



2018/2019 Start of Season Edition

and

Membership Renewal Package



This year's Jeff Wattenmaker scholarship recipient, Sarah Sophia Hudson

From the President's Corner...

By Ray Tulloch

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First, I would like to welcome all our Far West members to the 2018-19 season, let us keep our fingers and toes crossed that the snow gods will look favorably on us this year!

As your new President I hope to be able to continue the Far West Masters track record of providing excellent ski racing for all ability levels as well as a friendly and welcoming atmosphere for both new and returning racers. This is facilitated by the efforts of all our Board members who are in reality the people that do all the hard work behind the scenes to make everything happen. To our newest Board members -Tricia Wall, Secretary, and Tom Bullard, Treasurer, thank you for stepping up to take on these key roles! As a Board, we have started review of several potential new initiatives to further develop how our Organization operates and to improve the experience for all our members. Look out for more updates as some of these initiatives become ready for prime time.

Our Scheduling Director, Mike Braun, has put together a great program with 22 Far West Masters races. Mike has put a huge amount of effort into juggling dates and getting approval from the ski areas for our program of events. He has even been able to include 2 Downhills on the schedule as part of the Mammoth Speed Weekend where one Downhill and one Super G will also be counters in the National Speed Series. The season will start on December 1-2 with a GS and Slalom at Mammoth following the traditional early season Masters Training Camp at Mammoth, always a recommended way to start the season. We are very grateful to all of the areas that continue to host our Masters events and I suggest that on any opportunity you express our appreciation to area management. The full schedule can be found on our website, FarWestMasters.org. The schedule will of course be weather and snow dependent. As in previous years we will make our best efforts to run as per program but, if conditions do not cooperate, we may need to adjust the scheduled events in order to ensure we can provide the best quality of racing possible. Where we need to make changes, we will provide as much advance notice as possible to enable racers to plan accordingly.

In addition to our Race program. I would also like to highlight the various Masters Training programs operated at Mammoth, Squaw Valley, Mount Rose, Northstar, Heavenly and Diamond Peak. These provide a great opportunity to develop skills and get race-ready with the help of experienced Masters coaches

As well as our Far West Masters program, the Masters National calendar has 2 major events this season. The FIS International Masters/Western Regionals races – 2 Super G, GS and Slalom – will be held at Aspen, CO on February 8-10. In addition, Rocky Mountain Masters will be running 2 Downhills at Aspen on Feb 11-12, so if you wish you can make it a 6-race trip! (and 2 SGs and 1 DH will count towards the national Speed Series!)

On March 18-23, US Masters Nationals return to Far West at Mammoth with a full 4 event program. This is a great opportunity for all our racers to compete in Nationals without additional travel. For all our racers out there who have never considered competing at Nationals, I would strongly encourage you to do so this season. Contrary to what some may think, Nationals is open to all abilities, not just an elite few, and is something that should be experienced.

Also, for those of you that have an IKON season pass for 2018-19, this pass will work for a large percentage of Far West races as well as the Aspen FIS races and Masters Nationals, reducing the additional costs for race day lift passes.

At Masters National Committee level, the big news is that Bill Skinner - who has been Masters National Coordinator for the last 25 years (and who is also well known for mispronouncing racers names at prizegivings ☺!!!!) – is retiring. I would like to express thanks to Bill on behalf of Far West Masters for all the hard work and efforts he has put in to develop and keep Masters ski racing sustainable. Bill will be replaced by Lauren Beckos, who will be well known to many of you as a strong competitor at Regional and National events. We wish Lauren every success in this new role.

Finally, the success of Far West Masters depends very much on voluntary efforts from our Board, Officials and Members. We are always in need of additional officials and this is a great way to give back to the sport, as well as to cover some of your race costs, so please consider becoming qualified as an official. Also, don't forget the "Bring a friend" program to introduce new racers. I look forward to a great season and seeing you all on the race hill!

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 slaloms at Mammoth on December 2.

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 U.S. Ski & Snowboard Masters membership, or register for a short-term masters membership. You cannot compete in any FWM event without this. This must be done online at <https://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 <https://skiracereg.com/fw>. Remember to activate your skiracereg account before you sign up for FWM renewal/membership.
3. It is also possible to renew using the form on page 11, which can also be found at <http://farwestmasters.org/info/membership#fwm> Membership Completed forms should be mailed by USPS to Mary Feddis at the address on the form by **November 16th** for renewing members.
4. Register for the races you want to participate in. This can be done either online at <https://skiracereg.com/fw> or by mail. Instructions for the race entry process can be found at <http://farwestmasters.org/services/raceentries>. The 2018-2019 race schedule can be found at <http://farwestmasters.org/raceinfo/current/schedule>.

