# Francis Piche Invitational

Gunstock Mountain Resort - March 11-15, 2020

*Ski Good, Have Fun!*

Congratulations on qualifying for the 2020 Francis Piche Invitational! We look forward to welcoming you, and all the other U12 and U14 athletes from the USSA Eastern region, to Gunstock for an exciting weekend of racing.

Please visit the Gunstock Ski Club website for schedule updates and links to online registration.

http://www.gunstockskiclub.com/francispiche

**NEW:** A Dual SL and Team event will be hosted on Friday. See the Dual SL and Team Event page for details.

## Schedule

*The entry fee includes a lunch ticket for each day.*

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| Mar 11<br>Wednesday | Slalom Training Day<br>*Optional* | $80 |
| Mar 12<br>Thursday | GS Training Day<br>*Optional* | $80 |
| Mar 13<br>Friday | **NEW: Dual Slalom and Team Race**<br>*SL and GS training options available on adjacent trails* | $160 |
| Mar 14<br>Saturday | Francis Piche Championship GS | |
| Mar 15<br>Sunday | Paul Ladouceur Championship SL | $80 |

## Requirements

USSA Youth Competitor License class U12 or U14, Invitation from one of 9 divisions within USSA Eastern Region.

## Entry Procedure

The divisional coordinators submit seeded entry lists to the Race Administrator (race@gunstockskiclub.com) no later than Wednesday, March 12. The sooner the list is submitted the easier it is to resolve issues that arise. Qualified athletes register online by March 12 at adminskiracing.com

## Contact Information

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| Race Administrator | Scott Wilkinson (race@gunstockskiclub.com) |
| Chief of Race | Steve Howe |
| GSC Program Director | Josh Bedard |

## Race Location

Gunstock Ski Club, Gunstock Mountain Resort
719 Cherry Valley Road
Gilford, NH 03249

The race headquarters is in the GSC clubhouse at the base of the Cannonball race trail. The clubhouse is open to all athletes and families. Tuning and waxing facilities, courtesy of Piche's Ski & Sports, available in the basement from 7:30 am to 5 pm.

Bank of New Hampshire
Celebrating 30 Years Belknap Landscape Co. Inc.
Cantin Chevrolet — When Other Dealers Can't...Cantin Can!
Fratello's Italian Grille
U.S. Elite Camps — Train, Play, Smile

## Coaches

Each division can designate 8 coaches to the event. That said, we want each athlete to have the opportunity to be represented by a coach from their home mountain. If a division needs additional coaches to meet this objective, then please indicate this when sending the coach list to the race administrator. Divisional coordinators are asked to have coaches attending the event register online via adminskiracing.com (same registration site used by athletes). There is no cost for registration; an adminskiracing.com account is required.

Coach tickets are available each day at the race registration desk. Coaches MUST present a current USSA coach membership ID to sign-in, receive a complimentary ticket, and access to the hill.

Referee and Course Set assignments are set at the Team Captains Meeting on Friday. Each division will designate 2 team captains (per age group) to sign meeting minutes.

Updates to the event schedule are announced at the Team Captains Meeting each day.

## Sign-in and Bibs

Athletes receive event bibs and other schwag when they sign-in (Thursday afternoon or Friday Morning). The event bib received at sign-in for all races. The same run order will be used for the Dual SL Qualification Round, GS, and SL.

## Lodging and Meals

Please visit www.gunstock.com for information on lodging and meal accommodations.

## Tickets

Parent/Family Lift Tickets are available in the Season Pass Office, Main Lodge.

## Dogs

We love dogs, but for the safety of both dogs and skiers, dogs are not allowed on the snow. This is a Gunstock Mountain policy. Service dogs with a vest are always permitted.

## Code of Conduct

Athletes will conduct themselves in conformance with the guidelines presented in the USSA Competition Guide. Athletes, coaches, and parents will respect the venue, mountain staff, coaches, officials, race workers and racers at all times. Thank you.

