

SOUTHERN VERMONT COUNCIL

2019-20 RULES



SVC

INTRODUCTION

The Southern Vermont Council is the governing body for children's-level ski racing in Southern Vermont. The Council is comprised of Program Directors and ski coaches from all seven ski racing programs (Bromley Outing Club, Magic Mountain, Mount Snow Training Center, Mount Snow Academy, Stratton Mountain School, Stratton Winter Sports Club, and Willard Mountain).

The purpose of the Council is to:

- Establish new and innovative approaches to ski racing in Southern Vermont that will be both beneficial and fun for all racers,
- Develop proposals and formulate recommendations for presentation to the Vermont Alpine Racing Association (VARA) and VARA's Alpine Competition Committees,
- Discuss and resolve specific race or racer-related issues,
- Establish the race schedule for the season,
- Provide awards for all racers named to the Council Teams for the U12 and U14 State Championships,
- Establish SVC selection methods for state and regional projects/events,
- To review Council, VARA, and US Ski & Snowboard rules and regulations governing ski racing and to formulate appropriate rules and regulations for the various age classes and all Council-sponsored races.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

Stratton Mountain School (SMS), Naga Kusumi -Chair; Bromley Outing Club (BOC), Amy Zimmer; Magic Mountain Ski Club (Magic), Chuck Robinsky; Mt Snow Academy (MSA), Peter Stokloza; Mt Snow Training Center (MSTC), Wayne Conn; Stratton Mountain School (SMS), Mike Morin; Stratton Winter Sports Club (SWSC), Robbin Gibson; Willard Mountain (Will), Jerry Korenowski;

VARA BOD Representatives Tom Parks (Stratton), Peter Stokloza (MSA), Lynne Sullivan (Mt Snow),
Trey Spencer (BOC), Brian Sherras (Bromley)

VARA CDC Representatives: Naga Kusumi (SMS-SVC Chairman); Sue Kramer (BOC)

Age Class Representatives: U14: Peter Benyk (MSA) U12: Trey Spencer (BOC) U10: Galen Kemp-MSTC

Program Directors: BOC-Amy Wetzel, Magic-Chuck Robinsky, MSA-Peter Stokloza, MSTC-Wayne Conn,
SMS - Mike Morin, SWSC - Robbin Gibson, Will - Dan Spigner

COUNCIL-SPONSORED RACES The Council sponsors two separate race series: the Betty Clayton U12 & U10 League Race Series and the Southern Vermont Council 14 Race Series. The Council also sponsors The U12 Meisterschaft.

A racers age. In keeping with US Ski & Snowboard rules a racers age is determined by how old the racer is on December 31st of the current racing season.

2019/20 Age Class by year of birth (YOB):

U19	2001-2003
U16	2004-2005
U14	2006-2007
U12	2008-2009
U10	2010-2012

Betty Clayton U12/U10 League Race Series:

The Betty Clayton U12/U10 League is for Junior racers ages 7-11 years of age (U12: 10-11 year olds-YOB 2008-09, U10: 7-9 year olds-YOB 2010-2012). In accordance with USSA & VARA rules, racers under 7 (YOB 2013 & younger) years of age may not compete in any US Ski & Snowboard or VARA event. These races are entry-level races in the SVC. The League was created to promote and sustain greater interest in ski racing and to make Council sponsored races more exciting and fun for all racers, regardless of ability. Age and ability appropriate races are scheduled for junior racers, with awards based on combined run times. Awards are given for the top 10 boys and top 10 girls in each U12 and U10 race.

The League is named in memory and honor of Betty Clayton, former Program Director of the Bromley Outing Club, in recognition of her tireless dedication and commitment to junior ski racing.

