



## U12 VARA Tri Council Okemo – March 19, 2023

### **VARA U12 Tri-Council Race:**

**This event is intended to bring U12s together from around the state and provide a competitive experience with a developmental focus. The race will be a SL Kombi (details on exact format below).**

**Registration:** U12 Tri-Council Race Registration process: 2 weeks before the event a 24-hour window opens for 2nd years and then registration opens for 1st years until the race is filled.

March 5, 2023 - Registration will open for second year U12 at 9 am, after a 24-hour window registration will open for 1<sup>st</sup> years as well. Registration link [HERE](#).

**Field Size:** Field size min is 100

**Start Order:** U12s will run with a random start order and FULL FIELD FLIP for second run  
U12 may race in a mixed gender format.

### **Format:**

- 1st course set will be panel SL to midpoint of the course then into Stubby SL.
- 2nd course set will be Stubby SL to midpoint of the course then into Tall Pole SL.
- Side by side, mirrored courses with separate timing will be used to allow for a larger field. (genders may run on separate courses)
- Competitors may run head to head.
- Competitors will either swap left or right course or stay on same side after reset (TBD at TCM).
- SL rules apply, hiking is allowed, combinations may be used in stubby and tall pole sections.
- The plan is for 2 runs (one in each course set); however, if registration numbers and snow conditions allow, competitors will run 4 total runs (2 runs per course set).
- If 4 total runs are taken, the 3<sup>rd</sup> run start order will be butterfly. The 4<sup>th</sup> run will be reverse butterfly.

**Awards:** If 2 runs - Awards will be top 10 per gender based on athletes' combined time.  
If 4 runs – Awards will be top 10 per gender based on combined time of the athletes' single best time per course set.

### **Race Trail**

Wardance – start will be on the Work Road. No parents/spectators allowed in the race arena, including the start area. Viewing is permitted from the finish. Wardance is most easily accessed using the Black Ridge Chair, which must be accessed by riding one of the A/B base quads first.

## **DSQs**

The referee's report for both runs will be posted by the timing building after the completion of each run (or at the conclusion of the runs on each set if 4 runs are taken). It will also be posted to the U12 State Projects WhatsApp Group.

## **Team Captains Meeting**

A virtual TCM will be held on Saturday March 18<sup>th</sup> at 5pm – link will be sent to all registered coaches.

## **Schedule (subject to change)**

7:30 – 8:30am	Bib/Ticket Pick-up at the Okemo Competition Center – Team Captains Only/No athletes All Coaches must pick up their own Tickets.
8:00 am	Lifts Open to public (7:30 am for jury)
8:30 am	Inspection Opens
9:15 am	Inspection Entry Closes
9:25 am	Forerunners
9:30 am	First run start
TBD	Second run inspection/start time TBD based on final run format and timing of day.
TBD	Awards will be at the base of Wardance near the timing building/yurt approximately 30 minutes after the finish of the race.

## **Parent Tickets**

Parent tickets are available for \$49 plus tax at a Ticket Window outside the Clocktower Base Lodge of Okemo (displaying a sign saying "Parent/Event Tickets"). Must give the name of your athlete to purchase tickets.

## **Other Important Info**

Okemo is CASHLESS for all concessions, tickets, and retail. Wardance is only accessible on foot with a decent hike from the base lodge. Parents will be able to view the race on Wardance within a fenced corridor separate from the race venue.

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