Step 1 - U.S. Ski & Snowboard Masters License

A U.S. Ski & Snowboard Alpine Masters membership must be obtained by all competitors participating on a regular basis in Far West Masters division races. A full-season masters membership 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 masters membership may be purchased for one or more days of an event at <https://my.ussa.org/membership/start>. Your first short-term membership must be purchased online. Short-term U.S. Ski & Snowboard memberships may be purchased twice per season for \$20 per race day. A full season alpine masters membership is \$100.

The deadline for U.S. Ski & Snowboard Masters renewal is October 15th, after which a late fee of \$25 will be added to your license fee.

For more information about U.S. Ski & Snowboard membership, visit the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Membership site at <https://my.ussa.org>.

Competitors MUST also provide proof of primary medical insurance coverage with their U.S. Ski & Snowboard annual or short-term membership 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 7 or online at <http://farwestmasters.org/info/membership>. Please remember that renewals are due by **November 16th, 2018**.

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 U.S Ski & Snowboard membership, either full-season or short-term.

Race Registration

Race entries for Far West Masters events can be submitted through our online registration system on <https://SkiRaceReg.com/fw> – online registration is highly encouraged!!! Entries can also be submitted by printing an event entry form from our <http://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 <http://farwestmasters.org/> web site as well as on the online registration system <https://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 of 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.

Competitors who wish to compete in the Open class must elect OP for the full season or by the close of the start list the day prior to the race. Day-of-race Open class changes 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 U.S. Ski & Snowboard 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

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FAR WEST MASTERS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM By Sandy Hogan

Where Are They Now? - Maddy Riffel Is Still Winning Scholarships!

Madeline Riffel ("Maddy") received her first award from the Far West Scholarship Program as a J-2, and again as a J-1. She graduated from Mammoth High School in 2012, but didn't go directly to college, taking a year off to compete in ski cross. However, in early season training for her second year of ski cross, Maddy fell and broke her leg. She then started her college studies that winter at UCLA as a recipient of the Jeff Wattenmaker Scholarship, a scholarship of \$10,000. In her third year as a chemistry major, she also received a scholarship from the Claire Booth Luce Foundation (a scholarship for the advancement of women in science). Additionally, she works in the chemistry lab, and a project that she worked on was published in "Macromolecules" by The American Chemical Society, which is pretty amazing in that an undergraduate student rarely gets their name on a paper...being published is quite a rare achievement! [For those of you so inclined, you can access it as "Macromolecules"]. She will graduate after the upcoming winter quarter, and is considering continuing her studies in the pursuit of a Ph.D. in chemistry.

This summer (2018) she received a summer research scholarship and is working in the same lab on a new paper that may be out by the end of the year. She also has been volunteering at UCLA's Mildred E. Mathias Botanical Garden as a volunteer gardener. She manages to take some time to relax, however, and reports that for fun, she has been "going to the beach and hanging out with friends".

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 membership@farwestmasters.org in advance and guide your new racer through registration. That means getting the person signed up on skiracereg.com before the deadlines, helping them 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.

You can also help encourage a new racer to return by helping the person out through the day.

Jeff Wattenmaker Scholarship

The Jeff Wattenmaker Scholarship is a \$10,000 scholarship to be used towards college academic expenses. This year marks the 10th scholarship that has been given out to a member of the Far West Masters Scholarship Program. To be eligible you must be a member of the Far West Masters Scholarship Program and be accepted to an accredited University, Junior College, or vocational school for the coming fall. Each applicant is evaluated in depth, including input from the applicants' coaches, teachers, and peers to get a sense of the character of each applicant. The Wattenmaker family is proud to be a member of this community and love being part of the Masters scholarship program to help ease the financial burden for the wonderful young adults who are in pursuit of a college education.

Jeff Wattenmaker initiated his namesake scholarship prior to his death from Melanoma in 2010. Jeff was very impressed with the Far West Masters Scholarship Program and its ideals. He loved ski racing and passed on his love of the mountains to his children Owen and Gwen. Jeff generously arranged to donate funds to expand the Far West Masters Scholarship Program and to thereby make available funding for a University education to members of the Program.

The recipient of the award this year is Sarah Sophia Hudson. She grew up in Olympic Valley (Squaw Valley) and is a senior at Sugar Bowl Academy, where she has ski raced the past four years. Students at SBA prepare a senior project and give an oral presentation to the community. Her project is on "How Consumer Choice and International Trade Impact Coffee Producers". Sarah is excited to be attending the University of California, Santa Barbara in the fall, where she will be living in the dorms, and 1

block from the beach! She looks forward to experiencing a big city and vibrant community in contrast to her humble small town rural upbringing in the North Tahoe area. Sarah's area of interest is in the humanities, but is excited to take a wide variety of classes and is open to many career paths opportunities.