Southern Vermont Council U14 Race Series:

The Southern Vermont Council Race Series is designed for Junior racers 12-13 years of age interested in participating at a level of competition leading to State, Regional, and National Championships. Age-appropriate races are scheduled for the age class (U14: 12-13 yr olds-YOB 2006-07) racing in the Council Series. Awards are presented at each race based on combined run times. For each age group the top 10 boys and top 10 girls receive an award. All Southern Vermont Council eligible junior racers participating in the Council Series, providing they participate in at least two (2) of the competitive events (not including council camps), are eligible to compete for selection to the Council Teams for participation at the Vermont State Championships. Racers with YOB of 2006-07 named to the Council Team compete in the U14 State Championship.

A council approved PA (Petitioning Athlete) U12 or U16 competing in the Southern Vermont Council U14 Race Series may be selected to compete in the U14 state championships to represent the Southern Vermont Council with VARA & US Ski & Snowboard approval. PA's will not displace qualified U14 athletes.

For ease of use, all rules and regulations are arranged and presented by Race Series and, where appropriate, by age group classification.

Please refer to the VARA.org calendar for additional rules and requirements for Vermont children's racing.

BETTY CLAYTON U12/U10 LEAGUE RACE SERIES

JUNIORS 2008-2012 YOB

MEMBERSHIPS:

All racers must have current memberships in VARA (Vermont Alpine Racing Association) and have a competition membership from the US Ski & Snowboard. 'General' memberships can not be accepted at events. All racers must be affiliated with a council club or be a registered SVC Independent to be eligible for council standings and State Team selection. SVC Registered Independent racers that are not SVC club affiliated must pay an Independent Fee of \$25.00 to the SVC to race in the series.

EQUIPMENT:

Helmets: The SVC complies with all rules and regulations of US Ski & Snowboard and recommends the use of helmets at all times. The US Ski & Snowboard requires helmets to be worn by all racers at US Ski & Snowboard-sanctioned slalom, giant slalom, and SG races, and requires full ear protection (no open/soft ear helmets).

U10's racing in SVC events may not race in an exposed GS racing suit in U10 SVC events. Jackets and full pants (no shorts) are required.

GS Suits for U12: The first U12 race of the season will be without GS suits exposed. Terrain Camp is not counted as a race.

Athletes racing in the Clayton U12 series events must follow all current US Ski & Snowboard rules. These current standards can be found on [US Ski & Snowboard Rules](#).

RACES:

Seeding for Runs: The race field is divided into cells of equal size. 1 cell for each scheduled race for the season. The cells rotate the first run of each race to allow each cell of racers the opportunity to race in the first seed. Example: If you have 5 races scheduled for the season you would have 5 cells, A, B, C, D, E. In the first race cell A would go first then B, C, D, and E last. For the second race of the season cell B would go first then C, D, E, A, and so forth.

Skills Assessment Competition start orders will be a random draw conducted by the race host.

Second Run Start Order: Seeding for the second run will be reverse order of the first run. All finishers, DNF's, and DSQ's will included in the reversed start order. This includes dual events.

Second Run Start Time: Second run start time is determined by the host mountain. The second run typically begins one hour after the completion of the second run course set.

Number and Format: Race numbers and discipline to be determined at SVC spring meeting. All SVC U10/U12 slalom events will use 'stubbie' slalom gates. For SVC Skills Assessment events, US Ski & Snowboard's Skills Quest skills and scoring will be used. U10's will use Skills Quest Phase 2 skills. U12's will use Skills Quest Phase 3 skills. Skills Assessments will not count towards council standings.

Timing of Runs: Racers are individually timed on each run. All runs are electronically timed, with two back up timing systems used in accordance with US Ski & Snowboard timing guidelines.

Awards: Based on the combined time of both runs in slalom and giant slalom, and based on the overall score in the skills assessment. Awards will be presented to the top 10 boys and top 10 girls in the U12 and U10 age classes. Awards are the responsibility of the host club and must be presented within 30min of completion of the event. Clubs may not present Ribbons as awards.

Race Entry Fees: The host mountain may charge up to \$ 35.00 per racer for SL/GS, \$40.00 for SG/terrain camps, \$45 for dual events. Fees are payable to the host mountain or club. These fees do not include any necessary online surcharges required by website.

