

**CANADIAN Multi-stage Event
 Guidelines
 HAYWOOD NorAm Cup Race Series**

1. Definition

NorAm Multi-stage events will be held during the 2012 Competition season. The events will include a series of consecutive ski competitions of different formats and techniques as outlined in #2 below. Individual Stage and overall Multi-stage winners will be declared within each individual event.

2. 2011-12 Haywood NorAm Multi-Stage Schedule

Date	Location	Category	Format	Bonus Seconds
January 20, 21, 22	Canmore	Haywood NorAm Western Cdns (Multi-Stage including Teck Sprints)	Sprint 1.4/1.2 F 5/10 CI Interval Start 10/15 F (Handicap/MS)	Sp: For athletes in the Open Finals: 60", 56" etc.
February 3,4, 5	Nakkertok	Haywood NorAm Eastern Cdns (Multi-Stage including Teck Sprints)	Sprint 1.4 F 10/15 F Interval 15/30 CI (Handicap/MS)	Sp: For athletes in the Open Finals: 60", 56" etc.

3. Basic Rules

Multi-stage format will only be introduced in the Open Category of NorAm events

Licensed skier's may enter one or all of the competition stages during the Multi-stage event.

If a skier does not start or finish a stage of the event they will forfeit preferred seeding privileges in subsequent stages of the event.

If a skier does not complete all stages they will not be ranked within the Multi-stage event and will not be eligible for Multi-stage aggregate awards.

Skiers who do not qualify for preferred seeding will be started behind skiers who are seeded. No start restrictions will be placed on athletes based on their time behind the leader. The lapping rule (ICR 340.1.5) will not be applied during the mass start – handicap races.

The overall results for Haywood NorAm Multi-stage events will be based on the final rank achieved after the third stage of racing.

Handicap starts will normally include a grid with three (3) start lanes.

Final qualification times from the sprint plus final time from the interval starts plus any applicable bonus seconds will be considered when seeding the handicap stage.

In each of the Cdn Multi-stage events, only one competition will be earmarked to include bonus seconds. The competitions for bonus seconds include:

Canmore – Jan. 20; open sprint final rank (top 30)

Nakkertok – Feb 3; open sprint final rank (top 30)

FIS Point and Canada Point calculations will be based on the final time achieved in each individual stage of the Multi-stage event. Bonus seconds are only applied for seeding purposes.

4. Bonus Time Applications

- i) If the Multi-stage format includes a sprint race, bonus seconds will be awarded to the top 30 finishers in the sprint heat competition as noted below. Bonus seconds are subtracted from the competitor's actual time achieved in the qualification round before being added into the time score used to seed the final handicap race.

Haywood NorAm Multi-stage Sprint Bonus Seconds

1st – 60 seconds	11th – 32 seconds	21st – 10 seconds
2nd – 56 seconds	12th – 30 seconds	22nd – 9 seconds
3rd – 52 seconds	13th – 18 seconds	23rd – 8 seconds
4th – 48 seconds	14th – 17 seconds	24th – 7 seconds
5th – 44 seconds	15th – 16 seconds	25th – 6 seconds
6th – 42 seconds	16th – 15 seconds	26th – 5 seconds
7th – 40 seconds	17th – 14 seconds	27th – 4 seconds
8th – 38 seconds	18th – 13 seconds	28th – 3 seconds
9th – 36 seconds	19th – 12 seconds	29th – 2 seconds
10th – 34 seconds	20th – 11 seconds	30th – 1 second

- ii) If the Multi-stage format only includes a prologue, bonus seconds will be awarded to the the top three skiers within the Stage according to the following schedule:

Haywood NorAm Multi-stage Prologue Final Rank Bonus Seconds

1st – 15 seconds	2nd – 10 seconds	3rd – 5 seconds
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5. *Aggregate Points for Haywood NorAm Multi-stage Competitions*

Haywood NorAm points will be awarded after the last Stage according to the final Multi-stage NorAm standings. The factor will be 2. i.e. the NorAm Multi-stage winner will receive 200 pts.

