



**2017/2018 Start of Season Edition**  
**and**  
**Membership Renewal Package**



This year's Jeff Wattenmaker scholarship recipient, Calvin Wilson pictured in the middle along with his 2 brothers, Kenny on his right and Cody on his left. Kenny and Cody were also many year Far West Masters scholarship athletes that go to college at Colby-Sawyer. This picture was taken at the last US National Championships. All three young men qualified and raced in that event

## **From the President's Corner...**

*By Dan Simmons  
president@farwestmasters.org*

We had our first snow on the last day of summer and the ski season approaches. Snow incantations are in order, but maybe the prayers should be for a little bit less than last year's epic winter.

Our intrepid scheduler Mike Braun has put together a great looking season with 26 races. Mike has been able to add a number of super-g's to the schedule, but we will have no downhills. The schedule is up on the website, FarWestMasters.org. Even though we have more speed events on the calendar, unfortunately because of schedule conflicts with other venues, none of our Far West speed events will be part of the National Speed Series. Our season will begin on December 2 with two slaloms at Mammoth. Our second December event also will be at Mammoth on Dec. 16-17 with Saturday and Sunday GS. At least one area indicated this summer that they wanted a substantial increase in race fees. Mike was able to negotiate with race directors to hold fee increases down to \$5, \$35 for tech events and \$45 for speed events. The fee increases have been approved by the Board. Kudos to Mike for keeping the fee increase to a reasonable amount. We should be grateful to all of the areas that continue to host our Masters events and I suggest that on any opportunity you express our appreciation to management.

There will be a training camp at Mammoth the week before the first slalom. That's always a good program and highly recommended.

The next Board meeting will be at Mammoth on December 1 in the afternoon before our first race. All members are welcome to attend and the Board will profit from your input. I'll let you know of the time and location.

The Board has created a perpetual trophy with the names of our season winners going back to the 1998-99 season when we first started counting. We will debut the trophy at our first awards party during the December 16-17 Mammoth GS weekend.

The national calendar has three major events. The Masters Nationals will be at Okemo, Vt., February 6-10. The National Downhill championship will be at Ski Cooper in Colorado, March 8-11, with two downhills and a super-G on the schedule. This event will be the national speed series final. The FIS Masters World Criterium returns to the U.S. this year, March 18-24 at Big Sky. This promises to be a great event. Watch for the registration announcement and sign-up early. U.S. participants will be limited to 100. Also people are

already beginning to make lodging arrangements. Full information is on the Masters page of the US Ski & Snowboard website. (The powers that be have changed the USSA branding to U.S. Ski & Snowboard.) Also, if you plan to go to Big Sky, be sure and purchase a FIS Masters license when you renew your masters membership. In the Janet Yellen you are wrong category—there is indeed inflation—the cost of the masters license has gone up to \$100. The on-line magazine SkiRacing.com is no longer attached to US Ski & Snowboard so if you want it you will have to separately subscribe to the premium edition with a monthly subscription tied to a credit card. SkiRacing.com will no longer include a masters column. The masters national committee is looking at alternatives for communicating interesting articles to masters, possibly with links through the Masters newsletter from Bill Skinner.

Remember to bring a friend to compete in our events. See you on the race hill.

Dan

### **USSA Name change and rebranding**

In June the U.S. Ski and Snowboard association announced that it was changing its name to U.S. Ski & Snowboard. Along with the name change a new brand was introduced to united athletes, members and friends as one team, with a vision to be Best in the World Olympic Skiing and Snowboarding.



Along with this branding a number of domain names/web sites will also be changing, including ussa.org and ussamaster.org which will be renamed later this fall. The current names will continue to work after this change and will redirect to the new domain.

The US Skiing Masters membership fee has increased this year, and in addition short term license purchases will now be limited to twice per season (each 1 or more days).

## Step by step guide to FWM Racing

Looking forward to the start of another new season of ski racing? Please take a few minutes to review this step by step guide to make sure you ready for the first slaloms at Mammoth on December 2.

Please read these instructions carefully, as some details have changed since last year.