Submitting Race Results: SVC clubs hosting events are required to have all races 'coded' prior to the event, and results must be submitted to US Ski & Snowboard and VARA post-event.

Protocol for Parents: SVC has asked that parents be racer supporters on race days. In order to allow each racer some quiet time in the starting gate to mentally prepare for his or her run, to develop his/her own personal pre-race ritual, and to receive any last minute instructions from the coaches, it is important that the start area be as least distracting to the racer as possible. For this reason, parents are not allowed in the start area or race arena.

Parents, racers, and coaches are not allowed to enter timing buildings for any reason during a race. Only those individuals authorized by the host mountain are allowed in the timing building.

PICHE'S CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM: March 12-15, 2020

COUNCIL TEAM TO THE PICHE'S CHAMPIONSHIP: All U12 aged junior racers eligible to race in the Clayton U12 Race Series are eligible to compete for a position on the Southern Vermont Council Piche's Championship Team to represent the SVC at the Piche's Championships.

SCORING: Each individual run placing will count for one place point in the Clayton U12 Series SL, GS, & SG Events. At dual events days (2 races, 4 runs), only the combined time placing of each dual (2 scores/day) will be scored for standings. Individual runs will not be used at dual events. Skills day scoring will not be used for council standings.

QUALIFYING FOR THE PICHE'S CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM: The scoring will be based on one less than half (50%-1) of the racers lowest place points. If the season total is an odd number of runs, the amount of runs taken into consideration will be rounded down. Ties will be broken using the internal tie break method, then external.

- The number of female racers versus male racers chosen for the Piche's Championship Team will be based on the percentage of females versus males having started in the Clayton U12 race series after the 3rd council event.
- One less than half (50%-1) of the racers best results from the total runs contested in the SVC Series will determine that racers place point total.

NUMBER NAMED: The Piche's Organizers on an annual basis will determine the number of Vermont athletes named to the Piche's Championship Team. The quota is a VARA quota and will be divided equally among the three VARA Councils.

REQUIREMENTS FOR BEING NAMED TO THE PICHE'S TEAM: Racers must be members of VARA, US Ski & Snowboard, a member of a SVC affiliated club, or a SVC registered independent at the time of a competition for the competitions results to be used for the SVC Team calculations. An event may not be used retroactively for scoring if a racer registers for VARA after said event.

THE MEISTERSCHAFT Invitational: March 14-15, 2020

ELIGIBILITY: All SVC U12 junior racers are eligible and encouraged to race in the The Meisterschaft. It is an OPEN race and any U12 racer from any State registered with USSA is eligible.

EVENTS: The Meisterschaft is a two day SVC event. Saturday is a 2 dual GS races (1 in the AM, 1 in the PM) hosted by Magic Mountain. Sunday will be 2-run Stubbie Slalom hosted by Willard Mountain.

SCORING: The overall places of The Meisterschaft standings will be determined by New World Cup points. The best 2 races of the 3 Meisterschaft races (1 SL, Dual #1, Dual #2) will be counted for the Meisteschaft overall standings. Tie-Breaker will be the 3rd race, and if two tied racers do not have a third race, then the highest individual scoring race will break the tie.

ENTRY: Online at Adminskiracing.org. Host clubs will be responsible for posting race on Admin Ski Racing.

AWARDS: All athletes racing in The Meisterschaft are eligible for event and overall awards. Each host mountain will present unique and fun awards at the end of each event. 10 places overall for each race (3 races: 1 SL, 2 duals) will be awarded to men and women. The top 5 overall places for the Meisterschaft Series will be awarded at the end of the last event. The host club will supply each individual event award. Overall Meisterschaft awards will be supplied by the SVC.

U12 NY/VT INVITATIONAL PROJECT: March 27-29, 2020

COUNCIL TEAM TO THE U12 NY/VT Invitational Project: All U12 aged junior racers eligible to race in the Clayton U12 Race Series are eligible to compete for a position on the Southern Vermont Council U12 NY/VT SL Fundamentals Project team. VARA's quota (20m/20w) second year U12's (YOB-2008) will be distributed throughout the three VARA councils.

