



Massachusetts Alpine Ski Racing Association (MAASRA)

Children's Rules (U12 and U14 Age Groups)

Addendum: 2020/2021 Race Season

Approved: December 7, 2020

Preface

The end of the 2019/2020 was about as strange an ending to a season as could be imagined. The onset of the coronavirus, COVID-19, caused the season to come to an abrupt, unexpected end, on or around March 17th. Around that time, US Ski & Snowboard, the National Governing Body for our sport, cancelled all alpine ski racing in the United States, including (but not limited to) U14, U16, and U19 Championships and most post season events.

The coronavirus problems continued throughout the spring, summer, and fall. Much thought and planning has gone into this situation by local, regional, and national organizations to provide guidance and protocols that will allow our sport to continue this coming season.

This addendum is just that, it's an addendum for the 2020/2021 season, only, at this point, with the hopes that the world will return to normal. Thus, the Massachusetts Alpine Ski Racing Association (MAASRA) is not changing the overall body of the Children's Rules (U12 and U14 Age Groups.) Instead, it is amending sections where needed. Thus, this addendum supersedes anything previously written when there is a conflict.

PLEASE
Follow the rules
and
Don't bring the COVID virus to the mountain...
If you're sick... stay home.

General COVID-19 Guidance (Note: Each venue may have slight variations and/or requirements, be sure to check before you go.)

- COVID-19 is extremely contagious and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person
- COVID-19 can lead to severe illness and death

In order to assist an event's Organizing Committee, and in partnership with host resorts, U.S. Ski & Snowboard to provide

- Best practice direction on social distancing
- Guidelines for clubs/teams to manage
 - Pre-Screen Questionnaires
 - Daily Symptom Checks

Compliance with local health authority mandates and diligence in hosting events gives everyone the best opportunity to avoid event cancellations.

Face Coverings

- At direction of Jury, required by all participants (athletes, coaches, officials, and volunteers) at all times when not socially distanced (less than six feet)
- Competitors may remove their face covering
 - in the start for training or racing
 - must put mask back on before leaving the finish corral
- Non-compliance may result in sanction in accordance with ICR/ACR 223.1.1.

NOTE: Proper face coverings are the responsibility of the participant

Competitors' Course Inspection

- Times will be scheduled at intervals by team
- Teams must maintain at least six feet of separation during inspection.

Seeding

- Non-scored races will be seeded by teams (All U12 and U14 races in MAASRA are "non-scored")
- Second Run Start Order may be reversed for the second run

Start Area

- Must be expanded with six feet of distancing between team zones

Results

- Physical Score Boards are prohibited
- Results – Unofficial and Official - to be posted on live-timing or event website, etc.

All race participants (athletes, coaches, officials, and volunteers) must complete:

- Pre-Screen Questionnaire 24-48 hours before the start of the competition or series of competitions
 - Team Captains must confirm completion of Questionnaire by athletes/coaches
 - Officials & Volunteers must submit Questionnaire to COVID-19 Coordinator

All race participants (athletes, coaches, officials, and volunteers) must complete a

- Daily Symptom Check the morning of each race day
 - Team Captains must confirm all athletes and coaches have completed Symptom Check
 - Officials and volunteers must submit Symptom Check to COVID-19 Coordinator

Awards

- In-person awards ceremonies are prohibited
- Recommended: celebrate winners virtually, e.g. action photos on social media.

Positive Test within 48 hours after conclusion of race

- Contact the race's COVID Coordinator
- Follow U.S. Ski & Snowboard "Return to Sport" guidelines

Participant Access

- Limit participant access to indoor facilities
- Minimize downtime for athletes during the day.
-

Finish Area

- Expand area below finish with six feet of distancing between team zones
- Encourage use of well-ventilated tents and heat lamps to provide shelter and warmth for participants in inclement weather conditions

General Advice

- Use vehicles to keep participants warm, if parking lot in close proximity
- Recommended Limits:
 - limit nonessential visitors, spectators, volunteers
 - limit activities involving external groups or organizations where spacing and social distancing cannot be maintained
 - limit individuals not from local geographic area (e.g., community, town, city, or county)

- Spectator Requirements – please be prepared for any or all of the following
 - must adhere to local health guidelines
 - limit gatherings where six feet of spacing cannot be maintained
 - limit contact with individuals where six feet of spacing cannot be maintained

- *No spectators permitted inside the race arena*

(NOTE: Allowing non-member to have access to the race arena is in violation of SafeSport Guidelines.)

Field Size

- Maximum field size for U.S. Ski & Snowboard sanctioned race will be **100 total athletes** at the venue at one time (All MAASRA U12 and U14 races are sanctioned events with US Ski & Snowboard)
 - All MAASRA Races will be capped at **100 total athletes** on a first come, first served basis.
- Further field size limitations will be set by the Venue's COVID-19 Coordinator, working in conjunction with local health authority, ski area management, OC, and the Jury
- U12's: U12's will race separately, at its own venue, and consist of both genders, male and female.
- U14's: U14 will further schedule races separated by gender, the U14 girls having 3 race days and the U14 boys having 3 race days – at different venues and, possibly, different dates. (See the attached schedule)
- Tentatively planned is two races, i.e., 2 runs of slalom or 2 runs of GS on each race day. Each run and each combined finish will factor into the usual year-to-date standings

Post Season Events

- Both the U14 Eastern Regional Championships and the Francis Piche Invitational have been cancelled for the 2020/2021 race season.

One of the most important parts in having a successful season is with our participants and their willingness to support our goals by being:

- Patient
- Flexible
- Committed

Should you have any questions, please contact your local team, your MAASRA representative, or Ed 'Animal' Bassett, MAASRA Youth Coordinator, at ewbassett@yahoo.com.