



VARA U16 Eastern Finals Okemo Mountain, Ludlow, VT March 11 – 14th, 2017

Registration: Those who have qualified through their state quotas are invited to register online at adminskiracing.com. All athlete qualification goes through Patti Nichols of USSA.

Payment: We strongly recommend that athletes pay online via adminskiracing.com. However, we will accept payment the day of the event cash or check only please.

The fees are as follows:
\$290 for all events
\$150 for technical events

Refund Policy: Any cancellation will result in a 50% refund, unless there is an extreme circumstance, which will be decided at Okemo's discretion. Race dates are subject to change, and the refund policy will remain in place. All requests for any partial refund must be made no more than 5 DAYS after the event has occurred. Any refund requested after this time frame will not be honored. No exceptions.

Sickness/Injury/Alternates: Okemo does not have any authority to make substitutions to the list of qualified athletes. Please do not contact us about pulls, adds, or substitutions. If an athlete cannot make the events please contact your USSA chair as quickly as possible to alternates can be substituted.

Lodging: Okemo offers many lodging options which can be further explained through our lodging department. They are honoring a discount for those attending and staying for the finals. 20% a 2 night stay, and 30% off a 3 night stay. They can be reached at 802.228.1600.

Bibs: Bibs will be given out each day at registration. They must be returned at the end of each race, because bib order will change from day to day. Please note that Okemo charges \$100 for any unreturned bib.

Qualification for U16 Finals: Please refer to official rules at <http://alpine.usskiteam.com/sites/default/files/documents/athletics/alpine/2013-14/documents/Qualification%20Criteria%20U16%20Championship%202014%20%5B1%5D.pdf>

Equipment and tuning: There are many alpine equipment shops in Ludlow. The Okemo Competition Center highly recommends **Boot Pro** and **Totem Pole Ski Shop**. Both shops offer great tuning jobs and alpine equipment. In addition, you are more than welcome to use our tuning facility located behind the locker room in the competition center building. It will be open until 9 p.m.



Boot Pro is owned by an Okemo alpine parent and they are offering 10% off to those participating in the U16 finals. As a side note, they offer 10% off msrp to any USSA member. They are located at 44 Pond Street, right before you turn up to the Okemo Clock Tower base.



Totem Pole Ski Shop is operated by one of our race crew members. They are also offering 20% off to those participating in the U16 finals. They are located at 16.5 Pond Street.

Entertainment / Activities: There are many recreational activities to participate in during your stay here at Okemo.

- The Jackson Gore base area offers the Timber Ripper snow coaster. It will be open Saturday the 11th, until Monday the 13th from 12 – 5 p.m. Pricing does vary according to number of drivers v. riders. Please call 802.228.4041 for information.
- The Jackson Gore base area also offers a snow tubing park, which will be open from 12 – 5 pm each day of the event. The cost is \$13 per hour, per person.
- The U16 finals coincides with the Sugar Daze event at Okemo. This is a free outdoor concert given on March 11th from 3:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the Jackson Gore base area. They will offer a beer garden and an assortment of fresh food. The headliner is **Paul Oakenfold** who is an English DJ and record producer.
- There are also a number of hiking trails in the area. Please contact knania@okemo.com for any inquiries.

Team Captains Meeting: The first team captains meeting will be held on Friday March 10th at 5:00 p.m. at the Competition center. All competing athletes must be represented. There will also be a team captains meeting immediately following each race at the finish.

Athlete Party: Sunday March 12th at 6:30 p.m. at the Jackson Gore Roundhouse. The banquet is covered for athletes and coaches as part of their entry fee. Additional family tickets are available for \$15 through the competition center. We would like to stress that this is an informal party. We hold it for the athletes to have fun and socialize, we will be serving pizza, salad, brownies, and cookies.

Parking: please park at any of the parking lots directly across from the Okemo Clock tower. You are welcome to drop off your athletes at the two minute circle at the clock tower. Please park in the larger lots immediately after unloading your athletes.

Food: The Base Lodge offers the Base 68 cafeteria for quick bites such as salads, sandwiches and soups. For a more relaxed sit down experience there is also the Sitting Bull Restaurant (also located in the main lodge). The Sugar House cafeteria at the bottom of Chief also has food options.

We have many other excellent dining options mountain wide. More information and complete menus can be found here: <https://www.okemo.com/dining/>

Contacts: Please feel free to contact Peter Cornish or Kimberly Nania with questions
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U16 Finals Tentative Schedule

Friday 3/10/17

5:00 Team Captains Meeting, Competition Center

Saturday 3/11/17

Slalom

7:00 – 8:30 Bib pick up at registration at the Competition Center
7:45 Lifts open
8:15 – 9:00 Inspection Girls course on skier's right
9:00 Closed at Start
9:30 First run start
Second run 1hr after the first
Meeting Immediately after race at finish
Awards 15 mins. after race at the finish

Sunday 3/12/17

Giant Slalom

7:00 – 8:30 Bib pick up at registration at the Competition Center
7:45 Lifts open
8:15 – 9:00 Inspection
9:00 Closed at Start
9:30 First run start
Second run 1 hr after first
Meeting Immediately after race at finish
Awards 30 mins. after race in front of base lodge

Monday 3/13/17

Super G Training

7:30-8:30 Bib pick up at registration
8:30 Lifts open
9:00 Warm up run
9:45 Inspection
10:30 Training starts

Tuesday 3/13/17

Super G Race

7:30-8:30 Bib pick up at registration
9:00 Warm up run
9:30-10:00 Inspection
10:30 SG Race