SCORING: Each individual run placing will count for one place point in the Clayton U12 Series SL, GS, & SG Events. At dual events days (2 races, 4 runs), only the combined time placing of each dual (2 scores/day) will be scored for standings. Individual runs will not be used at dual events. Skills day scoring will not be used for council standings.

QUALIFYING FOR THE U12 NY/VT INVITATIONAL PROJECT TEAM: The scoring will be based on one less than half (50%-1) of the racers lowest place points. If the season total is an odd number of runs, the amount of runs taken into consideration will be rounded down. Ties will be broken using the internal tie break method. If a tie still exists the external runs will be used.

- The number of female racers versus male racers chosen for the U12 NY/VT Invitational Project Team will be based on the percentage of females versus males having started in the Clayton U12 race series after the 3rd council event.
- One less than half (50%-1) of the racers best results from the total runs contested in the SVC Series will determine that racers place point total.

NUMBER NAMED: The U12 NY/VT Invitational Project Organizers, on an annual basis, will determine the number of Vermont athletes named to the U12 NY/VT Invitational Project Team. The quota is a VARA quota and will be divided equally among the three VARA Councils.

REQUIREMENTS FOR BEING NAMED TO THE U12 NY/VT INVITATIONAL PROJECT TEAM: Racers must be members of VARA, US Ski & Snowboard, a member of a SVC affiliated club, or a SVC registered independent at the time of a competition for the competitions results to be used for the SVC Team calculations. An event may not be used retroactively for scoring if a racer registers for VARA after said event.

SOUTHERN VERMONT COUNCIL U14 RACE SERIES

JUNIORS 2006-2007 YOB

MEMBERSHIPS:

All racers must have current memberships in VARA (Vermont Alpine Racing Association) and have a competition membership from the US Ski & Snowboard. All racers must be affiliated with a council club or be a registered SVC Independent to be eligible for council standings and State Team selection. SVC Registered Independent racers that are not SVC club affiliated must pay an Independent Fee of \$25.00 to the SVC to race in the series.

EQUIPMENT:

All equipment must meet the current US Ski & Snowboard ([US Ski & Snowboard Rules](#)) requirements.

Helmets: The SVC complies with all rules and regulations of the US Ski & Snowboard and recommends the use of helmets at all times. US Ski & Snowboard requires FIS Approved helmets to be worn by all racers at USSA-sanctioned giant slalom, downhill, and super giant slalom races, and requires full ear protection (no open/soft ear helmets) for GS, SG, & DH events. SVC recommends the use of a 'face-bar' in slalom events.

Athletes racing in the SVC U14 series events must follow all current US Ski & Snowboard equipment guidelines. GS Skis must be used for SVC U14 'Dual GS' events. Slalom Skis are recommended for 'Dual SL' events.

RACES:

Races: SVC will run two timed runs each race day for slalom and giant slalom events. The series should include giant slalom, duals, slalom, and super-g events.

Second Run Start Time: Second run start time is determined by the host mountain. The second run typically begins one hour after the completion of the second run course set.

Seeding for Runs-U14: The start order for the 1st run of the first 2 council events will be determined by a random draw conducted by the event organizer. Council standings after the first 2 events will be used as the start order for the remainder of the council events with the top 15 athletes in those standings drawn at random by the event organizer.

Second Run Start Order: Seeding for the second run will be reverse order of the first run. All finishers, DNF's, and DSQ's will included in the reversed start order. This includes dual events.

Number and Format: Recommended: giant slaloms, duals, slaloms, Super-G. SVC will run 2 SG runs on the SG race day (weather permitting): 1 untimed training run, 1 timed race run. SVC will use 'age appropriate' U14 slalom gates (60" OTS height, 27mm thickness) for all SVC U14 slalom events.

Timing of Runs: Racers are individually timed on each run. All runs are electronically timed, with two back up timing systems always used in accordance with US Ski & Snowboard timing guidelines.

