



## NEW JERSEY SKI RACING ASSOCIATION 2015/2016 COMPETITION GUIDE

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## **NEW JERSEY SKI RACING ASSOCIATION (NJSRA)**

The New Jersey Ski Racing Association (NJSRA) is the governing body for USSA ski racing in New Jersey. Its membership is comprised of competitors, parents, coaches, race officials and those interested in being involved in USSA racing in New Jersey. All competitors who wish to compete for the state team and/or postseason quota spots, must be members of NJSRA.

Specifically, NJSRA is responsible for scheduling qualifying races, and administering state quotas for racers who want to compete in out of state Postseason events. It also represents New Jersey at Eastern Region meetings, and acts as the communication link between the state's USSA ski racing clubs.

**NJSRA is always searching for new ways to benefit the members.**

Each year the membership elects a board of directors who administer the responsibilities of the association. In New Jersey there are no paid positions everyone is a volunteer. Still, the association needs everyone's help. All members can help by becoming a race official, a gatekeeper, by advertising in this guide, or by helping on one of the many committees.

Call any one of the board members listed in this guide to find out all the opportunities NJSRA offers you to become involved in a very exciting sport.

See Appendix A for the most recent listing of NJSRA board Members and Chairpeople

## **U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association (USSA)**

The U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association (USSA) is the sport's national governing body, recognized by the Federation Internationale de Ski (FIS) and the United States Olympic Committee (USOC).

The U.S. Ski Team, an arm of the USSA, funds, selects and trains our athletes for international competition, including the Winter Olympics, World Ski championships and the World Cup.

### **Competition & membership benefits:**

USSA is responsible for alpine, cross-country, Nordic combined and freestyle programs in the U.S. USSA also works with speed skiing, snowboarding, free-style and disabled programs. USSA's Alpine Competition Division conducts programs leading to the U.S. Ski Team, schedules races and clinics, trains and certifies officials and offers a variety of racing programs for folks from five to one hundred five.

### **How to join:**

Contact: USSA, PO Box 100, Park City, UT 84060.

435-649-6666

[www.ussa.org](http://www.ussa.org)

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. All NJSRA racers must also be members of the United States Ski Association. Membership forms are available online at [www.ussa.org](http://www.ussa.org).
2. Racers who want to be considered for a spot on one of the New Jersey State Teams and/or for any of the various state awards must be members of the New Jersey Ski Racing Association (NJSRA). Membership is paid on the USSA Membership application In New Jersey; Intent to Qualify is automatic when the NJSRA membership is paid.  
**IMPORTANT! --> Membership Application must be received by USSA before October 15<sup>th</sup>, or a late fee of \$15 per racer will be imposed. (First year members are exempt from late fee).**  
Results from participation in any qualifying races prior to payment of membership dues will not be used for post season calculations for that competitor.
3. To be eligible for a NJSRA state quota slot, a racer must meet one the following requirements:

**Live and/or Train exclusively in New Jersey  
Belong to an NJSRA-USSA affiliated Program  
Attend a New Jersey school.**

Membership in a state racing association is required. A competitor may only belong to one state association. A racer shall race for the state and/or region in which he/she resides, or in which they are attending school, and/or training on a long-term basis. The decision must be made at the start of the season and must be abided by for the entire season, unless there are extraordinary circumstances. Competitors must join their State Association by December. All applications are subject to NJSRA Board approval.

4. **NJSRA does not Determine the number of Postseason quota spots and these spots are subject to change.**

## NJSRA CODE OF CONDUCT

NJSRA members are expected to conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner befitting worthy representatives of their families, ski area, and in conformity with the best tradition of ski racing in New Jersey.

All members, including athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers and parents shall be subject to the jurisdiction of and shall abide by the International and United States Skiing Constitution, bylaws, rules and regulations and NJSRA Articles of incorporation, bylaws, rules and regulations (the "Competition Rules").

While in competitions, going to and from competitions and while at ski areas hosing competitions, NJSRA members shall:

Maintain high standards of moral and ethical conduct including self-control, responsible behavior, and consideration for others' physical and emotional well being, restraint from profane and abusive language, and courtesy and good manners in public places and while traveling. Abstain from the illegal use of drugs

and alcohol. While at NJSRA sponsored camps, adhere to all rules. Adhere to and be knowledgeable of all Competition Rules.

