



**2019/2020 Start of Season Edition**

**and**

**Membership Renewal Package**



Sophia Staudenmayer  
2019 Far West Masters College Scholarship  
Recipient

## From the President's Corner...

By Ray Tulloch

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So, our first snow has arrived early this year, in September! While we know that weather-wise anything can happen at this time of year in Tahoe, and that we will be back to more normal fall weather in a few days, we can keep our fingers crossed that this is a "**Forerunner**" of things to come this season.

Looking forward to the 2019-20 season, Mike Braun our scheduling director has again put together a great program for Far West Masters. While we try to run the program as scheduled, when the weather gods decide to mess with us we may need to alter plans/reschedule/change disciplines on occasion in order to be able to run races. We appreciate your forbearance and support through this process!. In addition, we will be hosting the FIS International Masters/Western Regional Championships at Northstar in February. The venue for Masters Nationals 2020 has now been confirmed as Steamboat, March 17-20, with the Nationals Downhill at Ski Cooper on March 14-15. So, time to start planning your race program now.

Consider also taking advantage of training opportunities to improve your race skills. We are fortunate in Far West to have a choice of top-class Masters Training programs at Mammoth, Squaw Valley, Mount Rose and Diamond Peak, with both part-time and full-time options. (And as most of the coaches from these programs are also active Masters racers themselves you get the chance to beat them on race day... ☺ )

- [squawalpine.com/skiing-riding/masters-program](http://squawalpine.com/skiing-riding/masters-program)
- [skirose.com/ski-teams/](http://skirose.com/ski-teams/)
- [mammothmountain.com/winter/ski-ride/camps-teams/race-department/masters-team](http://mammothmountain.com/winter/ski-ride/camps-teams/race-department/masters-team)
- [dpsef.org/page/show/2613098-masters](http://dpsef.org/page/show/2613098-masters)

One thing I have noticed as a coach is that a lot of new Masters athletes feel they have to spend a lot of time training to reach a certain standard before they can actually enter races. Please don't let this stop you! While training is valuable, you can also accelerate your progress - and identify your personal training focus areas - by entering races rather than delaying competition. One of the great things about Masters racing is that we have athletes of all levels on the hill, on the same course, and you will get encouragement

and help from all of us. (As one who didn't start racing until I was 50, I can understand exactly how challenging it may seem, but just go for it!) So, don't wait, come along and join us on race day (and of course our after-race parties!).

Another essential for successfully running races is having enough certified officials – referees, technical delegates etc. For our FW Masters races our officials may also be racing which can create some additional logistical challenges. In order to share the load we are always looking to expand our pool of officials. And, as a bonus we pay the race entry fee and provide a lift ticket for officiating at a race. So, if you are interested in becoming an official, contact Mark Mirviss our VP of Officials, and also note that Far West Officials clinics are scheduled for Nov 2-3, details here

<https://fwskiing.org/content/fw-fall-convention>

I look forward to seeing you all on race day!

Ray Tulloch

*president@farwestmasters.org!*

## FAR WEST MASTERS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

By Sandy Hogan

Ten years ago, Jeff Wattenmaker's wonderful bequest to our Far West Masters Program allowed 13 of our young athletes to attend the college of their choice, with \$2,500 per year for four years, for a total of \$10,000. Jeff's bequest ended in 2018, but the program that he made possible will continue, renamed The Masters College Scholarship. Our goal is to promote academic scholarship, citizenship and leadership within the ski racing community and keep athletes involved in ski racing that might not otherwise have a chance without financial support. We believe keeping athletes involved in ski racing keeps them focused, teaches them discipline and helps them to be successful in the rest of their life endeavors.

The Far West Masters Website has been updated with detailed information links about the program and now has a simple PayPal donate button for quick easy donations. The link to this site is [https://farwestmasters.org/scholarship\\_program](https://farwestmasters.org/scholarship_program).

Donations are requested for both the general fund and The Masters College Scholarship. Let Eddie Mozen know and he will direct your contribution accordingly.

Sophia Staudenmayer is our first recipient, and her letter helps to explain the new program well.

