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Alpine Ski

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2025-2026 MIAA BOYS'/GIRLS' STATE ALPINE SKI MEET

A. TOURNAMENT ENTRY DEADLINES

1. **League Commitment Form - Friday, February 13, 2026.**

League Presidents will receive a link from the MIAA Staff Liaison to complete the League Commitment Form through Formstack. This form must be completed and submitted by Friday, February 13, 2026.

2. Participating schools must submit their entry form by February 13, 2026.

B. TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

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| 1. DATE: | Tuesday, February 24, 2026 |
| 2. SITE: | Berkshire East |
| 3. REGISTRATION: | 7:30-8:00am |
| 4. COACHES' MEETING: | 8:10am (Coaches to evaluate security measures, course sets and medical protocol). |
| 5. COURSE OFFICIALS' MEETING:
and Gatekeepers | 8:30am |
| 6. ATHLETIC INSPECTION: | 8:15-9:15am |
| 7. START OF RACES: | 9:30am |
| 8. INDIVIDUAL AWARDS | Presented as soon as possible followed by Team Awards, with-in 1 hour of the protest period. |

C. QUALIFYING METHOD:

- Each league will send their top representatives equal to a max of 2.0 times the number of member teams by gender (note: co-ops = 1 team) in the league.
- Each league will designate two (2) alternates, per gender, to replace any absent skiers from that league. Any changes to a qualified skier must be submitted to the league president at least 24 hours prior to the race. At that time, the League President will notify the alternate's athletic director and coach that they will be participating in the race. It is then the League Presidents responsibility to notify the Tournament Director and the MIAA Ski Liaison of any changes 24 hours prior to the start of the race. On the day of the race there will be no changes to the participant list and alternates who were not notified to replace a qualified skier will **NOT** be asked to race.
- Each participant **MUST** be a member of a school ski team that is registered with the MIAA and has a school appointed coach. The school ski team must be a bona fide member of an MIAA ski league.

D. GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. **School Representative**

The coach of record must check in the team and must remain at the championship site at all times or the skier(s) will not be accepted by the tournament director. Last minute changes must be a member of school personnel and verified in writing by the principal before the skier(s) are allowed to compete. Each coach must sign the race event check-in document.

2. **For lift ticket purposes, the following policies will be strictly enforced:**

- For an individual participant per gender, 1 coach ticket will be issued
- For a single team, 2 coach tickets will be issued.



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- For 2 teams entered, 3 coach tickets will be issued.

3. Seeding

- a. The Tournament Director will place each league's name in a hat and draw them out one at a time until all leagues have been drawn. The order in which each league was drawn will constitute the order of seed. After the first seeded racer from each league has been placed, the tournament director will then rotate each league three (3) places down the running order with the bottom three (3) leagues from the first round becoming the top three (3). That process will be completed until all seeds have been drawn.
- b. The second run will be seeded the same as the first.
- c. Racers who miss their starts will be placed at the end of the run order and allowed to race.

4. Scoring:

All racers attending the state championship will be competing for team points, provided their school is represented by a minimum of three racers. There is no maximum to the number of individuals who can compete as a team and potentially score as one of the top three racers from the team. Scoring for the Team Championship will follow the guidelines listed below.

- a. TEAM - Team standings will be determined in accordance with the following scoring guidelines for the Boys' Championship and Girls' Championship.
 - (1) ***We will use the lowest three times from giant slalom and from slalom. The lowest times will be combined for the team score. The lowest team combined times determine the State placement for teams.***
 - (2) **A team must have at least three (3) skiers finish each race to be considered for the team title.** The three (3) lowest scores earned by each team in GS will be added together to get a team score for GS. The same will occur for SL. A team's total score will be a combination of the team's GS and SL run scores. The team with the lowest combined score will be the Massachusetts team champion. Ties in team scoring shall be resolved by comparing the fourth-place finishers from the tying teams. The team with the best fourth-place finisher shall prevail. If one team does not have a fourth-place finisher, the team with the fourth-place finisher shall prevail.
- b. INDIVIDUAL - All competitors are eligible for the individual Slalom and Giant Slalom championships. The 10 male and 10 female competitors with the fastest times in each discipline will receive individual awards.

5. Race Rules

Will follow US Ski guidelines with MIAA amendments – It is the coaches' responsibility to inform racers of these rules. Racers who violate these rules may be disqualified. The racer will run and a decision will be rendered by the jury at the end of the race.

- a. SKIS: Minimum ski length shall be 130 cm. It is the sole responsibility of the competitor, or in the case of a minor, the parents or guardian, to provide skis with a minimum length of 130 cm.
- b. HELMETS: It shall be the sole responsibility of the competitor, or in the case of a minor, the parents or guardian, to provide a properly fitted helmet specifically manufactured for ski racing to be worn when required. **AN ALPINE HARD-SHELLED HELMET THAT HAS HARD SHELL COVERING FOR THE EARS, WITH A FIS STICKER DESIGNATION (ALPINE RACING) CERTIFICATION MUST BE WORN FOR GS.**



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- c. Participants must possess a valid ticket from the ski area and abide by all rules and regulations as posted by the ski area in order to compete. Only race officials and individuals with proper MIAA credentials will be allowed outside of designated spectator areas (i.e. start area, on course, finish area).

6. Coaches' Meeting

- a. To be held at TBA. and as if deemed by the Jury, **immediately** after the **conclusion of the morning races**.
- b. The Race Program, course security measures, medical plan, award ceremony, course inspection and Jury decisions to be presented for coaches' evaluation/amendments and approval.
- c. The jury will be introduced.

7. Race Course

- a. One run will be slalom. (10-11 meters open gates measured by tape)
- b. One run will be giant slalom. (22-26 meters open gates)
- c. A separate course may be set for the boy's event and the girl's event.

8. Course Inspection

- a. TBA on day of the event.
- b. Course officials must be in place at 8:30am.
- c. Method of course inspection will be announced by the jury.

9. Order of Events

- a. **Giant Slalom**
Girls will run Giant Slalom first in **odd** numbered years.
Boys will run Giant Slalom first in **even** numbered years.
- b. **Slalom**
Girls will run first in **even** numbered years.
Boys will run first in **odd** numbered years.

10. Referee/Gate Keepers

- a. Referees will be assigned on a rotating basis:

	<u>Odd Years</u>	<u>Even Years</u>
Boys:	East	West
Girls:	West	East
- b. Gate keepers must meet, dressed and ready to go on the hill, **at TBA and thirty minutes after the conclusion of the morning races**.

11. General Rules

- a. Lost ski = DQ if more than 2 gates from finish.
- b. All QC's will be posted at the end of each race; Coaches will have 15 minutes to protest DC's. Coaches must alert the Technical Delegate, Chief of Race or Referee or Tournament Director within 15 minutes of the Referee Report (QC) posting.
- c. A racer who is interfered with must immediately ski out of the course and notify a course official AND request a provisional rerun from the Finish Referee.
- d. Bibs must be in racers' possession at all times and must be visible while racing.
- e. Moving on the course with speed or shadowing the course before or during the event will result in disqualification.
- f. Absolutely no banners will be permitted on site.



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12. MEDICAL COVERAGE – A licensed athletic trainer, physician, physician’s assistant, certified EMT, or nurse practitioner will be available on site. In the event of an injury or potential injury, first responders will be ski patrol – the only exception is the case of a bleed, which a trained person may respond until ski patrol’s on scene arrival

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