

High Country Junior Race Series

Organization and Guidelines of Competition

Eligibility:

1. HCJRS is open to alpine skiers only.
2. HCJRS is open to teams from Appalachian Ski Mtn., Beech Mountain Resort and Sugar Mountain Resort.
3. Racers may be no older than 18 by December 31st of the current ski season.
4. Age group is determined by age as of December 31st of the current ski season.
5. Racers will be divided by gender and then age as follows:
 - 6 & Under
 - 7-8
 - 9-10
 - 11-12
 - 13-14
 - 15-16
 - 17-18
6. Teams will provide HCJRS a roster of racers by the December 31st or one week, whichever is first, prior to the first race, any additions to the roster after the first race will start at the end of their respective age group for their first race.
7. To be eligible to race at a scheduled event, racers must be in line to be registered by the close of registration. No new racers will be accepted or added after registration has closed.

Registration & Fees:

1. A registration fee of \$7.00 for each race will be charged and each racer must have a valid slope ticket or appropriate season pass for that day to participate in the event. An optional NASTAR race fee of \$3.00 will be charged at Sugar Mtn. Resort.
2. A liability waiver signed by an adult parent or legal guardian will be required of each racer at the time of registration.
3. With a \$30 deposit, each racer will be issued a bib for the entire season. This bib is the responsibility of the racer and his/her parent/guardian. Should a racer return to a subsequent race without their bib, before the racer may race another race the parent/guardian will be required to make a deposit on the replacement bib in the amount of \$30. The deposit(s) will be returned to the parent/guardian after the last race when the bib is returned to HCJRS.
4. Each host ski area sets registration times and race start times which are published prior to the race. Racers are responsible for giving themselves time to register and arrive at the race course start.

Equipment & Safety:

1. Racers must wear an alpine-specific helmet. For example, bicycle, motorcycle, and skateboard helmets are not acceptable.
2. Racers must wear goggles and they must be in place to start a race.
3. Racers must wear gloves.
4. Racers may use poles if they so desire, but are not required. Poles must have safety straps properly attached and used during each run. It is the responsibility of the race start coordinator to ensure pole straps are properly used.
5. All other posted safety regulations as may be posted by a host venue must be followed. Racers found in violation of a posted safety regulation will be disqualified. Racers disqualified from more than one event for violations of posted safety regulations will not be allowed to race the remainder of the season.
6. For the safety of all involved, weather and/or snow conditions may be cause for a postponement or cancellation of a race. Examples are, but are not limited to, a lack of sufficient snow at a venue, dangerously low temperatures, thunder/lightening, high winds, blizzard conditions, heavy rain, sleet, dense fog, etc. A race may be postponed on a majority vote of the three head coaches with the possibility that there may be no makeup race due to scheduling conflicts at the respective venues or that the race may need to be moved to another venue. Schedule changes will be sent to each team's designee and will be posted as soon as possible on hcjrs.org.

Course setup, maintenance, & control:

1. The host team will appoint a Chief of Race and a Chief of Timing, who may be the same person. This person has the final say for any questions, issues, concerns, or other matters during the race.
2. Course maintenance, other than replacing a gate or safety equipment, may only be done between age/gender groups and then only at the direction of the Chief of Race. Course maintenance including, slipping, will be done at the discretion of the Chief of Race only. No parent, coach, or other spectator may enter the course at any time without the permission of the Chief of Race for the purpose of course maintenance.
3. The host team will mark the course with colored dye to indicate the correct race route.
4. At each race, the host team will provide at least three gatekeepers and two start coordinators, one of whom may be the Chief of Race or the Chief of Timing. Three gatekeepers will be on duty at all times while the race is in progress. The duties of the gatekeepers will be to notify the timing officials of any missed gates, falls by racers where equipment is lost, outside hazards such as a non-racer in the course, etc. The start coordinators will be responsible for putting racers in the proper running order and for starting each racer.
5. The host team will convey the type of course they intend to set to the other teams and HCJRS.org at least 5 days prior to the event. The host team is responsible for setting the course for the event.

6. Slalom courses will follow 2016 USSA guidelines for U 16 distance between gates.

Combination 4-6 m; Open 6-12 m;

Omit requirement for the number of hairpins, vertical combinations and delay gates

Hairpins & vertical combinations are allowed.

There will be no delay gates

The last gate in a vertical combination will only use the turning pole.

7. Giant Slalom courses will follow 2016 USSA guidelines for distance between gates.

Open 15 - 27 m

There will be no delay gates.

