2015 USSA U16 Eastern Championships

NYSEF - Whiteface Mountain
March 16-20, 2015

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2015 USSA Junior Championship Athlete,

Congratulations on qualifying for the 2015 USSA Junior Championships. I was once in your shoes and I remember what an honor and thrill it was to compete in a championship event. You should be proud of your accomplishments and confident of your future career as an elite athlete. Congratulations on your hard work, training and preparation that have gotten you to this level!

You are following the footsteps of many great athletes. Champions such as Ted Ligety, Mikaela Shiffrin, Lindsey Vonn, Hannah Kearney, Kikkan Randall and Billy Demong to name a few, are some of the special athletes that have achieved high levels in our sports. They were all USSA junior athletes and have backgrounds not too unlike you. While there is of course no guarantee that World Cup success follows championships such as these, your participation here bodes well for your career.

As a USSA athlete, you are part of an organization with a Best in the World vision. The Junior Championships are an opportunity to show family, friends and your USSA club that you're ready to move up the ladder and achieve greater goals. At the same time, take a few moments to enjoy your surroundings, great venues and skiing terrain. The organizing committees that are hosting you welcome you and hope that you can enjoy this time despite your focus on competition. Relax and enjoy the special moments as this will only help you perform. Meet new people and share experiences.

Finally, while at Junior Championships take a moment to thank the volunteers and resort hosts. Your organizing committee has invested countless hours to ensure that your event is a success. A short thank you from an athlete always means a lot.

I know that you will compete to the best of your ability and wish you the best of luck!

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Event Dates: March 16-20, 2015

Membership Requirement: USSA (www.ussa.org/east) **Class:** U16 (Scored)

Entry Fee: $290 - Race fees, 5 days of lift access, event merchandise and athlete banquet entry included

Entry Procedure: USSA. States submit entry lists to Patti Nichols (pnichols@ussa.org). Qualified athletes register by **3/13/15** using the form below – regardless of payment method, please use the form. Payment can be made to NYSEF by credit card (www.AlpineReg.com) or by check (payable to "NYSEF").

Contact information:

- Chief of Race: Paul Van Slyke – paul@twitchellsportswear.com
- Race Administrator: Chris Grant - chrisg@nysef.org or 518-946-7001 x26
- Technical Delegate: Jack Zacks

Lodging Information:

- Lake Placid Visitor's Bureau: http://www.lakeplacid.com/stay
- Whiteface Mountain Visitor's Bureau: http://www.whitefaceregion.com/
- Saranac Lake Area Chamber of Commerce: http://www.saranaclake.com/

Race Headquarters (and Tuning/Waxing Facilities):

NYSEF at Whiteface Mountain
5021 State Route 86
Wilmington, NY 12997
Hours of operation: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Parent Lift Ticket Vouchers: Available at NYSEF Front Desk - $40 per voucher on event days.

Coaches Tickets: Complementary coach tickets are available daily at the team captains meetings – One ticket per program, additional ticket per 5 paid athletes. Additional coach tickets will be available for purchase at $50 per ticket. **Programs must email coach names to chrisg@nysef.org by 3/13/15 to ensure comp tickets.**

Volunteer Opportunities: Please contact Chris Grant at 518-946-7001 x26 or chrisg@nysef.org if you are interested in volunteer opportunities – volunteers are eligible for a free lift ticket on another day.

Pre-Event Training on March 15th: $45 training tickets will be made available for athletes looking to free-ski the hill on the afternoon before the event (12:30-3:30pm). There will be NO GATE TRAINING available. Tickets can be purchased at race headquarters, the NYSEF Building at Whiteface Mountain.

Registration: Please register for U16 Eastern Championships and additional banquet tickets at AlpineReg.com

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Athlete Registration and Information Form

Please complete this form and mail to "NYSEF, c/o Chris Grant, PO Box 300, Wilmington, NY 12997".

Alternatively scan completed form and email to chrisg@nysef.org and/or pay via **AlpineReg**.

