

# Ausblick Ski Race Team 2025-2026 Orientation Book



Kick-off Meeting  
Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025



# Ausblick Ski Race Team

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# ASRT Key Dates

Christmas Camp:	Fri Dec. 26 <sup>th</sup>	7:00AM – 9:30AM
	Sat Dec. 27 <sup>th</sup>	7:00AM – 9:30AM
	Sun Dec. 28 <sup>th</sup>	7:00AM – 9:30AM
	Mon Dec. 29 <sup>th</sup>	7:00AM – 9:30AM
	Tue Dec. 30 <sup>th</sup>	7:00AM – 9:30AM

## MWAR Regular Season Training

- U8-U12: Mondays and Thursdays from 5:30PM – 8:00PM
- U14-U18: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30PM – 8:00PM

## Dryland Training

There will be no dryland training this year, but typically Sundays in the Fall at the hill.

## Thanksgiving Camp

There will be no Thanksgiving camp this year due to the World Cup race at Copper, but typically the week of Thanksgiving at Copper Mountain, CO (for an additional cost).



# ASRT Key Dates

## ■ MWAR Race Schedule

- |                            |              |          |
|----------------------------|--------------|----------|
| – Sat Jan 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Ausblick     | SL       |
| – Sat Jan 10 <sup>th</sup> | Tyrol        | Panel SL |
| – Sat Jan 17 <sup>th</sup> | HH           | GS       |
| – Sat Jan 24 <sup>th</sup> | Alpine       | SL       |
| – Sun Feb 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Little Switz | SL       |
| – Sun Feb 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Sunburst     | GS       |

## ■ Open Races

- Hilligoss Memorial Race - Little Switzerland, 12/13/25, 1 SL run and 1 Panel SL run [www.lakersracing.com](http://www.lakersracing.com)
- WIJARA/MWAR Spring Champ Race – Mt. Lacrosse, early March, 2 SL Races (3 Runs Total) and 2 GS Races (3 Runs Total).  
[www.couleealpineracing.org](http://www.couleealpineracing.org)

- **USSA/FIS Races** – Visit ASRT website and USSA Central Region 2 website



# ASRT Overview

## ASRT 2025-2026 Board of Directors

- President\_\_\_\_\_ Bill Bruss
- Thanksgiving Camp\_\_\_\_\_ Angela Katzfuss
- Membership/Communication\_\_\_\_\_ Bryant Ferguson & Ryan Jaeger
- Early Camp/Equipment\_\_\_\_\_ Matt Fennig
- Finance\_\_\_\_\_ Jeff Bradford
- High School/MWAR Coach Liaison\_\_\_\_\_ Dave Denton
- MWAR Team Liaison/ASRT Race Day\_\_\_\_\_ Dave Barry
- USSA/FIS Liaison\_\_\_\_\_ Bill Bruss



# ASRT Overview - 2026 Coaches

## ☐ **Lead Coaches**

- ☐ FIS – Jim Young/Luke Eskau
- ☐ USSA – Luke Eskau
- ☐ MWAR – Jimmy Hansen

## ☐ **FIS**

- ☐ Jim Young

## ☐ **USSA**

- ☐ JJ Hausman (U16)
- ☐ Baylen Rifelman (U16 & U14)
- ☐ Ben Bickler (U14)
- ☐ Tyler Cummings (U14 & Devo)
- ☐ Owen Fennig

## ☐ **MWAR U16 & U18 (High School)**

- ☐ Joe Orendorf
- ☐ Dave Denton

## ☐ **MWAR U14**

- ☐ Brian Belt – Group Lead
- ☐ Erik Schuller
- ☐ Bailey Wichert
- ☐ Kyle Kvoool

## ☐ **MWAR U8-U12**

- ☐ Jimmy Hansen – Group Lead
- ☐ Dawn VanAlstine
- ☐ Paul Ericson
- ☐ Sam Frost
- ☐ Ashley Seipel
- ☐ Jay Ewald
- ☐ Ryan Jaeger
- ☐ Justin Bence



# ASRT Overview - How is the team structured?

**MWAR** – Purpose is to provide an enjoyable club experience for the racers and families while providing the best possible skiing experience and athletic growth opportunity. Six teams in Southeastern Wisconsin.

