

## **Race Schedules and Entering Races**

At the beginning of the year **the coaches select the races they feel are appropriate for each group of racers**. At times this may mean racers that are same age, but at different stages of developmental progression, may go to different races. These distinctions become broader as the racers get older. Attendance at these races is not required. Each racer ultimately (with input from coaches and parents) chooses his or her own race schedule. As a courtesy, we request that racers let the coaches know if they do not intend to attend one of the races the team is scheduled to attend.

**We do not recommend that racers attend additional races outside the team schedule during December, January, and February.** These core months of the season are extremely busy, and we feel that extra races during this time are not beneficial. We choose the race schedule carefully based on both our experience, and national guidelines for skiers of different ages. We would always rather have the kids hungry to race more, than get tired of racing. When the core of the season ends in early March there are still quite a few open races kids can go to if they want to race more.

If you ever have a question about which races your child should attend please talk to one of the head coaches.

## **Race Entries**

Throughout the winter your child will have the opportunity to participate in several races. For many races, the coaches will send in the list of the racers and on race day you will check in at a racer registration desk, turn over your child's USSA and NHARA membership cards and pay the entry fee. Once you have paid, your child will be given his or her bib, then join the team for warm-ups and inspection of the course. You'll get your racer's membership cards back at the end of the day when his or her bib is returned.

## **“Open Races”**

On our schedules we indicate which “Open Races” we recommend and plan to attend as a team. On the whole these are USSA sanctioned races that are not used for qualifying purposes. For these races you will need to send in a registration voucher (the "USSA Alpine Entry) and entry fee well in advance of the event. Parents must fill out the voucher (found in your NHARA handbook or online at [nhalpine.org](http://nhalpine.org).) You'll need to include your child's name, USSA # (found on his or her membership card), the name of the race, and age group. Then send the form and fee to the "Race Secretary" for that specific race. Race Secretary addresses can be found in the NHARA handbook and online. Some races do fill up so it pays to enter early to avoid disappointment. If you wish to cancel your entry you must call by 9:00 am 3 days before the race or **YOUR ENTRY FEE WILL BE KEPT**. You'll find phone numbers for cancellation requests at [nhalpine.org](http://nhalpine.org).