

New England Masters Registration & Participation Details

** Please consult the USSA Competitor's Manual for more detailed information on USSA rules and regulations:*

http://ussa.org/sites/default/files/documents/athletics/compservices/2014-15/documents/2016_alp_comp_guide.pdf

Membership Requirements

Participants in New England Masters (NEMS) races have two requirements:

1. New England Masters annual membership fee of \$35 is required and are available at www.skiracereg.com
 - * Membership is waived if you are new to Masters & using a short-term USSA license (STL)*
2. USSA license (7-digit number required to register) that proves you are a current USSA member and at least 18 years of age. The following are the general racer eligibilities;
 - a. **USSA Masters Membership**
 - b. **USSA Competitor Membership (18-24)** - 18-24 year olds with Competitor membership needs to add the Masters membership to compete in Masters races. *There is no cost, this should be done by phone or e mail to USSA Membership before the event.*
 - c. **USSA Coach Membership (Masters Membership MUST be on it):** If a coach, official or other member of USSA wants to race, they need to contact USSA member services to add "masters" to their membership, or fill out a Short-Term License. There is no charge if their existing membership cost \$90 or more. If their membership cost under \$90, they need to pay the fee, \$15 per day up to \$90 total for all membership categories for the season.
 - d. **Membership Hotline #** (435) 647-2666 for coach to add prior to race day
 - e. **USSA Short-Term Membership** (1 day) purchased at registration (\$15), day of race only - form can be downloaded and printed in advance to bring to the race venue - see link above

** The cost of a short-term membership will be applied to a full Masters membership when purchased.*

USSA Short-Term Membership

When opting to use a short-term USSA membership to try out the Masters USSA sanctioned series for a day it is advised you print out the membership form found on the USSA website ([click here](#)) and arrive between 7:30am and 8:30am to register. You can also email the USSA Short-term membership form to the NEMS Race Administrator (email available on website) at least two days (48 hours) prior to the race sign-up deadline. The cost of a short-term membership will be applied to a full Masters USSA membership when purchased.

Membership Registration

Racers are encouraged to register for races using www.skiracereg.com. There is no extra cost involved and it's fast and efficient. Race entries for Masters are processed in SkiRaceReg (SRR). You can pick the races you wish to attend regardless of Race Series (ie, New England Masters, NY Masters, etc) in this system. One of the four types of USSA licensure (listed above) is required to register at SSR; however, with a short-term license you must bring the form with you and register at the registration desk on the day of the event.

**If you would like to register for a NE Masters race and do not have a USSA license, no problem!

Steps to register on SkiRaceReg (www.skiracereg.com)

1. Enter www.skiracereg.com into your browsers address box
2. Located in the top left corner of the screen click the button "Sign-up"
3. Choose a "Home Race Series" from the drop-down in the center of the screen (NE Masters - The Sise Cup is NEMS home race series)
 - a. Your home race series is the one that you consider your primary Race Series.
 - b. You are not limited to registering for races only in your home race series.
 - c. Some Race Series charge a membership fee
 - d. Only choose [skiracereg.com](http://www.skiracereg.com) if your home Race Series is not listed on SkiRaceReg
4. Click "Continue" at the bottom of the screen
5. Enter your information: First Name, Last Name, Year of Birth, Email Address. Click "Continue"
6. NEMS has a Membership fee of \$35 to help fund our races. ***This fee is waived if you are a short-term USSA member trying out a race in the NEMS race series.*** At this step, please choose "New Member" if you wish to participate in more than one race of the season; Renewing Member for those who are renewing their membership, or Temporary member if interested in trying one race of the NEMS series. Click "Continue"
7. Enter all category information, which will require a USSA license # (if registering as a Temporary member, put NA in the USSA license # box). All areas designated with a * (asterisk) are required. If you have no "Allergies or Medical Conditions" please enter "NA". Click "Continue"
8. You will have the option of editing your Account Information now. After which, click "Continue"
9. Enter your billing information, which will require a credit card.
 - a. Choose a Payment Method from the drop down located in the middle of the screen