### **NJSRA has a no tolerance policy for the above items.**

Failure to comply with any of the above can lead to disciplinary action against NJSRA members by:

- The NJSRA Board;
- The Race Jury on the recommendation of a member of the Jury.
- The Technical Delegate; or
- For Quota events, the NJSRA designated head coach for the event.

### **Disciplinary action taken can include, but is not limited to:**

- Any disciplinary measure allowed by the Competition rules.
- Disqualification from a specific race.
- Withdrawal of future NJSRA Camp invitations.
- State team and Quota spot disqualification

Any disciplinary action taken shall be applied fairly and equitably to all parties involved. Any disciplinary action that would prevent a NJSRA member from participating in the competition will be conducted in accord with the Due Process and in compliance with the USSA Amateur Act as amended and the NJSRA Review/Appeals Committee.

## **APPEALS - REVIEW COMMITTEE**

The NJSRA Appeals/Review Committee reviews the due process relating to Athlete/team selection, the Race Jury and the Technical Delegate and disciplinary action taken pursuant to the Code of Conduct including any athlete, coach, official, administrator volunteers and parent.

The Appeals and Due Process procedures and fees set forth in the USSA Competition/Annual Guide and directory shall apply except as modified hereafter.

Appeals shall be submitted within 48 hours after the Announcement/publication of the decision from which the appeal is being taken. All appeals shall be filed in writing with NJSRA c/o the Alpine Officials Chair. On Appeal, factual issues shall be overturned only if it is found that the decision was a use of discretion, issues relating to the interpretation and application of the competition rules as that term is defined in the Code of conduct shall be reviewed *de novo*. Members of this committee will be the Official Chairperson, one Coach, and one member of the NJSRA Board. The fee is \$25.00.

## **EQUIPMENT GUIDE**

USSA Equipment Guidelines:

<http://alpine.usskiteam.com/sites/default/files/documents/athletics/alpine/2014-15/documents/2016%20alpine%20equipment%20matrix%205-14-2015%20v6.pdf>

or go to [USSA.org](http://USSA.org) and search "Alpine equipment rules"

**Don't buy anything...** until you've talked to a racing gear expert such as your coach or this Guide's advertisers.

**No kidding!!** We can't emphasize proper equipment enough. Youngsters are often seriously held back by inappropriate or ill-fitting equipment.

**Before you buy...**

**Racing equipment is not universal for all ages, weights, or racing abilities.** Talk to your race coaches. You can count on their solid advice and knowledge of your skiing.

Racer Nights are held at Ski Barn, Heino's, and McAfee Ski Shops in October

### ***BASIC GUIDELINES***

**Boots-** The most critical piece of equipment. Only front entry boots will do. Buy them about the same size as your sneakers or smaller. Yes, that's right! No bigger. Ski boots must be snug to give good control. Boots are made with different flex. To bend the knee beyond the toe, the flex should become increasingly stiff. Boots should raise no more than half way up the lower leg. **NOTE:** Boots are made to fit varying widths and leg length. Look for one that fits the shape of your foot and leg. Heel heights can be no more than 45 mm for USSA Scored events. (*See USSA Comp Guide for latest binding update.*)

**Bindings & Binding Height-** Buy the most durable in your weight range. Your DIN setting should be in the middle or slightly lower end of the numerical scale of the chosen binding. DO NOT buy a binding well over your weight range. Also, beware of USSA height restrictions for USSA Scored events. (*See USSA Comp Guide for latest binding update.*)

**Helmets-** Helmets must be made for ski racing specifically. Look for helmets that are certified and officially authorized by USSA for ski racing. If you want a helmet that can be fitted with slalom guard, be sure the holes exist for installation.

USSA Equipment Guidelines: USSA/FIS Helmet Requirements is Appendix 1.

**Skis-** Have become very short over the past few years. However, USSA has set minimum standards for ski length and side-cut for the different events and age groups for USSA Scored events. Please see the USSA Comp Guide for specifics. Beyond length, skis have different flexes, rebounds and side cuts which give them different personalities. Weight also has to be considered for racers in choosing adult and/or junior ski. Just because your favorite racer uses a particular ski doesn't mean it is the best one for you.