In order to compete in any Far West Masters ski race you must first complete these three easy steps:

1. Hold a current U.S. Ski & Snowboard Masters membership, or register for a short-term masters membership. You cannot compete in any FWM event without this. This must be done online at <https://my.ussa.org/membership/start>
2. Be a current member of the Far West Masters, or a drop-in guest for the day of race. In order to be eligible in the FWM season standings you must be a current member. You are encouraged to renew or join online at <https://skiracereg.com/fw>. It is also possible to renew using the form on page 10, which can also be found at <http://farwestmasters.org/info/membership#fwm> Membership  
Completed forms should be mailed by USPS to Mary Feddis at the address on the form by **November 13th** for renewing members.
3. Register for the races you want to participate in. This can be done either online at <https://skiracereg.com/fw> or by mail. Instructions for the race entry process can be found at <http://farwestmasters.org/services/raceentries>. The 2017-2018 race schedule can be found at <http://farwestmasters.org/raceinfo/current/schedule>.

### Step 1 - U.S. Ski & Snowboard Masters License

A U.S. Ski & Snowboard Alpine Masters membership must be obtained by all competitors participating on a regular basis in Far West Masters division races. A full-season masters membership is required in order to compete in Regional or National championship events as well as for international masters competitions.

For racers who wish to compete only in a specific competition, a short-term masters membership may be purchased for one or more days of an event at <https://my.ussa.org/membership/start>. Your first short-term membership must be purchased online. Short-

term U.S. Ski & Snowboard memberships may be purchased twice per season for \$20 per race day. A full season alpine masters membership is \$100.

The deadline for U.S. Ski & Snowboard Masters renewal is October 15<sup>th</sup>, after which a late fee of \$25 will be payable.

For more information about U.S. Ski & Snowboard membership, visit the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Membership site at <https://my.ussa.org>.

Competitors MUST also provide proof of primary medical insurance coverage with their U.S. Ski & Snowboard annual or short-term membership application.

### Step 2 – Far West Masters membership

Membership in the Far West Masters is required if you race more than one weekend in the season. Your Far West Masters membership includes a permanently assigned stretch racing bib, detailed race schedule, our regularly published newsletter, and eligibility for season awards. Full details for membership renewal can be found on page 6 or online at <http://farwestmasters.org/info/membership>. Please remember that renewals are due by **November 13<sup>th</sup>**, 2017.

### Step 3 - Race Entry Process

One of the fundamental processes of our Far West Masters racing operations is getting racer entries into the race organizer's computer system so we have competitor start lists and can run the timing systems on race day. And we all know how much we like having timing results, as we gather at the timing board after every run! This article explains how we get you into the starting gate ready to "Go!"

**Remember that you must have a valid U.S Ski & Snowboard membership, either full-season or short-term.**

### Race Registration

Race entries for Far West Masters events can be submitted through our online registration system on <https://SkiRaceReg.com/fw> – online registration is highly encouraged!!! Entries can also be submitted by printing an event entry form from our <http://farwestmasters.org/> web site and mailing/delivering directly to the race organizer with a check for each race day (instructions are provided on the entry form).

Deadlines and fees for all race events are posted on the Season Schedule page of our <http://farwestmasters.org/> web site as well as on the

online registration system <https://SkiRaceReg.com/fw>. All deadlines and policies apply equally to both online and print entries; there is no difference in fees or dates. However, we STRONGLY encourage all competitors to use the online registration system – it's easier and more reliable for both competitors and race organizers.

### **Early Registration Deadline**

The early registration deadline is Sunday night prior to the start of the event. Entries received after the early registration deadline are subject to a \$5/race late fee. The purpose of the early registration deadline is to encourage registrations to be submitted at least a week prior to the event so race organizers have a reasonable estimate of the field size for their event planning. You can still cancel your entry without fees charged any time up until the cancellation deadline, so there is no penalty for signing up early!

### **Entry Deadline**

The entry deadline for an event is set 1-2 days prior to the first race day to allow race organizers sufficient time to complete final preparations for hosting the event. Online registration is closed at 8pm on the entry deadline date. E.g. for a typical Sat-Sun weekend event, the entry deadline is 8pm Thursday evening.

