

U19-U21 TSASRA PROGRAM

Welcome to the competition season. The following is an explanation of the Tri-State Alpine Ski Racing Association U19-U21 program and rules.

T/S MEMBERSHIP: In order to be eligible for selection to a T/S quota, one must be a member of T/S. To qualify for membership in T/S one must either attend school in, train in, or reside in the T/S region. In addition to the USSA membership, an individual must join T/S.

Participation in all USSA sanctioned state, regional, and national events is fully explained in the USSA Competition Guide. Information about the USSA 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 their Competition Guide for the answer. Further questions should be directed through the athlete's coach, program director or this web site.

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

<http://alpine.usskiteam.com/alpine-programs/regions/eastern-region/selections>

Rankings

1. Tri-State will use USSA point results, gleaned from each USSA Tri-State U19-21 race to rank our U19-21 athletes.
2. Tri-State will use the best (lowest) U19-21 point results to determine internal Tri-State ranking.
3. Tri-State will use one less than half of the race results in the determinations.
4. The season rankings spreadsheet will add up the proper number of race results per rule 3, this sum will be sorted 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 proper number of races will not be ranked and will not be eligible for post-season races.
5. USSA Tri-State U19-21 Chair will publicize and update the U19-21 rankings following the posting of results from the organizing committees, with the third race usually starting this process.
6. 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 Finals (SG, GS, SL)

Tri-State has previously been allotted a quota of 30 athletes, which are then evenly divided by gender. The quota for 2018 will be announced on December 1. 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 Opens.

Eastern FIS Race Series

Quotas and Selection

Entry to Eastern Region FIS races is open to all Eastern athletes with a valid FIS license who have intended to compete via on-line forms. The Eastern Office will use a new ranking list for each series. The Eastern Region will determine the appropriate number of athletes to compete based on the venue and event being contested. Intents will be due 21 days prior to the first team captains' meeting (TCM). Intended athletes' coaches will be notified electronically as soon as the ranking boards are done. Quotas for the events will be posted on the confirmation page. Coaches will have until the date published on the intent site to confirm or pull athletes. Unconfirmed athletes will be pulled. All deadlines for intent, confirmation, and development requests are published on the Eastern FIS Dates Document (EFDD) that is found on the Coaches page of the USSA Eastern website. Contact the Tri-State Administrator, U19/21 Chair or your coach for more details.

FIS Eastern Cup Series – all athletes with FIS points equal to or below a determined cut off value in SL or GS are eligible for participation. Ranking will be done using a 2-event NTSM list of FIS SL and GS points. Targeted field size for these elite events is 90.

FIS Open Series – eligibility for a tech series race is below 150 USSA points. There is no actual ranking and signup opens on adminskiracing.com at 7pm 18 days before the TCM on a first come first serve basis. Field size is expected to be 120.

FIS Development Series – quota is 3 per division, with confirmed divisional selections due 8 days before the first TCM. Ranking list will be done using a 3-event NTSM (SL, GS, SG) of USSA points. The full field size is 140.

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

https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B6tE_PK0UITOTkNSSV82N1dPYzA/view

FIS race intents will be submitted via the USSA Intents website:

<http://ussa.org/alpine-programs/regions/intents/east>

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

Qualification is based on performance in at least one of the Regional Development Series races in February. The Eastern Region uses a standard double board method, which has the FIS Development qualifying race results on one side and the regular USSA 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 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 to make these arrangements. T/S will instruct race organizers to remove any competitor from the event who is not properly represented.