**Poles-** Simple: just get the best you can afford. Proper length is the most important aspect. All poles have to have baskets.

## **2015/2016 USSA Ski Guidelines**

See online criteria as presented at: [www.ussa.org](http://www.ussa.org)

Note: FIS and High School guidelines differ.

Consult with your mountain program director or your coach for further information and equipment concerns.

## AGE CLASSIFICATIONS

Age as of December 31, 2015

<i>Class</i>	<i>Ages</i>	<i>Date of Birth</i>
U10	8, 9	2007, 2006
U12	10, 11	2005, 2005
U14	12, 13	2003, 2002
U16	14, 15	2001, 2000
U19	16, 17	1999, 1998, 1997 (New Age Group)
U21	18 to 20	1996, 1995
Sr/Masters	21 & over	1994 & earlier

## Learn to race and Youth Ski League (YSL) Programs

The individual mountains usually have their own Learn to Race Programs. These programs help youngsters develop basic skiing skills while introducing them to the sport of alpine racing. There are 3 races during the season. These racers are not required to join USSA or NJSRA. However, they cannot compete in any USSA races without membership.

## USSA SEEDED COMPETITION

### Scoring Systems

**U10/ U12 - Place Point System** - 1st place is a 1, 2nd place is a 2, 3rd place is a 3, and so on....

**U14/U16 - World Cup Point System**

The World Cup scoring system is based on awarding a number of points for each place in a race. The top 30 finishers in each race earn points, with 100 for the winner, 80 for second, 60 for third, and then decreasing by smaller increments for each lower place.

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

Ties will be broken by next best-scored result. Additional ties will be broken by next best result, then by total place points for all qualifiers.

**U19/U21/Sr.'s - Individual USSA Points Results** - "Individual USSA Points results" are the USSA Race points earned after each completed race plus the penalty given at each race

## **U10 & U12 COMPETITION**

NJSRA conducts a series of qualifying events to determine state teams and postseason quota spots at the U10/U12 level.

### **U10/U12 State Team Selection and Quota selection Criteria**

**U10/U12** - NJSRA will use "Place points" to determine State teams and quota spot selection for Postseason qualification. (see scoring systems)  
All U10/U12 racers will be allowed 2 runs per race.

**U10** - Each race will consist of 3 scores. 1st Run, 2nd Run, Completed Race. U10 will have 4 races, total scoring opportunities will be 12. Racers will be ranked based on the following: 1 less than half of the total scoring opportunities, rounded up. Top 4 scores will determine U10 State team.

Medals will be awarded for the top 5 male/Female racers at each race. Wiebel will award medals for the top 10 male/female and will be provided by host mountain

### **New Jersey State Awards—U10**

#### **U10 State Team**

The top three State Team members will be recognized at the annual awards dinner.

**U12** - Each race will consist of 3 scores. 1st Run, 2nd Run, Completed Race. U12 will have 6 races, total scoring opportunities will be 18. Racers will be ranked based on the following: 1 less than half of the total scoring opportunities, rounded up. Top 7 scores will determine U12 State team and postseason quota rankings.  
Postseason options will be Gunstock for U12's only.

Medals will be awarded for the top 5 male/Female racers at each race. Wiebel will award medals for the top 10 male/female and will be provided by host mountain.

### **New Jersey State Awards—U12**

#### **U12 State Team**

The top three State Team members will be recognized at the annual awards dinner.

There is one designated qualifier in which the winners' names are engraved on perpetual trophies.

### **Rudi Loegel Memorial Trophy – U12**

This is a designated qualifier offering individual men's and women's trophies. The winners will be awarded (best-combined time for both runs) at the Awards Dinner.

### **Post Season Opportunities – U12 ONLY**

The U12 season concludes with the Piche Invitational Trophy championship race at Gunstock, NH. **Should New Jersey be invited to participate in this post season event**, the selection of athletes to participate will follow the invitational team guidelines:

U12 Athletes.....20 Athletes. (Top 10 Male and Top 10 Female)

Should the Eastern Region add any in season state quota events, such as a development camp, the selection criteria will use quota positions from the previous season in the U10/U12 age group until the first qualifier is held. Once the first qualifier is held, selection will derive from all the current season's qualifiers completed to date.

