



Tri-State Alpine Ski Racing Association

**TRI-STATE ALPINE SKI RACING ASSOCIATION
MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

October 25th , 2023

Telecommunications via Zoom

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Agenda

- ❖ Meeting Minutes
- ❖ Presidents Report
- ❖ Treasurer’s Report
- ❖ Report from Alpine Official Chair
- ❖ Report from Competition Committee Chair
- ❖ Report of Subdivision Chairs
- ❖ Report of Coaches Education and Development, Vice Chair

MEETING MINUTES

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S23- G01 The President called the meeting to order.

Motion to accept Agenda.

Unanimous Voice

Opposed

Abstain

S23 F22-G02 Minutes

Motion to accept – Bob

Zuber 2nd Mike Kemmer

Discussion

Unanimous Voice

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Abstain

PRESIDENTS REPORT

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TSASRA is pleased to finally have received 501(c)(3) status as a charitable organization from the IRS. As a charitable/educational organization, TSASRA will receive certain tax benefits, and those who donate to the organization (does not include membership dues) will be able to take tax deductions. As a charitable/educational entity we need to carefully plan how we manage our resources to further the mission of our organization. One area that we should explore is how to best administer the TSASRA Educational Fund for the benefit of our members. My suggestion is that a committee be appointed to look into this and to set up procedures for our members to apply for and receive grants. The Board of Directors voted to establish a special committee for that purpose.

MEMBERSHIP

Overall numbers remain healthy, particularly at the children's level. The overall # of athletes increased from 1,474 to 1528. We are a large organization. U12's increased from 601 in 2022 to 634; U14's increased from 293 to 345; U16's dropped from 219 to 199 (down from 274 in 2021); U18's dropped from 154 to 141; and U21-Sr's increased from 138 to 142; Masters remained steady at 67. The drop in U16-18's is concerning and raises a number of questions – why are they leaving and what can we do to retain them?

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Post season races were well attended, and many of our athletes had great results and a lot of fun. I was impressed by how well coaches from various TSASRA programs worked together to enhance our athletes' experience.

Post Season Qualification/Membership Procedures: Several parents and coaches complained vociferously about the TSASRA procedures for qualifying for post season events. Intertwined with this issue is whether we need to reassess our rules relating to out-of-region training. Current TSASRA Competition Rules for out-of-region training track Us Ski & Snowboard rules, but don't clearly address athletes who may belong to a TSASRA club, but nonetheless have private coaches, and conduct a large portion of their training outside of the region. This issue has been brought to the attention of the TSASRA Competition Committee for review.

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COACHES EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT

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Certifying new Level 100 coaches is critical for complying with US Ski & Snowboard mandates for the 2024-25 season remains a top priority. Our goal is to increase the knowledge base and enhance the professionalism of our member coaches and officials. John Higgins and Rick Hanbury conducted 7 Alpine Officials Clinics and exams during the season to meet the need of educating coaches and officials. We need to increase our number of TD's, RA's, REF's and certified coaches. The Coaches Ed and Dev Committee offered clinics spread throughout our region during the week, on weekends, during the day, and at night. We are considering offering indoor On-Snow Level Assessments at Big Snow during the off-season. Despite the multitude of options, turnout was dismal this season, with many clinics cancelled for lack of interest. I am encouraging Program Directors take ownership of this task by pushing their coaches to get certified. TSASRA coaches are urged to be prepared by doing the on-line requirements this summer and fall and attending early season clinics which we plan to offer.

Other goals include increasing the number of Level 200 and Level 300 coaches in our region.

SUMMARY

In all it was another great season for TSASRA members. We accomplished much, but there is still a lot more to do. I am grateful for the efforts of everyone who is working so hard to pull it all off for the benefit of our members.

Thank you all.

Bruce Diamond - TSASRA President

TREASURERS REPORT

TRI STATE SKI RACING ASSOCIATION

Statement of Financial Condition

Ending **05/24/2023**

Current Assets

Cash \$180,479.67

Accounts Receivable \$ 3,650.90

Total Current Assets \$184,130.57

Property & Equipment

B-Net \$ 85,050.00

Office Equip. & Supplies \$ 2,000.00

Jacket Inventory \$ 5,270.00

\$ 93,320.00

Total Assets \$276,450.57

Current Liabilities

\$ 0

Accounts Payable

\$ 0 *Berkshire East U14

Total Current Liabilities & Long-Term Liabilities \$ 0

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\$ 0

Organizations Equity

\$276,450.57

Total Liabilities and Member Equity

\$276,450.57

B-net depreciated by 10% from last statement

TRI STATE SKI RACING ASSOCIATION

Income Statement

7/1/2022-05/24/2023

Revenues

USSA Trade AP \$48,222.46

Other Income \$16,012.98

Interest Income \$ 14.73

Admin Internet \$65,625.00

Total Revenues **\$129,875.17**

Expenses

Admin Fees \$19,700.00 **

Gateway Fees \$ 165.00

Postage \$ 66.00

Gifts \$ 0.00

Meetings	\$ 660.56
Office Supplies	\$ 499.00
Insurance	\$ 1,495.00
Equipment	\$ 0.00
Refunds	\$ 0.00
Championship Exp.	\$ 57,468.42
Banquet	\$ 23,134.97
B-net	\$ 0.00
Network Solutions	\$ 23.88
Lodging	\$ 852.21
Misc.	\$ 215.05
MA Incorporation	\$ 31.50
Coaches Education	\$ 2,423.51
JP Racer Reimbursement	\$ 840.00
Catamount Homologation	\$ 3,000.00
JP Re-Homologation	\$ 950.63
Head Tax	<u>\$ 342.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$111,867.73

Net Income \$18,007.44

Notes From Last Report:

Outstanding AP to Berkshire East for U14 Championship \$
Outstanding AR from jacket order approx. \$3,650

Other Notes: ** Bank error overpaid Laura \$1,000 Feb 22, Laura reimbursed us, which is recorded in other income

****Current Checking account balance as of 05/23/2023 \$180,479.67**

Tri-State Alpine Officials Report

June 2023

By the Numbers

- 346 USS&S registered AOs, 58% hold at least one certification
- 13 Tri-State TDs (9 worked Tri-State events)
3 out-of-division TDs also supported our event schedule
- 40 events (92 race codes: scored, non-scored, FIS, and Masters events)
- 10 Alpine Official clinics hosted
- 101 Tri-State AOs attended a clinic (in or out of division)
- 2 TD candidate

AO Clinics

Tri-State hosted 10 Alpine Official clinics in the fall including: 3 Referee Update clinics, 1 Referee/JA clinic, 2 Timing clinics, 1 Race Administrator clinic, 1 TD Workshop, and 2 General Update clinics. All clinics were in-person except for the General Update clinics and TD Workshop.

Based on feedback from the Practical Timing clinic this season, more clinics of this type will be planned for the future. Expanding the practical skills concept into Race Administration area would also seem to make good sense.

TD Resources

TD resources were stretched pretty thin this season due in part to multiple weather driven postponements, unforeseen venue constraints, and several TDs needing to reduce their event workloads. Fortunately, we were able to tap NHARA, NYSSRA, and PNSA TD resources to help cover our event schedule. Like many other divisions, we need to continue to identify, encourage, and develop new TDs.

TD Summer Review

Invitations to the 2023 Tri-State TD Summer Review were sent out to five prospective Tri-State TD applicants/candidates last month. Two individuals plan to participate.

This program will cover TD (and jury) specific topics via practical exercises, reports/documentation, and jury-type problems with an emphasis on the rules and their applications. The goal is to keep ski racing fresh in mind throughout the summer while giving the participants an extended exposure to topics that might only be briefly presented during a regular TD1 clinic. Participants can become well prepared for TD1 clinic and exam in the fall.

2023 season materials and rules will be used and no AO clinic credit will be given for participation. Participants must be self-motivated as the program starts in late May and runs for 16-18 weeks.

Race Trail Homologations

Venue	Trail	Expiration	Status
Jiminy Peak	Whirlaway SL,GS	11/1/2023	In process
Otis Ridge	Slalom SL	11/15/2023	Unknown
Jiminy Peak	'Race Arena' (?)	New	Unknown
Eaglebrook	Amy's Run SL,GS	11/15/2020	Expired (in process?)
Nashoba Valley	Bull Run/Chief SL,GS	11/15/2020	Expired
Wachusett	Challenger SL,GS	11/15/2022	Expired

Respectfully,
John Higgins
Tri-State Alpine Officials Chair

Competition Committee Report

TSASRA 2023 Spring Members Meeting Competition Committee Report

2023 Season Review

The schedule had 38 sanctioned races, which was a heavy load for host venues and officials. Many races were rescheduled, as poor early season weather continued deep into the winter and was an even worse problem than last year. We were unable to organize an official speed training day for post-season teams. Efforts were made to reduce expenses (e.g. holding steady on race entry fees, limiting travel, no U14 or U16 Championship bibs, optional banquets). We organized Diel jackets for about 50 of the U14s and U16s going to post-season, with a \$50 subsidy mostly covered by entry fees for championships.