Race organizers *may* accept entries on-site between the entry deadline and when the start list is closed the night before each race, but are *not* required to do so.

### **Cancellation Deadline**

The cancellation deadline is set at the same time as the entry deadline. You may cancel an entry at any time until the cancellation deadline and no fees will be charged.

***All entries received as of the entry deadline/cancellation deadline will be charged the race entry fee.*** This includes DNS competitors who do not participate. No fees are charged if a race is cancelled.

Refunds *may* be granted at the discretion of the race organizer for injury or illness, but it is the ***competitor's responsibility*** to contact the race organizer prior to the race to notify them of your withdrawal.

### **Start List Closed**

The start list for a race is closed at the organizer's close of business the day before the race.

**You must be on the start list to compete in the race.** Day-of-race entries generally cannot be accepted.

### **Exceptional Conditions**

The entry/cancellation deadline is normally set to allow the race organizer one working day before the

start of the event to complete final preparations, such as setting up computer files for the race timing system and verifying that all competitors have a valid U.S. Ski & Snowboard membership to compete in the event. The entry deadline when online registration closes is usually Thursday evening for a weekend event. In some cases the entry deadline needs to be earlier, so always check the published deadline for each event that you enter.

No entry fees are charged if a race must be cancelled.

Occasionally mistakes are made in processing entry fee payments. If you believe you have been incorrectly charged a race entry fee, contact the race organizer to request a correction. If you are unsatisfied with the resolution, please bring the issue to the attention of the Far West Masters board so we can assist.

### **Useful Links**

<http://farwestmasters.org>

<http://farwestmasters.org/raceinfo/current/schedule>

<http://farwestmasters.org/services/raceentries>

<http://farwestmasters.org/info/membership>

<https://skiracereg.com/fw>

### **Contacts**

[membership@farwestmasters.org](mailto:membership@farwestmasters.org)

[raceadmin@farwestmasters.org](mailto:raceadmin@farwestmasters.org)

## **FAR WEST MASTERS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM By Sandy Hogan**

Our Far West Masters Scholarship Program, now starting its 24th year, continues to produce athletes we can all be proud of. They are selected on a combination of citizenship, work ethic, academic scholarship, financial need, and race results, and this year's awardees will be announced in the next few months. The funds awarded are only used for race-related expenses during the race season, and we continue to sponsor many of the athletes for a number of years, with some going on to race in college or with US Skiing.

The Jeff Wattenmaker Scholarship is a \$10,000 scholarship to be used towards college expenses. It is given out yearly to a member of the Far West Masters Scholarship Program. To be eligible you must be a member of the Far West Masters Scholarship Program and be accepted to an accredited Junior College, University or vocational school for the coming fall. The panel of five judges takes a look at each applicant in depth. Grades and test scores indicate discipline, while test scores shed light on overall academic development. The panel will reach out to the applicants' coaches, teachers, and peers to

get a sense of the character of each applicant. Each year the make up of the group of applicants has been outstanding. The Wattenmaker family is proud to be a member of this community and love being part of the Masters scholarship program to help ease the financial burden for the wonderful young adults who are in pursuit of a college education.

Jeff Wattenmaker initiated his namesake scholarship prior to his death in 2010. Jeff was very impressed with the Far West Masters Scholarship Program and its ideals. Jeff loved ski racing and passed on his love of the mountains to his children. Jeff generously arranged to donate funds to expand the Far West Masters Scholarship Program and to thereby make available funding for a University education to members of the Program.

This year, the recipient of this award is Calvin Wilson. Calvin is a humble, kind, hard working and talented young man. He started his College career in September and is attending Bates College.

The US Ski Team currently has 5 Scholarship Program alumni on the Team--Stacey Cook, Tim Jitloff, Travis Ganong, Garret Driller, and Mark Engel, and we are hoping that some of them will be competing in the 2018 Olympics. Thanks to all of you who have supported this unequalled program with your contributions, and who also purchase raffle tickets after many of our races. Thanks also to Chair Eddie Mozen and Board members Doug Fulton and Miles Anderson for their outstanding leadership.