**USSS (USSA)/FIS**– These programs offer a network of higher level competitive opportunities for ski racers of all ages but typically U-14 and up as they strive to produce world class athletes. ASRT also offers an intro to USSA option to interested U12 athletes.

**Special Project Development Groups** – Purpose is to provide elite training opportunities for athletes that meet the talent, attitude and commitment criteria to compete and excel on a National and International basis.



# ASRT Overview – Training Information

## ■ Christmas Camp

- Variety of Drills/Some Gates
- Multiple Coaches
- Groups will be assigned based on skill level and may change during the course of the camp
- Look for your athletes group / coach assignment at the beginning of each day on the signs at the bottom of the hill

## ■ Regular Season Practice

- Combination of Drills & Gates as appropriate for each group
- No breaks again this year – bring snacks and dress warm!
- Like Christmas camp, look for coach assignments (first couple weeks) at the beginning of practice on the signs at the bottom of the hill

## ■ We practice in all weather conditions!

- Please dress appropriately. Time on snow is precious.

## ■ Lift Pass / Supervision

- Ausblick helmet sticker to be worn at all times during practice
- Children under 12 years old cannot be at the hill without supervision (see rules in Ausblick directory).





# ASRT Overview – Age Classes

Birth Year	Age as of Dec 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2025	MWAR Group	Course
2019	6	U8	Youth Course
2018	7	U8	
2017	8	U10	
2016	9	U10	
2015	10	U12	
2014	11	U12	Competition Course
2013	12	U14	
2012	13	U14	
2011	14	U16	
2010	15	U16	
2009	16	U18+	
2008	17	U18+	
2007	18	U18+	



# ASRT Overview - U8-U12 Classes

## ■ Coaching based on skill level

- Better training experience for our athletes
- Allows coaches to teach to a specific skill level
- Modeled after other very successful youth racing programs
- Allows coaches to use specific drills and a curriculum resulting in better practices and improved athlete development

## ■ Based on “SkillsQuest”

- US Ski Team training and assessment platform for young athletes

## ■ Three Groups

- Group 1, 2, & 3
- Based on the athlete’s command of the four basic components of skiing. Pressure, Edging, Rotation, and Balance.

## ■ Continual assessment

- Our coaching staff will continually monitor progress and move athletes between groups as necessary



# ASRT MWAR Race Day and Volunteering

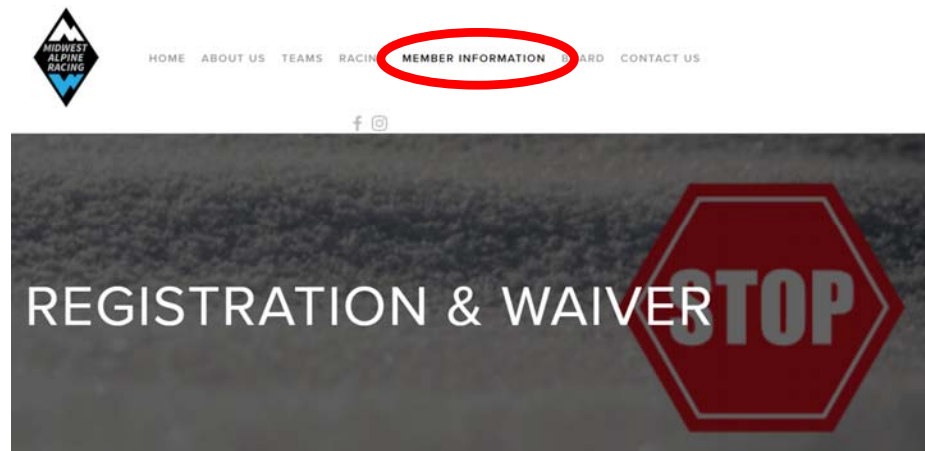
- We have close to 100 HOST and RACE volunteer positions that we will need to fill for the six-race MWAR Season.
- The ASRT MWAR Race Day is Saturday Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> at Ausblick. It is the first race this year. We have available HOST (off hill) positions in addition to available RACE (on hill) positions.
  - David Barry will be coordinating both the HOST and RACE positions. The HOST positions will be for the Ausblick race and the RACE positions will be for every race.
- At all other races, we will need to fill several RACE positions (gate keeping, etc.).
- Families new to ski racing with U8 athletes are encouraged to NOT sign up for volunteer positions for the first two races – enjoy with your children! For all other families, we will need your help so please familiarize yourself with the MWAR rules, particularly those for gatekeeping. [www.midwestalpineracing.com](http://www.midwestalpineracing.com) > Member Information > Rules.
- We will be using Sports Engine this year for volunteer sign-ups. Please visit the ASRT website to claim your volunteer spot!  
[https://www.ausblickskiraceteam.com/dib\\_sessions/show/66953](https://www.ausblickskiraceteam.com/dib_sessions/show/66953)