This was the final year of the Wattenmaker Funding as the funds have been used up. However we would like to continue to offer this funding benefit to our scholarship athletes so we have asked that when people donate to the scholarship fund this year, they may direct their contributions towards continuing this scholarship. If you wish to donate we are a 501(c) corporation so donations are tax deductible. Send checks made out to "Far West Masters Scholarship Fund" c/o Eddie Mozen; PO Box 3718: Olympic Valley, California 96146

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, Diamond Peak, 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>

<http://www.dpsef.org/page/show/2613098-masters-2017-17->

Race Officials

Are you a current U.S. Ski & Snowboard Masters Race official? Are you thinking about becoming one?

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 U.S. Ski &

Snowboard 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 U.S. Ski & Snowboard race officials refresher, and training for new officials or additional

certifications for current officials is being held at Squaw Valley on November 3rd and 4th. Full details can be found at: <http://fwskiing.org/content/fw-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.

Masters Scholarship Program Fundraiser

Every year US ski team members donate equipment and clothing to help raise funds for the Masters Scholarship Program. The Scholarship Program was founded and is operated by volunteers from the Far West Masters to support ski racing and junior athlete development in the Far West division. All funds raised are distributed with no overhead to Far West Junior Athletes.

This year we have received a large selection of high quality US Ski Team gear, almost everything is brand new, a few items are very slightly used. Anyone interested should contact Eddie Mozen at ebmozen@gmail.com. Eddie will be glad to text pictures of items to you.

Item	Price	Item	Price
RACE SUITS		GLOVES	
Captain America SL suit-New. Size L-R (Mark Engel's)	\$500	Zeier warm padded race gloves size 9 (med) NEW in bag	\$75
Captain America SL suit-New. Size L-R (Mark Engel's)	\$500	RAIN GEAR	
Captain America Downhill suit- very sl used size L-R. (Mark Engel's) current plumb	\$400	Black Spyder Rain Poncho. NEW (tag price \$130)	\$75
Spiderman downhill (Ted Ligety's) size XL-R New with current plumb	\$600	Black Spyder Rain Poncho. NEW (tag price \$130)	\$75
Thor downhill (Ted Ligety's) size XL-R New with current plumb	\$600	Black Spyder Rain Poncho. NEW (tag price \$130)	\$75
Red USST downhill suit size L-R sl used. With current plumb	\$250	USST rain shell Parka..heavy duty gore-tex like material. Blue size mens Med ..NEW (this is awesome...bombproof!!)	\$200
Purple and Red USST downhill suit custom made for Stacey Cook, current Plumb	\$600	JACKETS	
Capt Marvel size M-R SL suit (Stacey Cook's) sl used	\$300	USST Black/dark green puffy insulate jacket Size Large NEW	\$100
PANTS		USST green/blue puffy size large USED	\$40
USST side zip full length black warmups size M-R (Engel's) NEW	\$150	USST heavy duty/Warm black puffy with hood Mens medium almost new	\$150
USST side zip full length black warmups size M-R (Engel's) Sl Used	\$100	TRAINING JACKETS	
USST Spyder side zip training shorts size XS (Stacey Cook's). NEW	\$60	USST zip Hoody Ladies size 12 (Stacey Cook's) sl used	\$40
Synch training shorts side zip, close fitting/elastic (Engel's) NEW	\$60	USST Black Zip hoody Men's med (Engel's)	\$40
Spyder side zip training shorts size M (Engel's) almost new	\$40	Spyder Dark Blue/Black zip hoody Men's med	\$40
STEALTH		USST pull over dark green Hoody Mens Large	\$60
Spyder Bib pant Mens size med NEW (tag price \$160)	\$75	University of Utah Red zip Spyder training jacket (Engel's) size M/L sl used	\$75
Spyder Bib pant Mens size med NEW (tag price \$160)	\$75	BACK PACK	
Spyder Top size Mens med New (tag price \$100)	\$45	USST High Sierra back pack...very large size, NEW	\$150
Slytech stealth padded hard Elbow guards, NEW	\$20	2018 OLYMPIC GEAR!!!!!!	
Slytech forearm black GS hard guards NEW	\$30	TEAM USA heavy duty team jacket size XL (Engel)	\$400
Slytech forearm pink GS hard guards used	\$10	Team USA pull over 1/2 zip hoody. Chest puffy /sleeves fabric size L (Engel)	\$150
UNDERGARMENTS		Team USA Puffy Jacket Men's medium blue with white in sleeves Mens Med (Engel)	\$200
ZXU compression shorts Men medium (29-34 waist) NEW in box	\$20		
Spyder top size S/M NEW in box	\$15		
Spyder 3/4 pant Mens size S/M (165-200 pounds) NEW in box	\$20		