### **Far West Masters Training Programs**

We are very lucky to have several high quality Masters training programs in the Far West. Participating in a training program helps you to get the most out of your race days, improves technique and also importantly, helps to make our sport safer. Whether you are a newcomer or experienced Masters racer, being part of a training program is recommended.

Masters training programs are available at Mammoth, Squaw Valley, Mt Rose, Diamond Peak, and Northstar.

Information about each of these programs can be found online at the links below:

<http://www.mammothmountain.com/winter/ski-ride/camps-teams/race-department/masters-team>

<http://squawalpine.com/skiing-riding/masters-program>

<http://skirose.com/tickets--lessons--rentals/falcons/masters-ski/>

<http://www.northstarcalifornia.com/ski-snowboard-school/alpine-racing.aspx - Masters>

<http://www.dpsef.org/page/show/2613098-masters-2016-17->

### **Race Officials**

Are you a current U.S. Ski & Snowboard Masters Race official?

Are you thinking about becoming one?

Certified race officials are critical to the smooth running of the Far West masters racing series. We simply cannot put on our races without enough U.S. Ski & Snowboard certified race officials willing to officiate at our races.

We typically need two officials at each race, a Referee and a Technical Delegate, or TD.

Race officials must attend a refresher training session at least every two years.

This year a U.S. Ski & Snowboard race officials refresher, and training for new officials or additional certifications for current officials is being held at Squaw Valley on November 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>. Full details can be found at: <http://fwskiing.org/content/fw-fall-convention>

As an incentive for Far West members to become officials, the FWM board have agreed to continue the program introduced last year, to cover the costs for race entries for races that a member performs race official duties.

### **2018 Spyder National Masters Team**

The 2018 Spyder National Masters team is selected from the top finisher in each age class at the 2017 national championships, based on total world cup points in the 3-events SG-GS-SL combined.

This year Far West Masters had 9 racers selected to be part of the team, congratulations to you all.

Class	Women	Men
13		Gaetano Demattei (FW, 1-1-1)
12	Marietta Frinell (FW, 1-x-DNF)	Charlie Hauser (RM, 1-1-1)
11	Nancy Auseklis (IM, 1-1-1)	Lee Kaufman (RM, 1-1-2)
10	Marcie Pettigrew (FW, 1-1-2)	Pepi Neubauer (EA, 1-1-1)
9	Carol Levine (FW, 1-1-1)	Thomas Kronthaler (IM, 2-1-1)
8	Deb Lewis (FW, 1-1-1)	Bill Skinner (IM, 3-1-1)
7	Amy Lanzel (IM, 1-1-2)	Mark Brower (IM, 2-2-1)
6	Chris Katzenberger (IM, 1-1-1)	Jean-Sebastien Delfino (FW, 2-2-3)
5	Jennifer Kaufman (RM, 1-2-1)	Noel Christopher (RM, 4-3-1)
4		Mihai Filimon (FW, 1-2-1)
3	Tricia Wall (FW, 1-1-1)	James Thoman (EA, 1-2-2)
2	Lauren Beckos (RM, 1-1-1)	Luke Keenan (PN, 1-2-1)
1	Alexandra Mitchell (EA, 1-1-1)	Wojciech Lis (FW, 2-1-1)



## Far West Masters Ski Racing

[www.farwestmasters.org](http://www.farwestmasters.org)

### 2017 – 2018 MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Starting in October 2017, you can join or renew your Far West Masters membership online at **SkiRaceReg.com**, as well as sign up for races throughout the season. We strongly encourage all members to renew online!!

To join or renew your membership online, go to the Far West race series home page on **SkiRaceReg.com** at <https://skiracereg.com/fw>. If you already have an account, click on **log in** and follow the steps to activate your account for the new season by reviewing/updating your contact information and providing current credit card information for any charges you will make on the site. If you are a new member, click on **sign up** to open an account on **SkiRaceReg.com**. Be sure to choose "Far West Masters" as your home race series; follow the steps to provide your personal information and credit card. The final step of activating your account allows you to pay your Far West membership dues. There is no charge for opening your account; charges will be made only when you elect to pay your dues or sign up for races during the season.

