



2016/2017 Start of Season Edition

and

Membership Renewal Package



From the President's Corner...

By Dan Simmons
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Fall seems to be happening, but as I write it's 90 degrees here in Davis. Last week we woke up in Tuolumne Meadows with ice inside the windows of the VW Vanagon—go figure. I've seen reports (and pictures) of snow on Mt. Rose. Some areas plan to open as early as November 11. Notwithstanding the weather, your Board is actively planning for the 2016-17 race season.

Our schedule guru Mike Braun has put together an exciting season with 26 races that includes a speed week at Mammoth and an expanded three day event at Heavenly Valley. We kick off at Mammoth the first weekend of December right after Pierre's annual December camp, followed by Alpine meadows December 17-18. The Board has decided to score January's Viva Italia Cup on the basis of both Friday slaloms and Saturday's GS. Also mark the dates for the USSA Masters Nationals at Mammoth, March 13-18. We've added two SG's and two GS's at Northstar. Northstar is developing a race arena off the Vista chair, which is a great race hill for us. Ron and I will celebrate our birthdays at the Squaw Valley finals the first weekend of April. Overall it looks like a great season—all we need is lots of snow but with sunshine on race days.

As described in detail in this edition, the new FIS helmet rules will apply to Masters this year. To race GS or faster you must have a helmet with an approved FIS sticker (although I can attest from experience that landing your head right on the sticker does not prevent serious concussions). We anticipate that race officials will enforce the rule at the start. Slalom helmets are ok for slalom only.

Signing up for memberships will be easier through SkiRaceReg—thanks to Deb Lewis for getting that set up. Details are in this edition of the Forerunner. Also short term licenses will be available on-line through USSA. The deadline for USSA renewal without added fees is October 15, so don't delay.

We need more officials (which is fun). Far West will be putting on officials clinics the weekend of November 5-6 at Squaw Valley. Limited information is at <http://www.fwskiing.us/#Fall+Convention>. It's interesting to learn what it takes to put on our races. We'll forward more information by email when we have it. The Referee course is on Sunday, November 6. The Board has agreed to continue reimbursing race fees for people who serve as officials.

The open class worked well last year, with over 20 participants in the open class and tight competition for leader bibs down to the season finals. The Board is creating perpetual trophies to honor men and women open class winners each year.

Financially the organization is in good shape thanks to the eagle eye accounting of our Treasurer, Ray Tulloch, and we have been granted rulings from the Internal Revenue Service and California Franchise Tax Board approving our status as a charitable organization eligible to receive deductible charitable contributions.

That's it—see you in December,

Dan

Step by step guide to FWM Racing

Looking forward to the start of another new season of ski racing? Please take a few minutes to review this step by step guide to make sure you ready for the first races at Mammoth on December 3rd and 4th.

Please read these instructions carefully, as some details have changed since last year.

In order to compete in any Far West Masters ski race you must first complete these three easy steps:

1. Hold a current USSA Masters License, or register for a short-term license. You cannot compete in any FWM event without this. This must be done online at <http://my.ussa.org/membership/start>
2. Be a current member of the Far West Masters, or a drop-in guest for the day of race. In order to be eligible in the FWM season standings you must be a current member. You are encouraged to renew or join online at skiracereg.com/fw. It is also possible to renew using the form on page 10, which can also be found at http://farwestmasters.org/docs/membership/2017/FWM_Membership_Application_2017.pdf. Completed forms should be mailed by USPS to Mary Feddis at the address on the form by **November 13th** for renewing members.
3. Register for the races you want to participate in. This can be done either online at <http://skiracereg.com/fw> or by mail. Instructions for the race entry process can be found at <http://farwestmasters.org/services/raceentries>. The 2016-2017 race schedule can be found at <http://farwestmasters.org/raceinfo/current/schedule>.

Step 1 - USSA Masters License

A USSA Alpine Masters competition license should be obtained by all competitors participating on a regular basis in Far West Masters division races. A full masters license is required in order to compete in Regional or National championship events as well as for international masters competitions.

