

**2012/13 MARQUETTE ADULT RACE LEAGUE**  
**Rules/ Regulations & Registration Information**

There will be eight nights of league racing starting January 17, 2013. The tentative fun night is scheduled for March 14, 2013 and the awards will be held on Friday March 29, 2013.

This team packet includes:

- (1) League Rules/ Information sheet
- (1) Team Roster
- (9) Nastar Registration Cards.
- (9) Marquette Mountain Liability Release Forms

This Packet, with all completed forms, must be turned in by Thursday, January 3rd. Team Entry Fee of \$300 must be included. Packets should be dropped off to Jessie Melchiori in the Ticket Office, Wednesday thru Sunday from 10-5.

Teams are not considered officially registered until paid in full with a minimum roster of 5 racers with completed and signed forms.

Any late registrations will be assessed an additional LATE FEE OF \$100.00. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!

Packets may be picked up early or downloaded off the MM website; however, registration WILL NOT begin until after the December 6th meeting. In the event that multiple teams from the same division register simultaneously, a blind draw will be used to determine registration order.

Racers should also register individually on-line at Nastar.com. Doing this makes team registration easier and quicker.

**Lift tickets**

You can purchase a Night Club Card for \$90 (six free nights of night skiing) then you can purchase additional night tickets for \$15. **This card will go up to \$99 on December 18<sup>th</sup>!** This will allow you to ski as early as 4:00 and you can use any evening, not just race league night.

**Team Captains**

Team captains will ensure that all race team members are familiar with the appropriate league rules and responsibilities. Racers must know their assigned bib numbers, and display the bib sticker on their helmet. Captains and team members must comply with any special instructions from the race department or Marquette Mountain Adult Race League officials (BK, Fuller or Vern).

Team captains are responsible for having their teams ready to race at the appropriate time. Any changes of racer information or scores need to be reported to the Race Department/Officials immediately, or at the latest one week after results have been posted.

**Team Rules and Requirements:**

There will be a maximum of nine (9) racers per night/per team with a minimum of one (1) scoring female per team. Only the five (5) fastest points will be scored, one of which will be a female.

A maximum of nine (9) Racers per team may be registered on the Roster

A minimum of five (5) racers are needed to register a team

Once 9 positions have been filled, and all registered racers have raced, that is your FINAL ROSTER.

If a racer has not yet raced (posted an official result), they may transfer to another team as long as the total number of racers on the roster remains at 9 or fewer.

To add or change a racer: Complete the NASTAR form, as well as the Marquette Mountain release form and place them in the drop box below the league posting area no later than Sunday night prior to the week they wish to race. If the new racer is replacing another, please note the name & bib number of the racer being removed from the roster.

Protests/Changes must be done within one week of race and done no later than Tuesday at 7:00, these must be put in brown box in the bar or emailed to race officials.

To minimize sandbagging, the split will come on the 4<sup>th</sup> week, the worst score of the 1<sup>st</sup> four weeks will be thrown out.

NO SUBSTITUTIONS once a competitor has raced (ie. You may not “drop” a racer from your roster and add another). Any team using a racer that is not registered will receive “0” points for that night.

### **A LEAGUE**

“A-Elite” & “A” Division teams will race on Cliff’s Ridge or Rocket.

### **B LEAGUE**

“B-Elite”, “B” and “C” Division teams will race on the Nastar Course on Snowfield.

After the fourth week, teams will be separated into their appropriate divisions; A-Elite, A, B-Elite, B or C. The teams with the highest point totals will be placed in the Upper Division.

All Racers must be at least 18 years of age prior to the first league race.

### **Rules for Course Inspection**

In an effort to maintain the safest courses possible, league mandates that ALL racers inspect the course(s) prior to racing and in between first and second runs. Additionally, if the Pacesetter believes any course is not conducive to “safe” racing conditions, the race will not begin until the course(s) are re-slipped or re-set.

The course may be inspected in a wedge or side slip position ONLY.

Pre-running gates with speed or “shadowing the course” will result in disqualification.

