



2012 VARA Membership Application

Membership registration is also available online at www.vara.org. Credit cards only accepted with online registrations. (www.vara.org) (* = Required info)

*Individuals: (Please check)

Table with columns: Item, Before Oct.15, After Oct.15, Total. Rows include Seniors & Junior 1's, Junior 3's, Junior 4, 5 & 6's, Coach, Vermont Alpine Official, Supporting Member, Family Membership, Additional Calendar, Additional VARA stickers/decals, and Donation to VARA's Racer Support Fund.

If paying in Canadian funds add 30%

New Members are not subject to a late fee!!

Total Enclosed []

*PLEASE CHECK

MEMBERSHIP TYPE/S:

- Renewal, New Membership, New Address, Competitor, Coach, VT AO, Supporter, Family (Please list all family members), Independent

➤ If family membership, please list parents, all racers and their DOB and USSA #'s.

Form fields for Name, DOB, USSA#, Address, City, ST, Zip, Parents Names, Phone, WK/Cell Phone, E-Mail, Club/Program.

*The below signed, VARA Members agree to know the VARA/USSA Rules & Regulations as well as uphold & promote VARA's Code of Conduct and the USSA Code of Ethics as endorsed by VARA.

X Athlete Signature

*Parent /Guardian if member(s) is under 18 *date signed

Please make Checks payable to VARA and mail to: VARA Membership PO Box 774 Woodstock, VT 05091

(This form can be downloaded off the VARA web site)



VARA CODE OF CONDUCT

VARA members and family members of VARA members that are at race or training sites are expected to conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner befitting worthy representatives of their families, ski areas and in conformity with the best traditions of Alpine Ski Racing in the state of Vermont.

Section 1: All VARA members, including athletes, coaches, officials, supporters and volunteers shall be subject to the jurisdiction of and shall abide by the international Ski Competition Rules (the "ICR"), U.S. Skiing Constitution, bylaws, rules and regulations and VARA Articles of Incorporation, bylaws, rules and regulations.

Section 2: While in competitions, going to and from competitions and while at ski areas hosting competitions, VARA members shall:

1. Maintain high standards of moral and ethical conduct including self-control, responsible behavior, consideration for others' physical and emotional well being, restraint from profane and abusive language, and courtesy and manners in public places and while traveling;
2. Abstain from the illegal use of drugs and alcohol;
3. While at VARA camps, adhere to all the rules;
4. Adhere to and be knowledgeable of all VARA and USSA competition rules and regulations.

VARA has a no tolerance policy to the above items.

Section 3: Failure to comply with any of the above can lead to disciplinary action against the VARA members by:

- 1) The VARA program director with the advise and consent of the VARA Executive Committee;
- 2) The Race Jury on the recommendation of a member of the jury;
- 3) The Technical Delegate;
- 4) or the designated team leader.

Section 4: Disciplinary action taken can include but is not limited to:

1. Any disciplinary measure allowed by the USSA Competition Rules or by VARA Rules and Regulations.
2. Disqualification from a specific race and/or suspension from future races.
3. Withdrawal of future VARA camp invitations or withdrawal of athlete on a Vermont quota.

All disciplinary action is to be reported to the VARA Office c/o Executive Director.

Any disciplinary action taken shall be applied fairly and equitably to all parties involved. Any disciplinary action that would prevent a VARA member from participating in competition for a period of greater than 21 days will be conducted in accord with the Due Process procedures set forth by U.S. Skiing, and held before the VARA Review Committee.

THE VARA REVIEW COMMITTEE

The VARA Review Committee reviews decisions relating to disciplinary action taken pursuant to the VARA Code of Conduct.

The Appeals and Due Process procedures set forth in the USSA Competition Guide shall apply except as modified hereafter.

Appeals shall be submitted within 48 hours after the announcement/publication of the decision from which the appeal is being taken. All Appeals shall be filed with VARA c/o the VARA Executive Director. On Appeal, the factual issues shall be overturned only if it is found that the decision was an abuse of discretion; issues relating to the interpretation and application of the VARA rules and regulations, USSA Rules and Regulations shall be review *de novo*.

Members of the VARA review committee are as follows: VARA Executive Director administrates for the following members; current Alpine Officials Chair, current Competition Committee Chair, J3/J4/J5 Council Chair (depending on which council and the age class of the reviewed person) and the VARA Executive Committee or any member designated by the VARA President.

**Membership
Renewal
*Time!!***



VARA MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Greetings! Following is helpful information regarding your VARA membership.

You may renew online through the VARA website using the link for www.active.com!!

Renewing members:

http://www.active.com/event_detail.cfm?event_id=1966108

New Members:

http://www.active.com/event_detail.cfm?event_id=1966104

To assist the VARA office with timely membership renewal and fulfillment, please fill out the VARA Membership form and return to the VARA Office ASAP. All membership forms must be in by Oct. 15 to avoid a late fee. **New members are EXEMPT from late fee charges.**

- ★ **It is your responsibility to make sure you are a renewed VARA member for your competitive season. Check www.vara.org membership lists.**

Why do I need to join VARA?

- It is a USSA Eastern Regional Rule that competitors be members in good standing with their state association (VARA) in order to be eligible for the following state association programs: qualifying series for state championships, regional projects (Junior Championships etc) and Eastern cups, Devo Fis, NJR Fis, quota based invitational and Eastern region events, state teams, Junior Championships, scored series and state awards. All Sr. through j5-j6 competitors must join VARA.
- **No racers will be scored for qualifying points or overall points in any Vermont series until they become a VARA member.** No points will be awarded retroactive.
- Joining VARA also supports the goals of VARA ... to keep ski racing 1st in Vermont ... and Vermont ski racers 1st in the world.
- Please remember to have your VARA membership current before the first race. Your updated renewal on the VARA website will ensure your entry into the race.

Membership advantages:

- Access to Vermont series races, qualifying events for and including State Championships, Junior Championships, Eastern Cups, Devo FIS, NJR FIS, state and USSA regional developmental projects.
- Eligibility for outstanding achievement awards, scholarships and financial aid from the VARA Foundation. VARA assisted Vermont Ski Races last year by awarding 30K in financial assistance either as Honor Scholarships or financial aid.
- Involvement with one of the most prestigious alpine racing associations in the country.
- VARA Calendar with schedule of events, club directory, rules and policy directives and **VARA stickers**.
- Informative web site at www.vara.org .
- Discounted subscription to The Stowe Reporter, VARA's Voice for members. www.stowereporter.com