For racers who wish to compete only in a specific competition, a short-term one day license may be obtained online at <http://my.ussa.org/membership/start>. Your first short-term one day license must be applied for online. Short-term licenses for subsequent days in the same season can be arranged by calling USSA membership. Short-term USSA memberships are now unlimited in quantity, and may be purchased for \$15 per race day. A full season competition license is now \$90, which is a reduction from last year.

The deadline for USSA Masters renewal is October 15th, after which a late fee of \$25 will be payable.

For more information about USSA membership and competition licenses, visit the USSA Membership page at my.ussa.org/membership/start.

Competitors MUST also provide proof of primary medical insurance coverage with their USSA annual or short-term license application.

Step 2 – Far West Masters membership

Membership in the Far West Masters is required if you race more than one weekend in the season. Your Far West Masters membership includes a permanently assigned stretch racing bib, detailed race schedule, our regularly published newsletter, and eligibility for season awards. Full details for membership renewal can be found on page 6 or online at <http://farwestmasters.org/info/membership>. Please remember that renewals are due by November 13th, 2016.

Step 3 - Race Entry Process

One of the fundamental processes of our Far West Masters racing operations is getting racer entries into the race organizer's computer system so we have competitor start lists and can run the timing systems on race day. And we all know how much we like having timing results, as we gather at the timing board after every run! This article explains how we get you into the starting gate ready to "Go!"

Remember that you must have a valid USSA membership, either full-season or short-term, and for GS, SG and DH events you must have a USSA approved helmet with a conformity label with the text "Conform to FIS Specifications RH 2013".

Race Registration

Race entries for Far West Masters events can be submitted through our online registration system on SkiRaceReg.com/fw – online registration is highly encouraged!!! Entries can also be submitted by printing an event entry form from our farwestmasters.org web site and mailing/delivering directly to the race organizer with a check for each race day (instructions are provided on the entry form). Deadlines and fees for all race events are posted on the Season Schedule page of our farwestmasters.org web site as well as on the online registration system SkiRaceReg.com/fw. All deadlines and policies apply equally to both online and print entries; there is no difference in fees or dates. However, we STRONGLY encourage all competitors to use the online registration system – it's easier and more reliable for both competitors and race organizers.

Early Registration Deadline

The early registration deadline is Sunday night prior to the start of the event. Entries received after the early registration deadline are subject to a \$5/race late fee. The purpose of the early registration deadline is to encourage registrations to be submitted at least a week prior to the event so race organizers have a reasonable estimate of the field size for their event planning. You can still cancel your entry without fees charged any time up until the cancellation deadline, so there is no penalty for signing up early!

Entry Deadline

The entry deadline for an event is set 1-2 days prior to the first race day to allow race organizers sufficient time to complete final preparations for hosting the event. Online registration is closed at 8pm on the entry deadline date. E.g. for a typical Sat-Sun weekend event, the entry deadline is 8pm Thursday evening.

Race organizers **may** accept entries on-site between the entry deadline and when the start list is closed the night before each race, but are **not** required to do so.

Cancellation Deadline

The cancellation deadline is set at the same time as the entry deadline. You may cancel an entry at any time until the cancellation deadline and no fees will be charged.

All entries received as the entry deadline/cancellation deadline will be charged the race entry fee. This includes DNS competitors who

do not participate. No fees are charged if a race is cancelled.

Refunds **may** be granted at the discretion of the race organizer for injury or illness, but it is the **competitor's responsibility** to contact the race organizer prior to the race to notify them of your withdrawal.

Start List Closed

The start list for a race is closed at the organizer's close of business the day before the race.

You must be on the start list to compete in the race. Day-of-race entries generally cannot be accepted.

Exceptional Conditions

The entry/cancellation deadline is normally set to allow the race organizer one working day before the start of the event to complete final preparations, such as setting up computer files for the race timing system and verifying that all competitors have a valid USSA membership to compete in the event. The entry deadline when online registration closes is usually Thursday evening for a weekend event. In some cases the entry deadline needs to be earlier, so always check the published deadline for each event that you enter.

No entry fees are charged if a race must be cancelled.

Occasionally mistakes are made in processing entry fee payments. If you believe you have been incorrectly charged a race entry fee, contact the race organizer to request a correction. If you are unsatisfied with the resolution, please bring the issue to the attention of the Far West Masters board so we can assist.