AWARDS: Based on the combined time of the two runs in slalom and giant slalom, and one run in SG. Awards will be presented to the top 10 boys and top 10 girls. Each individual run placing and the combined time placing will count toward council standings. The Super-G will count as one score. Each duals race will have one council score (combined result). Awards are the responsibility of the individual clubs and must be presented within 30min of completion of the event. Ribbons may not be presented as awards

RACE ENTRY FEES: The host mountain may charge up to \$ 35.00 per racer for SL/GS, \$40.00 for SG, \$45 for dual events. Fees are payable to the host mountain or club. These fees do not include any necessary online surcharges required by registration website.

SUBMITTING TO USSA: SVC clubs hosting events must have all races 'coded' prior to the event, and results must be submitted to US Ski & Snowboard and VARA post-event.

Protocol for Parents: SVC has asked that parents be racer supporters on race days. In order to allow each racer some quiet time in the starting gate to mentally prepare for his or her run, to develop his/her own personal pre-race ritual, and to receive any last minute instructions from the coaches, it is important that the start area be as least distracting to the racer as possible. For this reason, parents are not allowed in the start area.

Parents, racers, and coaches are not allowed to enter timing buildings for any reason during a race. Only those individuals authorized by the host mountain are allowed in the timing building.

SOUTHERN VERMONT COUNCIL U14 STATE TEAM

Okemo, VT: March 5-8, 2020

COUNCIL TEAM TO THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP: All Junior U14 racers eligible to race in the Southern Vermont Council League U14 Race Series are eligible to compete for a position on the Southern Vermont Council Team to represent the Council at the Vermont U14 State Championship.

SCORING: Each runs placing and the combined time placing will each count for one place point each in U14 Council Series Events (3 scores for SL/GS events, 1 score for SG). At SVC dual events, only the combined time placing of a dual will be scored for standings. Individual runs will not be used at dual events. SG Race scoring will be based on the overall standings of the 'race run' for 1 possible score.

QUALIFYING FOR THE COUNCIL TEAM: The scoring will be based on one less than half (50%-1) of the racers lowest place points. If the season scoring total is an odd number of runs, the amount of runs taken into consideration will be rounded down. Ties will be broken using the internal tie break method. If a tie still exists the external runs will be used.

- The number of female racers versus male racers chosen for the SVC Team will be based on the percentage of females versus males having started in the SVC race series after the 3rd council event.
- One less than half (50%-1) of the sum of the racer's best finishes will determine that racers place point total.

EASTERN CHAMPIONSHIPS AUTOMATIC SELECTIONS:

- SVC has 2 available spots for the Eastern Championships. The #1 ranked male and #1 ranked female in the SVC U14 standings after the last event will be selected as the SVC Eastern Championship Automatics.

NUMBER NAMED: The number of boys and number of girls named to the Team will be determined by the VARA on an annual basis. The selection will be based on council % within VARA.

REQUIREMENTS FOR BEING NAMED TO THE COUNCIL TEAM: Racers must be members of VARA, US Ski & Snowboard, a member of a SVC affiliated club, or a SVC registered independent at the time of a competition for the competitions results to be used for the SVC Team calculations. An event may not be used retroactively for scoring if a racer registers for VARA after said event.

PICHE'S CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM: Gunstock, NH. March 12-15, 2020

COUNCIL TEAM TO THE PICHE'S CHAMPIONSHIP: All U14 aged junior racers eligible to race in the 'VARA U14 State Shootout' are eligible to compete for a position on the Southern Vermont Council Piche's Championship Team to represent the SVC at the Piche's Championships.

SCORING: Scoring to determine standings will be based on the current VARA's U14 Shootout scoring method.

QUALIFYING FOR THE PICHE'S CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM: Athletes must have started in at least 2 council series to compete in the VARA U14 Shootout. The next (number TBD by VARA) U14 athletes that have not been selected to compete in the U14 VT State Championship from the U14 Shootout, will be selected to attend the Piche's Invitational regardless of council affiliation. If an athlete declines their selection, the next athlete on the Shootout Standings list will be selection. VARA will go down the list to fill the quota.

