

**Mid Vermont Council Race Rules
Revised for 2012**

Common Rules for MVC

1. *For USSA-sanctioned non-FIS events, Jury members (Technical Delegate, Referee, Assistant Referee - speed events only, Chief of Race), Jury Advisors (Start and Finish Referees), Chief of Course, Course Setters, Competitors **are required** to be participant members of USSA as a Competitor, an Official or a Coach.*
2. Races are conducted by current rules of USSA Alpine Competition Regulations, (ACR), for USSA events. USSA rules are available in the current Comp Guide and at <http://www.ussa.org>.
3. Race Announcement and/or Program. Informational sheets, commonly called “fact sheets” must be made available for eligible competitors and coaches during the week prior to the event. Location, discipline of, and all pertinent information should be distributed to each club and displayed on the host site’s website.
4. Competitor Membership Requirements are a major concern. [203] USSA requires that competitors be members of USSA for USSA-sanctioned events; If a competitor's name does not appear on the current USSA/FIS Points Lists or Rosters, they **are not members**. *All J3, J4 and J5 members should be on the points list this winter.*
5. We will be using the Split Second **USSA Software version** this winter for all J3 and Jones Series races for the following reasons: Interaction with USSA for membership verification, able to utilize place point designation on results (as in Club), officials tracking information for USSA when race files are sent to USSA, and race file will be sent to USSA (details later). For printing results for handouts you may convert file to Club software for saving paper.
6. “Header” information for each race must be filled out as completely as possible including race code (each race will have individual race code), officials, forerunners, trail information, gate count information, etc.
7. A coaches meeting should be held at each MVC event at a designated time and place determined by the organizer to discuss Jury members, schedule and any other pertinent information of the day. The host site will be responsible for running the meeting. Results must be electronically submitted to **alpineresults@ussa.org**. The subject line of the transmission must be the USSA-assigned race code. A completed “race packet” must be submitted to the Eastern Office (Janet Larson) - refer to USSA RA guidelines for needed information.
8. A level 3 USSA official must be a member of the jury for each level of MVC competition. The TD and Referee must agree on the course legality as well as the safety of the hill.
9. All MVC athletes must have helmets for all events.
10. All MVC athletes and coaches are expected to abide by the USSA Code of Conduct at an event, whether at home or away. Violations will be subject to sanction by the race jury.
11. Coaches are encouraged to help organizer maintain the course at each level of MVC competition to the extent of their availability.
12. An official protest by a coach regarding a gatekeeper or official’s decision must be made in writing within the appropriate time and include a protest fee of \$20.
13. In a J3 or Jones tie break situation, the next best result will be used to break the tie.

MVC J3 Rules

1. USSA: J3's **will** need to display their USSA card, or a copy, at all MVC race registrations
2. For the first 2 races, as in the past, the J3 running order will be by Club list, with the Club running order done by random draw. Second run will be 'flip 15' for boys and girls and the remainder will be run in 'bibbo' fashion with dnf's and dq's running at the end. The Club list(s) will be sent to jdelcol2@gmail.com for **J3 series** events using Tom Mason's excel spreadsheet containing USSA #, Name, Club, YOB, and verifying that racer is a VARA member. Race files will be done by MVC and submitted to the appropriate race organizer utilizing the USSA format.
3. Entry fees for all levels for this season will be \$30 for SL and GS, and \$35 for SG.
4. VARA Team athletes will be given complimentary entry into all MVC races.
5. The 1st run running order will be 'flip the top 5' beginning with the 3rd MVC race. 2nd run order: J3's will run 2nd run "flip 15" for boys and "flip 15" for girls and the remainder in "bibbo" fashion – dnf's and dq's will run at the end.
6. Results for races will display individual runs and combined results with place points visible.
7. The Banner will be awarded based upon the combined place points of the top four (4) boys and/or girls for each club with the lowest total score being awarded the Banner for that week. Top ten (10) boys and girls for are awarded medals.
8. It is suggested that results be handed to parents using the Club software to save paper, or by editing the USSA software printing format. Furthermore, race files must be emailed jdelcol2@gmail.com and g.fletch1@gmail.com for J3 events and also forwarded to julie@vara.gmail.com. Results must be posted on the VARA website as soon as possible following the event. **By** submitting race files to USSA, results will be posted on their results site as well.
9. Relevant quotas, ie. ERS Team, State Championship Team, will be announced by VARA or MVC Chairman per VARA rules.
10. Revised J3 rules are available on the VARA website.

MVC Jones Rules

1. Each club will use their own discretion in determining the gender split for their individual quota. Any additional quota for the series must be made to the MVC J4 Chairman.
2. Submission of each club's roster must be sent to jdelcol2@gmail.com for the Jones Series using Tom Mason's excel spreadsheet containing USSA #, Name, Club, YOB, J4 or J5, and verifying that racer is a VARA member. Race files will be done by MVC and submitted to the appropriate race organizer utilizing the USSA format.
3. For the first two races, as in the past, the Jones running orders will be by Club list, with the Club running order done by random draw.
4. For the first two races, second run running order will be in the reverse bib order of the first run for both boys and girls. The girl with the last bib number in the first run will