Useful Links

<http://farwestmasters.org>
<http://farwestmasters.org/raceinfo/current/schedule>
<http://farwestmasters.org/services/raceentries>
<http://farwestmasters.org/info/membership>
<https://skiracereg.com/fw>

Contacts

membership@farwestmasters.org
raceadmin@farwestmasters.org

Helmet Regulations

Race helmets for GS, SG and DH must have a conformity label with the text "Conform to FIS Specifications RH 2013"

Under USSA regulations, helmets designed and manufactured for the particular event of ski racing being contested are required for all competitors and forerunners in all USSA events and official training. Helmets must bear a CE mark and conform to recognized and appropriate standards such as CEH.Din 1077, ASTM F2040, SNELL S98 or RS 98. In addition, in order to attest that a helmet fulfills all FIS requirements for GS, SG and DH, it must have a conformity label affixed in a non-removable way, at the back of the helmet, in a position where it is not covered by the goggle strap.

The conformity label must contain the text "Conform to FIS Specifications RH 2013", as shown below:



Helmets for GS, SG and DH must cover the head and ears. Helmets with spoilers or edges that stick out are not permitted. Soft ear protection is only permitted for helmets used in SL. Protective features integral to the event being contested, such as chin guards on SL helmets are permitted.

Helmet mounted cameras are not allowed on helmets in official training or competition.

Additional information on the helmet regulations can be found at farwestmasters.org/#helmet-rules

FAR WEST MASTERS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

By Sandy Hogan

Just a reminder for all of you to continue your financial support of the Far West Masters Scholarship Program. It's now in its 24th year, and we have six current USST members as our alumni, including Stacy Cook, Tim Jitloff, Lila Lapanja, Mark Engel, Garret Driller, and Travis Ganong. This program makes us so proud that more than \$850,000 has been given to more than 275 deserving Far West junior skiers; no other division has anything similar. Each year up to 50 athletes have received scholarships to help them in their racing career, whether at the USSA or college level. In the next month or so, this season's scholarship recipients will be announced, so stay tuned, and expect to see them forerunning our races, speaking at our awards ceremonies, and selling raffle tickets to give back to the program!

Gaetano De Mattei

Congratulations to our won Gaetano De Mattei for taking first place in his age group at the FIS Masters Cup in Aspen, CO earlier this year.

Far West Masters Training Programs

We are very lucky to have several high quality Masters training programs in the Far West. Participating in a training program helps you to get the most out of your race days, improves technique and also importantly, helps to make our sport safer. Whether you are a newcomer or experienced Masters racer, being part of a training program is recommended.

Masters training programs are available at Mammoth, Squaw Valley, Mt Rose, and Northstar.

Information about each of these programs can be found online at the links below:

<http://www.mammothmountain.com/winter/ski-ride/camps-teams/race-department/masters-team>

<http://squawalpine.com/skiing-riding/masters-program>

<http://skirose.com/tickets--lessons--rentals/falcons/masters-ski/>

<http://www.northstarcalifornia.com/ski-snowboard-school/alpine-racing.aspx - Masters>

Race Officials

Are you a current USSA Masters Race official?
Are you thinking about becoming one?

USSA certified race officials are critical to the smooth running of the Far West masters racing series. We simply cannot put on our races without enough USSA certified race officials willing to officiate at our races.

We typically need two officials at each race, a Referee and a Technical Delegate, or TD.

Race officials must attend a refresher training session at least every two years.

This year a USSA race officials refresher, and training for new officials or additional certifications for current officials is being held at Squaw Valley on November 5th and 6th. Full details can be found at: <http://www.fwsking.us/ - Fall+Convention>

As an incentive for Far West members to become officials, the FWM board have agreed to continue the program introduced last year, to cover the costs for race entries for races that a member performs race official duties.

New racers - Bring a Friend

Far West Masters is working hard to encourage new racers and we need your help. The Bring a Friend program will reimburse your race fee if you bring a new racer to the program.

