

SOUTHERN VERMONT COUNCIL

2020-21 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 Wetzel; Magic Mountain Ski Club (Magic), Chuck Robinsky; Mt Snow Academy (MSA), Peter Stokloza -Vice Chair; 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 League Race Series and the Southern Vermont Council 14 Race Series.

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.

2020/21 Age Class by year of birth (YOB):

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| U19 | 2002-2004 |
| U16 | 2005-2006 |
| U14 | 2007-2008 |
| U12 | 2009-2010 |
| U10 | 2011-2013 |

Betty Clayton U12 League Race Series: (No U10 races for 2020/21 due to Covid guideline from US Ski and Snowboard)

The Betty Clayton U12 League is for Junior racers ages 10-11 years of age (U12: 10-11 year olds-YOB 2009-10. In accordance with USSA & VARA rules, racers under 7 (YOB 2014 & 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.

U12 Race shall start on or after March 1, 2021.

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 2007-08) 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.

U14 State Championships – TBD as of Feb 1, 2021

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 LEAGUE RACE SERIES

JUNIORS 2009-2010 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.

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).

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-U12:

- The race field is divided into cells by clubs. Clubs (and athletes within the club) are placed on alphabetical order.

For example:

-First run; Start order by clubs (Alphabetical order by Club names, Last name of athletes)

-Second run; Full flip

1st Race/Stratton (BOC, Magic, MSA, MSTC, SWSC) per gender

2nd Race/Magic (SWSC, BOC, Magic, MSA, MSTC) per gender

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.

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. Awards will be presented to the top 10 boys and top 10 girls in the U12 age classes.

No award ceremony will take place due to Covid protocol.

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:

State of Vermont does not allow spectators at practices or events. Section 9.1 of the ACCD Restart Guidelines states. (per Vermont Snowsports Competition Guidance)

"Prohibit spectators; only "key personnel" – players, coaches and staff – are allowed to attend team-based activities.

- Guardians must wait in their vehicles and to avoid socializing with other guardians at practices."

Furthermore, the guidance links to the Snow Sports Competition Rules developed by our working group which further states: "Spectators and visitors shall not be allowed."

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 RACE SERIES

JUNIORS 2007-2008 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

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 and slalom 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.

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Awards: Based on the combined time of both runs in slalom and giant slalom. Awards will be presented to the top 10 boys and top 10 girls in the U14.

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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.

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SOUTHERN VERMONT COUNCIL U14 STATE TEAM

-To be decided

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. – SVC dues are waived for 2020-21
- 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 February 5th. This list will be used as the 'Coaches Ticket' list for all SVC events. Names not on this list may not receive a complimentary 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 February 5th) so that a Southern Vermont Council Directory can be prepared and distributed to all Program Directors.

RACE REQUIREMENTS:

Seeding:

U14 SVC Events

- The race field is divided into cells by clubs. Clubs (and athletes within the club) are placed on alphabetical order.
- Reverse 1st run start order for the 2nd run in all U14 SVC Council races, including duals.

U12 SVC Events

- The race field is divided into cells by clubs. Clubs (and athletes within the club) are placed on alphabetical order.
- U12 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 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 gates 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:

- 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 Virtual Team Captain's 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):

No PA will be accepted for 2020-21

PA Guidelines:

No PA will be accepted for 2020-21

OUT OF COUNCIL RACERS:

No out of council racers will be accepted for 2020-21