U18+

The season started with the traditional New Year's Eve Schaefer Cup at Berkshire East, and finished there with 2 Open races. The Williams team attended the Jiminy U18+ races (GS penalty M: 40 W: 48.77) ahead of their EISA Carnival there; entry fees were comped under the Reimbursement Program (total cost \$700). Eastern Finals moved from Gore to Attitash, with over 50 of our kids participating and multiple podiums and top 10s (Women – SL: Abi Eng 2, Amelie Eng 7; GS: Kratochvilova 7, Abi Eng 10) // Men – SL: Choi 1, Richert 5, Fish 10; GS: Choi 4, Fish 10). The division's quota spots for FIS races were used for most races, but only by the men.

U16

Eastern Championships and Finals qualification (15 and 23 quota spots) was based on the best 2 of the 6 possible race results (with one each of SL and GS). The Championships weekend doubleheader at Jiminy Peak conflicted with Eastern High School Champs and will be reconfigured. Random/Butterfly seeding was tested as required, and not well received. Results were stronger at Eastern Finals than Championships.

Youth

Following EACC guidance, the Tri-State U14 Championships (Jiminy GS/Bousquet SL) was open to all racers meeting the eligibility requirements (attend 2 races). The combined field was 180 (191 registered), a 30% increase over the 138 last season. The selection criteria to the U14 Eastern Championships (16 quota) used the best single run/result from each of the SL and GS events, in an attempt to encourage more well-rounded skiers and reward aggressive effort. Athletes selected were expected to attend all scheduled events or pass on their spot. The U12 and U14 age groups in MA were combined for 3 of 5 races, resulting in fields of 230-240. CYSL separated U10s from the U12/14s. Notable Eastern results: Women – GS top 10 and Can-Am (Matviak) // Men – SkillsQuest joint 5th place (Taxin); Can-Am Alternate (Stern)

Interclub

The system of 3 races per club seemed to work. Even large events (fields of 200+) or 4 run races were completed efficiently, often with awards by 1:00pm. The Catamount and Butternut programs were kept apart given their numbers.

2024 Season Preview

Field sizes – limit of 200 for scored events, discussing open U14 Championships

Entry fees – small increase needed; hosts required to publish separate race and lift ticket prices

Competition rules – each age group committee will review, including out-of-division training/racing

Seeding/Ranking – U14 Champs will be seeded and not random; U16s will use points for all races

2024 Race Schedule

The draft schedule will be finalized over the summer for review and approval at the Fall Board meeting.

Some highlights include:

U18s – starts Sunday Dec 31 (Berkshire East Schaefer Cup SL on New Year’s Eve)

U16s – 6 races (3 GS, 3 SL) starting Saturday Jan 13 (MTSO SL) with no doubleheader weekends

U14 Championships, March 2-3 – Jiminy GS with host needed for SL [CT? TBD]

U12 “Finals”, March 9-10 – MTSO SL with host needed for GS [MA? TBD]

U10 Festival, March 9 – Mohawk

Subdivision Chairs

Connecticut Subdivision Report

Tri-State Alpine Ski Racing Association (TSASRA) General Meeting - Spring June 7, 2023

Connecticut Subdivision Chair Report

Submitted: June 1, 2023

The Connecticut Youth Ski League, Inc. (“CYSL”), acting as TSASRA’s Connecticut subdivision for the U10, U12, and U14 age classes, consists of five (5) United States Ski & Snowboard member clubs: Mohawk Mountain, Mount Southington, Powder Ridge Park and Resort, Ski Sundown, and Thunder Ridge. The CYSL Spring Board of Directors meeting was held on May 30, 2023.

In October 2022, the CYSL Board of Directors approved a preliminary 2023 Competition

Schedule. With a return to normalcy after COVID-19, CYSL held podium award ceremonies at the conclusion of each event. Although our season had to deal with a few host site changes, the race schedule was completed.

The 2023 CYSL season saw the separation of U10 racing on their own event days. This allowed more challenging courses to be set for the U12/U14s. CYSL is working to enhance the course sets by having new/different coaches set in order to ensure future strength in this skill. Once again, our mountains were very supportive of ski racing and the partnership continues to benefit our athletes' development. CYSL hosted the U12 Tri-state Championships, which included a very raucous banquet event.

Connecticut 2023 Competition Schedule

Host	Event	Date	Age Classes
Mohawk	GS	January 8 (Sun.)	U12/U14
Mt. Southington	GS	January 22 (Sun.)	U10
Mt. Southington	SL	January 22 (Sun.)	U12/U14
Thunder Ridge	SL	January 28 (Sat.)	U16
Mt. Southington	Stubbie SL (site change)	January 29 (Sun.)	U10
Thunder Ridge	SL	February 4 (Sat.)	U10
Thunder Ridge	SL	February 5 (Sun.)	U12/U14
Sundown	SL	February 11 (Sat.)	U18
Sundown	GS	February 12 (Sun.)	U12/U14
Mt. Southington	GS (3 runs; site change)	February 26 (Sun.)	U10
Sundown	TSASRA GS Champs	March 4 (Sat.)	U12
Mt. Southington	TSASRA SL Champs	March 5 (Sun.)	U12
Mohawk	U10 Festival	March 11 (Sat.)	U10

Faithfully submitted,



Chip Simplicio

Connecticut Subdivision Chair

Western Ma Subdivision Report

Tri-State Western Massachusetts Spring 2023 Board Report

The season's race schedule was challenged by wet warm weather and some continuing issues with Catamount's redevelopment. Having said that, some flexibility among the mountains and Berkshire

East's support the season was pulled off. With limited early snow making opportunities, issues with Catamounts snowmaking staff to adjusting to all of the new equipment combined to create a very unsatisfactory outcome. At this point the redevelopment is largely complete. All the lifts became operable this season and lessons were learned. Catamount did hold a U18 race on the Alley Cat trail and now has held races on both homologated trails.

All the other ski areas pulled off some solid races close to plan, even with the tough snow conditions. We hope for some better snow conditions next year but there should not be the level of race date changes we recorded for last year.

The key topic of discussion was the U14 open format. Western Mass, accounted for just under 50% of the registrations for the U14 Championships. Running approximately 200 starts is seen as undesirable, as is the random order. This combined event should provide the best athletes an opportunity to compete for the Eastern Championships spots based on the race season. Yes, the top athletes end up on top...but how fair is it to those in 5th through 8th place through the year? The historical qualifying process generally accounted for low participation athletes not making championships. On the other hand, it was also a goal for lower performance athletes to work harder in order to make championships. Is this really a bad thing for the sport?

Peter Chudy

The TSASRA Education & Development Committee continued our commitment to provide training, continuing education and certification opportunities for our coaches in the Tri-State region. This is in an effort to meet the US Ski & Snowboard mandates requiring all coaches at USSS sanctioned events to have a minimum certification of Level 100. We continue to work closely with US Ski & Snowboard both regionally and nationally to offer coaches education clinics, certification clinics, workshops, and symposiums.

Our goal to keep TSASRA at the forefront of coach's education has been supported by Bill Witcher, Anna Hosmer, and others at US Ski & Snowboard in Park City. We are fortunate to have direct access to both Bill and Anna as we develop and schedule certification opportunities in our footprint.

While we offered several coaches education opportunities, we still experience too few of our member coaches taking advantage of them. As we strive for our goal of 100% compliance for Level 100 certifications, we recognize the need for flexibility in scheduling these certification opportunities. To date roughly

SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

The Coaches Education & Development Committee met remotely throughout the off-season to evaluate needs, set goals, and develop an on-going schedule of education opportunities for our TSASRA member coaches. Ongoing in-season meeting cadence increases to respond rapidly to training and education needs.

For the 2022/2023 season, the TSASRA Coaches Development Team consisted of the following members: Rich Tingle; Bruce Diamond; Ben Sullivan; and Tom Chase (Level 300 coach developers). Additional members of the Coaches Ed & Dev Committee are Jen Mahmood and Andy Lussier. Bill Witcher/USSS continues to act as a consultant and liaison to US Ski & Snowboard Association. We are extremely fortunate to have Bill in our region. TSASRA has 4 Coach Developers who can conduct US Ski & Snowboard Level 100 certification clinics. We are working closely with USS&S to certify additional coach developers.