The Chair, with Board concurrence, also has the authority to:

- a) Name alternate racers to the State team in the event of extenuating circumstances, such as illness or injury.
- b) Allocate these quota slots differently among men and women if it will best serve the team.
- c) Chose to not fill all the NJ slots allocated for post season events.
- d) Change the number of qualifying races due to cancellations, weather conditions, or other extenuating circumstances.

### **Notification/Acceptance of Quota Slots**

It is the sole responsibility of the state chair or that committee to contact racers for quota slots. Contact by any other individual (coaches, parents, NJSRA Board Members) will not be considered official. Due to deadlines on submitting names to quota events, racers who have been invited to fill a quota slot will have 24 hours to reply. If no reply is received within the 24 hours the slot will be offered to the next racer in line. Any racer who changes their mind, and wants to take advantage of a quota slot after a negative response or who misses the 24 hour deadline, will be afforded the next available alternate slot.

**Place Point System** - 1st place is a 1, 2nd place is a 2, 3rd place is a 3, and so on....

## **U14 & U16 COMPETITION**

NJSRA conducts a series of qualifier events to determine a State Team and quota spots at the U14 & U16 level. These races also determine the U14 & U16 Slalom and Giant Slalom Cup winners.

### **U16/U14 State Team Selection and Quota selection Criteria**



**U14/U16** - NJSRA will use "World cup points" to determine State teams and quota spot selection for Postseason qualification. (see scoring systems)  
All U16/U14 racers will be allowed 2 runs per race - All DSO's and DNF's will run at the end of the second run in bib order. For the 2015/2016 season, U16 will be a scored event.

**U14** - World cup points will be based on individual runs. (1st Run, 2nd Run, Completed Race)  
U14 will have 6 races, total scoring opportunities will be 18. Racers will be ranked based on the following: 1 less than half of the total scoring opportunities, rounded up. Top 7 scores will determine U14 State team and postseason quota rankings.  
Postseason options will be U14 Championships and Gunstock.

### **New Jersey State Awards—U14**

#### **U14 State Team**

The top three State Team members will be recognized at the annual awards dinner.

There is one designated U 14 qualifier in which the winners' names are engraved on perpetual trophies.

#### **Peter Lorentzen Cup – U14**

This is a designated qualifier offering individual men's and women's trophies. The winners will be awarded (best-combined time for both runs) at the Awards Dinner.

The namesake of this trophy was the president of Levelor Blinds. His desire to see some young racers win a huge trophy motivated him purchases this perpetual prize. Individual men's and women's cup will be awarded to the winners of this race (best-combined time for both runs) at the Awards Dinner.

#### **U14 Post Season Regional Camp/U14 Championship Race**

A quota of the top 5 - (The top 2 females and top 3 males) New Jersey U14 racers may attend the regional USSA Eastern Championships training camp and races. The camp's varied fun activities make it one of the season's highlights. Quota slots are filled based on State quota standings.

NOTE: U14 racers are only allowed to accept quota slots for one post season event unless there are unfilled slots available.

#### **Piche Invitational Trophy Championship Race**

The U14 season concludes with the Piche Invitational Trophy championship race at Gunstock, NH. **Should New Jersey be invited to participate in this post season event**, the selection of athletes to participate will follow the invitational team guidelines:

U14 Athletes.....16 Athletes. (8 female and 8 male - female ranked 3-10 and male ranked 4-11)

**U16** - World cup points will be based on **completed races only** and must include finishes in 2 different disciplines. The racer's three (3) best Individual World cup Points Results, which must include two

different disciplines (SL and GS only), are used to rank the racers, and calculate the U16 State team and U16 Quota selection. DNF's and DSQ's will not constitute a scoring opportunity. The U16 State teams and U16 quota rankings will be scored and determined on 6 NJSRA qualifiers, which will be named at the beginning of the NJSRA race season. There will be a total of 7 available races to U16 NJSRA racers; 6 races will be held in NJ, and 1 SG race (non qualifier) will be held outside of NJSRA. NJSRA Postseason options will be U16 Championships and U16 Finals.

Medals will be awarded for the top 5 male/Female racers at each race.

