



New Jersey Ski Racing Association (NJSRA) 2024/2025 Competition Guide

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Competition Committee Members:

- Competition Committee Chair: Arthur Tokle
- U12/U14 Category Chair: Jason Baker
- U16/U18/U21 Category Chair: Tom Howes
- Masters Category Chair: John Pierce
- Adaptive Category Chair: Rob Dowd
- Officials Chair: Rich Howes

** Current season race schedule and any updates shall be posted at www.njsra.org.*

1. Purpose:

The NJSRA competition guide is a supplement to the NJSRA Bylaws and provides information of how NJSRA ranks its athletes during each season. This document also provides additional information to supplement the US Ski and Snowboard Alpine Competition Guide (ACG) which provides the rules that govern ski racing in the USA.

For more information about the ACG see <https://usskiandsnowboard.org/files/alpine-competition-guide>.

For more information about NJSRA please visit www.njsra.org.

2. Membership and Categories:

To be ranked as an athlete for this season:

- All racers must be fully registered with United States Ski & Snowboard (USS&S) and NJSRA at least as an “Alpine Competitor” in the appropriate category prior to December 15th. **Any memberships submitted after this date must have NJSRA board approval to be ranked!** Information on how to register is provided at www.njsra.org.
- Athletes must have club affiliation and training must take place primarily at Mt. Peter or Mt. Creek.

Categories of Athletes:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Age on 12/31</u>
● U8	7 or under
● U10	8 or 9
● U12	10 or 11
● U14	12 or 13
● U16	14 or 15
● U18	16 or 17
● U21	18, 19 or 20
● Masters	18 or over
● Adaptive	* persons of any age with mobility or visual impairments

3. Code of Conduct:

NJSRA members & their families must follow the USS&S code of conduct as well as all mountain rules during training and races. See the ACG for more information on the USS&S code of conduct at <https://usskiandsnowboard.org/files/alpine-competition-guide>.

Disciplinary action may include sanctions in accordance with the ACG and disqualification from NJSRA sanctioned races, NJSRA events and being ranked in NJSRA standings.

4. Appeals:

Appeals shall be made in writing to the NJSRA board within 72 hours of the decision by submission via the website <https://njsra.org/form/contact-us>. All appeals shall be reviewed in accordance with the NJSRA bylaws and USS&S due process. A \$25 filing fee shall be required before an appeal is processed.

5. U8/U10 Rankings:

U8 & U10 athletes will not be ranked. These divisions are designed to learn to ski race and enhance skiing ability. The focus of this age group is to develop the basic skills needed for racing and to have fun on snow.

6. U12/U14 Rankings:

Only NJSRA sanctioned races will be considered qualifying events in determining rankings. Each qualifying race has 3 scoring opportunities. The scoring opportunities include 1st run result, 2nd run result and completed race result. Results will be calculated using the total points accumulated from 6 scores. The scores include best first run giant slalom (GS), best first run slalom (SL), best second run GS, best second run SL, best completed race GS and best completed race SL. Points shall be determined as follows:

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

Ties will be broken by the highest finish in any scoring opportunity during the season. There will be separate categories for male and female racers.

7. U16/U18/U21/Masters/Adaptive Rankings:

Racers must complete both 1st and 2nd runs in at least 1 GS and 1 SL race listed on the NJSRA schedule to qualify. Results will be calculated using the average of the GS and SL USS&S (National) Points of each racer after the completion of the last "State Final" race of the season. The lower overall average score will be ranked higher. Only races listed on the schedule will be used to

calculate the USS&S points used in the NJSRA State Rankings. There will be separate categories for male and female racers.