Having Level 300 coach developers allows TSASRA to host certification clinics within the TSASRA footprint. One of the goals of the Education & Development Committee is to increase the number of coach developers in our region to offer more Level 100 certification opportunities. Coaches attending clinics supervised by Coach Developers received USSS CEU's (Note: 8 hours required every 2 years to maintain certification).

The TSASRA Coaches Development Team began the 2022/2023 season with our annual on-snow Pre-Season Workshop at Berkshire East December 10th & 11th with 27 coaches signing up and 20 attendees taking advantage. We promote on-snow clinics as practice opportunities for on-snow Level 100/Level 200 assessments in addition to continuing education. Unfortunately, many of our scheduled on-snow events were cancelled due to weather one third of the TSASRA coaches are not compliant.

Billy Witcher, Rich Tingle, Tom Chase, and Bruce Diamond conducted three US Ski & Snowboard Level 100 on-snow assessments and one Level 200 on-snow assessment in the region resulting in an additional **20** TSASRA member coaches earning their certifications (15 Level 100, 5 Level 200)

- Rich Tingle
 - Level 100 Mohawk 6 attended, 6 passed
 - Level 100 Mt. Southington 6 attended, 5 passed
- Tom Chase
 - Level 100 Butternut 4 attended, 4 passed
- Bruce Diamond/Bill Whitcher
 - Level 200 Catamount 6 attended, 5 passed

While we scheduled additional late season certification events, these were cancelled due to lack of sufficient sign ups. Warm weather also caused scheduling issues.

In addition to on-snow clinics, workshops and certifications, the TSASRA Coaches Education & Development Committee offered virtual workshops led by Jen Mahmood and Andy Lussier. Both the Language Locker and Foundational Development for the New Racer. CEU's are also offered for attending these virtual clinics (1hr).

- Language Locker
 - 8 attended
- Foundational Development for the New Racer
 - 11 attended

Program Directors should be reminded of their obligation to ensure that their staff members are certified. **Certifying new Level 100 coaches is critical for complying with US Ski & Snowboard mandates moving forward.** The TSASRA Coaches Education & Development Committee will continue to offer both continuing education and certification opportunities for the 2023/2024 season. Promotion of these trainings will be critical within the race programs in the Tri-State footprint.

BUDGET

2022-2023 - The Board of Directors allocated \$12,000 to fund various projects, including \$200 per day stipends and mileage reimbursement for Development Team coaches presenting the clinics and workshops. Additional copies of US Ski & Snowboard Alpine Fundamentals were purchased for distribution to attendees of TSASRA scheduled clinics and workshops..

The Educational and Development Committee has met remotely since the end of the season to plan content and prepare a requested budget to the BOD. We will require the purchase of 250 US Ski & Snowboard Alpine Fundamentals Guides for clinic attendees for the upcoming season.

For the 2023-2024 season, the TSASRA Coaches Education & Development Committee is again requesting a budget of \$12,000, subject to approval of expenses as they are incurred. The Committee would again like consideration of a budget item allocated to subsidize coaches' education scholarships to help offset the high cost of attending certification clinics.

2023-2024 SEASON PLANS - GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The TSASRA Coaches Education & Development Committee is committed to offering a complete calendar of workshops, both virtual and on-snow, and certification opportunities for the coaches of the Tri-State region. In addition to certification clinics, we aim to offer a series of workshops in the following areas:

- Pre-Season Workshop
- Annual Event
- Course Setting Workshops
- Preparatory clinic
- Course Setting Certification
- Skiing Skills Workshop
- Movement Analysis Workshop
- Tactics Workshop
- Virtual Series
- Language Locker
- Foundational Development for the New Racer

Our continued goal is to increase the knowledge base, skill sets, and enhance the professionalism of our member coaches. We will continue to offer additional clinics across the TSARSA Region to accomplish the following goals:

- Partnering / advisement with Bill Whitcher/USSS
- Level 100 coaches in compliance with US Ski & Snowboard initiative
- Goal: 100% compliance by 2024/25
- Keeping workshops affordable
- Flexible scheduling
- Pre-season, in-season & post season
- Certifications / workshops
- In Tri-State Region
- Mid-week & weekends
- Possible indoor on-snow assessments
- Big Snow
- Unwavering promotion
- Program directors
- Direct to coaching community
- Clinics/workshops promoted as preparation for certification
- Increase USSS Certified Coach Developers in Tri-State Region
- Increase USSS Certified Level 200 & Level 300 in Tri-State Region
 - Work with Alpine Official Chair to offer and promote Referee certification opportunities for all coaches to comply with US Ski & Snowboard mandates
- Explore and develop enhanced educational opportunities for TSASRA officials

We are currently working on the 2023/2024 calendar of education and training opportunities with a schedule of clinics/workshops and USSS certification clinics. *We urge all Tri-State coaches seeking certification to be prepared by doing the on-line requirements over the summer/fall months and attend early season clinics which we plan to offer.*

SUMMARY

As we continue to develop and invest in the Tri-State Alpine Ski Racing Association, it's paramount that we stay focused on athlete development through the continued education of our coaching community. Better coaches make better programs, better programs make better athletes. We had another successful season, and while we've accomplished many milestones this season, there is still much to do to reach our goals. I'm excited to be a part of the future of the Tri-State region and creating a "best in class" pipeline of athletes and coaches.

Thank to all that have supported us this season.

Humbly submitted,

Andy Lussier
TSASRA Vice President/Coaches Education and Development Chair

EACC/ USSS Congress

Tri-State Alpine Ski Racing Association (TSASRA) Eastern ACC Division Report - April 22, 2023

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The concerns TSASRA expressed last year about maintaining the viability of regions such as ours, resulted in proposal to the EACC which was approved at the Spring Meeting, and later adopted by USS&S at Congress last summer.

In all it was another great season for TSASRA. We are grateful for the efforts of everyone who gave so much of themselves to pull it off. Thanks also to the retiring 2 Dan's for all your contributions to this organization.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Diamond TSASRA President and EACC Representative

TSASRA Competition Committee Report on EACC Initiatives

4/11/23

U12 Championships

The Tri-State U12 divisional championships have always been open to all members. There were 148 athletes registered, about the same as the prior year. Seeding was TRS/Butterfly for the 4 runs. Some athletes needed to be reminded about the rule requiring one pair of skis for inspection/race.

U14 Championships

As required by the ECC and stated in the Eastern Handbook, the Tri-State divisional championships this season were open to all eligible U14s, based on entering at least 2 of 5 regular season races. There were 191 athletes registered (180 actually started), a 27% increase from the previous limit of 150. Without an eligibility cutoff, the field could have theoretically have been all 334 registered U14s (many have memberships for club training, but don't usually participate in Tri-State races). Seeding was TRS/Butterfly for the 4 runs. It was generally felt that the field size was far too large for a quality championship event. Tri-State has previously objected to this requirement, and is still opposed to the idea.

U16 Random Seeding

The race selected for this TRS test, as required by the Alpine Precisions, was the first U16 qualifier of the season (Bousquet SL U0653/4). This race was chosen largely because most first year U16s had no points, and a Slalom would reduce the risk of a faster racer in the random seeding overtaking someone. The race had a field of 163 (84M/79W) and was scored with a penalty of 209.24/210.63. The results shown in the table below are not particularly surprising or enlightening, and imply that it made little difference where anyone started. The RA fielded well over a dozen calls and emails complaining that the start list was wrong, even though points were not shown on it and all coaches had been informed of the plan in advance. Athletes who had moved back from other divisions or regions post-Covid felt the process was unfair and didn't recognize their previous work and results. It appears to be a solution in search of a problem.

Start Position of:	Men	Women
Winner	#62	#18
Podium	57 (Avg)	26 (Avg)
Top 10	35 (Avg)	38 (Avg)

USSS Congress Park City, 2023 Highlights

Alpine Sport Committee

- Waiting for post of 2nd meeting minutes to address following items
 - TRS Language

- Language regarding entry ticket separate from hill ticket

Membership

For the security of all members, U.S. Ski & Snowboard has implemented a new process for those linking a member(s) to an account on www.usskiandsnowboard.org. Here are some key points on the upcoming change.

- All prior linking will be removed
 - The new linking process will require email validation by the member/parent via a verification code
 - Stay tuned for more information
- Removal of USSS online registration for events – (move to Alpine reg/ ski reg etc.)

