	2016	U12 Girls (1)	10	2016
U12 Boys (2)	11	2015	U12 Girls (2)	11	2015
U14 Boys (1)	12	2014	U14 Girls (1)	12	2014
U14 Boys (2)	13	2013	U14 Girls (2)	13	2013
U16 Boys	14-15	2011-2012	U16 Girls	14-15	2011-2012
U18 Boys	16-17	2009-2010	U18 Girls	16-17	2009-2010
U20 Men	18-19	2007-2008	U20 Women	18-19	2007-2008
Senior Men	20-29	1997-2006	Senior Women	20-29	1997-2006
Masters Men	30+	1996 & earlier	Masters Women	30+	1996 & earlier

* Age as of December 31st, 2026

Start Order and Seeding

The first ENGNE series race will randomly seed skiers for each race. Subsequent races should use ENGNE race series points to seed skiers. For mass start events, skiers with more points should be positioned at the front. For individual or wave start events, skiers with more points should start last. Tier 2 events should seed skiers U16 and older

according to their Nordiq Canada Points. Organizers not familiar with seeding procedures can reach out to the ENGNE Race Director for assistance.

Racing Up

Racing up is not allowed. Organizers are to place skiers in the right categories by year of birth.

ENGNE Race Series Schedule

The ENGNE race schedule, race distances and formats will be coordinated by the ENGNE Race Director. The ENGNE Race Director will start planning the race series once the National and at least one provincial calendar are confirmed, usually towards the end of the summer. At that time clubs only need to indicate interest in being part of the series, race format and tentative dates.

Once the National, Ontario and Quebec calendars are finalized (usually around mid-September) each club should provide their preferred date, distances and format by October 1st.

The race Schedule will be finalized and posted no later than Nov 15th. The Draft schedule will be available on the ENGNE website as soon as draft dates are identified, the schedule will be updated regularly.

Race Notices

The race notice is a critical communications tool for participants, coaches and parents. Each race notices for each event should have the following minimum information:

- Date, location and schedule, including the opening and closing of registration and approximate racing schedule
- Race formats, distances and categories
- Organizing committee information
- Waxing rules
- Course map(s), including: distance (in km or m) Total Climb (TC), Maximum Climb (MC) and Height Difference (HD) if available

Race Notices should be posted in both French and English a minimum of three weeks prior to the event. Races using Zone4 are strongly encouraged to publish an Race Page containing the race notice, course maps and any other relevant information.

The race notice must be sent to the ENGE Race Director for review and so that it can be posted on the ENGNE site.

Results and Awards

In keeping with the evolution of our sports there are specific differences for awards and recognition depending on the age of the participants:

- U8 and younger: Participation awards only, no podium, results not published
- U10: Participation awards, podium for top 5, results published by bib order
- U12: Participation awards, podium for top 5, results published by bib order
- U14 and older: Podium for top 3, Results published by order of finish (time)

Aggregate Points

Individual Awards

Individuals participating in the race series will accumulate points in three areas:

1. **Number of events that the individual participated in**: To be eligible for aggregate awards the skier must have participated in ⅔ of the series races. Racers participating in all of the events held in a year receive recognition.
2. **Speed - measured by min/km:** for each race the speed/km will be calculated. The average speed per kilometer over all events will be calculated for each racer and points will be allocated based on the average speed/km. In this case skiers must have participated in a minimum of ⅔ of the series races.
    a. A separate report for each age and gender category will provide the detailed points standings by athlete
    b. Only registered Outaouais/NCD clubs and skiers will accrue points
    c. In the case of a tie for an award, athletes with the same speed/km are awarded the same placing, and the award at the next level is dropped.
    d. Sprint Races - speed will be calculated based on the qualifier time
    e. Team Relay time calculations - Each member of the team will share the average speed/km
3. **Improvement in speed year over year:** In the first year this will not be measured. In all subsequent years the athlete - within each YOB and gender - with the most improvement in the average speed per kilometer will receive an award.
4. A tie for any position in a particular race results in the next position being dropped.

Year End Celebration

The ENGNE race series and all local skiers will be celebrated at an annual ENGNE celebration. All local skiers and clubs are invited to make this event an annual celebration of local skiing.

Awards will be available to the top five individuals that have the highest aggregate point totals in each category or YOB, participation in all races and eventually most improvement in min/km. Individual awards may consist of gifts, medals and skiers' names engraved on trophies for most improved min/km.