There are a couple of requirements. To get the reimbursement you must notify president@farwestmasters.org in advance, with a copy to membership@farwestmasters.org and guide your new racer through registration. That means getting the person signed up on skiracereg.com, or registered by mail before the deadlines (there is no late fee for new racers), and walking the person through the paperwork to get a USSA temporary license by directing them to instructions on the web site and leading them through the registration and check in process on race day.

Please help the new racer navigate the sign-up and race day. It's important that people get signed up to enable the area to build the start list. The registration coordinator will confirm your eligibility for reimbursement. You can also help encourage a new racer to return by helping the person out through the day.

Far West Masters Ski Racing

www.farwestmasters.org

2016 – 2017 MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Last year we were very pleased to be able to introduce the option to renew your Far West Masters membership online at **SkiRaceReg.com**. We strongly encourage all members to renew online!!

To join or renew your membership online, go to the Far West race series home page on **SkiRaceReg.com** at <https://www.skiracereg.com/fw>. If you already have an account, click on **log in** and follow the steps to activate your account for the new season by reviewing/updating your contact information and providing current credit card information for any charges you will make on the site. If you are a new member, click on **sign up** to open an account on **SkiRaceReg.com**. Be sure to choose "Far West Masters" as your home race series; follow the steps to provide your personal information and credit card. The final step of activating your account allows you to pay your Far West membership dues. There is no charge for opening your account; charges will be made only when you elect to pay your dues or sign up for races during the season.

If you are unable to use the online membership system, you can still print and mail your membership application with a check – the form is included in this information package and is available on the [farwestmasters.org](http://www.farwestmasters.org) web site. Please ensure that the membership application is completely filled out.

Most important, we need to have your correct e-mail address!! Over the past few seasons, we've been able to give schedule updates and provide other pertinent program information via e-mail, making it easier for our racers to have up-to-date information throughout the season. Check our website www.farwestmasters.org for more racing information and news throughout the season.

Note: renewals received after the **November 13th** deadline will be charged a \$5 late fee.

We're looking forward to another exciting season of racing. If you have membership questions, don't hesitate to contact membership@farwestmasters.org and president@farwestmasters.org.

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See you in December!
Mary Feddis, VP, Membership

Briefly, competitors MUST have a USSA license in order to compete, either a masters season membership or a short-term masters membership – this is essential for insurance purposes. Competitors also MUST provide proof of primary medical insurance coverage on either USSA license application. The deadline for renewing your USSA membership without penalty is October 15th. The late fee is \$25.

Competitors who race more than one weekend per season must also join Far West Masters, which provides benefits such as a permanently assigned stretch bib, a subscription to our regularly published newsletter, and eligibility for season awards, along with access to special member offers.

Eligibility

Men and women age 18 and over may compete in the Far West Masters Ski Racing Series. A USSA masters membership or short-term masters membership is required. Membership in the Far West Masters is required if you race more than one weekend.

For USSA membership, competitors need to go directly to the USSA web site <http://my.ussa.org/membership/start> and complete the application process online. All USSA membership services have moved online, so you will need to have an account on the USSA Membership site to purchase your masters membership.

You will need proof of medical insurance coverage for a USSA license, so have your insurance card with carrier and policy number available when you fill out a USSA membership application.

Note: For racers who wish to compete only in a specific competition, a short-term membership may be obtained online on a daily basis at <http://my.ussa.org/membership/start> and must be completed **at least one day PRIOR to the start of the event**. A one day license is \$15 and there is no limit to the number of short-term membership days per season. Note that full USSA masters membership is required for Regional, National and International races.

Far West Masters Registration – deadline November 13th 2016

Membership in the Far West Masters is required if you race more than one weekend. To be a member, you can purchase your membership online through our race registration system at <https://skiracereg.com/fw>, or complete the enclosed application form and write a check for \$20 (\$35 if you elect to receive the newsletter by mail) payable to Far West Masters Ski Racing and then submit by mail to Mary Feddis, P.O. Box 7691, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546. **RENEWALS ARE DUE BY NOVEMBER 13, 2016.**

Courses

Masters races are intended to be more challenging than club races or NASTAR. FIS and USSA competition rules are followed, with a few modifications as appropriate for age-class Masters racing. Two runs are mandatory for SL and GS events. Training runs are mandatory for DH and competitors must start at least one timed training run to be eligible to race. Training runs are not required for SG but are strongly encouraged.