## Apparel

This year Francis Piche Invitational apparel can be pre-ordered online. A link to the online-store will be provided here when it becomes available.

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## Schedule of Events

Changes to the schedule are announced each day at the Team Captain Meeting.

## Wednesday, March 11, SL Training Day
## Thursday, March 12, GS Training Day

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|---|---|---|
| 8:00 am | Registration | GSC Clubhouse |
| 9:00 am | Coach/Athlete Meeting | GSC Clubhouse |
| 9:30 am - 11:30 am | On Snow | |
| 11:30 pm - 12:30 pm | Lunch Break | |
| 12:30 pm - 3 pm | On Snow | |
| 1 pm - 4 pm (on Thursday) | Registration for Fri/Sat | |
| 4:00 pm | ***Team Captains Meeting for Dual SL*** | GSC Clubhouse (top floor) |

## Friday, March 13, Dual SL Team Race

U12 and U14 on Tiger

All athletes use the Ramrod quad chairlift to access the race venue

Per ARC U1233, when a parallel event rule is not defined SL Rules will be applied

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| 7:00 am | Lift Opens for Jury and Coaches | |
| 7:30 am | Registration Opens | GSC Clubhouse |
| 8:15 am | Team Captains Meeting | At the Start |
| 8:30 am | Lifts Open for Athletes | |
| 8:35 - 9:05 am | Inspection Entry Window | |
| 9:15 am | Inspection Closes | |
| 9:30 am | Qualification Round Run 1 Starts | |
| 10:50 am | Qualification Round Run 2 Starts | This is an approximate time. |
| 11:00 - 1:00 pm | Lunch | Tent at bottom of Tiger; Ticket Required |
| 12:00 pm | Training Courses Open | Courses on Cannonball Trail |
| 12:30 pm | Qualification Round Ends | Results posted on Scoreboard, Clubhouse, Live-Timing |
| 1:30 pm | Team Event Starts | |
| 3:30 pm | Awards[1] | Main Lodge |
| 4:00 pm | ***Team Captains Meeting for Saturday and Sunday*** | Main Lodge, Pistol Pub (top floor) |

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## Saturday, March 14, Championship GS

U12 on Tiger
U14 on Cannonball
All athletes use the Tiger triple chairlift

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|---|---|---|
| 7:00 am | Lift open to Jury and Coaches | |
| 8:00 am | Registration | GSC Clubhouse |
| 8:00 am | Team Captains Meeting | ***(location TBD)*** |
| 8:15 am | Lift Opens to Athletes | Use the Tiger Chair |
| 8:30 am - 9:00 am | Inspection Entry Window | Entry closes at 9:15 am |
| 9:30 am | First Run Start | |
| 11:00 - 12:45 pm | Lunch | Tent at bottom of Tiger; Ticket Required |
| 30 min. after the last racer | Awards[2] | Main Lodge |

## Sunday, March 15, Championship SL

U12 on Tiger use the Ramrod quad chairlift
U14 on Cannonball use the Tiger triple chairlift

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|---|---|---|
| 7:00 am | Lift open to Jury and Coaches | |
| 8:00 am | Registration | GSC Clubhouse |
| 8:00 am | Team Captains Meeting | ***(location TBD)*** |
| 8:15 am | Lift Opens to Athletes | |
| 8:30 am - 9:00 am | Inspection Entry Window | Entry closes at 9:15 am |
| 9:30 am | First Run Start | |
| 11:00 - 12:45 pm | Lunch | Tent at bottom of Tiger; Ticket Required |
| 30 min. after the last racer | Awards[2][3] | Main Lodge |

[1] Awards presented for the qualification round to the top 10 places, using combined 2-run time, for each gender and age group, and to the top 3 teams from the team event.
[2] Awards presented to the top 10 places, using combined 2-run time, for each gender and age group.
[3] GS and SL Team awards presented on Sunday, scoring based on 2-run combined results from GS and SL events.