

Safety is the AJSBA's number one priority and we wish to alert all affiliates and competitors to the IJSBA regulations regarding back protection that will be strictly enforced moving forward.

The AJSBA will be enforcing compulsory back protection for ALL SKI AND RUNABOUT competitors.

As the Rule Book states-

'competitors shall be required to wear a spinal column protection device capable of distributing, diffusing, or absorbing impact. Protection devices may be rigid or soft material capable of absorbing and distributing an impact sufficient to reduce injury. Devices must not be capable of absorbing water. Where there is doubt that the device covers the required area of the spinal column, the following measurement shall be used: "No greater distance shall be allowed than two inches below a horizontal line between the top of both shoulders and no less distance shall be allowed than three inches below a horizontal line between both hips. The Race Director shall have final determination of whether the back protection used by a rider is adequate.

This requirement now becomes part of the scrutineering process and new scrutineering forms have been issued on the AJSBA website for use. This rule is effective immediately.

If you have any queries about this latest requirement, please contact the AJSBA via email at president@ajsba.org.au.