NUMBER NAMED: The Piche's Organizers on an annual basis will determine the number of Vermont athletes named to the Piche's Championship Team. The quota is a VARA quota.

REQUIREMENTS FOR BEING NAMED TO THE PICHE'S TEAM: Racers must be members of VARA, US Ski & Snowboard, a member of a SVC affiliated club, or a SVC registered independent at the time of a competition for the competitions results to be used for the SVC Team calculations. An event may not be used retroactively for scoring if a racer registers for VARA after said event.

U14 NY/VT INVITATIONAL PROJECT: Stratton, VT. March 19-20, 2020

COUNCIL TEAM TO THE U14 NY/VT Invitational Project: All U14 aged junior racers that have qualified to race in the Vermont U14 State Championships are eligible to compete for a position on the VARA U14 NY/VT Invitational team. VARA's quota (30).

SCORING: To be determined by VARA. Go to www.VARA.org for current scoring methods.

U14 ShredFest PROJECT: West Mountain, NY. March 21-22, 2020

State TEAM TO THE U14 ShredFest (Eastern Final) Project: All U14 aged junior racers that have qualified to race in the Vermont U14 State Championships are eligible to compete for a position on the VARA U14 ShredFest (Eastern Final) Project team. VARA's quota (TBA).

SCORING: To be determined by VARA. Go to www.VARA.org for current scoring method.

GENERAL

- Coaches are to encourage all racers to read the mountain rules sheet and to follow all area rules.
- Coaches are to actively encourage all racers and parents to attend the awards presentations at each Council-sponsored race.
- Emphasis should be placed on free skiing time after the race. The method used to permit free skiing and access to the lifts after a race is to be determined by each host mountain.
- The Council recommends that all coaches working in programs be a certified referee and hold a current Basic First Aid and CPR card.

MEMBERSHIPS:

- All programs/clubs must be "current" members of VARA and the US Ski & Snowboard and have current year memberships.
- All programs/clubs must have paid SVC dues by scheduled date.
- All coaches attending SVC events must be current members of VARA and US Ski & Snowboard.
- All programs/clubs must supply the Council Chair a list of active coaches prior to December 15th. This list will be used as the 'Coaches Ticket' list for all SVC events. Names not on this list may not receive a complementary race day ticket.
- Each mountain is responsible for assuring that all of its racers are members of VARA and US Ski & Snowboard and that all of its coaches are members of VARA and US Ski & Snowboard.
- The names, email addresses, and cell phone numbers of all Program Directors, Head Coaches, Head Age Class Coaches, and, at the discretion of the Program Director, other program coaches, should be sent to the Council Chair as early as possible at the start of the season (but no later than December 15th) so that a Southern Vermont Council Directory can be prepared and distributed to all Program Directors.

RACE REQUIREMENTS:

Seeding:

U14

- Random draw of field for 1st two races, council standings for the remainder of the season with the top-15 athletes in the council standings randomly drawn by event host RA.
- Reverse 1st run start order for the 2nd run in all U14 SVC Council races, including duals.

U12/U10 SVC Events

- Modified Brown Bibbo is to be used.
 - Brown Method is to be used for the first run at all SVC Council races.
 - The race field is to be divided into cells of equal size based on the total number of races scheduled for each age group. The cells are to be rotated the first run of each race to allow each racer the opportunity to race in the first seed. After each race, the first cell is to be moved to the end of the start order and the second cell moved up the first seed (e.g., first race: A-B-C-D-E, second race: B-C-D-E-A, third race: C-D-E-A-B, etc.)
 - U12/U10's will reverse the start order for the second run.

Start Cadence:

- The start cadence used for Super-G, giant slalom, and slalom must be consistent with those of US Ski & Snowboard & FIS.

