

USSA Western US High School Championships

(Northern Nevada Ski Racing League qualifications)

2024 Dates: Tuesday, March 12 – Thursday, March 14th, Mammoth Mtn, CA

Regionals is not a sanctioned event by NIAA, therefore it is a separate event not sponsored by the NIAA or WCSD.

The “Western US High School Championships” are put on by USSA Far West Skiing. The inaugural Western US High School Championships were held in March 2020 at Mammoth Mountain (2021 was at Mt. Rose, 2022 was at Mt. Hood Meadows). States in attendance included California, Nevada, Oregon, and Wyoming, with more recent events including Colorado and Minnesota. The goal is to bring together the top High School racers in the Western Half of the United States to compete for their State in a Championship format event, participating in GS and SL. This event is a US Ski and Snowboard Sanctioned, Non-Scored, event.

Event website here: <https://fwskiing.org/events/western-us-high-school-championships/>

Qualifying:

Athletes qualify out of the Nevada High School League (NNSRL) Races (6) and State Races (2), totaling 8 races. The top 12 boys and top 12 girls qualify. If one of the top 12 qualifiers does not elect to participate, that spot is opened up to the next highest qualifier until the 12 spots are full. The Results will be posted and sent to coaches within 48 hours of the end of the State competition. Athletes will have 72 hours from that time to accept or reject their spots. Approximate costs will be shared prior to the athletes needing to indicate their participation.

Finishing places will be added up and the lowest total points would be #1. If an athlete receives a DNS, DNF, or DSQ, they receive the maximum points for that specific race.

Ideally, if we run all 8 races, we remove 2 results, and refer to the following in case we have to cancel races:

- Best 6 out of 8 total races
- Best 5 out of 7 total races
- Best 4 out of 6 total races
- Best 3 out of 5 total races
- *If we lose more than 3 races, admin. will determine qualifying.

Event Requirements:

1. All racers **must** hold one of the following US Ski and Snowboard memberships: Alpine Non-Scored Athlete (AS), Short Term Alpine (STA) if under 18 years of age, or Alpine Competitor U16 and Older (AC U16). Memberships can be obtained at www.usskiandsnowboard.org
2. All coaches **must** hold a US Ski and Snowboard Coaches membership (can take up to two weeks to pass all background and Safesport requirements). Memberships can be obtained at www.usskiandsnowboard.org

3. Helmets: All helmets must be FIS approved, no exception
4. Skis must meet US Ski and Snowboard equipment rules
5. Team size is 12 men and 12 women. Top 6 finishers of each run count for the team score (this allows DNF or DSQ first run to get a 2nd chance to potentially score points for their team). Combined times count towards individual standings.
6. Awards: Top 3 Men's Teams, Top 3 Women's Teams, Top 3 Combined Teams, Top 5 for men GS, Top 5 for men SL, Top 5 for women GS, Top 5 for women SL

Expenses

Because this is a separate event, there is no school district funding nor transportation provided. WCSD certified coaches from the Nevada league who are also certified through US Ski and Snowboard will chaperone.

Lodging/Meals

A package price will be offered for the qualified athletes. This will be a group discounted rate for lodging, meals, race registration and anything else that the venue may require. Lodging is unique to the venue, sometimes offering same-sex dorm-style rooms to typical 2-queen rooms. All athletes must opt-in to this package as it only works if the whole team participates.

We are very lucky to have generous sponsors who donate money so that the end expense is minimal to the athletes and families.

If a parent would like to spectate and follow along, they would be responsible for their own expenses. If a parent requires their athlete to stay with them at the venue, the athlete package price is still required in order to keep the group discount.

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