# MWAR League



<https://midwestalpineracing.com/>



YOU NEED TO REGISTER WITH  
MWAR AND SIGN THE MWAR  
WAIVER!! NO COST.



# MWAR League – Important Info

- The first four MWAR races will happen on Saturdays and the last two on Sundays. See the MWAR website for more information on races. The first race is 1/3 at Ausblick.
- Please use your bib from last year. If you need a new bib, please see Dave Barry at the lodge during December practices.
- MWAR will again use Live Timing and links will be available on its website. **Parents must stay away from timing shack during the race.** If a time does not show for your athlete, you must check with an Ausblick coach. All athletes get times, unless they are disqualified or qualify for a re-run. The times do not always show up on Live Timing immediately. Please see a coach if there is a timing or disqualification/re-run question.
- MWAR is requiring no carry-ins from now on. The public hills have asked us to stress this to all teams.



# MWAR League – Important Info

- Awards will happen at the end of the day after the runs are complete.
- Helmets – Reminder hard shell helmets must cover the head and ears. Also, soft-eared helmets can only be used in SL and must be FIS approved and have a manufacturer equipped chin guard installed.
- Gates – U14-U18/19 will use standard slalom gates (72"). U8-U12 will use 60" gates.
- Sportsmanship will continue to be stressed this year for both athletes and parents, so please review the MWAR rules as they relate to sportsmanship and act accordingly.



# MWAR League - What can my athlete expect at a race?

## ■ Timing (Typical)

- All age groups arrive at hill by 8:00AM, but subject to change – check Fact Sheet
- Inspect course at 8:30 or 9:00AM with coach, but subject to Fact Sheet
- 1<sup>st</sup> run begins at 9:00 or 9:30AM, but subject to Fact Sheet
- Short lunch break, re-set course and course inspection
- 2<sup>nd</sup> run usually begins around noon
- **Refer to the “Fact Sheet” for each race, available on MWAR website**

## ■ Two courses

- U8-U12 on one course and U14-U18 on another course

## ■ Two runs

- Each athlete will race the 1<sup>st</sup> course and 2<sup>nd</sup> course, regardless of result of 1<sup>st</sup> run

## ■ Run order – **Available on the MWAR website prior to the race.**

- U8-U12 Course: Youngest to oldest, based on season standings
- U14-U18 Course: Oldest to youngest, based on season standings

## ■ Awards – Each hill is responsible for deciding if it will have an awards ceremony after each race. Ausblick will have an awards ceremony.