- b. Enter your Credit Card information
 - c. Enter your initials into the designated box in the lower center of the screen
 - d. Click “Accept & Continue”
10. Choose a Username & Password
11. An email to activate your account will be sent from the email address:
webmaster@skiracereg.com
- a. Make sure to add this address to your safe senders list so it’s not stopped by a spam filter.
 - b. If you still haven’t received or found the email to activate your membership please log-in to www.skiracereg.com and the system will recognize that you haven’t completed the activation process and immediately send you another activation email.
 - c. If the second email is unsuccessful, send a message to webmaster@skiracereg.com or your Race Series administrator (contact information available at www.nemasters.org) and we will correct the email address so that you will receive the email on your next attempt to log-in.
 - d. If you received an activation email but the link doesn’t work:
 - i. The browser’s address box is where you type in the name of the site that you want to go to. In Internet Explorer the browser’s address box is the area that says: <http://www.skiracereg.com/index.asp>
 - ii. If clicking on the link in your original email doesn’t take you to www.skiracereg.com to finish the sign up process, then you need to copy the entire link and paste it into the address box and press the enter key.
 - iii. The browser is compatible with Internet Explorer 8.0, and current Chrome, FireFox and Safari browsers on Windows 7, Windows 8, and Windows 10.

Signing-up for Races

1. Create an account with SkiRaceReg at www.skiracereg.com (detailed above).
2. Log in to your account on SkiRaceReg (SRR) at www.skiracereg.com
3. To register for races click the specific race or click “Click for all Upcoming Races” located on the left of the screen in pink.
 - a. In the upper-middle right of the screen your home Race Series should be selected
 - b. Optional: Choose Calendar or List Format by highlighting the circle

- c. Optional: Filter by disciplines
4. Click on the registration check box to register or cancel a race.
 - a. You know you have succeeded when the color and words change (Green = registered, Pink = Not Registered)
 - b. There will not be a registration check box if online registration has not yet started for a race or if the deadline for online registration has passed
 - i. Registration deadline for races is **Noon** the day before the *race series* is scheduled to be held. Please note that this is not necessarily defined as the day prior to the race, such that a Sunday race may have a deadline of Friday at noon if there is a race scheduled for Saturday.
 - ii. To cancel your registration after the deadline and avoid a \$5 “Do Not Start” fee due to extreme or unusual circumstances, please contact the NEMS RA before the beginning of registration the day of the race (7:30am). The penalty is waived on a case-by-case basis at the RA and NEMS Board of Directors discretion.
 5. You can enter as many races as you’d like on www.skiracereg.com once the Race Series opens in mid-November. This option is available for your convenience, so please take advantage of it.
 6. If you decide to not attend a race, just return to your account in SkiRaceReg at www.skiracereg.com and uncheck the box next to the appropriate race to ‘unregister’.
 7. The “Do Not Start” penalty is administered to your account (+\$5) if you do not participate in the race. You can avoid this penalty by unchecking the box next to the race listed on www.skiracereg.com prior to the registration deadline for that race.
 8. A late fee (\$+10) is charged to any participant that registers for the race (on-site) after the registration deadline at noon the day prior to the race. Once the registration deadline has been reached (typically noon the Friday prior to the weekend, you **cannot** register or unregister for a race. Registration must be done on-site and you will be charged a \$10 late fee.

Entry Cancellations

If a participant unregisters for a race prior to the race registration deadline (noon the day before the race weekend unless posted otherwise) their credit card will not be charged. To properly unregister there are two options:

1. On SkiRaceReg (SRR) uncheck the box next to the race details listed (“Not Registered” will appear in red). This option is not available after the race registration deadline (noon

the day before the race unless posted otherwise).

2. Notify the NEMS Race Administrator (RA) prior to the race registration deadline. RA contact information is available on the website. Please make sure you speak with the NEMS RA to confirm you are removed from the start list or have email confirmation. An unconfirmed email does not suffice.

After the race registration deadline a "Do Not Start" penalty (+\$5) will be administered, but will not be charged to your credit card account until after the race has taken place. See below for details.

