

# BRITISH SCHOOLGIRLS RACES

## GATE JUDGES BRIEFING 2023

### GATE JUDGES DUTIES

1. To check the racer makes a correct passage (see below)
2. To see that the gates allotted to you are clear for the racer
3. To replace fallen poles and broken poles once the start has been held
4. To record any incident occurring in your section

### CORRECT PASSAGE OF A GATE

A gate has been passed correctly when both the competitor's ski-tips and both feet have passed across the gate line. If a competitor loses a ski, without committing a fault, i.e. not by straddling a Slalom pole, then the tip of the remaining ski and both feet must have passed the gate line. This rule is also valid when a competitor has to climb back up to a gate.

The gate line in GS, where a gate consists of two pairs of poles holding banners between them, is the imaginary shortest line between the two inner poles at snow level. The gate line in Slalom, where the gate consists of a single gate is the imaginary shortest line between the turning pole and the next pole.

In the event that a competitor removes a pole from its vertical position before both the ski tips and both feet have passed the gate line, the ski tips and feet must pass the original gate line (marking in the snow).

In Parallel Slalom, the passage is correct when both ski tips and both feet have passed outside the gate marker in the direction of the turn.

#### Note:

1. If the pole is deflected sideways, the feet must still pass the correct side of the vertical from the marking in the snow. Gate judges are advised to focus attention on the racer's feet and ski tips
2. There is no restriction on the number of times a racer may pass through a gate
3. A racer may pass through a gate in either direction
4. Gates may be taken in any sequence
5. Remember that in case of doubt it is better that a mistake go unpunished than be wrongfully punished

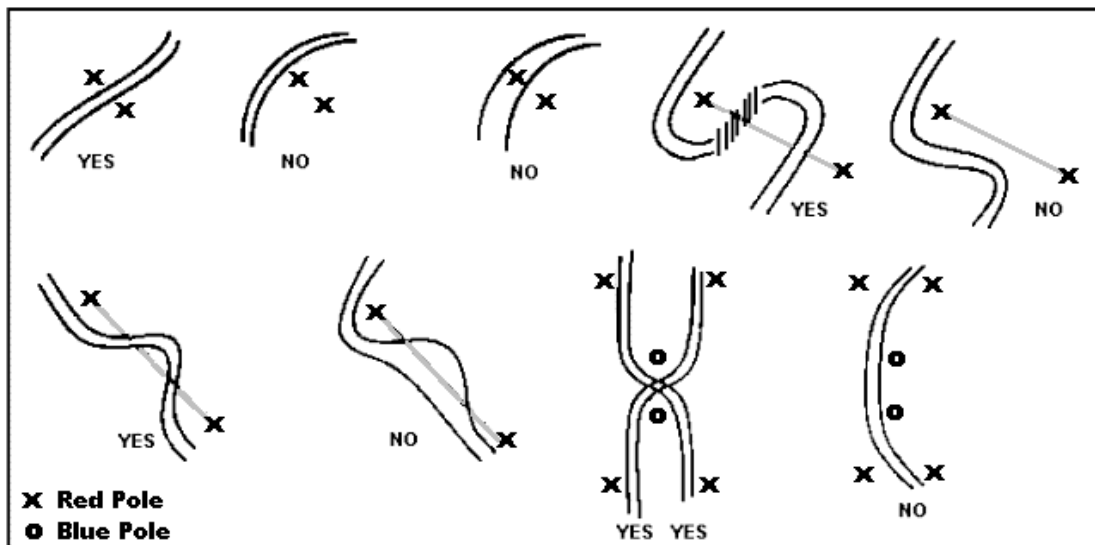
The gate judge must declare a fault only when convinced that a fault has been committed. Gate judges must be able to explain clearly and definitely how the fault was committed.

### THE CONTROL SHEET

This should be filled in the manner indicated on the sheet. Please note the following points:

1. Write your name at the top of the sheet and remember to indicate discipline (GS or SL), 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> run or Finish. **Also put your mobile number. This is important if we need to contact you for information regarding your sheet.**
2. For the first run, the racers will run in bib number order
3. For the second run, the racers will in reverse order in groups (U 18 & U21 disqualified in the first run do not get a second run, but all U 14 and U16 get a second run as it is a second race for them)
4. You can use the time during inspection by preparing gate diagrams as described on the control card
5. At the end of a run please wait until protocol is finished in case there are any protests

Some examples of correct and incorrect gate passage:



## OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Gate judges must ensure that the racers receive no outside aid unless they clearly indicate they have retired
2. Racers should be informed if they have made an error by responding "Go on" if the passage is correct and "Back" if the racer is liable to disqualification

## AT THE END OF THE RUN

Gate judges should return their control sheets to the Chief Gate Judge at the end of each run. Any gate judge who has disqualified a racer must be able to explain the reason to the Referee and remain available to the jury if required. Information on the control sheets is confidential to the jury.

A video or similar will be shown at the Gate keepers briefing after the Team Captains Meeting on the Sunday.