Athlete Last Name:_____ **First Name:** _____

USSA#_____ **State Association:**_____ **YOB:**_____

Home Ski Program:_____ **Coach Name:**_____

Parents Names:_____ **Email:**_____

Parent Cell Phone (in case of emergency):_____

Mailing Address:_____

City/Town: _____ **State:**_____ **Zip:**_____

Personal Information:

Favorite Ski Discipline: _____

Favorite Hobby: _____

Hidden Talent: _____

Favorite Song/Band: _____

If you were a wild animal, which one would you be? _____

2015 U16 Eastern Champs - Schedule of Events

This Information Is Subject To Change! Details in the schedule below are subject to change. Daily programs will be made available at coaches meetings and registration.

Sunday, March 15, 2015 – Registration and Team Captains Meeting

Registration	NYSEF Building at Whiteface	4:00 – 5:45 PM
Team Captain's Meeting	NYSEF Building at Whiteface	**6:00 PM**

Monday/Tuesday, March 16 and 17, 2015 - Men's and Women's SG

Registration	NYSEF Building at Whiteface	7:00 - 8:30 AM
Course Setting / Jury Inspection	Cat from NYSEF Building	7:00 AM
Lift Opens	Bear Lift and Freeway Lift (B+I)	8:00 AM
SG Warmup	Draper's Drop (Mid-I down)	8:15 - 9:00 AM
SG Inspection	Parkway/Thruway/Draper's Drop	9:15 - 10:15 AM
SG Start (Women)		10:30 AM
SG Start (Men)		12:00 PM
Team Captain's Meeting	NYSEF Building at Whiteface	3:00 PM

Wednesday, March 18 (Men's GS) and Thursday March 19 (Women's GS)

Registration	NYSEF Building at Whiteface	7:00 - 8:30 AM
Course Setting / Jury Inspection	Cat from NYSEF Building	7:00 AM
Lift Opens	Bear Lift and Freeway Lift	8:00 AM
Warm-up	Mid-I to Lower Parkway	8:15 - 9:15 AM
GS First Run Inspection	Thruway-Draper's Drop	8:30 - 9:15 AM
GS First Run Race		9:30 AM
GS Second Run Inspection		11:00 – 11:45 PM
GS Second Run Race		12:00 PM
Team Captains Meeting	NYSEF Building at Whiteface	3:00 PM
Banquet/Awards (Thursday)	**Crowne Plaza Resort**	**5:30 – 7:30 PM**
Parent/Coach Reception(Thursday)	**Crowne Plaza Resort**	**5:30 – 7:00 PM**

Friday, March 20, 2015 – Men's and Women's SL

Registration	NYSEF Building at Whiteface	7:00 - 8:30 AM
Course Setting / Jury Inspection	Cat from NYSEF Building	7:00 AM
Lift Opens	Bear Lift and Freeway Lift	8:00 AM
Warm-up	Upper Thruway	8:15 - 9:30 AM
SL First Run Inspection	Draper's Drop	8:30 - 9:15 AM
SL First Run Race		9:30 AM
SL Second Run Inspection		11:45 AM - 12:15 PM
SL Second Run Race		12:30 PM
Final Awards	NYSEF Building at Whiteface	1 hour after race

Awards: Top 3 Medals, Recognize Top 10, daily "Hard-Charger" awards.

Protest Fee: $50 ($100 for equipment)

Official Notice Boards: Located at Finish Building

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Athlete Banquet and Parent/Coach Reception Information
Thursday, March 19th, 2015

These events will be held at the Crowne Plaza Resort. Registered athletes and coaches will receive complimentary entry to the banquet/reception. Family and friends: please register for banquet tickets via **AlpineReg** or in person at the NYSEF Building at Whiteface by noon on Monday, March 16th. Please contact Chris Grant with any questions (chrisg@nysef.org or 518.946.7001 x26).

The Athlete Banquet (athletes and siblings only) will be held in **Olympic Room** on the main level in the **Crowne Plaza Resort.** It will include a buffet-style dinner with entertainment for athletes followed by awards.

The Parent/Coach Reception will take place in the **Sky Room** on the main floor of the **Crowne Plaza Resort** and consist of heavy hors d' oeuvres and a cash bar.

Adult tickets (Age 21 and older) for the "Parent/Coach Reception" can be purchased for $30 and include one complimentary drink ticket. Sibling tickets can be purchased for $30 for the "Athlete Banquet."

For all: Awards for both SGs and the GS will be in the **Olympic Room** at **approximately 7:15pm**.

For lodging options at the Crowne Plaza Resort, please call 1.877.570.5891 and mention "U16 Championships".