

# EMERALD EMPIRE YOUTH SKI LEAGUE

## 2016-2017 Race Information

The Emerald Empire Youth Ski League (EEYSL) is another name for the ski teams residing in the Eastern Zone of the Pacific Northwest Ski Association (PNSA) of the Western Region of the United States Ski and Snowboard Association (USSA) dedicated to bringing together ski racers 13 years old and younger for healthy and fun ski racing competition. The ski races hosted within the EEYSL are sanctioned by USSA. Members in good standing, holding the age appropriate Competitor's License with USSA are eligible to enter these races. Every racer must be prepared to show a current USSA membership card when the race number/bib is issued. USSA membership CANNOT be purchased at registration – it must be in hand prior to registration.

### SCHEDULE OF RACES

January 28, 2017 – GS – Mt Spokane (All age classes)  
January 29, 2017 – GS – Mt Spokane (All age classes)  
February 11, 2017 – SL – 49 Degrees North (All age classes)  
February 12, 2017 – SL – 49 Degrees North (All age classes)  
March 4, 2017 – 2SG – Schweitzer (U12 and older)  
March 5, 2017 – SG – Schweitzer (U12 and older)  
March 5, 2017 – GS – Schweitzer (GS U10 and younger following SuperG race)  
March 25, 2017 – SL – Lookout Pass – League Finals (All age classes)  
March 26, 2017 – GS – Lookout Pass – League Finals (All age classes)

**AGE CLASSIFICATION** (Based on athlete age as of 12/31/16)

**\*\* (Maximum age at EEYSL races will be U14 competitors in 2017 competition season)\*\***

**U8** – Born in 2009 or later

**U10** – Born in 2007 or 2008

**U12** – Born in 2005 or 2006

**U14** – Born in 2003 or 2004

### EEYSL RULES, RACE FORMAT AND MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

- Helmets are required for all races in accordance with USSA rules
  - “Soft eared” helmets are only permitted in Slalom.
  - U14 athletes are required by USSA to wear FIS (International Ski Federation) Approved helmets for SuperG and GS
- For U14 Athletes – USSA rules state that the athlete will use event appropriate skis for the contested events. The skis must be marked, by the manufacturer, for the event. SL for Slalom, GS for Giant Slalom, and GS or SG for SuperG.
- Race Entries will be \$21 per start/event except at League Finals
- All Registration will be online, with \$19 of the entry fee refundable.
- Race Entries at League Finals will be \$70. This cost includes T-Shirt, Awards, and an athlete Banquet.
- Race entries are considered late if received after Midnight the Tuesday immediately preceding the race.
  - Late entries are subject to an \$11 late entry fee.
  - Late registration will end at noon on the Friday preceding the races.
  - Late entries are not guaranteed entry into the races.
  - If entered, late entries are subject to omission from the standard draw for start order and must race after all non-late registrants in their class in the 1st run. These entries will then run at the beginning of their age group in the second run.

- Racing Bibs with the racer's number are issued to the racers at race registration each race day.
  - The athlete is responsible for turning in their bib at the conclusion of the race.
  - Racers will be charged \$50 for lost bibs.
- Slalom and Giant Slalom awards are based on the combined time from both runs.
- SuperG is a one run race, awards are based on each individual run.
- In SL and GS, DSQ & DNF athletes from the 1<sup>st</sup> run are allowed to compete in the 2<sup>nd</sup> run in their assigned start order.
- Late or delayed starts. If a racer is late to an EEYSL race start, they will be inserted into the run order at the Race Organizer's convenience. Athletes are encouraged to always be on time for their start, but will not be formally sanctioned for late arrival.
- EEYSL will race all competitors in the same course and in courses set to U12 standards, according to the USSA Course Setting Guidelines.
  - SuperG will be set to U14 standards.
  - **\*\*Note\*\*** - "Short" and "Long" course racing will not be used in the 2017 competition season.
- Inspection at EEYSL races is with the team. Athletes must not ski the race line or free ski within the race arena.
- Special instructions regarding Inspection are typically for the protection or preparation of the snow surface for the race. Athletes and coaches **MUST** do their best to follow the inspection guidelines set forth by the Race Organizing committee.
- In GS and SuperG, if an athlete comes to a stop or misses a gate, their race run is over, and they are encouraged to leave the course.
- In all events, if a racer is passed by the following racer they must exit the course.
- Hiking is permitted in Slalom. Athletes must loop above the gate in accordance with Single Pole Slalom rules. Again, if the racer is passed or will interfere with the next racer in the process of hiking, they must exit the course.
- If a racer is interfered with in the course of his or her race run;
  - Immediately stop and find the nearest gate judge or official.
  - Explain that interference occurred.
  - Continue slowly down the outside of the course to the finish
  - Locate the finish Referee and request a re-run.
  - Once a racer has crossed the finish line, they will receive the time for their run and will not be allowed a re-run.

## EEYSL INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM SEASON AWARDS

At the final awards ceremony of the race season, the EEYSL recognizes the top three performers within each age and gender class for U14 and younger athletes by combining results from the entire season. The fastest overall team is also recognized with the travelling EEYSL Team Trophy. **U14 results are not included in team season awards.**

- Individual results are accrued with World Cup Points by each run contested.
- **New in 2017 – The EEYSL Team Championship will be determined by average points earned for U12 and younger racers rather than overall point accrual.**
- Only races contested in each age group are considered (i.e. – U10 & younger will not earn points in SuperG while points will not be earned by U12 & U14 in the Schweitzer GS).

## U14 USSA WESTERN REGION CHAMPIONSHIPS (from PNSA)

- U14 athletes will qualify for Western Region U14 Championships from the Zonal Evergreen Cup races. EEYSL racing for U14 will no longer serve as qualification.