

## Empire State Snowshoe Series FAQ/Rules

**1. For 2016-2017, we are offering 2 race categories for each gender.** Open, and Master's. The Master's category is for those age 40 and over. Open is for those under age 40. Racing Age is the age you will be on March 31st, 2017. We need to fix a firm age for the year so people won't race in January at one age and in March at another if they have a birthday in-between. For example: If you are 39, but turn 40 on March 20th, you will be racing in the Master's division all season.

**2. How do I get Points?** Enter as many "Series Races" as you can. To contend for the title, you'll need to race in as many events within the series as possible to score maximum points.

There are 12 race options in the 2016-2017 ESS Series, your final score will be calculated based on your top 6 races. It's not mandatory that you race in all events in the Series, but your chances of getting top spots are much better if you do. You will be allocated "0" points for races in the Series that you do not enter.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** If there are two race distances offered on the same day, only the longer distance event counts for points. For example, if there is a 5k and a 15k race on the same day, only the 15k will count for points. **The exception** is the Feb 4 race date, the 6-hour relay is not for series points, but the 4 miler at the same venue is. The World Snowshoe Championship is not a points race.

**3. Points are awarded** - to the top 15 finishers in each category by each gender (Open, or Master's). Please see the points breakdown below. Current standings will be posted to [www.winonaforest.com](http://www.winonaforest.com) hopefully within the week after each event.

### **EMPIRE STATE SNOWSHOE SERIES POINTS** – awarded to each category

1st – 100

2nd – 90

3rd – 82

4th – 75

5th – 69

6th – 63

7th – 58

8th – 53

9th – 49  
10th – 45

11<sup>th</sup> – 41

12<sup>th</sup> – 37

13<sup>th</sup> - 34

14<sup>th</sup> – 31

15<sup>th</sup> - 28

**4. Count ‘em Up!** – The athlete with the most points- by gender and category- after the last race in the Series earns the title of EMPIRE STATE SNOWSHOE Series Champion. Top 3 in each category are awarded. Additionally, if you participated in 6 or more races, you are eligible for raffle prizes donated by Dion Snowshoes, which include 2 pairs of racing snowshoes, and other items. Awards ceremony will take place March 4 at the Dewey Mountain Challenge.

**5. Tie Breakers** – Ties in point standings will be settled by:  
Head to Head competition (order of finish from the most recent race in your Series where both/all competitors participated.)  
Winner of the most recent race (the highest placing athlete at the most recent race in your series will break the tie).