If you are unable to use the online membership system, you can still print and mail your membership application with a check – the form is included in this information package and is available on the [farwestmasters.org](http://farwestmasters.org) web site. Please ensure that the membership application is completely filled out.

Most important, we need to have your correct e-mail address!! Over the past few seasons, we've been able to give schedule updates and provide other pertinent program information via e-mail, making it easier for our racers to have up-to-date information throughout the season. Check our website [www.farwestmasters.org](http://www.farwestmasters.org) for more racing information and news throughout the season.

**Note:** renewals received after the **November 13th** deadline will be charged a \$5 late fee.

We're looking forward to another exciting season of racing. If you have membership questions, don't hesitate to contact [membership@farwestmasters.org](mailto:membership@farwestmasters.org) and [president@farwestmasters.org](mailto:president@farwestmasters.org).

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See you in December!

Mary Feddis, VP, Membership

*Briefly, competitors MUST have a U.S. Ski & Snowboard masters membership in order to compete, either a masters season membership or a short-term masters membership purchased on a daily basis – this is essential for insurance purposes. Competitors also MUST provide proof of primary*

medical insurance coverage for their U.S. Ski & Snowboard membership. The deadline for renewing your USSA membership without penalty is October 15th. The late fee is \$25.

Competitors who race more than one weekend per season must also join Far West Masters, which provides benefits such as a permanently assigned stretch bib, a subscription to our regularly published newsletter, and eligibility for season awards, along with access to special member offers.

## Eligibility

Men and women age 18 and over may compete in the Far West Masters Ski Racing Series. A U.S. Ski & Snowboard masters membership or short-term masters membership is required. Membership in the Far West Masters is required if you race more than one weekend.

For U.S. Ski & Snowboard membership, competitors need to go directly to the U.S. Ski & Snowboard membership site <https://my.ussa.org/membership/start> and complete the application process online. All U.S. Ski & Snowboard membership services have moved online, so you will need to have an account on the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Membership site to purchase your masters membership.

You must provide proof of primary medical insurance coverage for a U.S. Ski & Snowboard membership, so have your insurance card with carrier and policy number available when you fill out a U.S. Ski & Snowboard membership application.

Note: For racers who wish to complete only in a specific competition, a short-term membership may be obtained online on a daily basis at <https://my.ussa.org/membership/start> and must be completed **at least one day PRIOR to the start of the event**. A short-term masters membership is \$20 per day, purchased for one or more days of an event in which you wish to compete, and can be purchased twice per season. Note that a full-season masters membership is required for Regional, National and International races.

## Far West Masters Registration – deadline November 13<sup>th</sup> 2017

Membership in the Far West Masters is required if you race more than one weekend. To be a member, you can purchase your membership online through our race registration system at <https://skiracereg.com/fw>, or complete a printed application form and write a check for \$20 (\$35 if you elect to receive the newsletter by mail) payable to Far West Masters Ski Racing and then submit by mail to Mary Feddis, P.O. Box 7691, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546. **RENEWALS ARE DUE BY NOVEMBER 13, 2017.**

## Courses

Masters races are intended to be more challenging than club races or NASTAR. FIS and US Alpine skiing competition rules are followed, with a few modifications as appropriate for age-class Masters racing. Two runs are mandatory for SL and GS events. Training runs are mandatory for DH and competitors must start at least one timed training run to be eligible to race. Training runs are not required for SG but are strongly encouraged.

## Protective Equipment

**\*\*\* 2018 helmet rules: FIS-certified race helmet is recommended for GS, SG, and DH \*\*\*\*\***

Helmets certified for ski racing are required and must cover the head and ears. Helmets with spoilers or edges that stick out, such as helmet cams, are not permitted. Protective features integral to the discipline being contested, such as chin guards on SL helmets, are permitted. Soft ear protection is only permitted for helmets used in SL. Leg braces must be worn under one's speed suit/ski pants or be otherwise covered. Race helmets for GS, SG and DH must have a conformity label with the text "Conform to FIS Specifications RH 2013" to be FIS certified.