Course Length/Set:

- The length of the course for Clayton U12/U10 League and Council U14 races must be consistent with US Ski & Snowboard age guidelines in effect at the time.
- Setting distances and gate counts must be consistent with US Ski & Snowboard age guidelines in effect at the time.

Flex Gates:

- Age appropriate gates (60" OTS FIS-B) are to be used for all U12 & U14 tall gate slalom events. Giant slalom will have US Ski & Snowboard approved panels with two flex gates. Single gate (no outside gate) giant slalom is permitted in accordance with current US Ski & Snowboard rules
- Slalom - inside flex gate. Single pole slalom (no outside gate) is permitted in accordance with current US Ski & Snowboard rules

Sanctioned Races:

- U10, U12, U14 races must be sanctioned by US Ski & Snowboard.

Jury:

- A jury is certified required (TD, Referee and Chief of Race) at all SVC events and Clayton League events, and there should be at least one US Ski & Snowboard Level 3 official on the jury and or race committee.
- All course setters for all age class racing must be at least a US Ski & Snowboard Level-1 updated/current referee.
- Jury and Course setter selection must be made prior to the day of the race. All jury should join the course set crew to approve the course and hill.
- SVC will abide by current US Ski & Snowboard rules.

Coaches' Meeting:

- A coaches' meeting must be held prior to the start of the first run of each race. One coach from each program is to attend the meeting as well as a representative for any independent racers. Attendance must be taken by Chief of Race and submitted to the TD.

RACE RESULTS:

- A copy of the Split Second Race or Vola results file must be sent to the Council Chair and the standings scorer within a day of the race, which include race results (first run, second run, and combined times for both boys and girls), and must be sent to the Council Chair within a day of hosting a race so that a consolidated record of all Council races and results can be maintained.
- Maintenance of an up-to-date race results file is extremely important for the naming of Council Teams to the State Championships, for selection of racers for participation at VARA and US Ski & Snowboard camps, etc.

ADDING/RESCHEDULING RACES DURING THE SEASON:

- The addition or rescheduling of a race in the Council schedule requires the Program Director of the mountain seeking to add/change a race to notify the Council Chair and a poll all of the Program Directors as to whether the race should be added/changed, would be taken. Majority vote rules.
- The Program Director of the mountain seeking to add/change a race will be informed by the Council Chair of the outcome of any vote taken.

INJURY CLAUSE:

- The SVC will make a decision on all Injury Petitions on an individual basis.
- SVC will decide the validity of the petition. If a petition has been determined to be valid, then the position in the SVC Series Standings will then be determined. The athlete will then be placed in the current standings.
- Any injury petition must be accompanied by a doctors' note at a minimum.
- The injury petition must be submitted to the SVC council chair at least 5 days prior to the last SVC Series event in the age class to let the SVC have time to review and decide on the outcome.
- Petitions may only be submitted by the Program Director of the club that the athlete is registered with.
- The Program Directors will have 48 hours from the time of the petition distribution to vote.
- The Majority vote will determine the petition outcome, regardless of number of votes cast.
- Injury petitions may only be submitted for inclusion in to the VARA State Shootout.

SVC RACING OUT OF AGE CLASS POLICIES AND PROCEDURES (Petitioning Athlete-PA):

