

# Massachusetts Youth Racing Rules

## Season 2026

### Overview

Racing will follow the current Alpine Competition Rules of U.S. Ski and Snowboard. If there are schedule changes, these rules may be amended by the youth committee.

### Seeding

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

All U12 GS/SL races, and the first 2 U14 races:

Run 1- entire field is randomized

Run 2 – entire field will be flipped by reverse bib order, with the highest bib # going first.

Subsequent U14 races will be seeded by season standings to date, subject to host venue discretion  
Parallel Bracket Round (Butternut) – 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 based on each individual run during a race using place points. Place points are awarded for the finish position (i.e. 1 point for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2 points for 2<sup>nd</sup>, etc.). An absence, or NPS/DNF/DNS/DSQ in any run, is assigned a place point rank of 990.

Parallel races will not be used for ranking purposes.

### Post-Season Events

U12s - The TSASRA U12 Championships (Mar 7 GS at Mohawk, Mar 8 SL at MTSO) are open to all members who have raced in at least one of the regular-season Tri-State (not Interclub) races. Seeding, and selection of a “Team Massachusetts” for events such as the Francis Piche Invitational at Gunstock NH (“Piche”), will be determined by the end of season rankings for this series (best 3 runs of 8).

U14s - The TSASRA U14 Championships (Feb 28 GS at Catamount, March 1 SL at Bousquet) will have 150 total entries from CT and MA, based on season standings from qualifier races in MA (best 3 GS or SL runs of 8). The current estimate for MA spots based on membership and active racers is 40 girls and 50 boys. Seeding will be based on the season long standings. Selection for the U14 Eastern Championships will be determined by the Tri-State Championship finish results (best single run/result from each of SL and GS).

U14 Eastern Finals March 13-15 at Berkshire East will be open to all competitors not attending Eastern Championships. U14 athletes in MA may choose to attend the Piche event that weekend instead, with a coach recommendation and youth committee approval.