### **New Jersey State Awards—U16**

#### **U16 State Team**

The top three State Team members will be recognized at the annual awards dinner.

#### **NJSRA Slalom Championship--U16**

One qualifier race each year will be designated the NJSRA U16 Slalom Cup Race. Individual men's and women's cups will be awarded to the winners of this race.

#### **NJSRA Giant Slalom Championship--U16**

The Giant Slalom Cup is awarded in the same manner as the NJSRA Slalom Cup. Individual trophies will be awarded to the winners of this race.

### **U16 Eastern Championships**

New Jersey has a quota of 5 athletes to send to the U16 Eastern Championships. (The top 2 females and the top 3 males)

#### **U16 Eastern Finals**

New Jersey has a quota of 16 athletes to send to the U16 Eastern Finals. (8 female and 8 male - female ranked 3-10 and male ranked 4-11)

#### **U16 Can-Ams**

New Jersey has a quota of 2 athletes to send to the U16 Can-Ams. (NJSRA will send The top female and the top male based on performance from the U16 Championships - Performance will be based on scoring supplied by USSA Eastern Region after the U16 Championships are completed.)

Should the Eastern Region add any in season state quota events, such as a development camp, the selection criteria will use quota positions from the previous season in the U14/U16 age group until the first qualifier is held. Once the first qualifier is held, selection will derive from all the current season's qualifiers completed to date.

The Chair, with Board concurrence, also has the authority to:

- a) Name alternate racers to the State team in the event of extenuating circumstances, such as illness or injury.
- b) Allocate these quota slots differently among men and women if it will best serve the team.
- c) Chose to not fill all the NJ slots allocated for post season events.
- d) Change the number of qualifying races due to cancellations, weather conditions, or other extenuating circumstances.

### Notification/Acceptance of Quota Slots

It is the sole responsibility of the state chair or that committee to contact racers for quota slots. Contact by any other individual (coaches, parents, NJSRA Board Members) will not be considered official. Due to deadlines on submitting names to quota events, racers who have been invited to fill a quota slot will have 24 hours to reply. If no reply is received within the 24 hours the slot will be offered to the next racer in line. Any racer who changes their mind, and wants to take advantage of a quota slot after a negative response or who misses the 24 hour deadline, will be afforded the next available alternate slot.

### World Cup Point System

The World Cup scoring system is based on awarding a number of points for each place in a race. The top 30 finishers in each race earn points, with 100 for the winner, 80 for second, 60 for third, and then decreasing by smaller increments for each lower place.

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Ties will be broken by next best-scored result. Additional ties will be broken by next best result, then by total place points for all qualifiers.

### *U19, U21, and Seniors*

NJSRA conducts a series of qualifier events to determine a State Team and quota spots at the U19 & U21 level. These races also determine the U19 & U21 Governors cup, Slalom and Giant Slalom Cup, and Tom Hazzard Cups winners.

### Selection Criteria for U19 & U21 State Teams

**U19/U21** State Team selection is based on Individual USSA Points Results assigned to **completed races** (not individual runs). The racer's three (3) best Individual USSA Points Results from two different disciplines (SL and GS only) are used to rank the racers, and calculate the State team selection. U19 & U21 State teams will be scored and determined on 5 NJSRA qualifiers, which will be named at the beginning of the NJSRA race season. There will be at total of 7 available races to NJSRA racers; 6 races will be held in NJ, and 1 SG race (non qualifier) will be held outside of NJSRA. Racers may bring ONE (1) "out of state" Individual USSA Points Results back to NJSRA and use it as one of the racer's 5 NJSRA

qualifiers. All out of state races that wish to be included in one of the 5 NJSRA Qualifiers must be submitted within 5 days after the race to the NJSRA state Chairperson. More than one Out of state race may be submitted, but only the one best out of state race will be counted.