## Age Classes

Far West Masters compete in 5 year categories for Masters competitors age 18 and up. Your age class for the duration of the season is determined by your age as of December 31, 2017.

Men and women race against their age peers in the following classes:

Class	Age Range	Class	Age Range
14	90+	13	85-89
12	80-84	11	75-79
10	70-74	9	65-69
8	60-64	7	55-59
6	50-54	5	45-49
4	40-44	3	35-39
2	30-34	1	18-29

Class start order is generally oldest to youngest, women before men in descending age class order for all 70+ classes, followed by all other women's classes and then all other men's classes. In addition to the age group classes, an Open class is available for both men and women. Racers can elect to be scored in the Open class rather than their age group class at the start of the season, or on a race by race basis, provided that they make this election no later than at race check-in, before the start of the day's racing.

Anyone participating in the Open class will race in their own age class under the standard start order rules in both first and second runs, but will be scored for race results and season standings in the Open class rather than their age class.

Points awarded for race finishes are scored using the current FIS position points system, scoring the top 30 racers in each class.

Bib assignment for the top 10 men and top 5 women in the season rankings are determined based upon season standings within the Open class.

## Race Entry Fees and Registration

There is an early registration deadline of midnight on the Sunday prior to the start of the event. All entries received after the early registration deadline, whether mailed or online, are subject to a \$5 per race late fee. You are encouraged to sign up for the races at least a week in advance of the event. Because of the flexible cancellation policy, there is no penalty for signing up early – you can cancel without penalty any time up until the published deadline when registration is closed.

Complete event information, including entry fees and deadlines for each race, are published on the *Season Schedule* page of our website [www.farwestmasters.org](http://www.farwestmasters.org), as well as on the online registration site <https://skiracereg.com/fw> and in our newsletter. GS and SL entry fees are \$35 per race for entries made before the early registration deadline. DH and SG entry fees are \$45; there may be additional fees for training runs. Late entries submitted after the early registration deadline are subject to a \$5/race late fee. We encourage early registration so that race organizers can be well prepared for an on time start on race day. Registrations on race day will generally not be accepted.

There are two options to register for races:

Racers can register online at <https://skiracereg.com/fw> for every event. This option is strongly encouraged. There is no extra fee for using this service and if races are cancelled due to bad weather or snow conditions there will be no charge. You will not be billed until the race is held.

If you prefer to register by mail it must be received by the race organizer by the Sunday prior to the race event otherwise it will be considered late. Please send a separate check for each race day. You may cancel a race entry without penalty up to the published deadline. We have a "torn check policy" for races cancelled due to bad weather or snow conditions.

IF YOU ARE REGISTERING BY MAIL, please remember that an entry consists of one check for the race fee for each race day and an event entry form with entry checks indicating each race that you wish to enter at the event. Entry forms can be printed from our website from the *Race Entries* page at <http://farwestmasters.org/services/raceentries> or from the *Season Schedule* page.

Entry fees are charged for all entries made as of the entry deadline for the event. If you must cancel a race entry after the entry deadline has passed, you must notify the race organizer at least one day before the race. You may request a refund of your entry fee if you must cancel due to injury or illness; refunds are granted at the discretion of the race organizer.

### **Season Awards**

Racers must have at least 6 starts to qualify for a season award and must be paid members of the Far West Masters for the current season. First, second and third place awards are given for each men's and women's age class and the Open classes at the end-of-season banquet.

Points are tabulated throughout the season based on race finishes. Racers keep points for their best results from 75% of the total number of races held, rounding up to the next whole number. For example, if 18 races are actually held, racers will be scored based on their best 14 results. This means you don't have to attend every race to be competitive.

### **FIS Masters World Criterium**

Big Sky MT will be hosting the FIS Masters World Criterium races on March 20-24, 2018. This event is the "world championships" of alpine masters competition and expected to draw a large field of international competitors. All Masters' racers age 30+ are eligible to race if they have a current FIS license – which can be purchased through U.S. Ski & Snowboard at the time of membership renewal or later in the year. Additional information is available on the US Alpine Masters web-site at <http://ussamasters.org>; online registration will be available at <https://skiracereg.com/fismasters>.