Far West Masters Ski Racing
www.farwestmasters.org

2018 – 2019 MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

You can join or renew your Far West Masters membership online at **SkiRaceReg.com**, as well as **sign up for races throughout the season**. 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://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, do this before you sign up for FWM renewal/membership. 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 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 16th** 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 U.S. Ski & Snowboard masters membership in order to compete, either a masters season membership or a short-term masters membership purchased on a daily basis – this is essential for insurance purposes. Competitors also MUST provide proof of primary medical insurance coverage for their U.S. Ski & Snowboard membership. 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 U.S. Ski & Snowboard 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 U.S. Ski & Snowboard membership, competitors need to go directly to the U.S. Ski & Snowboard membership site <https://my.ussa.org/membership/start> and complete the application process online. All U.S. Ski & Snowboard membership services have moved online, so you will need to have an account on the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Membership site to purchase your masters membership.

You must provide proof of primary medical insurance coverage for a U.S. Ski & Snowboard membership, so have your insurance card with carrier and policy number available when you fill out a U.S. Ski & Snowboard membership application.

Note: For racers who wish to complete only in a specific competition, a short-term membership may be obtained online on a daily basis at <https://my.ussa.org/membership/start> and must be completed **at least one day PRIOR to the start of the event**. A short-term masters membership is \$20 per day, purchased for one or more days of an event in which you wish to compete, and can be purchased twice per season. Note that a full-season masters membership is required for Regional, National and International races.

Far West Masters Registration – deadline November 16th 2018

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 a printed 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 16, 2018.**

Courses

Masters races are intended to be more challenging than club races or NASTAR. FIS and US Alpine skiing 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

***** 2019 helmet rules: FIS-certified race helmet is recommended 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" to be FIS certified.

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, 2018.

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

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 the close of the start list the day prior to the race.

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 <https://skiracereg.com/fw> and in our newsletter. GS and SL entry fees are \$35 per race for entries made before the early registration deadline. DH and SG entry fees are \$45; 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 <https://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.

MASTERS SERIES SKI RACING of the FAR WEST, Inc.
2018-2019 Membership Application
 DEADLINE NOVEMBER 16, 2018

*You can sign up for FWM membership on www.skiracereg.com/fw after you have activated your account 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 11/16/2018 due date. Step two - **You will also need to complete your USSA membership and license by 10/15/18 as a separate application, visit <http://my.ussa.org/>***

NAME _____ **Renewing** **NEW Member**
 ADDRESS **SAME** -no change since 2017-2018 season
 have **CHANGE OF ADDRESS** since 2017-2018 OR **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 11/16/18	\$5	N/A
TOTAL:	_____	_____

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

Mail to: Mary Feddis, PO 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 _____



Far West Masters Ski Racing 2018-2019 Race Schedule

Preliminary schedule for the 2018-2019 Far West Masters division series:

Date	Location	Event Name	Discipline(s)
December 1-2	Mammoth Mountain, CA	Dave McCoy Classic	GS/SL
December 21-22	Mammoth Mountain, CA	Woolly's Challenge	GS/SL
January 11	Heavenly Mountain, CA	Viva Italia!	2 SL
January 12-13	Squaw Valley, CA	Bernard Cup	SL/GS
January 24-27	Mammoth Mountain, CA	Mammoth Speed Series	2 DHTR 2 DH (1NSS) 2 SG (1NSS)/SG
February 8-10	Aspen Highlands, CO	FIS Masters Cup / Western Regionals	SL/GS/2SG
February 22-23	Northstar, CA	Josh's Jamboree	2SG/GS
February 24	Squaw Valley, CA		GS
March 9-10	Mt. Rose, NV	McKinney Cup	GS/GS
March 18-23	Mammoth Mountain, CA	Masters Nationals	DH/SG/GS/SL
April 5-6	Alpine Meadows	FW Season Finals	GS/2SL + Banquet

The FIS Masters Cup races at Aspen Highlands on Feb. 8-10 are also the Western Region Championships.

The Phillips 66 Masters National Championships will be hosted by Far West at Mammoth Mountain on March 18-23. The national championship DH and the nationals SG are the final events in the 2019 National Speed Series (NSS).

Additional details along with information on training opportunities will be published in the fall. Mammoth Mountain will once again be holding a masters training camp on Nov. 26-30, the week prior to our season opening races on Dec. 1-2.

Race registration will be available on skiracereg.com/fw in the fall.

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