# MWAR League – How is a race scored?

- Combined time of 2 runs = 1 race. Lowest time scores 100 points. Next lowest is 89. Then, reduction is reduced by 1 point until 11<sup>th</sup> place then total reduction is 1 point. No points for DQs or DNFs.
- Lowest scoring race will be tossed at the end of the year.
- In the event of a tie, both athletes will be awarded the same points.
- Team points – A total of 408 points awarded per race. Total accumulated points determine team standings. 1<sup>st</sup> = 15 pts; 2<sup>nd</sup> = 10 pts; 3<sup>rd</sup> = 5 pts; 4<sup>th</sup> = 3 pts; 5<sup>th</sup> = 1 pt





# MWAR League - What else?

- Minimum skill level
  - Athletes must be able to ski with poles
  - **Athletes must be able to load and unload chairlift without assistance, and work toward loading the lift at full speed throughout the season**
- Ausblick Liability Release & Concussion Acknowledgement
  - Must be completed on the website prior to payment for registration
- Bibs
  - Bibs are the same as last year. If you need one, **BE SURE TO FIND DAVE BARRY BEFORE CHRISTMAS CAMP!!**
  - Bibs are good for the next 2 years, so keep at the end of the season.
  - Anyone not using bib in 2027 should return it at the end of 2026 season to Dave Barry or leave in the Race Room at Ausblick.



# Where do I find more information?

[www.ausblickskiraceteam.com](http://www.ausblickskiraceteam.com) and [www.midwestalpineracing.com](http://www.midwestalpineracing.com)

The screenshot shows the website for the Ausblick Ski Race Team. The header is red with the 'sportengine' logo on the left and navigation links (Home, About Us, Information, Photos, News, Calendar, Events, Registration, Live Camera, Dibs) on the right. Below the header is a large banner for 'Wisconsin's PREMIER Downhill Racing Team' with the 'AUSBLICK Racing' logo. The main content area is divided into three columns. The left column contains 'HELPFUL LINKS' with buttons for MWAR, ASRT Coaches, Latest News, Photos, Ausblick Ski Hill, USSA Dashboard, USSA Live Timing, and USSA Central Reg 2. The middle column has a 'Welcome To Ausblick Ski Race Team' section with a paragraph about the team's mission and a 'WEATHER' section showing a sun icon, 37°F, and a 5-day forecast. The right column is partially visible. At the bottom, there is an 'UPCOMING EVENTS' section with a calendar for the week of October 30 to November 3, 2022. The footer includes a Windows taskbar with the search bar and system clock.

HELPFUL LINKS

- MWAR
- ASRT Coaches
- Latest News
- Photos
- Ausblick Ski Hill
- USSA Dashboard
- USSA Live Timing
- USSA Central Reg 2

WEATHER

37 °F  
Fair  
Waukesha County Airport, WI

Sun ☀ 61°F 44°F  
Mon ☀ 62°F 39°F  
Tue ☀ 65°F 43°F  
Wed ☀ 67°F 50°F  
Thu ☁ 68°F 54°F

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUN 10/30	MON 10/31	TUE 11/1	WED 11/2	THU 11/3

- Parent Handbook
- Scheduling info
- Race fact sheets
- Run Orders
- Scores



# Other Leagues



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- The **U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association** (USSA) is the national governing body for Olympic skiing and snowboarding. Founded in 1905, the century-old organization provides leadership and direction for tens of thousands of young skiers and snowboarders from over 400 member clubs who share an Olympic dream. The association is headquartered in Park City, Utah.
- The country is split into three geographic racing regions including West, Rocky/Central, and Eastern. The USSA Central Division is part of the Rocky/Central Region. There are four local regions within the Central Division. We are in Central Region 2.
- Why USSA?
  - It's fun
  - Race/Ski at larger hills
  - Increased competition
  - Meet athletes from across our region and the country
- Costs of USSA – See Parent Handbook
- Visit: [www.region2cussa.com](http://www.region2cussa.com)





- The FIS program is for athletes 16 years old and older as of December 31st. FIS racing offers a competitive environment for USSA Club athletes and independents to race against other FIS athletes across the USA and Canada, participate in a season long competition, and qualify for age appropriate upper level racing in Nor Ams, US National Championships, Rocky / Central U21 FIS Championships and International FIS Races.