Regional Subcommittee (confirming TSASRA Proposal)

Club, Division, Region Affiliation

M/S/A: Schone Malliet/JJ/Unanimous

Development Subcommittee

- Allow U16 athletes to continue scoring USSS points.
M/S/C Mike Morin/Bradley Wall
- U14 SG Training Run Rule Change v4 adding more clarity for the race organizer to wait until the Team Captain's meeting to change the training to a free ski run and must be documented in the jury minutes.
M/S/C Bradley Wall/Todd Brickson
- U14 Race Local Proposal - M/S/amended Jeremy Ueland/Beat Hupfer 1. Motion to amend proposal to as follows: U14 and under athletes wishing to race out of Region must have their home club coach obtain permission from their home Regional Director and the Director of the Region in which they are wishing to race. U14 and under athletes wishing to race out of their home Division must have their home club coach get permission from their home Division and the Division and the Division in which they are wishing to race. Divisions may designate certain races as "Open" and these events can be open to competitors from the home Region without the requirement for specific/individual permission. M/S/C Jeremy Ueland/Mike Morin
- Equal Gender Quotas - This proposal failed because both Rocky/Central and Western utilize quotas based on population percentages. Motion: Recommendation to the Eastern Region to revise their selection methods regarding quotas based on population percentages to include gender. M/S/C Beat Hupfer/Todd Brickson

Alpine Officials Working Group

- Sanction agreement update
- Below
 - Referee Language – Online Referee Exam for level one removed – Going forward review online education software that fits
 - RA Continuing Ed workshop
 - Favorable recommendation verbiage
 - .2- and 3-year recommendation letter verbiage

- Certification Matrix
 - **Motion:** Referee Language – Certification Matrix Minimum of 1 shadow assignment must be successfully completed under the supervision of a U.S. Ski & Snowboard Level 3 Alpine RF or TD (minimum Level 2 RF/TD), or FIS TD. AO recommendation form must be submitted to the respective Divisional AO Chair
 - **Motion:** Unless excused by Division/Region AO Chair, prior to serving, Race Administration must attend season Race Administrator Continuing Education Workshop (or equivalent)
 - **Motion:** Recommendations **should** be within 2(two) seasons for technical events and 3 (three) seasons for speed events

- Online referee presentation to the working group, allowing the members an inside look of the exam, the Moodle interface, question and answer challenges and the manual review requirements.

Motion: discontinue the use of the current online referee exam unless/until a workable solution becomes available.

Action item: Reconvene an online education task force to look at online exams.
- Unofficial Results communications – an item to add to the TD workshop and the RA workshop. Making sure unofficial results are posted to avoid opening the event up for protest and appeals. Possibility of creating a check list of items in the virtual communications.
- Skills Quest TD items

Action item: Task force to create a TD checklist with one member from AOEWG (Lucy), members of USTDWG and Jon Nolting Coaches WG. Checklist to be included in TD workshop and 2024 season education materials.
- TRS Proposal

discussion that the TRS in speed events creates a safety issue.

Recommend to look at non scored GS interval of no less than 40 seconds and not to use TRS for speed events.

Motion: AOEWG support of the TRS proposal as currently written to include scored events.

MOTION FAILED

Alpine Rules Working Group

- Golden Rule – add "Adaptive athletes are allowed to compete using equipment required by their disability."
- Edit Kinder Kombi rules to match the educational materials. *Educational materials were produced post 2022 Congress and not included.*
- Per the pending FIS change to eliminating hiking in slalom, we will need to make this list of rules “U” rules (it has been reported that USSS will *not* implement this change for the 2023-2024 season)
 - 614.2.3 to be **U**614.2.3
 - 661.4.1 to be **U**661.4.1
 - 804.3 to be **U**804.3
- 611.2.4 Timing without cable – “For non-championship ~~scored~~ races it is permitted...” delete “scored”
- New rule to match the FIS changes
 - 617.2.3 “The notice board can be replaced by an official communication channel announced at the first team captain’s meeting.”
- Delete the word **complimentary** and change to “waived”, when referring to entry fees.
- Wait for the resolution of the U14 SG training run proposals before acting on possible changes
- Wait for USSS Legal to weigh in on the continued use of Masters as forerunners, with respect to Safe

Sport compliance

FIS Congress – Paul Van Slyke

- WC calculating/mapping jumps for distance and landing
- Not allowing use of range finders or tapes during course set
- Identifying snow removal locations and multiple winch points to reduce removal of fencing
- Specifying slip skirt dimensions and not allowing use of zip ties
- Eliminating paper copies of homologation reports and certificates
- Will be creating new reporting formats, inspectors need to check web site
- Item 4b exceptions will have standard verbiage, not yet available

**Nominations/ Appointments BOD
Committee Membership**

**TSASRA Board of Directors and Committees
Spring 2023**

Under the Bylaws effective 12/12/20 these are the current positions, and those needing election by members or appointment by the Board or Executive Committee

<u>Title</u>	<u>Holder</u>	<u>Term Ends</u>	<u>Selection Method</u>	<u>Has Vote</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Board:					
President	Bruce Diamond	2024	Election	Y	
Vice-President	Andy Lussier	2023	Election	Y	
Secretary	Duane Bass	2024	Election	Y	
Treasurer	Bob Zuber	2023	Election	Y	
CT Rep	Chip Simplicio		Appointed	Y	By Exec Comm
EM Rep	[Jessica Fish]		Appointed	Y	By Exec Comm
WM Rep	Peter Chudy		Appointed	Y	By Exec Comm
AO Chair	John Higgins		Appointed	Y	By Exec Comm
Comp Chair	Mark Colman		Appointed	Y	By Exec Comm
Imm Past Pres	Mike Kemmer		Ex officio	Ties	
Administrator	Laura Sullivan		Appointed	N	By Board
Historian	Bob Brigham		Appointed	N	By Board
Executive:					
President	Bruce Diamond			Y	Chair
Vice-President	Andy Lussier			Y	
Secretary	Duane Bass			Y	
Treasurer	Bob Zuber			Y	
Imm Past Pres	Mike Kemmer			Ties	
Competition:					
U18+ Chair	Mark Colman				Chair
U18+ Member					
U16 Chair	Scott Bellin				
U16 Member	Jessica Fish				

Youth Chair	[Brian Seminara]				
Youth Member	[Paul Kondrat]				
Youth Member	[Melissa Sparks]				
Youth Member	Rick Hanbury				
Youth Member	[Pat Quinn]				
Interclub	Greg Knight				
College	Jim Pietrovito				
Appeals:					
AO Chair	John Higgins				Chair
President	Bruce Diamond				
Comp Chair	Mark Colman				
Finance:					
Treasurer	Bob Zuber				Chair
Member	Peter Chudy				
Member	Chip Simplicio				
Ed & Dev:					
Vice-President	Andy Lussier				Chair
Member	Bruce Diamond				Coach Education
Member	John Higgins				AO Education
Member	Bill Whitcher				
Member	Jen Mahmood				
Member	Rich Tingle				
Member	Ben Sullivan				
Member	Tom Chase				
Nominating:					
Secretary	Duane Bass				Chair
Member	TBD (CT)				
Member	TBD (EM)				
B-Net:					Special Committee
President	Bruce Diamond				Chair
Member	Laura Sullivan				
Member	Bob Zuber				
Eastern:					Regional Committee
EACC Rep	Bruce Diamond				By TSASRA Board
ECC Rep	Rick Hanbury				By ECC
AO Officials	Laura Sullivan				By EACC

Each director shall serve a regular two-year term, beginning after the conclusion of the annual meeting of members, unless earlier removed as further provided in this Article of these Bylaws. Board terms shall be subject to the following provisions:

Class B directors include the Vice President and the Treasurer and shall be elected at the annual meeting of members held in odd-numbered years.

9:05pm Motion to Adjourn

Presidents Report



Tri-State Alpine Ski Racing Association

Mission Statement: To create a positive framework and healthy environment which promotes camaraderie, competitiveness, athleticism, and sportsmanship in grassroots alpine ski racing programs. "The friendships made in Tri-State last a lifetime."

**Tri-State Alpine Ski Racing Association - General Membership Meeting – October 25, 2023
Report of TSASRA President**

IN MEMORY OF PAUL PUTNAM - June 3, 1950-September 6, 2023

Over the years we have had a number of extraordinarily dedicated, knowledgeable, accomplished, and in some cases, fiery coaches, but none that I can think of who matched Paul Putnam in all of these attributes. Paul was the Race Director and Head Coach at Berkshire East from 1979 until his retirement in 2012. Paul was a unique character and fiercely devoted to the development of his athletes above everything else. He was committed to making them good skiers and good citizens. At times, his in-your-face attitude could be hard hitting (both literally and figuratively), but he was always motivated by what he felt was best for his athletes and the sport of ski racing. He expected a lot from his athletes, and they got a lot out of themselves in return. Paul's passion was evident in the long list of accomplishments of his athletes, many of whom he guided to successful D 1 college careers, including competing at the NCAAA Nationals Championships. Others competed in USCSA where some athletes became National Champions. Others made it to the US National Team. We are grateful for all he did for Tri-State. The Board has decided that the best way to honor Paul is to establish an a scholarship to be awarded annually to a deserving Tri-State athlete based on financial need. Paul was keenly attuned to the financial needs of talented athletes who struggled to afford the sport, and we think that he would be pleased to see the establishment of this scholarship. You can read remembrances from Jon Schaeffer and others and post your own on the attached link <https://berkshireeast.com/the-resort/blog/remembering-coach-paul-putnam>

SEASON REVIEW

TSASRA had a somewhat chaotic but ultimately successful 2022-2023 season. Our Competition Committee, led by chair Mark Colman, was kept hopping with numerous race cancellations all season caused by a winter that just didn't seem to want to happen. The warming trend of the past few years in southern New England seems to just be getting worse, and adversely affecting training and hosting races. Zoom team captains meetings the day before races remain popular.