### **Selection Criteria for U19 & U21 Post season Slots**

**U19/U21** Quota selection is based on Individual USSA Points Results assigned to **completed races** (not individual runs). The racer's three (3) best Individual USSA Points Results from two different disciplines (SL and GS only) are used to rank the racers, and calculate the U19/U21 Quota selection. U19 & U21 State teams will be scored and determined on 5 NJSRA qualifiers, which will be named at the beginning of the NJSRA race season. There will be a total of 7 available races to U19/U21 NJSRA racers; 6 races will be held in NJ, and 1 SG race (non qualifier) will be held outside of NJSRA. U19/U21 Racers may bring ONE (1) "out of state" Individual USSA Points Results back to NJSRA and use it as one of the racer's 5 NJSRA qualifiers. All out of state races that wish to be included in one of the 5 NJSRA Qualifiers must be submitted within 5 days after the race to the NJSRA state Chairperson. More than one Out of state race may be submitted, however only the one best out of state race will be counted.

### **Post Season Assignment of U19/U21 State Quota Slots**

There are three post season events for U19/U21. Post season race participation will be based on the Individual USSA Points Results of the qualifiers regardless of state team positions. NJ State team selection **does not** necessarily mean automatic selection for post season races. Since post season races are U19 & U21 combined, it is entirely possible that a racer, who did not make the state team, is selected for a state quota event because he /she placed before a racer on the state team in a different age group. **Remember:** The Individual USSA Points Results earned by each racer will be the determining factor.

### **New Jersey State Awards--U19, U21 & Sr.**

All U21, U19 and senior racers who meet NJSRA eligibility requirements may compete for the following New Jersey State awards.

#### **U21 State Team**

The State Team will be announced within 72 hours of the last qualifier. The team consists of: **3 women and 3 men.**

#### **U19 State Team**

The State Team will be announced within 72 hours of the last qualifier. The team consists of: **3 women and 3 men.**

### **NJSRA Governor's Cup Series**

The New Jersey Governor's Cup Series is open to all U21, U19, and Senior racers who belong to USSA. The series includes all the NJSRA Qualifiers. In addition to determining men's and women's Governor's Cup winners, these races are also the qualifiers for the U21 and U19 State Teams.

### **Governor's Cup--U19, U21 & Sr.**

Individual men's and women's Governor's Cups will be awarded based on the total World Cup points for the all the qualifying races. Winners of this cup must finish all the qualifying races.

### **Slalom Championships--U19, U21 & Sr.**

One Governor's Cup Series race is designated the New Jersey Slalom Championship. Individual men's and women's cups will be awarded to the top finishing NJSRA members.

### **Giant Slalom Championship—U19, U21 & Sr.**

One Governor's Cup Series race is designated the New Jersey Giant Slalom Championship. Individual men's and women's cups will be awarded to the top finishing NJSRA members.

### **Tom Hassard Speed Cup—U21, U19, & Sr.**

The Governor's Cup Series speed event race is designated for this award. Individual men's and women's awards will go the top finishing NJSRA members in this race. The name of the cup honors someone who gave over thirty years of service to New Jersey ski racing.

### **The Lenny Scarola Men's Sportsmanship and the Robin Desrats Woman's Sportsmanship Awards**

These awards are limited to U21's, are coach recommended and NJSRA Board approved. All awards are presented at the Annual End of Season Celebration and Awards Dinner.

## **Eastern Region Championships**

This is a four race series for top qualifying U21, U19 and Sr. athletes from the eastern states. It is a FIS event, and all competitors must hold a FIS license. A pre-designated number of athletes will quality from this series to the US Nationals. NJSRA has a total of three quota slots for this series.

### **Eastern U19 Championships**

This is a four race series for top qualifying U19 athletes from the eastern states. The races are USSA events. A pre-designated number of athletes will qualify from this series to the US U19 Nationals. NJSRA has a total of six quota slots for this series.

### **U21/U19 Eastern Finals**

This is a four race series for qualifying U21-U19 athletes from eastern states. The races are USSA events. NJSRA has a total of twelve quota slots for this series. Racers who have attended either the Eastern Region Championships or the U19 Eastern Region Championships are still eligible to attend this event.

### **Eastern Region FIS Championship Series--U21, U19, & Sr.**

These highly competitive FIS point races are held throughout the East during the season. New Jersey's has a total of three quota slots. Selection is based on the National Team Selection method, outlined in the USSA Comp Guide and is subject to the discretion of the U21, U19 Competition Chair. Seniors are eligible for these slots, along with our junior racers.

## Downhill Competition--Eastern Regional FIS

New Jersey has a quota of three men and three women for the events. Racers wishing to compete must have a letter written by a representative coach filed at the USSA Eastern office by January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016.

