



**Welcome to the MVP VARA
U14 State Championships at
Burke Mountain Academy
March 8-10, 2014**



For Official Rules please go to VARA.org/rules.php

Registration: There is no need to contact BMA to register for U14 States. Qualification is done through council standings and through the U14 Shootout. BMA will receive the names of qualified athletes directly from the councils and VARA. Athletes will need to pay in advance at AdminSkiRacing.com or pay by cash or check on Saturday morning. Athletes will need to pick up their bibs each morning and return them each afternoon. (See details below.)

Sickness/Injury/Alternates: BMA has no authority to remove athletes or make substitutions to the entry lists. Please do not contact BMA about pulls, adds or substitutions. If an athlete cannot attend, please contact your coach as quickly as you can so that alternates can be substituted. Athletes who have qualified through the Shootout but cannot attend should contact your coach. We cannot make any substitutions later than 5pm on Friday, 3/7/14. .

If an athlete qualifies for the U14 States from Council quota selection and cannot go to States and notification is prior to the Shootout, then Council will fill the spot with the next Council racer in line for the States. The alternate will be seeded at the end of the council order rotation. If a spot opens up, regardless of council, for U14 states following the Shootout then alternates will be selected based on the Shootout standings. The alternate following the Shootout will be seeded at the end of the Shootout qualifiers. This all must occur before 5pm on Friday, 3/7/14.

Payment: We highly encourage you to pay online through AdminSkiRacing.com. BMA will make every effort to upload entry lists as fast as we get them. You will not be able to register until the qualified athlete list is uploaded. The cost for the entire schedule of events is \$135. Payment on Saturday morning is by cash or check only.

Lodging: <http://www.skiburke.com/plan-a-visit/your-trip/where-to-stay/>

Condo/town-home rentals are available very close to the mountain. There are several small inns in East Burke. Lyndonville offers mid-sized, independently owned motels approximately 15 minutes away. St. Johnsbury, 25 minutes away, has the closest major chain hotel.

Parents Education Presentation: Alex Krebs VARA Youth Coordinator will be giving a presentation to parents in the Mid-Burke Lodge on Sunday afternoon after the conclusion of the Giant Slalom and before the awards ceremony.



Lasagna Dinner: There will be a lasagna dinner for athletes Sunday afternoon at the Mid-Burke Lodge. Athletes' lift ticket will be their meal ticket. Non-athlete meal tickets will be available for \$20.

Bibs: Bibs can be picked up each morning at registration and must be returned each afternoon. The start order will change from day to day. Please make sure all bibs come back promptly so that we can sort them for the next day. There will a \$50 fee for all lost or unreturned bibs.

Schedule

Slalom 27mm, 60" Gates on Warren's Way

Saturday 3/8/14

7:15-8:30	Registration in Mid-Burke Lodge
7:00	Poma open for jury and race workers.
8:00	Poma open to coaches and athletes.
8:30	<u>Mandatory Team Captain's Meeting at base of Poma</u>
8:30-9:15	Inspection 1
9:30-11:30	1st run (Start order according to U14 state rules)
12:00-12:45	Inspection 2
13:00-15:00	2nd Run (Same start order as first run)

Giant Slalom on Warren's Way

Sunday 3/9/14

7:15-8:30	Registration in Mid-Burke Lodge
7:00	Poma open for jury and race workers.
8:00	Poma open to coaches and athletes.
8:30	<u>Mandatory Team Captain's Meeting at base of Poma</u>
8:30-9:15	Inspection 1
9:30-11:30	1st run (Start order according to U14 state rules)
12:00-12:45	Inspection 2
13:00-15:00	2nd Run (Same start order as first run)
15:15-16:15	Lasagna Dinner for Athletes at Mid-Burke Lodge
15:30-16:00	Parent Education Presentation by Alex Krebs, VARA Youth Coordinator in Mid-Burke Lodge
16:15	Awards for Slalom and GS outside Mid-Burke Lodge



Super-G on Warren's Way

Monday 3/10/14

7:15-8:30	Registration in Mid-Burke Lodge
7:00	Poma open for jury and race workers.
8:00	Poma open to coaches and athletes.
8:30	<u>Mandatory Team Captain's Meeting at base of Poma</u>
8:30-9:15	Inspection for Training Run
9:30-11:30	Training Run (Start order according to U14 state rules)
12:00-12:45	Inspection for Race Run
13:00-15:00	SG Race (Same start order as training run)
15:15	Awards for SG outside of Mid-Burke Lodge

Naming of the VARA U14 Eastern Regional Championships Team at Stowe:

(Quota to the U14 Eastern Championships is 37. This quota includes council automatics) Selection to the U14 Eastern Championships is determined by scoring the best single result from the runs and combined places of the VT State Championship events.

Ties: are broken externally by taking the next best results for ranking and selection of the team.

Automatics: Each Council will have 2 Automatics (1G/1B) to U14 Eastern Championships.

Automatic seeding: Council automatics will receive seeding in at least the second seed for U14 Junior Eastern Championships.

Race Requirements: To attend the Eastern U14 Junior Championships athletes are required to compete in the majority (> than ½) of races at VARA U14 States unless injured.

If there is no race contested then the State Eastern U14 Championship Team will be selected based on a council allocation where each council's percentage of the total is based on its population percentages of all active VARA U14 athletes determined after the second weekend of February.

Naming of the U14 Invitational Project at Stratton:

The next 15 Girls and 15 Boys after the Eastern U14 Championship Team will be named to the U14 Invitational Project at Stratton.



Seeding Details: The U14 States will be seeded as follows: seeding will be based on Council rankings. The start lists will be based on a Council rotation as determined by a random draw by VARA. The second run start order will be the same as the first run (including the DSQ and DNF's). The council rotation will rotate for each event. The Shootout qualifiers will be seeded after the ranked qualifiers from council standings and in order they qualified at shootout.

The rotation of the councils has been drawn randomly. For 2014 the rotation is:

Slalom: Mid, South, North

GS: South, North, Mid

SG: North, Mid, South

Athletes that qualify from the U14 Shootout will run all runs in the order that they qualified and will run after the athletes who qualified through their council rankings.

The bib order will change slightly each day. (Please return your bibs each afternoon!)

Course Setters: Course setters and officials will be selected prior to the U14 States by the VARA Executive Director and VARA Youth Coordinator with input from the VARA AO Chair. Refs will be selected by the TD.

TD is Jere Brophy and will select the Jury Members.

Forerunners: Forerunners will be chosen by the host site

Training space at Burke is available on a first-come/first-served basis is \$500/session, which includes 10 athlete tickets and 1 complimentary coach's ticket. Additional tickets are \$45/each, with 1 additional complimentary coach's ticket per 6 athletes. Contact sdamon@burkemtnacademy.org to schedule.

Awards: The host site will present awards to the top 10 boys and girls in each event. There is no overall champion awarded at this level.

Parents Tickets may be purchased at the Shelburne Base Lodge.

Burke Mountain, Burke Mountain Academy and VARA expect all athletes to adhere to the VARA Code of Conduct. That is all athletes behave in a sportsman like 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. Athletes unable to adhere to these rules may be subject to disciplinary action.

Please contact diverson@burkemtnacademy.org with any questions.

We're excited to have you come to this great event! See you soon!

