

WAUKESHA HIGH SCHOOL(S) ALPINE DOWNHILL SKI RACE TEAM

Letter Requirements (2020-21 Season)

Background Information

1. Each High Schools Alpine Ski team is generally scheduled to race in a maximum of 6 regular meets each season.
2. Each weekly meet consists of 2 individual races; there are 6 meets per season and so 12 individual races in a season, i.e. 2 race sets per evening meet.
3. There are up to six boys and six girls who will race on either the junior varsity (JV) or varsity (V) squad or ski as an exhibition skier, per meet. The top four out of six possible total racer times, per course race, are used to calculate best team times for the boys and girls, for each meet. The top four out of a possible six racer times per team will qualify as fastest time per race to add to that “teams score” for that nights meet.
4. Note: there may be a season(s) where we have lower numbers of competing skiers, either as a whole or on a Boys or Girls Team. In those years, and depending upon the competing level of skiers, we may opt to only race a JV squad, or a V Squad, however just by being on a JV or V squad does not indicate any guarantees of letter attainments. Below JV or V criteria would still need to be met. Also, in any season and along the note of total number of competing skiers, in any given year we can have a Girl(s) race on any of our Boys JV or V team, however we cannot have any Boys race on any of our Girls teams. If a Girl were to compete on a Boys team, she could qualify for state or JV conference on that team, should they qualify, however she would not qualify for state as an “individual” Girls racer should she individually medal in any one race while on the Boys team. All things to be considered when we align our racers teams per season and per each weeks meet.
5. Race order positions may change for each meet and/or be dispersed between the JV and V squad.
6. Just by racing on the Junior Varsity or Varsity squad for one or more races does not mean the racer qualifies for a JV or V letter for that season.
7. Awards of JV and V are not meant as participation awards, but rather to be earned.
8. The decision as to who makes the V and JV squad for a particular meet is based off the following criteria:
 - a. Attendance at practices...Dry land and On-Hill and/or team event.
 - b. Participation at practices...Dry land and On-Hill and/or team event.
 - c. Ski ability, skill sets and also ski performance at practices
 - d. Times in the previous race(s) or meet(s)
 - e. Total number of competing Waukesha student-athlete skiers each season and/or at each meet or race.
 - f. Coaches discretion
 - g. Racer squads of V or JV or Exhibition can change from week to week, and/or from GS to SL Race.

Criteria for a JV Letter

1. Finish the season in good standing (i.e. do not quit or finish with discipline or academic issues).
2. Attendance, participation and continued growth in practice.
3. Only one “unexcused” absence per year. An unexcused absence at a practice and/or Race is one where the student-athlete, personally, does not notify the head coach of their intended absence and/or does not receive approval for the missing practice or race.
4. Participant must be on the team through the whole season (i.e. member cannot quit half way through the season and still receive a letter). Participant may join at any time during the season, prior to Dec. 1st deadline, and upon completing the season will receive the JV letter if criteria are met.
5. Attendance and participation at meets: Skier must have a total of 8 of 12 total possible qualifying race times on JV or V for a season.
6. Coaches discretion
7. Any violation of the athletic code will terminate any chances of receiving a JV letter.

Criteria for a Varsity Letter

1. Finish the season in good standing (i.e. do not quit or finish with discipline nor academic issues).
2. Attendance, participation and continued growth in all practices and races...dry land and on-hill practices and races.
3. Attendance and participation at race meets... must have a total of 8 of 12 total possible qualifying race times on JV or V.
4. Only one “unexcused” absence per year. An unexcused absence at a practice and/or Race is one where the student-athlete, personally, does not notify the head coach of their intended absence and/or does not receive approval for the missing practice or race.
5. If student athlete has participated on the Varsity Team for 4 years, then the student-athlete will earn a varsity letter...so long as all other Varsity participation and attendance criteria has been met.
6. On any race that skier races on the Varsity squad, that evenings race’s, “Total Combined Results” of individual skier must have times resulting in their finishing in the top 50% of that nights competing total teams Varsity race times. Example. If a nights meet consists of a total of 3 teams (6 racers per team), competing that evening for a total of 18 racers, then the Waukesha individual skiers total combined times would need to result in placing 1st thru 9th for that meet. Another example would be if a night’s meet consists of a total of competing teams with a total of 30 competing racers (5 teams each with up to 6 racers max per team). Then the individual Waukesha skier’s total combined time would need to place 1st thru 15th for that evening’s race (<=/ to fastest 50% of total competing racers). If 4 teams are competing in a meet, individual skier needs to place 1st – 12th overall for that evening’s race and so on. This criteria must be met on a minimum of half (50%) of their season races where student athlete participated on the varsity squad for that evening’s race. Example: If a racer raced on varsity for two meet race events for the season, then that racer would need to have results in top 50% of that nights racers for half or 1 of 2 of their two race meets. Ex: if a racer raced on all 6 Varsity race meets, they would have been required to finish in top 50% at half or 3 of their 6 race meets.
7. If during the season on any one meet, a participant receives an individual medal (First place, Second place or Third place) they will earn a varsity letter.
8. If participant qualifies for the Wisconsin Alpine State Meet in mid-February, that participant will earn a varsity letter.
9. Participant may also receive a “V” letter by Coaches discretion.
10. Participant must be on the team through the whole season (i.e. member cannot quit half way through the season and still receive a letter). Participant may join at any time during the season, prior to Dec. 1st deadline, and upon completing the season will receive the Varsity letter if criteria are met.
11. Any violation of the athletic code will terminate any chances of receiving a Varsity letter.

Other Awards

1. Gold Bar: A Bar will be awarded to any participant who achieves a second varsity letter to above V criteria.

