Below is a review of the comprehensive benefits of being a part of the Vermont Alpine Racing Association (VARA). Your membership extends beyond the slopes, offering opportunities and support to enhance members' alpine experience and ensure quality developmental programming. Here's a breakdown of the multifaceted benefits our members may enjoy.

Competition Access & Scheduling:
VARA provides a challenging, competitive platform from local races to regional and national competitions. Organizing a race schedule of over 130 events, including U14, U10, and U12 projects focused on skill development. VARA's schedule is a competitive pipeline for regional and national events.
** As per the National Governing Body, US Ski and Snowboard (USS), any competitor involved in a VT program must be a VARA member to participate in USS-sanctioned events and competitions.*

Financial Assistance:
VARA is proud to be a supportive force in our members' alpine journeys. We distribute financial assistance to our members annually through various avenues: last season, we provided $45,000 in financial support to all ages.

- **Merit Awards**: Recognizing outstanding achievement and performance on the slopes.
- **Athletic Grants**: Providing support to help ensure that financial consideration does not hinder participation and progress.
- **In-Season Travel Funding**: Assistance to ease the financial burden of travel expenses for post-season competitive events during the racing season.
- **U12 and Under Support:** Tailored assistance to nurture talent and ease the financial burden on our U12 and under-athletes.

Coach and Alpine Officials Education:
VARA is committed to the continual growth and development of our members. Providing educational opportunities and initiatives focusing on coaching and officiating in alpine racing. VARA ensures that our members and volunteers can contribute to the overall excellence of our alpine community.

Youth Development Projects:
VARA organizes and works with our member clubs to execute youth development projects that are open to all. These projects allow the membership to engage in initiatives that enhance development and foster a sense of community and teamwork among our young athletes.

Community and Lifestyle:
VARA is more than an association; it's a community of like-minded individuals passionate about alpine racing. This supportive community celebrates its members' achievements, provides encouragement during challenges, and shares the joy of the alpine lifestyle.

Informative Website:
Stay informed and empowered with VARA's resources:
- Event calendars, information, training tips, and alpine racing news. www.vara.org
- VARA's website is a valuable tool for checking membership status, access rules, and current events.
- Provides USS Eastern and National important links that provide a complete communication loop.

Link Between Members, National Governing Body, and Eastern Region:
VARA provides a vital link, connecting our members with the National Governing Body and the Eastern Region. Stay in the loop with the broader Alpine community, accessing resources, information, and collaborative opportunities beyond our local sphere.