

## **TSASRA U19+ PROGRAM**

Welcome to the competition season. The following is an explanation of the Tri-State Alpine Ski Racing Association ("TSASRA" or "T/S") U19+ program and rules.

**T/S MEMBERSHIP:** In order to be eligible for selection to a T/S quota, an athlete must be a member of T/S, in addition to having a membership with the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Association ("USS&S"). To qualify for membership in T/S, one must attend school, actively train with a recognized T/S program or reside in the T/S region.

Please review the entry policies and any deadlines for each race on the schedule. Note that some race venues will permit same-day registration, possibly with a late fee, while others will have a firm cut-off and not accept last minute or on-site entry. The U19+ events designated as combined U16 qualifiers (the Wachusett GS and Blandford Parallel SL) may have a reduced field for U19+ athletes, so registering early for these races is recommended.

Participation in all USS&S sanctioned state, regional, and national events is fully explained in the USS&S Competition Guide. Information about the USS&S ladder system, membership, athlete's rights, competition rules, schedules, entering competitions and many other important topics are included. Athletes and their parents who have questions should first consult the Competition Guide for the answer. Further questions should be directed through the athlete's coach or program director.

For complete Eastern Region rules regarding selection process, quotas, post-season events, Eastern competition calendar as well as "**current news**", please refer to the "Selection" tab at the following link:

<https://usskiandsnowboard.org/sport-programs/regions-divisions/eastern-alpine-region/eastern-region-selections>

### **Rankings**

1. Tri-State will use the best (lowest) points from USS&S Race Results (i.e. Race Points plus Penalty) gleaned from each U19+ qualifying race to determine the internal Tri-State athlete ranking.
2. Tri-State will use one less than half of the Race Results in the calculations (e.g. 4 of 9 or 10 races, 3 of 7 or 8 races, etc.)
3. The season rankings spreadsheet will add up the proper number of race results and sort this sum so the lowest combination of race results receives the #1 rank with all other gender specific athletes following in order lowest to highest. Athletes not completing the required number of races will not be ranked and will not be eligible for post-season races.
4. The Tri-State U19+ Chair will publicize and update the rankings following the posting of results from the organizing committees, with the third race usually starting this process.
5. Rankings will be used to determine the Tri-State quota selections to the post-season, predicated upon the Eastern assigned quotas.

### **Eastern U.S. Ski & Snowboard U19+ Finals (Gore)**

Tri-State has previously been allotted a quota of 30 athletes, which are then divided pro-rata by gender based on T/S membership. The quota for 2019 will be announced by December 1. Additional quota spots may be available after Divisional entry lists are submitted on March 7. Up to 10 alternates per gender will also be named. The season-ending event typically includes a speed-training day, followed by the SG, GS and SL races. Quota spots will be given to athletes who only do part of the series, although full participation is encouraged. Race winners at this event will be automatics to the following year's December FIS Open races.

## **Athlete Reimbursement Program**

To improve the quality of this 19+ race series, Tri-State will reimburse the entry fees of the 5 lowest point athletes per gender. Full program rules including eligibility and process are available from the U19+ Competition Chair.

## **Eastern FIS Race Series**

### Quotas and Selection

Entry to Eastern Region FIS races is open to all Eastern athletes with a valid FIS license. Registration will open 19 days prior to the first team captains' meeting (TCM). There is a 2-week window to register for the race using [www.SkiReg.com](http://www.SkiReg.com). A green line will move automatically as registrations populate. Athletes who have registered and are on the list submitted by their divisional chair to the Regional staff will be added to the race. Development selection spots are also available from the Regional staff. All deadlines are published on the Calendar page of the USS&S Eastern website. Contact the Tri-State Administrator, U19+ Chair or your coach for more details.

<https://usskiandsnowboard.org/sport-programs/regions-divisions/eastern-alpine-region/eastern-region-calendar>

Eastern Cup Series – Ranking will be done using a 2-event NTSM list of FIS SL and GS points.

Open Series – Ranking will be an NTSM of the National points in the events to be contested. Any race winner from the 2018 USSA Finals at Gore has an automatic spot for Open series races in December.

Development Series – automatic quota is 3 per division. Ranking will be by 3-event NTSM (SL, GS, SG) using National points. Note that Berkshire East will host a Men's SL series Feb 14-15.

The Eastern Handbook covers all the Policies and Qualifying Procedures, and can be found at:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1S8TiSzhV\\_LHTdWMDVeBciTFKIQ6mbEyZ/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1S8TiSzhV_LHTdWMDVeBciTFKIQ6mbEyZ/view)

More information is available on the USS&S Intents website:

<https://usskiandsnowboard.org/sport-programs/regions-divisions/intents>

## **Eastern Development Championships (SG, GS, SL, AC)**

Qualification is based on performance in at least one of the Regional Development Series races. The Eastern Region uses a standard double board method, which has the FIS Development qualifying race results on one side and the regular USS&S points list on the other. Selections will come from the Eastern office.

## **Coach Representation**

Competitors at all Regional Events must be represented at the TCM by a registered coach. All competitors participating in regional speed events must have a coach in attendance throughout the duration of the event. It is the responsibility of each competitor and their family to make these arrangements. T/S will instruct race organizers to remove any competitor from the event who is not properly represented.