

Massachusetts Youth Racing Rules 2024

Overview

Racing will follow the current Alpine Competition Rules of U.S. Ski and Snowboard.

Seeding

To provide relatively equal course conditions, the seed order will change for each run as follows:

U12 (first 3 races) and U14 (first 4 races):

Run 1 – entire field is randomized

Run 2 – entire field will be flipped (by bib order) with the highest # bib going first

Final Parallel races (U12 4th race; U14 5th race):

Run 1 – seeded by season standings to date

Run 2 – reverse bib order

Bracket Round – top 8 per gender/age group

In combined age group races, the run order will be U12 girls, U12 boys, U14 girls and U14 boys.

Ranking

Results are gathered from each individual run during a race and for the combined result of those two runs, using place points. Each race provides 3 results: 1st Run, 2nd Run, Combined Race. Place points are awarded for the finish position (i.e. 1 point for 1st, 2 points for 2nd, etc). An absence, or NPS, DNF, DNS, DSQ in any run, or an incomplete combined finish, is assigned a place point rank of 990. Ties will not be broken. If there are fewer than 10 possible results (i.e. only 3 races), ranking will use one less than half of the total number of race runs.

U12 Post-Season

The TSASRA U12 Finals are open to all athletes who have raced in at least one of the regular season races. Seeding, and selection for events such as the Francis Piche Invitational at Gunstock NH (“Piche”), will be determined by the end of season rankings for this series (currently best 5 of 12 results).

U14 Post-Season

The TSASRA U14 Championships at Jiminy Peak March 2-3 will be limited to 150 entries, with quota spots for CT and MA based on the number of active competitors during the season. Seeding, and selection for other events (e.g. Piche), will be based on the season long standings in the 5 race qualifier series, using the lowest value of the 7 best individual results from the 15 possible results during the season. Selection for the U14 Eastern Championships and Finals will be determined by the Tri-State Championship finish results (currently best single run/result from each of SL and GS). U14s qualifying for an Eastern Regional event will relinquish their Piche spot, if applicable.