### **USSA Masters National Championships**

The annual Masters National Championship is scheduled to take place at Okemo VT on Feb. 6-10, 2018. Racers from the US and Canada compete in this event. To be eligible, you must have a current U.S. Ski & Snowboard Alpine Masters membership. Additional information is available on the US Alpine Masters web-site at <http://ussamasters.org>; online registration will be available at <https://skiracereg.com/nationals>.

The 2018 national Downhill championship will be held on March 8-11, 2018 at Ski Cooper CO.

**Far West Masters Ski Racing  
2017-2018 Membership Application**

DEADLINE NOVEMBER 13, 2017

**You can sign up for FWM membership on [www.skiracereg.com/fw](http://www.skiracereg.com/fw) or complete and mail this form. All information must be filled out for your Far West Masters application to be valid. You will be charged \$5 late fee if application is incomplete or posted after the 11/13/2017 due date. You will also need to complete your U.S. Ski & Snowboard membership and license as a separate application, visit <https://my.ussa.org>**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  **Renewing**  **NEW Member**

ADDRESS  **SAME** -no change since 2016-2017 season  
 have **CHANGE OF ADDRESS** since 2016-2017 OR **NEW MEMBER**

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ **EMAIL ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NEW Members ONLY**  Male  Female Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Dues and Contributions**

	<u>Renewing</u>	<u>New Members</u>
Membership Fee	\$20	\$20
<b>PRINT copy of THE FORERUNNER newsletter</b>	\$15	\$15
WEB based newsletter available on our FWM website	0	0
LOST/Replacement bib fee	\$15	N/A
LATE fee for renewal if after 11/13/17	\$5	N/A
<b>TOTAL:</b>	_____	_____

**Make check payable to:** Far West Masters Ski Racing (do not include FWM on envelope as Post Office may not deliver)

**Mail to:** Mary Feddis, P.O. Box 7691, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

**Roster Information – You WILL be included unless you specifically check NO**

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
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Is it OK to print your name/address for members only?	_____	_____
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**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND RELEASE**

I know that alpine, Nordic and freestyle skiing are action sports carrying significant risk of serious personal injury, death or property damage. I also know that there are natural, mechanical, and environmental conditions and risks which independently or in combination with my activities may cause property damage, or severe or even fatal injuries to me or others.

I agree that I alone am responsible for: (a) my safety while participating in competitive events and/or training for competitive events and (b) providing, utilizing and maintaining that equipment necessary for the safe enjoyment of my participation in such events and specifically acknowledge that the following persons or entities including Far West Masters Ski Racing Inc., United States Skiing, U.S. Ski & Snowboard, the United States Ski Team, the United States Ski Coaches Association, the ski area, the promoters, the sponsors, the organizers, the promoter clubs, the officials and any agent, representative, officer, director, employee, member or affiliate of any person or entity named above are not responsible for my safety, even though that liability may arise out of negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons or entities mentioned above. I agree to accept all responsibility for the risks, conditions, and hazards which may occur whether they be known or unknown.

Being fully aware of the risks, conditions and hazards of the proposed activity as a competitor, coach or official, I HEREBY AGREE TO WAIVE, RELEASE AND DISCHARGE any and all claims for damages for death, personal injury or property damage which I may have or which may hereafter accrue to me as a result of any participation in competitive events or training for competitive events, against any person or entity identified above whether such injury or damage was foreseeable or not, including all such claims regarding the design or condition of any equipment utilized by me in such competitive events without regard to whether such equipment is specified or recommended by such persons or entities above.

I further agree to HOLD HARMLESS and INDEMNIFY all persons and entities identified above, generally and specifically, from any and all liability for death, personal injury or property damage resulting in any way from my participating in competitive events or training for competitive events.

I currently have, and agree to maintain throughout the time that I train and compete, valid and sufficient medical and accident insurance. I understand that this is my sole responsibility and release all persons and entities identified above from providing coverage to me.