*Hi Friends and Family,*

*I am excited to announce that I am the recipient of the 2019 Far West Masters College Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to a high school graduate ski racer who will be attending a secondary education program. The recipient is chosen based on their combination of (and in order of importance) exemplary work ethic, academic scholarship, citizenship, and financial need. Despite missing half of my classes in the winter of my junior and senior years of high school for competition travel, I maintained a 4.07 unweighted GPA. As a senior, I was able to qualify for US Nationals while maintaining straight A's (including 4 AP courses) and coming back from a knee injury that sidelined me for six weeks in the middle of the season. In my junior year of school, I was the recipient of the Mathematics Departmental Award as a result of my performance in AP Calculus class and in my senior year, I was the recipient of the Harleen Family Citizenship award. This year's scholarship is unique as the amount of the scholarship is dependent on donations. Any donation will be matched up to \$10,000, so the award could potentially be \$20,000. As you can imagine, this amount of money would be extremely helpful for me to pursue both my academic and athletic dreams at Boston College for the next four years. The donation is to a 501c organization, so it is tax deductible. I ask that you please consider donating to support my pursuit of a higher education.*

*Thank you so much for your support!*

Sophia Staudenmayer

### **New racers - Bring a Friend**

Far West Masters is working hard to encourage new racers and we need your help. The Bring a Friend program will reimburse your race fee if you bring a new racer to the program.

There are a couple of requirements. To get the reimbursement you must notify [membership@farwestmasters.org](mailto:membership@farwestmasters.org) in advance and guide your new racer through registration. That means getting the person signed up for the race on [skiracereg.com](http://skiracereg.com) before the deadlines, helping them to get a US Ski & Snowboard short-term masters membership by directing them to instructions on the web site and accompanying them through the registration and check in process on race day.

You can also help encourage a new racer to return by helping the person out through the day.

### **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 from November 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</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 again agreed to continue the program to cover the costs for race entries for races that a member performs race official duties.

### **Equipment**

Looking for new gear for the coming season? Two of our members have contacts that can help Masters racers with discounts.



Look for a new brand of race skis on the hill this year! Augment Skis (previously branded as Croc) from Austria are handmade skis using only the finest materials and with the best finish in the industry. They offer a full range of race skis – both FIS and Masters - as well as all mountain skis. Check them out at <https://augmentskisna.com>

Augment is pleased to be able to offer special pricing for US Alpine Masters racers. Contact Ray Tulloch ([a7rmtmail@gmail.com](mailto:a7rmtmail@gmail.com)) our Brand Ambassador in Far West for your discount code and further details on the skis.



Far West Masters board member and local Rossignol Race Department Rep Mike Braun, is your contact for any Rossignol, Dynastar, Lange and Look race products at "Race Form" pricing. If you are interested in ordering or getting more information on the best race products on the market, you can contact Mike at [mbraun@rossignol.com](mailto:mbraun@rossignol.com) or at (661) 857-9346.

## 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 races at Mammoth on December 14.

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>. Please note that membership fees have increased this year.
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>. Remember to activate your skiracereg account before you sign up for FWM renewal/membership.
3. It is also possible to renew FWM membership using the form on page 11, 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 20th** for renewing members.
4. 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 2019-2020 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>. Short-term membership must be purchased online by close of

business day before the race. Day of race short-term membership is not always accepted at various race venues.

Short-term U.S. Ski & Snowboard memberships may be purchased twice per season for \$30 per race day. A full season alpine masters membership is now \$125.

*There are now two membership options for the full masters membership. **Most members can continue to purchase the \$125 Alpine Master Membership and are NOT required to complete the SafeSport training and background check.** Only select the \$150 Alpine Master if you have regular interaction with minor athletes AND you do not have one of the other memberships that includes screening (Club Volunteer, Official and Coach), purchasing this membership includes the SafeSport & Background Screening.*

**For a helpful explanation of the membership types and guide to signing up, see:**

<https://usskiandsnowboard.org/masters/masters-getting-started>.

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

**Please note:** If you are planning to race in the FIS Masters Cup event be sure to click the box to renew/purchase your FIS Masters License. This is particularly important this year as the FIS Masters Cup races are also the Western Regionals. Competitors aged 30 and over must have a FIS Masters license. Competitors 29 or under are only eligible for US masters awards.

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 7 or online at <http://farwestmasters.org/info/membership>. Please remember that renewals are due by **November 20th, 2019.**



### 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.

#### New for 2019/2020 – day of race cancellation policy

Far West Masters has never charged our racers when an event is cancelled. At all levels, it is consistent that racers are not charged entry fees if the race is cancelled prior to the day of competition. However, there are a variety of policies in effect when a race is cancelled on the day of the competition.

Historically Far West Masters did not make any payments to the race organizer for a day-of-race cancellation. That meant that our organizers get nothing, even if racers and crew have been on the hill before pulling the plug. That isn't really fair to our organizers when they've had people out working on race day, in addition to the other pre-race preparation required to prepare the race venue, schedule staff, etc.

Starting in 2019-2020 Far West Masters have decided to start paying race organizers a portion of the entry fees when a race is cancelled on the day of competition. The amount paid will be based on the fees for an unscored Far West division race, which in 2019 were \$8/starter for tech and \$13/starter for speed.