Protective Equipment

***** NEW IN 2017: FIS-certified race helmet is now *mandatory* for GS, SG, and DH *******

Helmets certified for ski racing are required and must cover the head and ears. Helmets with spoilers or edges that stick out, such as helmet cams, are not permitted. Protective features integral to the discipline being contested, such as chin guards on SL helmets, are permitted. Soft ear protection is only permitted for helmets used in SL. Leg braces must be worn under one's speed suit/ski pants or

be otherwise covered. Race helmets for GS, SG and DH must have a conformity label with the text "Conform to FIS Specifications RH 2013".

Age Classes

Far West Masters compete in 5 year categories for Masters competitors age 18 and up. Your age class for the duration of the season is determined by your age as of December 31, 2016.

Men and women race against their age peers in the following classes:

Class	Age Range	Class	Age Range
14	90+	13	85-89
12	80-84	11	75-79
10	70-74	9	65-69
8	60-64	7	55-59
6	50-54	5	45-49
4	40-44	3	35-39
2	30-34	1	18-29
0	18-21	00	Under 18

Class start order is generally oldest to youngest, women before men in descending age class order for all 70+ classes, followed by all other women's classes and then all other men's classes. In addition to the age group classes, an Open class is available for both men and women. Racers can elect to be scored in the Open class rather than their age group class at the start of the season, or on a race by race basis, provided that they make this election no later than at race check-in, before the start of the day's racing.

Anyone participating in the Open class will race in their own age class under the standard start order rules in both first and second runs, but will be scored for race results and season standings in the Open class rather than their age class.

Points awarded for race finishes are scored using the current FIS position points system, scoring the top 30 racers in each class.

Bib assignment for the top 10 men and top 5 women in the season rankings are determined based upon season standings within the Open class.

Race Entry Fees and Registration

There is an early registration deadline of midnight on the Sunday prior to the start of the event. All entries received after the early registration deadline, whether mailed or online, are subject to a \$5 per race late fee. You are encouraged to sign up for the races at least a week in advance of the event. Because of the flexible cancellation policy, there is no penalty for signing up early – you can cancel without penalty any time up until the published deadline when registration is closed.

Complete event information, including entry fees and deadlines for each race, are published on the *Season Schedule* page of our website www.farwestmasters.org, as well as on the online registration site <http://www.skiracereg.com/fw> and in our newsletter. GS and SL entry fees are \$30 per race for

entries made before the early registration deadline. DH and SG entry fees are \$40; there may be additional fees for training runs. Late entries submitted after the early registration deadline are subject to a \$5/race late fee. We encourage early registration so that race organizers can be well prepared for an on time start on race day. Registrations on race day will generally not be accepted.

There are two options to register for races:

Racers can register online at <http://www.skiracereg.com/fw> for every event. This option is strongly encouraged. There is no extra fee for using this service and if races are cancelled due to bad weather or snow conditions there will be no charge. You will not be billed until the race is held.

If you prefer to register by mail it must be received by the race organizer by the Sunday prior to the race event otherwise it will be considered late. Please send a separate check for each race day. You may cancel a race entry without penalty up to the published deadline. We have a “torn check policy” for races cancelled due to bad weather or snow conditions.

IF YOU ARE REGISTERING BY MAIL, please remember that an entry consists of one check for the race fee for each race day and an event entry form with entry checks indicating each race that you wish to enter at the event. Entry forms can be printed from our website from the *Race Entries* page at <http://farwestmasters.org/services/raceentries> or from the *Season Schedule* page.

Entry fees are charged for all entries made as of the entry deadline for the event. If you must cancel a race entry after the entry deadline has passed, you must notify the race organizer at least one day before the race. You may request a refund of your entry fee if you must cancel due to injury or illness; refunds are granted at the discretion of the race organizer.

Season Awards

Racers must have at least 6 starts to qualify for a season award and must be paid members of the Far West Masters for the current season. First, second and third place awards are given for each men's and women's age class and the Open classes at the end-of-season banquet.