TSASRA is pleased to finally have received 501(c)(3) status as a charitable organization from the IRS. As a charitable/educational organization, TSASRA will receive certain tax benefits, and those who donate to the organization (does *not* include membership dues) will be able to take tax deductions. As a charitable/educational entity we need to carefully plan how we manage our resources to further the mission of our organization. We have established a committee chaired by Bob Zuber to explore how to best administer the TSASRA Educational Fund for the benefit of our members. The committee is currently addressing budgetary needs and working to establish procedures and protocols. Other suggestions are to hire the incomparable Doug Lewis to come to our region for a few days to run workshops with coaches and athletes. We welcome input from our members.

MEMBERSHIP

Overall numbers remain healthy, particularly at the children's level. The overall # of athletes increased from 1,474 to 1528. We are a large organization. U12's increased from 601 in 2022 to 634; U14's increased from 293 to 345; U16's dropped from 219 to 199 (down from 274 in 2021); U18's dropped from 154 to 141; and U21-Sr's increased from 138 to 142; Masters remained steady at 67. The drop in U16-18's is concerning and raises a number of questions – why are they leaving and what can we do to retain them?

Alpine Officials increased 352 to 387. Thanks to our Alpine Officials chair, John Higgins for coordinating and teaching multiple Alpine Officials' clinics throughout the year. A challenge is to continue to train and certify TD's, RA's, and timers to run our many races. We need to step up our efforts fill these roles. Coaches increased from 352 to 387. Increasing Level 100, 200 and 300 coaches remains a top priority. While I don't have exact #'s currently available, roughly 2/3 of our coaches have achieved a minimum certification of Level 100.

RACING

Despite a slow start, our athletes still got in quite a bit of racing. Connecticut Youth Ski League (CYSL) hosted a total of 8 U10 -14, 1 U16, and 1 U18 races, plus Championships. Massachusetts hosted 6 U10-14, 3 U16 and 6 U18 races, plus Champs, and 6 Interclub races.

Jiminy hosted the prestigious Williams Carnival for the first time since 2020. TSASRA continues to reimburse entry fees for sub-100-point athletes attending our races, which produced a 40-point penalty at the Jiminy race! After a four-year break Berkshire East hosted 2 successful FIS races. Glad to have BEAST back in the picture and hope it gives our athletes more FIS experience.

New ownership at venerable Bosquet made extensive use of their improved venue with expanded lifts, snow making and new chairlift. Catamount got back online hosting scored US SKI & Snowboard races this season after a 17-year hiatus and expects to host topflight USS&S U16-

18+ events as well as two FIS races. Blue Hills became active again and hoped to host a race this past season but was unable to pull it off.

Post-season races were well attended, and many of our athletes had great results and a lot of fun. I was impressed by how well coaches from various TSASRA programs worked together to enhance our athletes' experience at post-season events like Finals.

Post Season Qualification/Membership Procedures: Several parents and coaches complained vociferously about the TSASRA procedures for qualifying for post season events. Intertwined with this issue is the need to reassess our rules relating to out-of-region training. Current TSASRA Competition Rules for out-of-region training track US Ski & Snowboard rules, but don't clearly address athletes who may belong to a TSASRA club, but nonetheless have private coaches, and conduct a large portion of their training outside of the region. These issues have been reviewed by the TSASRA Competition Committee and the Board, with no significant changes to our rules expected.

We continue our attempts to adhere to US Ski & Snowboard open Championships requirements for U12-16's although the field sizes often overwhelm the host venues. We do not expect that U14 Championships will be open this year. U16 Champs ran a random/butterfly seed as required, which confused athletes, coaches and officials.

COACHES EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT

TSASRA continued its initiative in training and certifying coaches through our TSASRA Coaches Education and Development Committee, which worked closely with US Ski & Snowboard to put on a number of Level 100 and 200 Certification On-Snow Assessments, Coaches Education Clinics, Workshops, and Symposiums. We held several well attended TSASRA events throughout the season, including a Zoom Language Locker session and a Fundamentals Development Clinic for the New Racer Zoom presentation. Unfortunately, many of our scheduled on-snow events were cancelled due to pervasive warm weather and, more troubling, low registration numbers. We continue to have 4 US Ski & Snowboard Certified Coach Developers. Billy Whicher has moved on to a larger role with US Ski & Snowboarding as National Alpine Education Director. We are grateful for his many contributions and will sorely miss him. We are working closely with Billy and US Ski & Snowboard to identify and train additional Coach Developers and CD Trainers. We conducted 4 Level 100 On-Snow Assessments in the region resulting in approximately 20 TSASRA coaches earning their Level 100 certifications, with another few pending. 6 TSASRA coaches attended, and 5 successfully completed their Level 200 certification at an On-Snow Assessment at Catamount.

John Higgins and Rich Hanbury conducted 7 Alpine Officials Clinics and exams during the course of the season to meet this need.

LOOKING AHEAD

Racing. Mark Colman and the Competition Committee have been hard at work drawing up the race calendar for the upcoming season. Mark will have more information in his report. Exciting news is that there are 4 FIS races scheduled in our region – 2 each at Berkshire East and Catamount. This should be a great opportunity for some of our more advanced athletes. Catamount also plans to host more US Ski & Snowboard regional Tri-State races this season.

Coaches Education and Development. Andy Lussier and his team have been busy this summer and have scheduled a number of Tri-State Workshops and clinics, and US Ski & Snowboard clinics and On-Snow Assessments which have been posted on the Tri-State website and will be posted on the US Ski & Snowboard website shortly. The tentative schedule is as follows:

1. December 9-10- TSASRA Workshop, Level 100 On-Snow Assessment Clinicians: TBD
2. January 8, Mt. Southington - Level 100 On-Snow Assessment Clinician : Rich Tingle
3. January 19, Catamount - Introduction to course setting Clinician :Bruce Diamond
4. February 2, Catamount - Level 100 On-Snow Assessment Clinician: Bruce Diamond
5. February 20, Butternut - Level 100 On-Snow Assessment Clinician: Tom Chase
6. March 6-8 – Catamount, 200 On-Snow assessment Clinician: Bruce Diamond
7. TBD - Catamount Coach Developer Clinic Clinician: Bruce Diamond

In addition to the above events, the committee is also planning to run On-Snow Assessments during the winter break geared toward college kids and junior coaches. Dates have yet to be determined. Billy Whitcher, who is back in our region as USS&S regional director of sports education is spearheading these events.

Certifying new Level 100 coaches is critical for complying with US Ski & Snowboard mandates for the 2024-25 season remains a top priority. Our goal is to increase the knowledge base and enhance the professionalism of our member coaches. We need to do a better job. The Coaches Ed and Dev Committee offered clinics spread throughout our region during the week, on weekends, during the day, and at night. Despite the multitude of options, turnout was dismal this season, with many clinics cancelled for lack of interest. I am suggesting that Program Directors take ownership of this task by pushing their coaches to get certified. TSASRA coaches are urged to be prepared by doing the on-line requirements this fall and attending early season clinics which we plan to offer.

Other goals include increasing the number of Level 200 and Level 300 coaches in our region.

SUMMARY

In all it was another great season for TSASRA members. We accomplished much, but there is still a lot more to do. As Chris Gagne was always fond of saying, "It's all about the kids". I am grateful for the efforts of everyone who is working so hard for the benefit of our athletes.

Thank you all.