If multiple races are scheduled on the same day and both are cancelled the morning of the event, payment to the race organizer will be based on entries in the first race of the day.

Partial entry fee payment to the organizer will be made by Far West Masters out of our treasury reserve funds, rather than by charging individual competitors the partial entry fee. Racers will NOT personally be charged for race entry fees if the race is cancelled.

The Far West Masters board believe that this change is fair to all involved and that in doing this we will help to maintain good relationships with the race venues and avoid the unlikely situation that decisions regarding race cancellations could be influenced by fees in even the most subtle way.

#### 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. Competitors who wish to compete in the Open class must elect OP for the full season or by the close of the start list the day prior to the race. Day-of-race Open class changes 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>

<https://farwestmasters.org/schedule>

<https://farwestmasters.org/raceentries>

<https://farwestmasters.org/membership>

<https://skiracereg.com/fw>

### **Contacts**

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

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



## Far West Masters Ski Racing

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

### 2019 – 2020 MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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, do this before you sign up for FWM renewal/membership. 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 20th** 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 \$30 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 20th 2019**

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 20, 2019.**

## **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**

**\*\*\* 2020 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, 2019.

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 the close of the start list the day prior to the race.

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.

**Season Schedule:** <https://skiracereg.com/fw>



## 2019-2020 Far West Masters Race Schedule

Last updated: Oct. 4, 2019

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

DATE	LOCATION / CONTACT	EVENT	ENTRY FEE / LIFT	EVENT ORGANIZER
Dec. 14-15	Mammoth Mountain (760) 934-0642 RaceAdmin@mammothresorts.com	<b>Dave McCoy GS/SL</b> Sat: GS Sun: SL	Entry: \$35 per race [*] Lift: TBA	Mammoth Mountain Race Dept. P.O. Box 24 Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546
Dec. 21	Alpine Meadows (530) 581-8234	<b>Buck Thys Memorial</b> Sat: SLx2	Entry: \$35 per race [*] Lift: TBA	Alpine Meadows Event Services P.O. Box 2007 Olympic Valley, CA 96146
Jan. 10-12	Heavenly (530) 542-5129 lkillebrew@vailresorts.com	<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. 23-26	Mammoth Mountain (760) 934-0642 RaceAdmin@mammothresorts.com	<b>Sierra Cup (Speed Series)</b> Fri: DH, DH [Thu: DH training] Sat: SGx2 Sun: SGx2	Entry: \$45 per race [*] TBA Thu DH training Lift: TBA **reminder: training is mandatory for DH competitors **	Mammoth Mountain Race Dept. P.O. Box 24 Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546
Feb. 7-9	FIS Masters Cup / Western Region Championships	SGx2, SL, GS	Northstar CA	See Masters Comp Guide or <a href="https://usalpinemasters.org/fismasters">https://usalpinemasters.org/fismasters</a>
Feb. 22-23	Mt. Rose (775) 849-0704 x 215 gs@skirose.com	<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. 7-8	Squaw Valley USA (530) 581-7188 raceservices@squawalpine.com	<b>Bernard Cup</b> Sat: GS Sun: SL	Entry: \$35 per race [*] Lift: TBA	Competition Services P.O. Box 2007 Olympic Valley, CA 96146
Mar. 14-15 Mar. 17-20	Masters National Championship DH Masters National Championships	DH SG, GS, SL	Ski Cooper CO Steamboat CO	See Masters Comp Guide or <a href="https://usalpinemasters.org/nationals">https://usalpinemasters.org/nationals</a>
Apr. 9-11	Mammoth Mountain (760) 934-0642 RaceAdmin@mammothresorts.com	<b>Season Finals</b> Thu: SGx2 Fri: GS Sat: SL, season banquet	Entry: \$45 per SG [*] Entry: \$35 per GS/SL [*] Lift: TBA Banquet: TBA	Mammoth Mountain Race Dept. P.O. Box 24 Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546
<b>Summary:</b>	7 SL, 7 GS, 6 SG, 2 DH - 22 total 2020 entry fees: \$35 GS / SL races, \$45 SG / DH races	(note: national and FIS masters events not included in Far West Masters season scoring)	[*] \$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 site

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DEADLINE NOVEMBER 20, 2019

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**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 11/20/2019	\$5	N/A
<b>TOTAL:</b>	_____	_____

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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 Masters Series Ski Racing of the Far West, Inc., United States Skiing, the United States Skiing Association., 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.

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I agree that I will accept and abide by the rules and regulations of the USSA 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.

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