Should the Eastern Region add any in season state quota events, such as a development camp, the selection criteria will use quota positions from the previous season in the U19/U21 age group until the first qualifier is held. Prior to the first qualifier, first year U19's eligibility will only be considered for a quota slot after all other competitors in the age group. Once the first qualifier is held, selection will derive from all the current season's qualifiers completed to date.

In order to incorporate Title IX NJSRA will base all U21/U19 quota slots on the ratio of U19/U21 male/female membership filed that season.

The Chair, with Board concurrence, also has the authority to:

- a) Name alternate racers to the State team in the event of extenuating circumstances, such as illness or injury.
- b) Allocate these quota slots differently among men and women if it will best serve the team.
- c) Chose to not fill all the NJ slots allocated for post season events.
- d) Change the number of qualifying races due to cancellations, weather conditions, or other extenuating circumstances.

### Notification/Acceptance of Quota Slots

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**Individual USSA Points Results** - "Individual USSA Points results" are the USSA Race points earned after each completed race plus the penalty given at each race

## SENIORS

Seniors who meet the eligibility requirements stated earlier may compete in the New Jersey Slalom and Giant Slalom Championships and Governor's Cup and for slots at the Eastern FIS Championship Series. For specific program information, contact the Competition Chair.

## MASTERS

Masters may compete in designated races. The Masters chairman, Roy Scovill 973-299-2981, may add additional races. The Eastern Regional Masters Committee handles entry into higher level competition. If you're interested in participating, contact the Masters' National Chairman, Bill Skinner, at 435-647-2633.

### RULES TO REMEMBER

(This is a partial list; see the USSA Comp Guide for more details).

- 1) **All racers must have a current USSA membership card IN-HAND at race registration. No card--no race.**
- 2) All racers wishing to compete for a slot on the NJ State Team must join NJSRA. A late fee of \$15 will be imposed for each late racer membership if received after October 15th (Newcomers exempt from late fee)
- 3) All competitors **must wear a helmet** manufactured for ski racing
- 4) Post- Season **No-show penalty**. Racers registered for an event under a New Jersey quota that fail to attend may be sanctioned by the NJSRA Board.
- 5) Racers must clearly display their bibs during course inspections. Penalty is disqualification.
- 6) Racers who are clearly disqualified by missing gate must exit the course. Juries can sanction violators.
- 7) A racer who claims interference must exit the course immediately and contact a jury member for a rerun. If a racer completes the run, no rerun will be awarded.
- 8) **Race entry fees and vouchers must be received by the host organization one week prior to race day. Late entries even with late fees do not have to be accepted. No-shows forfeit race entry fees.**
- 9) NJSRA, coaches, officials and parents enforce these rules and the USSA Code of Conduct. Bottom line: be polite, considerate and cool.

Not knowing a rule will not be an accepted reason for breaking it. Please ask NJSRA Board members for explanations or questions that may come up.

## ALPINE OFFICIALS

USSA administers all Alpine Officials programs in New Jersey. A vital alpine officials program is mandatory for holding USSA-sanctioned events. USSA staffs all sanctioned races with qualified Technical Delegates.

In order to become a referee, you must have taken the USSA course setting clinic

### WE NEED YOU!

Our pool of officials needs continuous replenishment with new folks as racing parent volunteers move on with their children. Contact your club to see how you can help. It's fun and rewarding work that gets you involved with a great group of people. Plus, you're supporting *your* kids.

### *Clinics*

USSA train and certify parent volunteers to become Alpine officials. You can start right now as a gate judge and earn certification during the clinics held in

New Jersey and throughout the Northeast. NJSRA's Official clinics will be held throughout the season. Contact your Club President for dates.

Talk to your club or call Rich Howes who is the NJSRA Officials committee Chairperson. Rich will gladly arrange to get you up to date allowing you to participate and volunteer. Also, each mountain club has training films and books to loan for **any** interested person.

## **THE RACE DAY ORGANIZATION**

In order to run our NJSRA and USSA sanctioned races, we need the following Alpine Officials:

### **Race committee:**

Appointed by the host area club, this body runs the race, with the assistance of other officials and volunteers.

Chief of Race - Named by host club to coordinate the entire race, from planning through the awards ceremony.