I agree that I will accept and abide by the rules and regulations of U.S. Ski & Snowboard and any other rules or regulations imposed by the organizers of any particular competition. This Acknowledgement and Assumption of Risk and Release shall be binding upon my heirs and assigns.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ U.S. Ski & Snowboard Number \_\_\_\_\_



**2017-2018**  
**Far West Masters Race Schedule**  
<http://farwestmasters.org>

**Online Race Registration:**  
<https://skiracereg.com/fw>

DATE	LOCATION	EVENT	ENTRY FEE / LIFT	SEND ENTRIES TO:
Dec. 2	Mammoth Mountain (760) 934-0642 RaceAdmin@mammothresorts.com	<b>Dave McCoy SL</b> Sat: SL, SL	Entry: \$35 per race [*] Lift: TBA	Mammoth Mountain Race Dept. P.O. Box 24 Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546
Dec. 16-17	Mammoth Mountain (760) 934-0642 RaceAdmin@mammothresorts.com	<b>Woolly's Challenge GS</b> Sat: GS Sun: GS	Entry: \$35 per race [*] Lift: TBA	Mammoth Mountain Race Dept. P.O. Box 24 Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546
Jan. 5-7	Heavenly (775) 586-7000 x6208 (530) 542-5133	<b>Viva Italia! Cup</b> Fri: SL, SL [Friday doubleheader] Sat: GS Sun: GS	Entry: \$35 per race [*] Lift: TBA	Heavenly Race Department c/o Lynda Killebrew P.O. Box 2180 Stateline, NV 89449
Jan. 19-21	Squaw Valley USA (530) 581-7188 raceservices@squaw.com	<b>Bernard Cup</b> Fri: GS Fri: GS Sun: SL	Entry: \$35 per race [*] Lift: TBA	Competition Services P.O. Box 2007 Olympic Valley, CA 96146
Feb. 2-4	Mammoth Mountain (760) 934-0642 RaceAdmin@mammothresorts.com	<b>Sierra Cup</b> Fri: SG, SG Sat: SG, SG Sun: SG	Entry: \$45 per SG [*] Lift: TBA	Mammoth Mountain Race Dept. P.O. Box 24 Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546
Feb. 6-10	<i>Masters National Championships</i> SG, SC, GS, SL		Okemo VT	See Masters Comp Guide or <a href="http://ussamasters.org">http://ussamasters.org</a>
Feb. 23-25	Northstar California (530) 562-3232	SGx2, GS, GS Fri: SG, SG [Friday doubleheader] Sat: GS Sun: GS	Entry: \$45 per SG [*] Entry: \$35 per GS [*] Lift: TBA	Northstar Attn: Competition Services PO Box 129 Truckee, CA 96160
Mar. 8-11	Masters Ntnl Championship DH	DH(t), 2xDH, 2xSG	Ski Cooper CO	See Masters Comp Guide or
Mar. 10-11	Mt. Rose (775) 849-0704 x 221 (775) 345-6709	<b>McKinney Cup</b> Sat: GS Sun: GS	Entry: \$35 per race [*] Lift: TBA	Mt. Rose Race Dept Attn: McKinney Cup 22222 Mt Rose Highway Reno, NV 89511
Mar. 19-24	<i>FIS Masters World Criterium</i>	SG, GS, SL	Big Sky MT	See Masters Comp Guide or <a href="http://ussamasters.org">http://ussamasters.org</a>
Apr. 12-14	Mammoth Mountain (760) 934-0642 RaceAdmin@mammothresorts.com	<b>Season Finals</b> Thu: SG, SG [Thurs. doubleheader] Fri: GS Sat: SL, season banquet	Entry: \$45 per SG [*] Entry: \$35 per GS/SL [*] Banquet: TBA Lift: TBA	Mammoth Mountain Race Dept. P.O. Box 24 Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546
<b>Summary:</b>	6 SL, 11 GS, 9 SG - 26 total (note: national and international events not included in Far West Masters season scoring) 2018 entry fees: \$35 GS / SL races, \$45 SG / DH races [*] \$5/race late fee after midnight Sun prior to event			

**Race information details, announcements, and entry forms are posted and updated regularly throughout the season on the web**  
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