8. Awards:

- U8 & U10: Race awards will be presented to the top 5 overall finishers at each event both male and female. At the Karen Weibel race, awards will be presented to the top 10 overall finishers both male and female.
- U12: Race awards will be presented to the top 5 overall finishers at each event both male and female. State team awards will be given to the top three athletes both male and female as determined in the rankings above. At the Karen Weibel race, awards will be presented to the top 10 overall finishers both male and female. The Rudi Loegel Memorial Trophy will be presented to male and female racers with the lowest combined time for both runs of the NJSRA designated Slalom race in the schedule.
- U14: Race awards will be presented to the top 5 overall finishers at each event both male and female. State team awards will be given to the top three athletes both male and female as determined in the rankings above. At the Karen Wiebel race, awards will be presented to the top 10 overall finishers both male and female. The Peter Lorentzen Cup will be presented to male and female racers with the lowest combined time for both runs of any NJSRA Giant Slalom race.
- U16: Race awards will be presented to the top 5 overall finishers at each event both male and female. State team awards will be given to the top three athletes both male and female as determined in the rankings above. NJSRA Slalom Champion (1 male, 1 female racer) will be presented an award for the lowest overall combined time in the NJSRA SL Championship race. NJSRA Giant Slalom Champion (1 male, 1 female racer) will be presented an award for the lowest overall combined time in the NJSRA GS Championship race.
- U18: NJSRA Governors Cup shall be awarded to 1 male and 1 female racer with the lowest overall combined time in all NJSRA sanctioned races (Racers must complete both runs in all races). NJSRA Slalom Championship shall be awarded to 1 male and 1 female racer with the lowest overall combined time in all NJSRA sanctioned SL races (Racers must complete both runs in all races). NJSRA Giant Slalom Championship shall be awarded to 1 male and 1 female racer with the lowest overall combined time in all NJSRA sanctioned GS races (Racers must complete both runs in all races).
- U18/21: Race awards will be presented to the top 5 overall finishers at each event both male and female. State team awards will be given to the top three athletes both male and female as determined in the rankings above. The Lenny Scarola Sportsmanship award shall be presented to the male racer who best displays sportsmanship over the entire season. The Robin Desrats Sportsmanship award shall be presented to the female racer who best displays sportsmanship over the entire season. Sportsmanship awards shall be recommended by the coaches and determined by the NJSRA board.

9. Post-Season Racing:

- U8: There is no NJSRA sponsored post season racing.
- U10: There is no NJSRA sponsored post season racing.
- U12: Post-season racing will take place in Gunstock, NH at the Francis Piche Invitational.

- U14: The top racers will qualify for U14 Championships. The next quota spots will be for racers willing to go to Gunstock, NH to the Francis Piche Invitational. U14 Finals are an available post-season race but are open to any athlete registering on a first-come first-served basis.
- U16: The top racers will qualify for U16 Championships. The next quota spots will be for racers willing to go U16 Finals.
- U18/U21: The top racers will qualify for U18/U21 Finals.

The racer quota is provided by the race host or Eastern Division each year and will be posted on the NJSRA website once confirmed. The state team members in each category will be the racers who represent NJSRA at a post season event. Quota spots will be posted on the NJSRA website once they are confirmed.

It is the sole responsibility of the chair of each category to contact racers or racer's parents/guardians to confirm their post-season racing slot. Contact by any other individual (e.g. coach, program manager, parent, NJSRA board member, etc.) will not be considered official notice. *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 a reply is negative or if there is no response within 24 hours, the slot will be offered to the next racer. Any racer who changes their mind after a negative response or after the 24-hour deadline will be afforded the next available alternate slot. Should a racer decline a quote slot, that racer will not be permitted to attend another quota regulated event and will go the bottom of the list for alternates for that other event. Alternate athletes will be determined at the discretion of the competition committee and confirmed by the NJSRA board.*

10. Additional Rules:

- Online registration through Adminskiracing (<https://adminskiracing.com/>) is the only method accepted by NJSRA. No walk-in registration shall be permitted and there are no exceptions.
- Divisional changes must be approved by USS&S Eastern Region, the departing region, the arrival region and USS&S home office. All requests for divisional changes must be processed properly and starting with the departing division.
- U8 and U10 athletes will not be allowed to wear a tight-fitting race suit or any other tight-fitting clothing in any NJSRA sanctioned race. Athletes shall wear jackets and pants; no race shorts will be allowed.
- NJSRA will designate, on its calendar of events, at least one race where U12 and younger athletes will not be allowed to wear a tight-fitting race suit or any other tight-fitting clothing. Athletes shall wear jackets and pants; no race shorts will be allowed.
- U8 through U14 NJSRA sanctioned races will only allow NJSRA athletes to compete in these events unless invited by NJSRA or the host mountain. Independent racers are not permitted in division only races. Each competitor must have an NJSRA club affiliation.
- U16 and up NJSRA sanctioned races are open to athletes from other divisions to participate. Any athlete from outside of the NJSRA division wishing to compete in an NJSRA race, must be accompanied by a USS&S level 100 (or higher) or FIS certified coach.

- Should the Eastern region add any in-season state quota events, (e.g. development camps) the selection criteria will use quota positions from the previous season until the first NJSRA race is held. Once the first NJSRA race is held, selection will be taken from the current season results. *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.*
- The competition committee chair (CCC) will...
 - Recommend alternate racers to the State team in the event of extenuating circumstances (e.g. illness, injury, etc.);
 - Allocate racer quota slots differently among men and women as it will best serve the team;
 - Choose not to fill certain slots;
 - Change the number of qualifying races due to cancellations, weather conditions, or other extenuating circumstances.

The NJSRA board will confirm or change the CCC's recommendations to best serve NJSRA.