- race first and likewise for boys. The girl and boy with bib #1 will run last for each gender.
5. Following the second race, the running order for subsequent races will be by MVC place points instead of club list with the following exception. The first run running order will be **'flip the top 5'**, meaning bib number 5 will race first, 4 will race second, 3 will race third, 2, will race fourth, and 1 will race fifth, 6 will race sixth, etc. The second run running order will be in reverse bib order with bib number 1 racing last.
 6. USSA cards are not required at race registrations for the Jones Series.
 7. Entry fees for all levels for this season will be \$30 for SL and GS, and \$35 for SG.
 8. VARA Team athletes will be given complimentary entry into all MVC races.
 9. Every effort should be made to utilize Jones Series coaches as Officials at Jones races. There are an adequate number of officials within the Jones coaching staffs and experience as an official is necessary for education and certification. In addition, we should strive to name junior coaches, or any coaches interested in officiating, to participate as assistant referees at all of our races.
 10. The jury for Jones races should be named in the Race Announcement prior to arrival at the race site. Identifying jury members in advance will allow them to plan their day, as well as be prepared to execute their duties immediately upon arrival at the venue. Specifically, it will allow the jury to inspect the course as it is being set, or, before it is open for inspection by athletes.
 11. A Coaches Meeting will be held following the jury inspection at a time and place of the race organizers choosing. Minutes will be taken and submitted with the race packets.
 12. Results for races will display individual runs and combined results with place points visible.
 13. The Beanpot will be awarded based upon the combined place points of the top four (4) boys and/or girls for each club with the lowest total score being awarded the Beanpot for that week. Medals will be awarded for the top ten (10) J4 boys and girls and for the top five (5) J5 boys and girls. It is suggested that results be handed to parents using the Club software to save paper, or by editing the USSA software printing format. Furthermore, race files must be emailed to g.fletch1@gmail.com, jdelcol2@gmail.com and also julie@vara.gmail.com. Results must be posted on the VARA website as soon as possible after the event. By submitting race files to ussa.org, race results will appear on their site as well.
 14. Protests for Jones series races against a competitor, an official, a disqualification or against the timekeeping may be made verbally to the jury (as per 644.2). A protest fee to \$20 must be deposited with the submittal of the protest.
 15. For Jones Series races only, the loss of one or both skis in the start will be grounds for a re-run.
 16. The MVC Jones SG and Camp will be a limited field event for the top 120 J4 racers on the points list before the event.
 17. Relevant quotas to State Championship Teams, will be announced by the MVC Chairman per VARA rules.
 18. Revised J4 rules are available on the VARA website

MVC Ross Rules

1. Ross Series races are all USSA sanctioned events.
2. **Participation Requirements:** The minimum age for participation in the Ross Series is seven years old (must be seven by December 31 of the current competition season). Ross racers must hold current VARA and USSA memberships.
3. **Race Entries:** The Club list(s) of race entries for Ross Series races should be entered into the Split Second Timing National/FIS Software. Each club must send this file to the race secretary of the hosting mountain by the WEDNESDAY prior to the race.
4. **Entry Fees:** The maximum entry fee for Ross series races this season will be \$30. Entry fees are to be collected by the host mountain at registration on the morning of a race.
5. **Membership cards:** Ross Series racers **will not** need to display their USSA card or VARA card at Mid Vermont Council race registrations though they must hold both current memberships.
6. **Rules particular to Ross Series Races:**
 - a. Ross Series race courses should be giant slalom or single pole stubby slalom courses. The stubby slalom race will be designated in the schedule prior to the beginning of the season.
 - b. A maximum of one under gate shall be allowed if needed in a GS course only if dyed and after the second race of the season.
 - c. No combinations will be allowed in the stubby slalom. It will be single pole – no outside gates.
 - d. **Running orders:** *Ross races should be run in the following order: J6 girls, J6 boys, J5 girls, J5 boys, J4 girls, J4 boys.* The running order of racers in each age group shall be determined by random draw. Both runs shall be run in the same order, with first run DNFs running in their same place for the second run. Efforts within reason should be made to accommodate competitors who miss their start.
 - e. Individual places will be determined by the best of two runs. Therefore, each run should be completed on the same course with no reset for the second run. Male and female competitors may run on separate courses if necessary to ensure that a reset will not be necessary.
 - f. A competitor need not complete his/her first run successfully to get a second run.
 - g. Efforts should be made to start the second run shortly after the first following an organized coaches slip of the course.
 - h. The loss of one or both skis in the start will be grounds for a re-run. All other USSA rules regarding re-runs should be observed.
 - i. In compliance with USSA rule U629.4, a competitor shall be disqualified if he/she loses a ski more than two gates above the finish and they may not finish their run. However, this shall only result in a DNF for this competitor's particular run, since scoring is "best of two runs" for the Ross series.
7. **Awards:**
 - a. Medals will be awarded to the top ten (10) J4, J5 and J6 boys and girls determined by best single race run. Medals are the responsibility of the hosting mountain.
 - b. The Doberman award goes to the top four (4) boys and /or girls with the lowest score by team. Team scores will be calculated as follows: Each gender should be ranked regardless of age class. Each team's top 4 place points (regardless of gender) are then added together. The team with the lowest score wins. For

example, a team with the 1st, 5th, and 8th boys and the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th girls would have a team score of 10. In the event of a tie, the team with the best single place would win.

8. It is suggested that results be handed to coaches using the Club software to save paper, or by editing the USSA software printing format. Parents should be directed to the VARA website to view and print results.
9. ***Results must be electronically submitted to results@ussa.org. The subject line of the transmission must be the USSA-assigned race code. A completed "race packet" must be submitted to the Eastern Office (Janet Larson) - refer to USSA RA guidelines for needed information. Furthermore, race files must be emailed to julie@vara.org and mmeringolo@okemomountainschool.org. Results must be posted on the VARA website as soon as possible after the event. By submitting race files to ussa.org, race results will appear on their site as well. Ross head coaches, please communicate to your race administrators the importance of submitting the Ross races to USSA. This is the only way officials will get credit.***