- In order for an athlete to race out of age class, the PA procedure must be followed.
 - PA Procedure:
 - The Program Director interested in having one of their athletes race out of age class is to contact the Council Chair via email and provide a written rationale or justification for the PA request with supporting evidence by December 15th.
 - The PA request can also come from the Program's Head Coach, but only after consultation with and approval by the Program Director.
 1. Letters submitted directly via email to the Council Chair from the racer's parent(s) or coach will not be considered.
 2. The Council Chair will distribute the PA request with evidence to each SVC Program Director.
 - The PA request should consider the following:
 1. Physical Maturity/Condition 2. Mental Maturity 3. Training Age.
 - Each Program Director will then vote once for one of the following or ask for more information:
 1. **Yes.** Voting 'yes' is stating that the Program Director approves the PA Request for an athlete to ski out of age class.
 2. **No.** Voting 'no' is stating that the Program Director does not approve the PA Request for the athlete to ski out of age class and should remain in their respective age group.
 3. **More information.** A Program Director may ask for more information regarding the athlete
 - The Program Directors will have 48 hours to respond with a vote.
 - The majority rules.
 1. The decision on the PA will be made without consideration for the number of votes cast within the two day voting period.
 2. The petitioning Program will be considered a 'Yes' vote.
 - The Council Chairman will vote only in the event of a tie.
 - The outcome of the vote will be reported back to all Program Directors.
 1. The voting is public and all votes submitted by the Program Directors will be attached to the decision.
 2. U14 and U12 PA ski-down's are granted by the council without VARA CDC approval.
 3. Skiing-ups and U16 PA ski-down's must be approved by the VARA CDC after council approval.
 - Considerations in PA Voting:
 - Program Directors voting on an Out of Age Class request should consider the following when reviewing the request.
 1. Is the athlete in question an 'exceptional' athlete?
 2. Will racing out of age class help this athlete further their development?
 3. Does the request meet one of the 3 PA Considerations? 1. Physical Maturity/Condition 2. Mental Maturity 3. Training Age.
 - If the PA request is approved by VARA, the PA may immediately compete in the next age class.
 - The athlete is then considered to be a member of the new age class and may not race in both aged class series.
 - U14's may not race 'up' into the U16 age class.

PA Guidelines:

- Out of age class racers (PA's) will be eligible to receive awards and have their names and times included on the race results and will be part of the series standings.
- U12 & U16 racers racing with U14's in the Southern Vermont Council League Race Series are eligible for selection to the U14 Council Team for the U14 State Championship.
- U16 PA's skiing with the U14's are not eligible for Eastern Championship Selection or the Piche's Invitational
- U14 PA's skiing with the U12's are not eligible for the Piche's Invitational or U12 Invitational SL Project.
- U14's are not eligible to 'ski up' with the U16's.

OUT OF COUNCIL RACERS:

The intent of allowing out of Council racers to participate in Council-sponsored races is to further the sport of ski racing. Customarily, out of Council racers are also racers from out of state.

The inclusion of an out of Council racer in a Council-sponsored race occurs on an infrequent basis. In some cases, an out of Council program may want to send a limited number of its racers to a Council-sponsored race to test the waters or to have its racers gain additional race experience. In other cases, a racer may be visiting a program to determine if he or she wants to join that program. If the visit coincides with a time that a race has been scheduled, the visiting racer may want the opportunity to participate in a race with his/her future teammates.

The following rules apply to those limited number of cases involving an out of Council racer.

- Out of Council racers or a representing coach can petition the SVC Chair to enter a Council-sponsored U14, U12 race. Out of Council guests are not permitted in SVC U10 events.
- The number of Out of Council racers allowed will be limited to 6.
- The SVC Chair will request a vote from the SVC to determine participation.
- Out of Council racers must meet the same US Ski & Snowboard membership requirements as SVC and Clayton League racers, and have a valid competitor's license.
- A VARA membership or a State governing body membership is required for all out of Council guest racers.
- The membership status of non-Council racers must be determined when arrangements are being made for the inclusion of the racer(s) in a Council-sponsored race.
- Out of Council racers must have coach representation at the Team Captains meeting.
- Out of Council racers are to be seeded at the end of the first cell (U12's) or included in the random draw (U14's) for the first run of the specific race day. If more than 1 out of council guest is entered in the race, each athlete will be placed at the end of each cell or all included in the random draw. Second run start order will be based on the specific second run start order used in that age class.
- The out of Council racer's time(s), finish place, and home program/mountain are to appear on all published race results.
- Out of Council racers, regardless of run times and finish places, are eligible to receive awards.
- All out of Council racers must be excluded from all calculations of place points for selection of the Council Teams. Place points for each run must be calculated as if the out of Council racer(s) did not participate in the race.