

Season Progression for U14 athletes and U12 and younger athletes.

U14 Athletes.

These athletes participate in the Excelsior Cup Series of races. There are two divisions - East and West. Based on their results, these athletes are ranked using the individual runs and the combined times of GS and SL as well as SG to create an overall ranking list for each division. These ranking lists are posted on the NYSSRA web site.

Once all Excelsior Cup races have been completed, the top athletes in each division will be invited to participate in the NYSSRA U14 State Championships at Whiteface. The quota for each division and each gender is based on current NYSSRA U14 membership and is posted on the NYSSRA web site.

At the U14 State Championships, a NYSSRA team will be selected to participate in the U14 Eastern Championships, also at Whiteface. Quota is on the NYSSRA web site.

From these same rankings the next group below those going to U14 Eastern Championships will be invited to participate in a two day GS training camp at Stratton along with VARA athletes.

Options for athletes who do not qualify for State Championships from Excelsior Cup.

The Horst Derby - this two day event is at Song Mtn on Feb. 23-24. One day of GS and one day of SL. From these results, we will select 5 boys and 5 girls to go to the U14 State Championships.

All athletes who do not qualify for the U14 State Championships are encouraged to compete in the Kandahar Festivals on March 9-10. There are three Kandahar events across the state to keep travel closer to home.

From the Kandahar Festivals U14 Athletes may qualify for the Kandahar Championships at Toggenburg on March 16-17, or the Piche Memorial in Gunstock, NH.

After the Completion of the U14 Eastern Championships (March 20) all second year U14 athletes (YOB 2005) may participate in any U16/U19 Scored races in order to begin establishing a points profile for the next year. There are several late season events in NY (Whiteface and Holimont) and other events in VT and NH.

U12 and Younger Athletes

These athletes participate in the Council Cup Series of Races throughout the season. There is no ranking of these results. All athletes are encouraged to participate in these races as they desire and fun is the primary focus.

All U10, and U12 athletes are encouraged to participate in the Kandahar Festivals across the state on March 9-10. (also U14 who have not competed in the U14 State Championships but no U8) At these festivals, athletes will participate in GS and Kombi races and from the ranked results of these races, the top U12 and U14 athletes in each Festival will be invited to the

Kandahar Championships at Toggenburg on March 16-17. A few U10 athletes who meet certain criteria may also be invited to Kandahar Championships. The number of athletes who will be invited to the Kandahar Championships from each Festival is based on the total registrations statewide and the number at each Festival. These quotas will be posted on the NYSSRA web site on March 8. A few athletes may have the choice of Kandahar Championships or Piche Memorial at Gunstock, NH

More late season events for U12 athletes.

U12 Future Stars at Gore. March 23-24. The NYSSRA quota for this event is 20 athletes total, 10 boys and 10 girls. There are also athletes from NJ, PA, SARA and Tri State. This is an all mountain skills development project. There are no races at this event. Athletes are selected based on their results at the Kandahar Championships.

NYSSRA U12 SL Development Projects, March 30-31 at West Mountain and Holimont. These are for second year U12 athletes (YOB 2007) and are created to help athletes learn the skills required to ski tall pole SL as a U14. Athletes are selected based on their results in the Skills portion of the Kandahar Championships.