Do Not Start Penalty (DNS)

DNS penalty (+\$5) is charged where a racer fails to participate in a particular race while being listed as registered (see above for instructions on how to unregister properly). This fee may be waived upon extreme or exigent circumstances, such as injury to the racer. If you feel your circumstances warrant a waiver of the DNS fee, please contact the NEMS RA as soon as possible. If you disagree with the decision of the RA, you may appeal this decision in writing to the NEMS Board of Directors to the attention of the President or Vice President. Please note that this penalty is waived for new members using USSA short-term licenses or new members registering for their first race.

Information About SkiRaceReg

- SkiRaceReg (SSR) does not charge any fees to users of the site. All you pay are the race fees and Race Series Membership Registration Fees (if any) that are assessed and are paid to the Race Series
- You may enter races and cancel your entry anytime up until the deadline for online race registration without incurring any charges whatsoever.
- Race fees are only assessed to credit cards after the race has taken place. Credit card information is stored in an ultra-secure database at the credit card gateway company.
- No one at SSR or any of the Race Series has access to your private credit card information. Any attempt, successful or not, to charge your card will result in an email being sent to the email address you provide us when supplying your credit card information.
- SSR is provided by your Race Series as a service to you. Your Race Series has paid a fee for this service so you don't have to pay an extra penny when you sign up or cancel your race registrations.
- Personal Accounts are used by the Race Series to track cash and check purchases associated with your Race Series membership and participation. It will record cash or check payment of membership registration fees in addition to credit card payments.
 - After a race, for instance, the Race Series uploads the results from the race to generate invoices to charge participants in the race. People that are paying with credit cards are invoiced and their cards charged. Racers that pay with cash or

check before or at the race are also invoiced, however, their cash or check payment is recorded and an invoice against their 'personal account' (not a credit card) is sent by email.

- Credit card charges will appear on your statements from 'skiracereg.com' for transactions charged to your card. The charges will not appear from the host Race Series.

Entry Fee

The race entry fee is set at the beginning of the season when the Race Series opens for registration. It will be posted on SkiRaceReg at www.skiracereg.com next to the race series information and on the NEMS website www.nemasters.org under "Race Season" → "Schedule & Results". Not all race entries are priced the same.

Race Start

Unless posted otherwise on SkiRaceReg, all races begin at 10am. Registration begins at 7:30am and all new members are encouraged to show up between 7:30am-8:30am to make sure they have plenty of time to fill out appropriate forms. New members to USSA will not be penalized by a late fee for registering on the day of the race if they are using a short-term license. Inspection begins at 8:30am unless posted otherwise. Inspection lasts one hour, unless the hosting hill indicates otherwise. Please consult the schedule posted on the NEMS website for additional details: www.nemasters.org

Scoring for the Sise Cup Series

Sise Cup overall and class results are determined by scoring the individuals' best nine races. Scoring for points on an overall basis are the same as class points except they are multiples of ten.

Points

10 points for 1st	100 points for 1st
8 for 2nd	80 for 2nd
6 for 3rd	60 for 3rd
4 for 4th	50 for 4th
2 for 5th	45 for 5th
etc. through 1 for 30th	

If two or more racers are tied after their nine best races are counted, then the tie will be broken by whoever has the most firsts, then seconds, then thirds of the scored nine races. If still tied then the tie will be broken by going to each racers tenth best result, then eleventh and so on until the tie has been broken. If still tied after all race finishes are counted, then they shall

remain tied.

Disqualifications

A list of racer disqualifications (DQs) will be posted at the score board unless indicated otherwise. Please consult your USSA Competitors guide for how a racer can be disqualified during a race. A few common instances have been outlined below as described in the USSA competitor's handbook for your convenience.

Official Start Procedure

GS, SG, DH: Ten seconds before the start the starter will tell the racer: "ten seconds". Then five seconds before the start he will count "5, 4, 3, 2, 1" and then give the command "go". The racer may start within the interval from 5 seconds before to 5 seconds after the command "go". A start more than 5 seconds early is a false start and subject to sanction.