Bruce Diamond - TSASRA President

Treasurer's Report

TRI STATE SKI RACING ASSOCIATION
Income Statement
5/25/2023-09/29/2023

Revenues

USSA Trade AP	\$10,581.22
Other Income	\$ 6,732.90
Interest Income	\$ 6.00
Admin Internet	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Total Revenues	\$17,320.12

Expenses

Admin Fees	\$ 6,800.00
Gateway Fees	\$ 60.00
Postage	\$ 70.00
Gifts	\$ 0.00
Meetings	\$ 660.56
Office Supplies	\$ 499.00
Insurance	\$ 1,495.00
Equipment	\$ 0.00
Refunds	\$ 115.00
Championship Exp.	\$24,345.00
Banquet	\$ 0.00
B-net	\$ 0.00
Network Solutions	\$ 9.95
Lodging	\$ 0.00
Misc.	\$ 0.00
Coaches Education	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$31,399.95

Net Income/Loss **\$(14,079.83)**

Notes From Last Report:

Outstanding AP to Berkshire East for U14 Championship **paid in June 2023**

Outstanding AR from jacket order approx. \$3,650

****Current Checking account balance as of 09/29/2023 \$166,399.84**

TRI STATE RACU+ING ASSOCIATION
Statement of Financial Condition
Ending **09/29/2023**

Current Assets	
Cash	\$166,399.84
Accounts Receivable	<u>\$ 3,650.90</u>
Total Current Assets	\$170,050.74
Property & Equipment	
B-Net	\$85,050.00
Office Equip. & Supplies	\$ 1,800.00 *
Jacket Inventory	<u>\$ 3,952.50 **</u>
	\$90,802.50
Total Assets	\$260,853.24
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	\$ 0
Total Current Liabilities & Long-Term Liabilities	\$ 0
Total Liabilities	\$ 0
Organization Equity	\$260,853.24
Total Liabilities and Member Equity	\$260,853.24

*Office equip depreciated by 10%

**Jacket inventory depreciated by 20% (1 Seasons use)

Alpine Officials' Report

Tri-State Alpine Officials Report

October 25, 2023

Alpine Official Clinics

Here is the initial listing of Alpine Official clinics being offered in Tri-State this fall. Other clinics will be added as additional training needs and resources are identified.

Date	Time	Location	Clinic	Exams
Oct ?		Southington	TD1	Yes
Nov 1	6:00 PM	Southington	Referee/Update	No
Nov 5	9:00 AM	Wachusett	Referee/Update	Yes
Nov 11	9:00 AM	Butternut	Referee/Update	Yes
TBD		TBD	TD Workshop	
TBD		TBD	RA Workshop	
TBD			Timing	
TBD		Virtual (On-line)	Update	No

Note: USSS plans to release AO education materials in mid-October. A review of the 'Workshop' materials will be necessary to determine how much time should be allocated for these clinics. (Last season, Tri-State delivered the TD Workshop over 2 days.) It is also important to understand if virtual clinic formats will be permitted this season. Updated information is expected from the AOEWG meeting scheduled for 10/5.

The Tri-State AO clinics schedule as well a link to all Eastern Region AO clinics will be posted on our website: <https://tristateskiracing.org/officials/clinics>

If you need to attend a clinic this season to keep your AO credentials current, you must attend the clinic prior to serving at any U.S. Ski & Snowboard sanctioned event as a Course Setter, Chief of Course, Chief of Race, Referee, Assistant Referee, Jury Advisor, Chief of Timing & Calculations, Race Administrator, or Technical Delegate.

TD Summer Review

This year's TD Summer Review ran 8 sessions over a 17 week period with 6 participants including 2 TD applicants and 4 Tri-State TDs. As mentioned in the spring, this program covers TD (and jury) specific topics via practical exercises, reports/documentation, and jury-type problems with an emphasis on the rules and their applications. This affords the participants an extended exposure to topics that might only be briefly presented during a regular TD clinic. TD applicants become better prepared for a TD1 clinic and exam in the fall. Participants that completed all of the suggested readings and exercises and participated in all the review meetings invested an estimated 30+ hours in total. That's a substantial commitment of time to increase their knowledge and understanding of this sport. Do know that they did not earn any clinic attendance credit for their participation.

Race Organizer Training Needs

In the spring, all Tri-State Race Organizers should have received a detailed summary of their club member AO certifications from their Subdivision chair. The intent of the summary was to help clubs identify their training needs. Clubs must have trained, credentialed officials in many positions on race day as required by their race scheduling agreement. Don't wait until January to figure this out. An AO can attend a clinic and take an exam in any division or state. Help your club members find the clinic that provides the training they need and best fits their schedule. Be sure to communicate your training needs to the Tri-State AO chair: TriStateAO@gmail.com

Course Homologations

The Jiminy and Otis re-homologations have been completed! The new homologation reports are now available on the USSS website.

Venue	Trail	Expiration	Homologation Status
Jiminy Peak	Whirlaway GS	2033	Current, complete
Jiminy Peak	Exhibition SL	2033	Current, complete
Otis Ridge	Slalom SL	2033	Current, complete
Jiminy Peak	'Race Arena' (Ace of Spades?)		Future plans
Eaglebrook	Amy's Run SL,GS	2020	Expired
Nashoba Valley	Bull Run/Chief SL,GS	2020	Expired
Wachusett	Challenger SL,GS	2022	Expired

Respectfully submitted,

John Higgins
Alpine Officials' Chair

Competition Chair Report

TSASRA 2023 Fall Membership Meeting
Competition Committee Report

2024 Season Preview

The schedule currently includes 40 separate Tri-State race days, which will create a heavy load for host venues and officials. Hopefully the weather will be an improvement and there will be fewer rescheduled races. We still need to organize an official speed training day for post-season teams. While efforts will be made to reduce racing expenses (e.g. limiting travel, no U14 or U16 Championship bibs, optional banquets), race fees will likely increase after a few years of holding steady (recommended \$80 scored, \$65 non-scored, \$45 IC). We purchased more Diel jackets for the U14s and U16s going to post-season, and will keep a \$50 subsidy partially covered by entry fees.

U18+

The season starts with the traditional New Year's Eve Schaefer Cup SL at Berkshire East. Fields will likely be capped at no more than 200. FIS level racing will return to Berkshire East and add Catamount. The low-point Reimbursement Program will continue. Finals will return to Gore, where the quota of 42 will likely be exceeded.

U16

The first race will be held over MLK weekend at Mt. Southington. Eastern Championships and Finals qualification (12 and 23 quota spots, respectively) will be based on the best 2 of the 6 possible race results (combined points plus penalty), using one each of SL and GS events. Priority for U18+ races will likely go to 2nd year U16s. The Championships weekend doubleheader conflicts with Eastern High School Champs so will be reconfigured as two regular qualifiers over separate weekends.

Youth

Following EACC guidance, the 2023 Tri-State U14 Championships was open to all, resulting in a field of 191 registered, with widely varying ability. Looking ahead, a cap of 150 will apply, and seeding will likely be used instead of the TRS random butterfly method. An open U14 event may be added. The selection criteria to the U14 Eastern Championships (quota 9B/7G) will again use the best single run/result from each of the SL and GS events, in an attempt to encourage more well-rounded skiers and reward aggressive effort. Athletes selected are expected to attend all scheduled events or pass on their spot. The U12 and U14 age groups in MA will be combined for just the first and last races, as fields hit 230-240 last season. CYSL will separate the U10s from U14s.

Interclub

The system of 3 races per team seems to work as long as the Catamount and Butternut programs are kept apart given their numbers. Jiminy Peak will return to the rotation. We're discussing awards and results for every YOB and going to age groups.

College

The Williams Carnival will be back at Jiminy for the 2nd year in a row.

Race Entry Fees – Recommended for 2024

Event	Suggested	Race Fee	Club Discount	Expenses/Head Tax	Net Revenue
Scored	\$80	\$50	\$30	\$17	\$63
Unscored	\$65	\$35	\$30	\$2	\$63
Interclub	\$45	\$15	\$30	\$2	\$43
Finals U12	\$160	\$70	\$60	\$24 (\$20 bib + 2x2)	\$136 (\$68x2)
Champs U14	\$155	\$70	\$60	\$19 (\$9 coat + 5x2)	\$136 (\$68x2)

Race Entry Fees – Summary 2023

Event	Suggested	Maximum	Minimum	Club Discount	Net Revenue
Scored	\$70	\$75 (Champs)	\$70	\$20	\$53
Unscored – MA	\$55	\$70 (WMRT)	\$50 (BSQ)	\$20	\$53-68
CYSL	\$63			\$33-53	
Interclub	\$40	\$50 (BSQ)	Free (Cat)	\$10-40	
Champs U12/14	\$65				\$65
Champs U16	\$75			\$50 (JP)	\$53

