



Parent Role & Expectations

Junior Alpine Racing Program

Athletes' families play an important role in the success of the program. A successful ski experience for the athlete requires organization, support, and enthusiasm on the part of parents. While our Ford Sayre Junior program exists to teach kids the fundamentals of ski racing and to encourage them to pursue racing beyond the U14 level, we can't expect our kids to embrace the sport if they aren't having fun.

We encourage our parents to remind their kids (and themselves) that at the end of the day, this is all just a game, albeit a game that can teach many important lifelong skills! Be your child's best advocate by remaining supportive even in times of perceived "defeat." Helping kids learn to deal with a discouraging training or race day will have a much greater impact on their joy for the sport -- and success! -- down the road!

Expectations

- Be your child's best fan
- Provide unconditional love and support regardless of performance
- Be a fan of the entire team
- Volunteer and participate
- Support the coach
- Let the coach do the coaching
- Be a role model for your child
- Understand the sport

More information about the role of the parent is available on the US Ski and Snowboard website at <https://usskiandsnowboard.org/sport-development/parents>.