Points are tabulated throughout the season based on race finishes. Racers keep points for their best results from 75% of the total number of races held, rounding up to the next whole number. For example, if 18 races are actually held, racers will be scored based on their best 14 results. This means you don't have to attend every race to be competitive.

USSA FIS Masters Cup / Western Region Championships

Park City will be hosting FIS Masters Cup races on February 3 - 5, 2017. This event is also the Western Region championships. All Masters' racers age 30+ are eligible to race if they have a current FIS license – which can be purchased through USSA at the time of USSA renewal or later in the year. Competitors under 30 are not eligible for FIS Masters, but will compete for USSA regional championship awards. Additional information is available on the USSA Masters web-site at <http://ussamasters.org>; online registration will be available at <https://skiracereg.com/fismasters>.

USSA Masters National Championships

The annual Masters National Championship is scheduled to take place at Mammoth Mountain CA from March 13-18, 2017. Racers from the US and Canada compete in this event. To be eligible, you must have a current USSA Alpine Masters membership. Additional information is available on the USSA Masters web-site at <http://ussamasters.org>; online registration will be available at <https://skiracereg.com/nationals>.

MASTERS SERIES SKI RACING of the FAR WEST, Inc.
2016-2017 Membership Application
DEADLINE NOVEMBER 13, 2016

You can sign up for FWM membership on <http://www.skiracereg.com/fw> or complete and mail this form. All information must be filled out for your FWM application to be valid. You will be charged \$5 late fee if application is incomplete or posted after the 11/13/2016 due date. You will also need to complete your USSA membership and license as a separate application, visit www.ussa.org.

NAME _____ ☐ Renewing ☐ NEW Member

ADDRESS _____ SAME as reported October 2015, no change
_____ have CHANGE OF ADDRESS since October 2015 OR am NEW MEMBER

ADDRESS _____

PHONE: (____) _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

NEW Members ONLY ☐ Male ☐ Female Date of birth _____

Membership Dues and Contributions

	<u>Renewing</u>	<u>New Members</u>
Membership Fee	\$20	\$20
PRINT copy of THE FORERUNNER newsletter	\$15	\$15
WEB based newsletter available on our FWM website	0	0
LOST/Replacement bib fee	\$15	N/A
LATE fee for renewal if after 11/13/16	\$5	N/A
TOTAL:	_____	_____

Make check payable to: Far West Masters Ski Racing (do not include on envelope as Post Office may not deliver)

Mail to: Mary Feddis, P.O. Box 7691, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

Roster Information – You WILL be included unless you specifically check NO

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Is it OK to send news messages to your email address?	_____	_____
Is it OK to print your name/address for members only?	_____	_____
Is it OK to provide your name/address for sale to vendors?	_____	_____

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND RELEASE

I know that alpine, Nordic and freestyle skiing are action sports carrying significant risk of serious personal injury, death or property damage. I also know that there are natural, mechanical, and environmental conditions and risks which independently or in combination with my activities may cause property damage, or severe or even fatal injuries to me or others.

I agree that I alone am responsible for: (a) my safety while participating in competitive events and/or training for competitive events and (b) providing, utilizing and maintaining that equipment necessary for the safe enjoyment of my participation in such events and specifically acknowledge that the following persons or entities including Masters Series Ski Racing of the Far West, Inc., United States Skiing, the United States Skiing Association, the United States Ski Team, the United States Ski Coaches Association, the ski area, the promoters, the sponsors, the organizers, the promoter clubs, the officials and any agent, representative, officer, director, employee, member or affiliate of any person or entity named above are not responsible for my safety, even though that liability may arise out of negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons or entities mentioned above. I agree to accept all responsibility for the risks, conditions, and hazards which may occur whether they be known or unknown.

Being fully aware of the risks, conditions and hazards of the proposed activity as a competitor, coach or official, I HEREBY AGREE TO WAIVE, RELEASE AND DISCHARGE any and all claims for damages for death, personal injury or property damage which I may have or which may hereafter accrue to me as a result of any participation in competitive events or training for competitive events, against any person or entity identified above whether such injury or damage was foreseeable or not, including all such claims regarding the design or condition of any equipment utilized by me in such competitive events without regard to whether such equipment is specified or recommended by such persons or entities above.

