

Tri-State U18+ Rules – 2026 Season [February 26, 2026]

Welcome to the competition season. The following is an explanation of the Tri-State Alpine Ski Racing Association (“Tri-State”, “TSASRA” or “T/S”) U18+ 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.

The Tri-State U18+ program is organized by the U18+ Committee, with the following volunteers:

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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.

Please review the entry policies and any deadlines for each race on the Tri-State schedule. Note that race venues will not permit same-day registration or on-site entry.

<https://tristateskiracing.org/schedule/u19>

Complete Eastern Region rules regarding selection process, quotas, post-season events, Eastern competition calendar as well as “News” and “Selections” tabs, are at the following link:

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

Rankings

1. Tri-State will use the best (lowest) points from USS&S Race Results (i.e. Race Points plus Penalty) from each U18+ qualifying race to determine the internal Tri-State athlete ranking.
2. Because of numerous race cancelations due to weather, the calculation for 2026 will use the best 2 possible Race Results.
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 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 rankings will be updated and published 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. Up to four discretionary quota spots will be held for the active Tri-State racers with the lowest points, or on injury protection, if they have not finished 3 races and otherwise appear in the rankings.

Eastern U.S. Ski & Snowboard Finals (March 27-29, Gore, NY)

Tri-State has been allotted a quota of 42 athletes, which are then split evenly by gender. Additional quota spots may be available after Divisional entry lists are submitted in early March. Up to 10 alternates will also be named. U18, U21 and SRs are eligible. The season ending event typically includes speed-training, SG, GS and SL races. Quota spots will be given to athletes who only do part of the series, although full participation is encouraged.

Athlete Reimbursement Program

To improve the quality of the 18+ race series, Tri-State will reimburse the entry fees of the 5 lowest point athletes per gender meeting the criteria (currently under 100 USSS points), whether or not they are Tri-State residents or from another division. Full program rules including eligibility and process are available from the U18+ Competition Chair.

Eastern FIS Race Series

Entry to Eastern Region FIS races is open to all 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. Development selection spots are also available from the Eastern Region staff. All deadlines are published on the Calendar page of the USS&S Eastern website. For 2026, Tri-State will have 2 quota spots for Entry Level (ENL) FIS races. Contact the Tri-State Administrator, U18+ Chair or your coach for more details.

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

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

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Zg2r8b2LwnrwBRQhW31NSajAC4iORUqvQBUW6jQ5zl8/edit?gid=846706433#gid=846706433>

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

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1D4UbScvHLq8W68_gRFbEk6eyfRuL7kPOwMB6BPChms4/edit?tab=t.0

Coach Representation

Competitors at all Regional and FIS 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.