

Timber Ridge 2024 Adult Race League Rules

ELIGIBILITY

Open to all skiers 18 years and older. All racers must sign a liability release.

FORMAT & COVID-RELATED CHANGES

Race League will be conducted per the rules and guidelines of Timber Ridge.

DOOR PRIZES

We will be doing team door prizes again this year. Door Prize schedule will be posted the first night of racing.

FEES

The \$55 racing fee is payable to Timber Ridge Ski Area. Each racer is responsible for his/her own lift ticket or season pass. Refunds are not available.

SCHEDULE

Handicapping of new racers and practice runs for returning veteran competitors will run from **7:00 to 8:30 p.m.** on Thursday, 1/4/24, weather permitting. Racers may practice and handicap in any order that first night. Once racing begins, racers must run with their teams in the proper order.

Racing begins on Thursday, 1/11/24, weather permitting. We try to race through the month of February, which would put our last race on 2/22/24. Race cancellations due to weather are made by **5:00 p.m.** on race night and posted on our Facebook account as well as on our web site at <https://www.timberidgeski.com/>.

WEEKLY RUNNING ORDER

The current team and racer running order is posted each night on the doors to the bar. Race time is **7:00 p.m.** for each league night.

Team running order each week will follow a predetermined schedule which is set up following a randomized order using team names. We reserve the right to change the racer order based on weather conditions.

PROTESTS

Should be directed to race officials immediately.

COURSE SETTING

Will be done by race league staff and will be available for inspection at least 20 minutes before racing each race night. Competitors are encouraged to sideslip and study the course but may not ski or shadow any gates prior to racing. Racers who pre-run the course will be disqualified.

COURSE LOCATION

All racing will be done on Oak.

TEAM STRUCTURE

Consist of a maximum of 8 members and a minimum of 4. There must be at least one female per team. All of the 8 members may race each night, with the best 4* racers' point totals added together for the team point total.

*The team point total must include at least one female racer's score.

A team must finish the season with the same 8 members on the roster at the start. The only exception to this rule will be if a team member sustains an injury that will keep the individual from skiing for the rest of the season. This exception will be applied only if the injury is documented and accompanied by a note from the attending doctor. No changes to the team roster are allowed the last two weeks of racing.

Substitute racers who competed during previous seasons will have points added to their previous handicap average according to the schedule detailed in the Handicapping section during the first 3 weeks of racing. After the 3rd week of racing, these racers will have 4 handicap points added to their previous handicap. New substitute racers will need to establish their base handicap by taking two runs on the course prior to their first night of racing. Check with the race officials for a handicapping opportunity.

AWARDS

At the culmination of the series, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams will be recognized. In the case of a year where we have a high level of participation, we may have multiple divisions, and the Top 3 teams from each division will be recognized. Other awards include:

- Low Handicap Skier - male and female
- Fastest Racer - male and female
- Most Improved Racer - male and female
- Team Spirit Award
- Most Improved Team (who did not place in the top three). Team with the best participation record will win the trophy in the event of a tie and each team or individual can only win one award. If the tie continues, the team with the best improvement record wins.

DISQUALIFICATION

Will result if:

- Racer pre-runs, post-runs, shadows course, or is in the course at any time other than their normal running order.
- Racer fees or liability waiver responsibilities have not been met by the second week of racing.
- Racer does not have a lift ticket on person.
- Any other infraction of the rules.

PAR TIME COMPUTATION

Pacesetter will make two timed runs on each race course. If they are participating in the race league, their first run on each course will be used to determine their scoring for their team. The average of the pacesetters' times on each course will be divided by the pacesetters' handicap to determine par time. Racer handicaps are figured by dividing racer time by par time.

HANDICAPPING

Handicapping of new racers and racers who did not race during the 2021 season, as well as practice runs for veteran competitors, will run from [7:00-8:30 p.m.](#) on the evenings outlined in the ***Schedule*** section above.

Their two-run average will be used for the first race unless this handicap is 5 or more points higher than the handicap earned on the first night of racing. In this case, the earned handicap will be used for averaging. Racers who competed during the previous seasons listed above will have points added to their final handicap average according to the following schedule and they will begin the season with this number.

- Age 29 and under = 6 points
- Age 30 to 39 = 8 points
- Age 40 to 49 = 10 points
- Age 50 to 59 = 12 points
- Age 60 to 69 = 14 points
- Age 70 and over = 16 points

As the season progresses, each racer handicap will be averaged every week with the two most recent handicapped runs, rounded to the nearest whole number. Any racer handicap 8 or more points above posted handicap will not be averaged.

SCORING

Racers are awarded points in three ways:

1. comparing the handicap of each run with their posted handicap
2. showing up and starting at least one run

3. earning a bonus point.

Handicaps equal to or lower than posted handicap earn one point. Handicaps higher than posted earn zero points. Racers also receive one “show up” point for starting at least one run. The most points any individual can earn on one night, excluding bonus points, is 3. Points for both runs and the “show up” point are added together for the racer point total. The best four racer point totals are added together for the team point total. The most points any team can earn on one night, excluding bonus points, is 12. The team with the most points at the completion of the season wins the series.

BONUS POINTS

Will be awarded to the fastest ten male and ten female racers, who are not on the same team, each race. Points awarded are:

- 1 point for first
- .9 point for second
- .8 point for third
- .7 point for fourth
- .6 point for fifth
- .5 for sixth
- .4 for seventh
- .3 for eight
- .2 for ninth
- .1 for tenth

Fastest combined times on both courses will be used to award bonus points.

RESULTS

Official results will be posted within 24 hours after the race. Unofficial results will be posted on social media as soon as possible after the race. A copy of the official results will be emailed upon request, but no paper copies will be distributed.

COMMENTS

The office door is always open for our comments and suggestions. Please do not hesitate to stop in and let us know how we can make our league racing program more enjoyable for you.