I further agree to HOLD HARMLESS and INDEMNIFY all persons and entities identified above, generally and specifically, from any and all liability for death, personal injury or property damage resulting in any way from my participating in competitive events or training for competitive events.

I currently have, and agree to maintain throughout the time that I train and compete, valid and sufficient medical and accident insurance. I understand that this is my sole responsibility and release all persons and entities identified above from providing coverage to me.

I agree that I will accept and abide by the rules and regulations of the USSA and any other rules or regulations imposed by the organizers of any particular competition. This Acknowledgement and Assumption of Risk and Release shall be binding upon my heirs and assigns.

Date _____ Signature _____ USSA Number _____

Race Schedule



Last updated: Aug. 25, 2016

2016-2017 Far West Masters Race Schedule

<http://farwestmasters.org>

Online Race Registration:

<https://skiracereg.com/fw>

DATE	LOCATION	EVENT	ENTRY FEE / LIFT	SEND ENTRIES TO:
Dec. 3-4	Mammoth Mountain (760) 934-0642 fax: (760) 934-0613	SLx2, GS Sat: SL, SL Sun: GS	Entry: \$30 per race [*] Lift: TBA	Mammoth Mountain Race Dept. P.O. Box 24 Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546
Dec. 17-18	Alpine Meadows (530) 581-8234	SL, SL Sat: SL Sun: SL	Entry: \$30 per race [*] Lift: TBA	Alpine Meadows Event Services P.O. Box 2007 Olympic Valley, CA 96146
Jan. 6-8	Heavenly Valley (775) 586-7000 x6208 (530) 542-5133	Viva Italia! Fri: GS, GS [Friday doubleheader] Sat: SL, SL Sun: SL	Entry: \$30 per race [*] Lift: TBA	Heavenly Race Department c/o Lynda Killebrew P.O. Box 2180 Stateline, NV 89449
Jan. 19-22	Mammoth Mountain (760) 934-0642 fax: (760) 934-0613	Masters Memorial Cup/NSS Thu: 2x DH training runs Fri: DH (NSS), DH Sat: SG (NSS), SG Sun: SG	Entry: \$40 per DH [*] Entry: \$40 per SG [*] Lift: TBA	Mammoth Mountain Race Dept. P.O. Box 24 Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546
Feb. 3-5	FIS International Masters / Western Region Championships	SGx2, SL, GS	Park City UT	See Masters Comp Guide or http://ussamasters.org
Feb. 9-12	Northstar California (530) 562-3232	SGx2, GS, GS Thu: open SG training Fri: SG, SG [Friday doubleheader] Sat: GS Sun: GS	Entry: \$40 per SG [*] Entry: \$30 per GS [*] Lift: TBA	Northstar Attn: Competition Services PO Box 129 Truckee, CA 96160
Mar. 4-5	Mt. Rose (775) 849-0704 x 221 (775) 345-6709	McKinney Cup Sat: GS Sun: GS	Entry: \$30 per race [*] Lift: TBA	Mt. Rose Race Dept Attn: McKinney Cup 22222 Mt Rose Highway Reno, NV 89511
Mar. 13-18	Masters National Championships DH, SG, GS, SL		Mammoth Mountain CA	See Masters Comp Guide or http://ussamasters.org
Mar. 30-Apr. 1	Squaw Valley USA (530) 581-7188	Bernard Cup/Season Finals Thu: SG, SG [Thurs. doubleheader] Fri: SL, SL [Friday doubleheader] Sat: GS, season banquet	Entry: \$40 per SG [*] Entry: \$30 per GS/SL [*] Banquet: TBA Lift: TBA	Race Services P.O. Box 2007 Olympic Valley, CA 96146

Summary: 9 SL, 8 GS, 7 SG, 2 DH - 26 total (note: national and international events not included in Far West Masters season scoring)
2017 entry fees: \$30 GS / SL races, \$40 SG / DH races **[*] \$5/race late fee after midnight Sun prior to event**

Race information details, announcements, and entry forms are posted and updated regularly throughout the season on the web

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