Race Secretary - Named by the host club, handles all race entries, paperwork, computer work and seeding preparation.

Chief of Course - Named by the host club, responsible for course preparation and maintenance.

Chief Gate Judge - Named by host club, recruits, organizes and supervises gate judges (gatekeepers).

Chief of Timing and Calculation - Named by host, coordinates timing and calculation officials

Start & finish referees (Jury Advisors) - Named by the host club, they are responsible for the fair, accurate and safe operation of the race course start and finish areas.

Timekeeper - Named by host, handles timing.

Starter - Named by host, handles start.

Course setter - Named by host, sets safe course. (And is required to be a Level 1 Referee. No exceptions)

Others as appropriate

### **Race Jury:**

The jury handles all race decisions, arbitrates protests and upholds race rules. The TECHNICAL DELEGATE ALONE handles race results.

1. Technical delegate - Named by USSA this is the top official responsible for race results and a safe and fair competition.
2. Chief of race - Named by the host club to coordinate the entire race, from planning through the awards ceremony.
3. Referee - Appointed by the TD, inspects the course, collects and posts disqualifications.
4. Assistant referee, for DH & SG only

**Jury members and course setters must be members of USSA or another FIS-allied national federation. At least one jury member must be Level III Certified or above.**



**Gate judges:**

Also known as **gatekeepers**, are the most important people on the hill, second only to the racers. Gate judges play a critical role in conducting a fair and safe ski race. They are responsible for supervising one or more gates, accurately observing and recording each competitor's correct passage through each gate. They also perform a number of other functions.

**IF YOUR YOUNGSTER IS RACING this year, you'll be asked to serve as a gate judge. We can't conduct races without your help. Thank You !!!**

## HOW TO ENTER RACES

NJSRA offers a full schedule of races each season, open to USSA members in the appropriate age divisions. These races are used to determine the State Team and state quota slots.

**Check the schedule now**

After you've met the requirements on the preceding pages, you may enter the appropriate races listed as qualifiers for NJSRA.

**To Register for a USSA and/Or NJSRA race**

Please go to <http://alpinereg.com/>

ENTRY FEES ARE DUE ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THE RACE DATE

All entries received after the Monday before the designated race will incur a \$25 late fee.

## NJSRA RACE TEAM ADDRESSES AND GENERAL INFORMATION

**MOUNT PETER  
P.O. BOX 425  
WARWICK, NY 10990**  
Make race checks payable to Mt. Peter

**MOUNTAIN CREEK RACE DEPARTMENT  
Mountain Creek RACING  
200 Route 94  
Vernon, NJ 07462  
973-864-8026 and 973-864-8027**  
Make race checks payable to Mt. Creek

**TEAM CAMPGAW  
PO Box 562  
Mahwah, NJ 07430**  
Make Race Check Payable to Team Campgaw

HIDDEN VALLEY RACING ASSOCIATION  
P.O.BOX 407  
HIGHLAND LAKES, NJ 07422  
973-764-6161

NATIONAL WINTER ACTIVITY CENTER  
44 Breakneck Road,  
Vernon, NJ 07462  
(973) 846-8250

NJSRA Appendix A

## NJSRA BOARD OFFICERS

David Smith, President   Ed Gumpy, Vice President   Gary Hayes, Treasurer

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Phil Godwin	At Large Member
Andy Kattermann	At Large Member
Rich Howes	At Large Member
William Dodds	Team Campgaw Club President
Joe LaSala	Mount Peter Race Club President
Paul Bastienello	Skyland Ski Club President
Heather Sheehan	Hidden Valley Club President

## COMPETITION COMMITTEE

Rob Dowd	Mount Peter Chairman
Lucas Masi	Mountain Creek
Mike Mandel	Campgaw Mountain
Jim Backman	Hidden Valley

## AGE CATEGORY CHAIRS

Andy Kattermann	U10-U12 Age category Chair
Phil Godwin	U14-U16 Age Category Chair
Rich Howes	U19-U21 Age Category Chair and Officials Chair

**Parent Representatives:**

Mark Mierop, Mount Peter

Chris Pribke, Mountain Creek

John Underfer, Campgaw

Heather Sheehan, Hidden Valley

## Appendix 1