

# Snowboard Test:



The Board Test is not seeking a specific style of riding, (eg. instructor standard Boarding) but is emphasising board performance, sound technique, competence and confidence.

The candidate is to be in control of the board and unless the candidate is riding with unsound technique, any style is acceptable), therefore being able to execute the following maneuvers with total competence.

Each maneuver will be demonstrated and explained by the examiner before testing.

## **Control Run.**

Consisting of two maneuvers

- varying radius
- constant radius turns.

This test will be conducted on an intermediate to advanced slope with moderate bumps, of sufficient length so as to test the stamina and endurance of the candidate. After a demonstration, the candidate will execute a series of short turns (say 6-8) directly in the fall line, changing smoothly to a series of long, constant radius turns (say 6-8) over the bumps and then changing back to short radius and so on for the length of the slope. The turns must be differentiated and the transition must be smooth and controlled. The constant radius turns across the slope must be of reasonable speed.

Control is paramount. This maneuver tests the candidate's ability to turn at a specific place (determined by the radius and not where it is convenient). Absorption of the terrain, and board/snow contact and therefore control are paramount.

Judging categories: - Linked turns  
- Rhythm  
- Edge control.

The aim of this test is for the candidate to demonstrate good functional riding with variations of technical skills. It will reflect the candidate's ability to respond to command and in so doing, control the board over the snow. Consequently demonstrating the candidate's control over the terrain and not vice versa.

## **Free Run.**

This test will be held on a frequently ridden steep slope with moguls (eg. Eyre, International, Mt Perisher). Again the length of the descent should test the stamina and endurance of the candidate. This run is intended to test the candidate's ability to ride as well as he / she is able on "most difficult" terrain. Emphasis will be on strong functional boarding and the candidate making refined turns (without traversing ) indicating a competent descent. A fall does not necessarily mean disqualification.

The judging categories will be: - Linked turns  
- Strength  
- Overall control  
- Edge Control  
- Versatility (ie:Fakie riding)

The aim of this test is to demonstrate the standard of riding required to be able to competently ride anywhere in the Perisher Blue Resort area. It is the type of riding observed by the public and as such must be of a suitable high standard.