SL: When the course is clear the starter gives the racer the warning, "ready", and a few seconds later the start signal "go". The competitor must start within 10 seconds after this start signal "go".

****These procedures may differ on occasion and it is recommended that racers pay attention to how the starter signals the forerunners or prior racers before their start.*

Late Start

A competitor will be sanctioned for appearing late for his or her start. Race juries at Masters races may waive this rule and allow the competitor to start later in their class or at the end of the start order.

Completion of Gate

- A competitor will be disqualified if he/she fails to cross the (gate) line between the inside and outside poles of the gate with both ski tips and both feet.
- Racers who were disqualified or who DNF in the first run of a SL or GS are allowed to ski in the next run for New England Masters.
- In the event a pole has been knocked out (removed from its vertical position) and not replaced, the competitors ski tips and both feet must pass across the original gate line as defined by marking in the snow.

Crossing Finish Line

The finish line must be crossed on both skis or on one ski or with both feet in case of a fall in the immediate finish area. In this case the time is taken when any part of the competitor's body or equipment stops the timing system.

Interference

If a competitor feels that he or she has suffered from interference on the course, he or she must stop immediately and ski out of the course and request a provisional rerun from any jury member or jury advisor, explaining the specific problem and location. The jury will give immediate instruction. The jury will determine the validity of the claim in a subsequent meeting, according to the rules relating to reruns.

Grounds for interference include blocking of the course by an official, a spectator, an animal, or other obstruction; blocking of the course by a fallen competitor who did not clear the course soon enough; objects in the course such as a lost ski pole or the ski of a previous competitor; activities of the first aid service which obstruct the racer; absence of a gate knocked down by a previous competitor and not promptly replaced; other similar incidents beyond the will and control of the competitor, which cause significant loss of speed or a lengthening of the racing line and subsequently affect the competitor's time; malfunction of the timekeeping system; interruption of a DH run by an official in a "yellow zone".

Binding Release

A binding release occurring more than two gates above the finish in SL, GS, or Super-G or one gate in DH shall be considered a "clear disqualification". Racers may not continue on the course. Juries may waive this rule in advance. A racer may not accept outside help in any form during a race. A racer may finish a race on one ski from the last gate to the finish in GS, Super-G and SL.

Protective Equipment

All body protection, except shin guards for SL and forearm guards must be worn under the suit. This includes knee braces.

Helmets

Helmets designed and manufactured for the particular discipline of ski racing are required for all competitors. They must cover the head and ears. Helmets with spoilers or edges that stick out are not permitted. Protective features integral to the discipline, such as a slalom bar on slalom helmets are permitted. Soft ear protection is only permitted for helmets used in slalom. Helmet mounted cameras are not allowed, and the mount must be dismantled prior to racing.

Explicit Language

Competitors need to control foul language. An ejection from the race by an official can result if language is considered offensive. USSA races are held at family resorts and competitors should always seek to set a good example.

Hiking

Speed Events: There is no hiking in Super-G or Downhill events.

Slalom: Hiking is permitted in Slalom events. When there is no outside panel and a gate is missed by the racer they must circle the gate to complete a 360 degree circumnavigation of the pole. If the full loop is not completed the racer will be disqualified. If there is an outside gate then only the plane must be broken between the two gates. Please consult the USSA competitor's manual for additional details.

Giant Slalom: USSA scored races (**not Masters' races**) prohibit hiking. **Masters races are not "scored" for USSA points, so this would not apply; however, New Hampshire has advised that NHARA has adopted its own rule prohibiting hiking *in all races in***

NH. Masters' races permit hiking in all GS events unless the race is in NH and the TD insists on applying the NHARA rule. If racing in NH please consult the registration desk for information on hiking rules in GS. In addition, if hiking is not permitted it will be posted on a board at registration.

In addition, when there is no outside gate in GS the racer must circumnavigate the panel. If the racer does not complete a 360 degree circle around the gate they will be disqualified. Please consult the USSA competitor's manual for additional details.

Ski Requirements

There are no ski length requirements for Masters races.