Championships 2023

U12s paid \$155 (2 x \$65 plus \$2 + \$18 bibs) = \$3 profit

U14s paid \$140 (2 x \$65 plus \$2 + \$3) = \$0 profit

U16s paid \$75 each day, including \$5 for jackets plus \$17 total head tax

Head Taxes

USS&S - \$12 scored

EASEF - \$3 scored and division championships

Tri-State - \$2 all races

TRI-STATE RACE CALENDAR

DRAFT 10/23		Interclub	Connecticut	Massachusetts	Tri-State	Tri-State	Reg / Nat / FIS / Other
Dates 2023/24			U10/12/14	U12/14	U16	U18+	
30-Dec	SAT						
31-Dec	SUN					Berkshire East SL (1)	
1-Jan	MON	New Years	New Years	New Years	New Years	New Years	New Years
6-Jan	SAT						
7-Jan	SUN		Mohawk U12/14 GS	Bousquet U12/14 GS (1)		Berkshire East GS (2)	
13-Jan	SAT				MTSO SL (1)		
14-Jan	SUN		Potential U10 GS TBD				
15-Jan	MON	MLK Day	MLK Day	MLK Day	MLK Day	MLK Day	MLK Day
20-Jan	SAT			Wachusett U12 GS (2) [U10s?]	Catamount GS (2)		
21-Jan	SUN	Butternut GS (Bnut, Bsq, BE)	MTSO U10 Stubbie & U12/14 SL	Berkshire East U14 GS (2)		Catamount GS (3)	
27-Jan	SAT				Wachusett SL (3) [BSQ?]	[Bousquet SL] ?	
28-Jan	SUN	Mohawk GS (Moh, Cat, Otis)	Powder Ridge U10 GS	Bousquet U14 SL (3)	Wachusett SL (3)?		
2-Feb	FRI						Masters (BE)?
3-Feb	SAT		Thunder Ridge U10 SL	Catamount U14 SL (4)		Jiminy SL (5)	Masters (MTSO)?
4-Feb	SUN	Bousquet GS (Bsq, Bnut, Moh)	Thunder Ridge U12/14 SL	Butternut U12 SL (3)		Jiminy GS (4)	Masters (CAT)?
6-Feb	TUE						FIS - BE GS
7-Feb	WED						FIS - BE GS
8-Feb	THU						FIS - CAT SL
9-Feb	FRI						FIS - CAT SL
10-Feb	SAT			Butternut U12/14 PAR (4/5)		Sundown SL (6)	
11-Feb	SUN	Catamount GS (Cat, Bsq, BE)	Sundown U12/14 GS		Jiminy Peak GS (4)		
17-Feb	SAT						
18-Feb	SUN		MTSO U10 3 Run GS				
19-Feb	MON	President's Day	President's Day	President's Day	President's Day	President's Day	
24-Feb	SAT						CISC Parallel
25-Feb	SUN	Otis SL - (U8+) (Otis, Bnut, Moh)			Berkshire East GS (5)		CISC GS
2-Mar	SAT		U14 Champs - Jiminy Peak GS			Bousquet SL (7)	Eastern HS Champs
3-Mar	SUN	Berkshire East P (BE, Cat, Otis)	U14 Champs - Jiminy Peak SL		Sundown SL (6)		
9-Mar	SAT		U12 Finals - Butternut GS / U10 Festival Mohawk / U14 Finals [TBD]				
10-Mar	SUN	IC Finals [TBD] (all clubs)	U12 Finals - MTSO SL				Berkshire East Open SL
11-Mar	MON						U16 Eastern Champs - Burke
16-Mar	SAT						U14 Eastern Champs - Sugarbush
17-Mar	SUN						U16 Eastern Finals - Gore
23-Mar	SAT						U18 Eastern Finals - Gore U14 Eastern Finals - TBD

Subdivision Chair Reports

**Tri-State Alpine Ski Racing Association (TSASRA)
General Meeting
October 25, 2023**

Connecticut Subdivision Chair Report

Submitted: October 20, 2023

The Connecticut Youth Ski League, Inc. ("CYSL"), acting as TSASRA's Connecticut subdivision for the U10, U12, and U14 age classes, consists of five (5) United States Ski & Snowboard member clubs: Mohawk Mountain, Mount Southington, Powder Ridge Park and Resort, Ski Sundown, and Thunder Ridge. CYSL held its Fall Board of Directors meeting on October 19, 2023. Officers were elected and voting members were selected by each program to be on the Board of Directors.

During the Fall BoD meeting, the CYSL Board of Directors confirmed the 2024 Competition Schedule and reported it to the TSASRA Youth Committee. It is expected that CYSL will continue to have multi-age class race days, however, U10s will have their own competitions.

We continue to partner with our mountains and truly appreciate all their support of the race programs. It is our intent to have clear communication with parents and spectators at all Connecticut races regarding expected positive behaviors of guests at the mountains. CYSL RA incorporated more social media to help with communications. Once again, CYSL is honored to be hosting the U12 Tri-state Championships.

Preliminary Connecticut 2024 Competition Schedule

Host	Event	Date	Age Classes
Mohawk	GS	January 7 (Sun.)	U12/U14
Mt. Southington	TSASRA SL	January 13 (Sat.)	U16
Mt. Southington	Stubbie SL & SL	January 21 (Sun.)	U10/U12/U14
Powder Ridge	GS (3 Runs)*	January 28 (Sun.)	U10
Thunder Ridge	SL	February 3 (Sat.)	U10
Thunder Ridge	SL	February 4 (Sun.)	U12/U14
Sundown	SL	February 10 (Sat.)	U18
Sundown	GS	February 11 (Sun.)	U12/U14
Mt. Southington	GS (3 Runs)	February 18 (Sun.)	U10
Sundown	TSASRA SL Finals	March 3 (Sun.)	U16
Mohawk - TBD	U10 Festival	March 9 (Sat.)	U10
Mt. Southington	TSASRA SL Finals	March 10 (Sun.)	U12

*CYSL decision 12/28 on Powder Ridge's ability to hold race

Faithfully submitted,



Chip Simplicio
Connecticut Subdivision Chair
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Tri-State Western Massachusetts Fall 2023 Board Report

Clearly, we are looking forward to a less stressful season and more stable snow coverage. Last season there was a lot of cooperation and rapid adjustments to get the races in. We expect a stable mountain environment going forward after significant redevelopments of BSQ and CAT, and the unfortunate loss of Blandford several years ago. Jiminy Peak will be rejoining the Interclub racing circuit this year. IC has gone to a split format given the very large participation levels. Last year Berkshire East ran a dual GS for interclub with 4 runs for each racer.

Catamount supported this with additional timing equipment. The race was very successful and well received by the racing families. This concept is something that should be considered more with the youngest kids, as their confidence builds as they make more runs.

The U14 open format was not that well received by many programs. Running approximately 200 starts is seen as undesirable, as is the random order. Yes, the top athletes end up on top...but how fair is it to those in 5th through 8th place through the year?

Generally, qualifying for the event is often a motivating goal for some skiers and very often the weakest skiers are not fully participating in training and racing. This combined event should provide the best athletes an opportunity to compete for the Eastern Championships spots based on the race season.

The survey that 70% of kids quit at age 13 with the primary answer is that it is not fun, most likely does not capture more complex issues in sports. As a former cross-country skier no one expected you to show up for endurance sports practices for the fun feature. Much of the “not fun” is often related to parent and coaching behaviors. We also must realize that as our athletes enter high school they may be specializing in other sports and the weekend ski racing is what gets cut. Whether U14 championships are open or not is probably not a significant issue.

Eastern MA Tri-State Report Fall 2023

Based on season inquiries/interest, US Ski and Snowboard/Tri-State membership in the eastern part of the state is expected to be up from 2022/23. Wachusett Mountain is looking to host two races and will reach out to the program at Blue Hills to discuss the possibility of helping them host a U10/12 event. The Buddy Werner program in the area appears to be going strong as usual.

Our challenges include a large number of interested athletes in the area but few mountains offering a US Ski & Snowboard program. Our parents with a solid knowledge of ski racing have also aged out of the system. We are working to educate new members but are struggling to gain certified timers/RA's parent volunteers etc. due to lack of interest. Ideas to manage this include hiring certified timers to host races and provide better guidance for parent volunteers.

The East appreciates working with the many mountains in the western part of the state and CT in the quest to host/support ski racing in Tri-State.

**Vice President
Coached Education/Development Report**

Report of TSASRA Vice-President/ TSASRA Education & Development Committee October 4th, 2023

The TSASRA Education & Development Committee is committed to providing training, continuing education and certification opportunities for our coaches in the Tri-State region. This effort is to meet the US Ski & Snowboard mandates requiring all coaches at USSS sanctioned events to have a minimum certification of Level 100. We continue to work closely with US Ski & Snowboard both regionally and nationally to offer coaches education clinics, certification clinics, workshops, and symposiums.

Our goal to keep TSASRA at the forefront of coach's education has been supported by Bill Whitcher, Anna Hosmer, and others at US Ski & Snowboard in Park City. We are fortunate to have direct access to both Bill and Anna as we develop and schedule certification opportunities in our footprint.

While we offered several coaches education opportunities, we still experience too few of our member coaches taking advantage of them. As we strive for our goal of 100% compliance for Level 100 certifications, we recognize the need for flexibility in scheduling these certification opportunities. To date roughly one third of the TSARA coaches are not compliant.