There will be no outside poles.

Registration, course inspection, timing, scoring, & awards:

1. The course will open for inspection at least 45 minutes before race start, and will be open for no less than 30 minutes. Racers may inspect the course as desired until closed 15 minutes prior to race start. No one is allowed on the course after that time.
2. Prior to a race, racers may "side slip" the course for inspection purposes but may not "ski" (meaning making normal turns) the course, even slowly. Any racer found skiing the course prior to their scheduled run will first be warned then disqualified if found doing it again.
3. Course maintenance will be performed only under the direction of the appointed ski area representative (*each ski area must have a designated rep to care of course issues and maintenance*). No one is allowed on the race course unless under the direction or supervision of the race course maintenance director. Parents, coaches and participants in general are not allowed to slip the course once inspection is closed. There is to be no movement on the race course once the race starts except at the direction of the ski area representative.
4. Results are based on the best time out of two runs in each age and gender category.
5. Racers arriving late for their run will be inserted at the end of their age group or at the end of the first available age group after they arrive at the start.
6. A racer presented with an outside hazard (e.g. unauthorized person on the course), course failures (missing/broken gate), where an official time is not recorded through no fault of the racer, or any other outside interference will be afforded a rerun. A racer who enters the course as directed by the start coordinator and is interfered with by another racer who has fallen in a previous run will be afforded a rerun. Reruns are at the discretion of the Chief of Race.
7. Racers afforded a rerun will be placed into the first available racer slot upon return to the start.
8. The standard running order will start with 6 & Under Girls, then move on to 6 & Under Boys, then 7-8 girls, then 7-8 boys, etc. until the last group with registered racers runs.
9. A racer may pass the last gate with only one ski on and still receive a valid time.
10. Both skis must pass to the outside of a gate. Should a racer straddle a gate they are disqualified from that run.

11. Awards will be held within two hours after the last racer finishes, or as designated by the host mountain.
12. A copy of official race results will be provided to the Head Coach of each ski area at awards.
13. Racers will be afforded points in the individual competition based on the following FIS World

Cup scale:

1 st – 100 points	16 th – 15 points
2 nd – 80 points	17 th – 14 points
3 rd – 60 points	18 th – 13 points
4 th – 50 points	19 th – 12 points
5 th – 45 points	20 th – 11 points
6 th – 40 points	21 st – 10 points
7 th – 36 points	22 nd – 9 points
8 th – 32 points	23 rd – 8 points
9 th – 29 points	24 th – 7 points
10 th – 26 points	25 th – 6 points
11 th – 24 points	26 th – 5 points
12 th – 22 points	27 th – 4 points
13 th – 20 points	28 th – 3 points
14 th – 18 points	29 th – 2 points
15 th – 16 points	30 th – 1 point

14. The top 5 finishers in each group will earn points for their team using the same FIS World Cup scale.
15. Ties will result in two of that ranking and then continue down the list of rankings. For example, if there is a tie for 2nd place, there will be one 1st place winner, two 2nd place winners, one 3rd place winner, etc.
16. Unauthorized personnel are not allowed in the start, finish or timing huts.

Official Results and HCJRS.org:

1. Racer times posted at the finish are not official times. Preliminary results will be provided at the awards ceremony following a race.
2. Official results will be posted on HCJRS.org once accepted by each team's head coach, and become the property of HCJRS.
3. If there is a dispute over results, the head coaches from each mountain will confer and issue a ruling. The decision will be based on a majority vote.
4. Disputed results posted on HCJRS.org should be reported to the racer's team coach for review and NOT directly to HCJRS.org.
5. Parents/guardians agree to have their racer's photo(s), name(s), and results published on HCJRS.org.
6. Parents/guardians agree to allow their racer's name(s), photo(s), video(s) and/or race results to be sent to media for publication.

Other:

1. Each ski area will provide Complimentary tickets for 2 coaches per mountain.
2. Racer Lift Ticket Fees will be \$22.00 and immediate family tickets will be \$32.
3. The presence of cow bells is welcome!

Sportsmanship:

The High Country Junior Race Series is a friendly competition. As such, racers, parents, siblings, family members, and/or friends attending a race will show good sportsmanship toward all participants. Individuals unable to do this will be asked to leave. Should an issue arise at more than one event, that person will not be welcomed at future HCJRS events.

This document, *High Country Junior Race Series Organization and Guidelines for Competition*, has been agreed to and approved by a representative(s) from each of the three Teams or Ski areas participating in the High Country Junior Race Series on December 31, 2016.