



Cochran's Ski Club
NVC U14 Girls Slalom
February 21, 2021

Race Organizing Committee

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Race Format:

- Race Trail: Race Trail (left off the top of the t-bar)
- Slalom- 27 mm 60"
- 2 Runs Girls: 1st run grouped by club, random within club group; 2nd run reverse order.

Race Day Schedule:

- Bib Pick-Up: 7:30 – 8:00
- Course Inspection: 8:15 – 8:45- Inspection is by team. Team groups will be released at 3-minute intervals. Only one inspection run permitted.
- First Run: 9:00
- Second Run Inspection: approximately 9:45 – 10:15
- Second Run: 10:30
- Race complete: 11:15
- Awards: There will be no awards ceremony. Awards will be given to team captain or mailed.

Registration: Registration is online at adminskiracing.com. Registration closes at 12:00 PM on Thursday, 2/18. Absolutely no registrations after this time. If you cannot attend the race, please contact Wendy Gagliardi, wgagliardi@gmavt.net, as soon as possible (by Friday at latest) and prior to race day to receive a refund. **All attending coaches should also register on adminskiracing.com for contact tracing and communication purposes.** Racers and coaches must complete a COVID Screening and Travel attestation no more than 24 hours before the start of the event. The link will be emailed to all participants by 9:00 am on Saturday, 2/20 and must be completed before the Team Captains Meeting at 7:00 pm.

Race Fee: \$45 plus applicable processing fees.

Team Captain's Meeting

Team Captain's Meeting will be held virtually at 7:00 pm on Saturday, February 20. A link and agenda will be emailed to all registered coaches and posted on the VARA site and What's App group. Team Captains will be asked to sign a form at bib pickup to attest that their athletes are in compliance with all VT State Travel and Quarantine Guidelines: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/travel-quarantine/vermonters-traveling-out-state>

Bib Pick-Up

Bibs will be distributed by team. The team captain should pick up bibs for their team from the Toll Booth (small gray building to the left of the lodge) between 7:30 and 8:00. Please return any unused bibs (no-show) immediately or place them in the collection bag during second run. Team Captains will be asked to sign a form at bib pickup to attest that their athletes are in compliance with all VT State Travel and Quarantine Guidelines and have completed the Race Day Health Check.

Inspection

Inspection will be grouped by team, starting at 3-minute intervals. Please assemble as a team at the top and wait in your designated team area until the Start Referee signals that your team may begin inspection. Teams should keep at least two gates distance between them, as well as six-foot distance between individuals. Only one inspection run will be permitted.

Assigned Team Meeting Areas

Current VT guidelines require participants to be in groups of 25 or less that do not interact with each other throughout the day. Each team (club) with participating athletes will have a designated team area at the top of the course. Participants will need to remain in their team area until called to the start according to the running order. There are no assigned team areas at the bottom of the hill.

Teams/athletes are expected to use their vehicles for dressing and warming. Teams may designate their own meeting spot at the base as needed, keeping plenty of distance from other teams. Please do not congregate around fire pits.

COVID-19 Protocols

- NO SPECTATORS ALLOWED! This policy will be strictly enforced. It is vital to our ability to have ski races this year that everyone follows this rule!
- All participants must complete a Race Day Health Check (Google Form) within 24 hours of the race.
- Inspection by team as described above.
- Teams assigned areas at start for equipment and athletes. There are no such areas at the base; teams are expected to use their vehicles or define their own space away from other teams.
- Lodge is closed. Portable restrooms are available.
- Individuals may only share a T-bar with a person from the same household.
- Coaches must stay physically distanced from each other on the hill.
- Masks are required at all times. Racer may remove their mask in the start; they must put it back on before leaving the finish corral.
- Results and all documents available on live-timing. Results posted to VARA site afterwards.
- Referee reports posted to live-timing. They will also be posted to the WhatsApp group for coaches. Protests should be lodged through WhatsApp.
- All jury meetings are to be conducted outdoors.
- Only timing, Head Gate Judge, jury (TD, CoR, Ref), & protesting coach permitted in Maintenance Building, and then only when necessary.

Parking: All racers, coaches, and volunteers should park at **Slopeside Syrup** (continue down Cochran Road past the ski area entrance, to the next driveway on the right). Overflow race parking will be directed to the lower parking lot at the ski area. The upper lot will be reserved for drop off/pick up and parking for the general public.

Cochran's Ski Area COVID-19 Protocols

Full information on Cochran's Ski Area procedures can be found here:

<https://cochranskiarea.com/winter-operation-protocols-for-covid-19/>

Masks are required in all public areas. The snack bar is operating via a window to the outdoor deck. Portable restrooms are provided at the base of the hill. The lodge is closed. Anyone wishing to purchase a lift ticket should do so online. Any visitors who are not participating in the race, should sign in: <https://cochranskiarea.com/register/> **Reminder:** spectators are not allowed along the race course or at the finish area. Cochran's is open to public skiing during the race. **Please be respectful of other visitors!**

Directions to Cochran's: From Interstate 89 at Exit 11 in Richmond proceed east on Route 2 to Richmond Village. Turn right at the stop light onto Bridge Street. Continue on Bridge Street over the red bridge to the Old Round Church (on left). Just past the Round Church turn left on Cochran Road. Drive approximately one mile; the ski area is on the right. Proceed about 1/10 mile beyond the ski area to the Slopeside Syrup driveway, where attendants will direct you to park.

NOTE TO PARENTS:

We fully understand the challenges involved in bringing your child to a ski race but not being allowed to watch them race. Unfortunately, we need to strictly enforce the no spectator rule in order to ensure that ski racing may continue in Vermont this season. You are welcome to drop your racer off and pick them up later- go get a coffee and pastry from Sweet Simone's in Richmond or do some shopping in Williston. For those who prefer to stay around so that your racer has the car available for warming up, consider bringing a book or some work to pass the time. You can see the race results in real time on Live-Timing.com. Take a walk on Cochran Road or along the river trail. You could even ski, if you like. Skiers must purchase tickets online in advance at cochranskiarea.com. Keep in mind if you do ski, you still will not be allowed to stand around watching the race, and there are really no vantage points to view the race trail from other trails.

We really look forward to next year when we can welcome back the crowds of happy racers and parents that we are accustomed to at our races. In the meantime, let's all do our part to keep ski racing safe!

Sincere thanks,

Cochran's Ski Club and Cochran's Ski Area