Inspection closes at: 6:50 p.m. on Rocket / Cliffs Ridge and at 6:40 on Snowfield.

### **Disqualifications:(DSQ)**

Failure to negotiate all gates in order will result in a DSQ (ie. If a competitor misses a gate, he may not continue through further gates without first hiking back and legally passing the one that was missed).

A gate has been passed correctly and legally when both ski tips and both feet have passed the correct side of the gate. “Straddling” a gate results in a DQ.

In the event that a competitor loses a ski, that individual is immediately disqualified and must not continue. (Exception: If a ski is lost at or past the second to the last, the racer may continue through the finish line without penalty).

Disqualifications will be immediately announced at the finish/completion of a run.

In the event both a disqualifying action and timing malfunction occur in the same run, the first occurrence takes precedence.

Un-sportsmanlike conduct, inappropriate actions or conduct may result in a DSQ.

If you miss a gate and choose to hike back, you must yield and move clear of the course if another racer is on course and approaching. This is especially critical for safety reasons.

Competitors who leave the starting gate and fail to complete the course will receive a “DNF” (did not finish). All racers who knowingly miss a gate, and do not intend to hike must quickly and safely remove themselves from the race course.

### **GROUNDNS FOR PROVISIONAL RE-RUN**

Malfunction of the timekeeping system.

Obstruction in the course (official, fallen racer, spectator, object, animal, ski equipment, gate, gate panel, or other obstruction).

Missing Gate (knocked out of the snow by a previous racer).

In the above instances, the racer should immediately ski out of the course at the point of the obstruction, ski immediately to the finish area and report to the timing official, who may issue a provisional re-run.

If you encounter a hindrance or missing gate and *choose* to continue through the course, the time will count normally, regardless of the obstruction, and you *will not* be issued a re-run.

In the event that a competitor decides to continue past a partially or completely missing or turning a gate, his ski tips and feet must still pass the original gate line.

### **“A” & “A-ELITE” Division Teams**

All “A” Division teams that are first and last in running order will be responsible for gate-keeping assignments (i.e. fixing panels, replacing gates, and keeping others off course).

All Elite/A divisions teams will be allowed to recruit ANY racer they choose, without restrictions. No “Ringer Rule.”

### **“B-Elite”, “B” & “C” Division Teams**

B-Elite will be the unlimited Division

### **Alternative Racers: Snowboarders & Telemark skiers**

Nastar handicap corrections apply (Snowboard=10, Telemark=10)

### **Required Safety Equipment**

Ski-specific helmets will be required for all competitors. Without a helmet, you will not be permitted to race. No exceptions.

### **Results**

Results, as well as all other league related information will be posted in the T-Bar as soon as possible after each race.

All race results will be submitted to Nastar.com and will be included in the Nastar national database.

Trophies and T-Shirts will be awarded for the first, second, and third place teams in each division.

### **Course Setting Regulations**

A/Elite courses should be set according to USSA Giant Slalom parameters. (20 to 24 meters of vertical distance between gates and 6 to 10 meters of offset.

B-Elite, B and C courses should be set according to NASTAR regulations. (18 to 22 meters of vertical distance between gates, and 4 to 8 meters of offset.

### **Severe Weather**

Coat Rule - Full coats and pants must be worn when temperatures are less than 5 degrees above zero, or a 25 degree below wind chill factor with sustained winds. When the coat rule is in effect, NO speed suits may be visible. A large Red flag will be posted in the finish area no later than 6:00PM to indicate that the coat rule is in effect.

In the event of a tie at the end of the season, the team with the highest medal point average (carried to the thousandth of a point) will determine who reigns supreme in each Division.

USSA Rules apply when those set by the “Adult Race League” are absent. For a complete list of USSA rules go to: <http://www.ussa.org/magnoliaPublic/ussa/en/sports/alpine/rules.html>

**Good Luck this year...See you on the Slopes!!!**

**Brian Kerrigan and Mark Fuller**

**\*\*Ski to Live – Live to Ski – Always Wear a Helmet!!\*\***