1st – 200 pts	7th – 72 pts	13th – 40 pts	19th – 24 pts	25th – 12 pts
2nd – 160	8th – 64	14th – 36	20th – 22	26th – 10
3rd – 120	9th – 58	15th – 32	21st – 20	27th – 8
4th – 100	10th – 52	16th – 30	22nd – 18	28th – 6
5th – 90	11th – 48	17th – 28	23rd – 16	29th – 4
6th – 80	12th – 44	18th – 26	24th – 14	30th – 2

6. *Individual Stage Points for Haywood NorAm Multi-stage Competitions*

In addition to the overall NorAm points awarded, final ranking on each stage (based on the stage time) will also earn NorAm points as listed below for single stage results. On the last day, the winner of the day (fastest time on this stage for those specific kilometres) will get the NorAm stage points and Daily Prize-Money.

1st – 100 pts	7th – 36 pts	13th – 20 pts	19th – 12 pts	25th – 6 pts
2nd – 80	8th – 32	14th – 18	20th – 11	26th – 5
3rd – 60	9th – 29	15th – 16	21st – 10	27th – 4
4th – 50	10th – 26	16th – 15	22nd – 9	28th – 3
5th – 45	11th – 24	17th – 14	23rd – 8	29th – 2
6th – 40	12th – 22	18th – 13	24th – 7	30th – 1

7. *Starting Order for:*

Sprint Stages For individual sprint qualification round all open category skiers who qualify under the multi-stage rules will be ranked according to their Sprint CPL ranking and started with the highest points first. As this is an Ordered Draw, the first Order field is the CCCPoint in Descending Order (Highest to Lowest) the second Order field is CCCLicence in Descending Order so that those with a CCC licence but no points are placed ahead of those without either a license or those without Multi-stage ranking. For the quarterfinal heats, juniors who qualify for the heats have the option of racing in the senior category or the junior category. Unless the Competition Secretary receives written notice of an athlete's intent to race up at the TCM prior to the competition, all qualifying juniors will be entered into the junior quarterfinal heats.

Only skiers competing in the Open heats are eligible for prize money and bonus seconds.

Prologue/Interval Start Stages

Within the open men and open women categories, seeding and bib assignment will be done according to the Distance CPL ranking with the best starting last. As this is also an Ordered Draw, the first Order field is the CCCPoint in Ascending Order (Lowest to Highest), the second Order field is CCCLicence in Ascending order so that those with a CCC licence but no points are placed in a better start position than SMDL holders. Starting order for the groups is as per Rule 333.3.1, unless changed by the Jury.

In Multi-stage events, skiers must ski in the first race to be eligible for preferred seeding in the second race of the event. Skiers who do not meet this condition will be seeded with license holders without CPL points.

Handicap Stage

The starting order will be according to the current Haywood NorAm Multi-stage standings after 2 stages, counting all bonus seconds, with the top skier starting first. The handicap start will be based on a skier's time behind the leader.

The Jury may also decide to use a "wave start" after a time threshold on the final day depending on the overall start time spread of the field, course design and number of seeded racers after the time threshold.

Any racer scheduled to start after the time threshold will be started in a single wave at the cut off time. The non-seeded racers (those having not finished either of the first two stages) will be placed behind the seeded racers in the wave start.

8. Leader Bib

The Haywood NorAm and Teck Sprint LEADER bib will be worn by the current Haywood NorAm (overall) and Teck Sprint leaders after each stage of competition. In the case where the same athlete is entitled to wear both bibs, ie. Leads both the Overall and Sprint Series, the Overall Leader bib shall be worn.

9. Prize Money

A prize purse will be available to FIS licensed skiers in the open category for both genders. The top 3 skiers in the open category will be recognized on individual stage days. The top 6 skiers in the Multi-stage event and the top 3 U23 skiers in the Multi-stage event will be recognized.

i) Haywood NorAm Multi-stage Prize Schedule – Individual Competitions

	Men	Women
1 st	\$175	\$175
2 nd	\$150	\$150
3 rd	\$100	\$100
Totals	\$425	\$425

ii) Haywood NorAm Multi-stage Prize Schedule – Overall Open Aggregate

	Men	Women
1 st	\$700	\$700
2 nd	\$400	\$400
3 rd	\$250	\$250
4 th	\$200	\$200
5 th	\$125	\$125
6 th	\$75	\$75
Totals	\$1750	\$1750

iii) Haywood NorAm Multi-stage Prize Schedule – Overall U23 Aggregate

	Men	Women
1 st	\$150	\$150
2 nd	\$100	\$100
3 rd	\$ 50	\$ 50
Totals	\$300	\$300