Program Directors should be reminded of their obligation to ensure that their staff members are certified.

Certifying new Level 100 coaches is critical for complying with US Ski & Snowboard mandates moving forward. The TSASRA Coaches Education & Development Committee will continue to offer both continuing education and certification opportunities for the 2023/2024 season.

Our continued goal is to increase the knowledge base, skill sets, and enhance the professionalism of our member coaches. We will continue to offer additional clinics across the TSARSA Region to accomplish the following goals:

- Partnering / advisement with Bill Whitcher/USSS
- Level 100 coaches in compliance with US Ski & Snowboard initiative
 - Goal: 100% compliance by 2024/25
- Keeping workshops affordable
- Flexible scheduling
 - Pre-season, in-season & post season
 - Certifications / workshops
 - In Tri-State Region
 - Mid-week & weekends
 - Possible indoor on-snow assessments
 - Big Snow
- Unwavering promotion
 - Program directors
 - Direct to coaching community
 - Clinics/workshops promoted as preparation for certification
- Increase USSS Certified Coach Developers in Tri-State Region
- Increase USSS Certified Level 200 & Level 300 in Tri-State Region

- Work with Alpine Official Chair to offer and promote Referee certification opportunities for all coaches to comply with US Ski & Snowboard mandates
- Explore and develop enhanced educational opportunities for TSASRA officials

We urge all Tri-State coaches seeking certification to be prepared by doing the on-line requirements over the summer/fall months and attend early season clinics which we plan to offer.

2023-2024 SEASON PLANS - GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The TSASRA Coaches Education & Development Committee is committed to offering a complete calendar of workshops, both virtual and on-snow, and certification opportunities for the coaches of the Tri-State region. In addition to certification clinics, we aim to offer a series of workshops in the following areas:

- Pre-Season Workshop
 - Annual Event
- Course Setting Workshops
 - Preparatory clinic
- Course Setting Certification
- Skiing Skills Workshop
- Movement Analysis Workshop
- Tactics Workshop
- Virtual Series
 - Language Locker
 - Foundational Development for the New Racer

2023/2024 Tentative Schedule

Level 100

12/3/23 Berkshire East - Level 100 On-Snow Assessment	Clinician: Bill Whitcher
1/8/2024 Mt. Southington - Level 100 On-Snow Assessment.	Clinician: Rich Tingle
2/2/2024 Catamount - Level 100 On-Snow Assessment	Clinician: Bruce Diamond
2/20/24 Butternut - Level 100 On-Snow Assessment	Clinician: Tom Chase

Level 100 (Juniors Only – 18 & younger)

12/26/23 Berkshire East - JR Level 100 On-Snow Assessment	Clinician: Bill Whitcher
12/28/23 Bousquet - JR Level 100 On-Snow Assessment	Clinician: Bill Whitcher

Level 200

3/6-3/8 2024 Catamount 200 On-Snow assessment	Clinician: Bruce Diamond
3/18 – 3/20/24 Butternut - Level 200	Clinician: Bill Whitcher

Workshop Series

12/2/23 Berkshire East - Preseason Workshop (one day, same content)	Clinician: TBD
12/3/23 Berkshire East - Preseason Workshop (one day, same content)	Clinician: TBD

Course Setting

1/19/2024 Catamount - Introduction to course Setting

Clinician: Bruce Diamond

TBD - Catamount - Coach Developer Clinic

Clinician: Bruce Diamond

BUDGET

2022-2023 - The Board of Directors allocated \$12,000 to fund various projects, including \$200 per day stipends and mileage reimbursement for Development Team coaches presenting the clinics and workshops. Additional copies of US Ski & Snowboard Alpine Fundamentals were purchased for distribution to attendees of TSASRA scheduled clinics and workshops.

The Educational and Development Committee has met remotely since the end of the season to plan content and prepare a requested budget to the BOD. We will require the purchase of 250 US Ski & Snowboard Alpine Fundamentals Guides for clinic attendees for the upcoming season.

For the 2023-2024 season, the TSASRA Coaches Education & Development Committee is again requesting a budget of \$12,000, subject to approval of expenses as they are incurred. The Committee would again like consideration of a budget item allocated to subsidize coaches' education scholarships to help offset the high cost of attending certification clinics.

SUMMARY

As we continue to develop and invest in the Tri-State Alpine Ski Racing Association, it's paramount that we stay focused on athlete development through the continued education of our coaching community. Better coaches make better programs, better programs make better athletes. We're looking forward to another great season.

Andy Lussier

TSASRA Vice President/Coaches Education and Development Chair

BOD
Committee Membership

TSASRA Board of Directors and Committees
Fall 2023

Under the Bylaws effective 12/12/20 these are the current positions, and those needing election by members or appointment by the Board or Executive Committee

<u>Title</u>	<u>Holder</u>	<u>Term Ends</u>	<u>Selection Method</u>	<u>Has Vote</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Board:					
President	Bruce Diamond	2024	Election	Y	
Vice-President	Andy Lussier	2025	Election	Y	
Secretary	Duane Bass	2024	Election	Y	
Treasurer	Bob Zuber	2025	Election	Y	
CT Rep	Chip Simplicio		Appointed	Y	By Exec Comm
EM Rep	Jessica Fish		Appointed	Y	By Exec Comm
WM Rep	Peter Chudy		Appointed	Y	By Exec Comm
AO Chair	John Higgins		Appointed	Y	By Exec Comm
Comp Chair	Mark Colman		Appointed	Y	By Exec Comm
Imm Past Pres	Mike Kemmer		Ex officio	Ties	
Administrator	Laura Sullivan		Appointed	N	By Board
Historian	Bob Brigham		Appointed	N	By Board
Executive:					
President	Bruce Diamond			Y	Chair
Vice-President	Andy Lussier			Y	
Secretary	Duane Bass			Y	
Treasurer	Bob Zuber			Y	
Imm Past Pres	Mike Kemmer			Ties	
Competition:					
U18+ Chair	Mark Colman				Chair
U18+ Member					
U16 Chair	Scott Bellin				
U16 Member	Jessica Fish				
Youth Chair	Brian Seminara				
Youth Member	Paul Kondrat				
Youth Member	Melissa Sparks				
Youth Member	Rick Hanbury				
Youth Member	Pat Quinn				
Interclub	Greg Knight				
College	Jim Pietrovito				
Appeals:					
AO Chair	John Higgins				Chair

President	Bruce Diamond				
Comp Chair	Mark Colman				
Finance:					
Treasurer	Bob Zuber				Chair
Member	Peter Chudy				
Member	Chip Smplicio				
Ed & Dev:					
Vice-President	Andy Lussier				Chair
Member	Bruce Diamond (President)				Coach Education
Member	John Higgins (AO Chair)				AO Education
Member	Jen Mahmood				
Member	Rich Tingle				
Member	Ben Sullivan				
Member	Tom Chase				
Nominating:					
Secretary	Duane Bass				Chair
Member	TBD (CT)				
Member	TBD (EM)				
B-Net:					Special Committee
President	Bruce Diamond				Chair, ex-officio
Member	Laura Sullivan				
Member	Bob Zuber				
Charitable:					Special Committee
President	Bruce Diamond				Chair, ex-officio
Member	Bob Zuber				
Member	Chip Smplicio				
Member	Peter Chudy				
Eastern:					Regional Committee
EACC Rep	Bruce Diamond				By TSASRA Board
ECC Rep	Rick Hanbury				By ECC
Officials	Laura Sullivan				By EACC

Tri-State Homologation Reimbursement Policy [DRAFT Fall 2023]

As part of its mission to support grass roots alpine ski racing, the Tri-State organization (TSASRA) encourages the addition of new racing venues, and requires the updated homologation of existing race trails.

1. Tri-State will reimburse expenses incurred during the homologation and trail inspection process:
 - a. All expense requests must include supporting receipts and documentation
 - b. Expenses are capped at \$1,500 per trail for both new applications and renewals
 - c. Acceptable expenses include US Ski and Snowboard (and/or FIS) application fees, inspector fees (daily allowance plus travel expenses), required tree cutting and landscaping, electrician or timing company expenses, permanent buried cable and conduit
 - d. No temporary expenses or removable items (e.g. B-Net required by the protection plan, timing equipment or computers) will be included
 - e. Other related expenses may be considered at the discretion of the TSASRA Finance Committee or Board
 - f. Denied or uncompleted applications will not be reimbursed
2. Reimbursement requests should be submitted to the TSASRA Administrator within 6 months of receipt of the US Ski and Snowboard or FIS certificate. Late requests may be considered but are not guaranteed.
3. Requests should specify whether the reimbursement check will be made out to the mountain owner/management or the affiliated USS&S club, depending on which entity incurred the costs