



## OPENING DAY PARADE OF EASTERN USSA ATHLETES

Saturday, March 23, 2019.

Preliminary Details:

1. Entry to the US Alpine National Championships will be FREE for EASTERN USSA athletes and chaperones.
2. We will provide detailed information on BUS ACCESS to the US Alpine National Championships at Waterville Valley Resort.
3. We will have a designated STAGING AREA to organize the parade by State / Ski Club.
4. Each athlete is asked to wear YOUR CLUB UNIFORM in the Parade.
5. Each Club will be responsible for supplying CHAPERONES for your group (roughly 1 chaperone per every 10 kids), and for getting your team to and from the staging area.
6. We will march into DESIGNATED AREAS TO WATCH THE RACE. (Or you can disperse to watch with your family after the parade has ended.)

**We Need Preliminary Numbers by March 16, 2019 at the latest!**

Our Parade Organizers need to know HOW MANY of you will participate. Our numbers will be limited this year so please ask your Program Directors to RSVP (Parade Marshal) ASAP. Accordingly, Each State or Division will need to establish a single Chairperson, responsible for communicating with the Parade Marshal.

**Please be advised. We need only ONE Contact State / Division to keep a clear line of communication. Thanks!**

***PLEASE SPREAD THE EXCITEMENT EARLY TO YOUR CLUBS. EASTERN USSA CLUBS are***

***VERY FORTUNATE TO BE INCLUDED THIS YEAR.***

***THIS PROMISES TO BE A LIFETIME MEMORY FOR YOUR KIDS!***

***PLEASE REPLY WITH THE BEST ESTIMATE OF YOUR Parade Coordinator including - TOTAL NUMBER OF CLUBS, ATHLETES, COACHES and CHAPERONES, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.***

***SO PLEASE REPLY ASAP to Parade Marshal, (interim – Greg Gill ggill@mcttelecom.com***

*(see next page for FAQ)*

## ***EASTERN USSA National Alpine Championships PARADE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:***

### **Can I drive to the US Alpine National Championship venue at Waterville Valley Resort?**

There are three ways you can get to the event.

- 1) **THE BEST:** One or two clubs get together and charter a bus that can hold 50-60 passengers. If you do this, you will be allowed to park right by the base of the venue on **SATURDAY ONLY**. Your bus may serve as your own, private warming hut / base-area, should you wish.
- 2) **NEXT BEST:** If you are driving a 10-12 passenger van, you may **DROP OFF** your passengers at the base of the venue and then park your van back at an off-site location (TBA). The driver would then shuttle to the US Alpine National Championship at the base of Waterville Valley Resort
- 3) **OR...** If you're arriving in a smaller vehicle, your club participants and chaperones will have to park at a TBA location, off site and take a shuttle bus to Waterville Valley Resort.

### **Once we arrive, what do we do?**

There will be an EASTERN USSA gathering area, adjacent to the SL Finish Area at the bottom of the World Cup Trail. , within easy walking distance from where the busses will drop you off. REMEMBER to allow **EXTRA TIME** to pass through Security. Best bet is to wear layers and if you bring a small backpack, make sure it is not crammed with items that will slow down bag inspection or contain items that may be confiscated at the checkpoint.

### **OK, we've arrived and are at the venue. What's next?**

You and your State / Division team will be directed to a specific, cordoned off area, where you will be staged prior to the beginning of the parade. Once staged, each State / Division will be lined up by club. Once the parade begins, each State / Division will enter the venue, club-by-club and the will introduce each group over the venue public address system. He will be using information supplied by each club to highlight the history, famous alums and fun facts about each state, division and USSA club! A Club-info questionnaire (?? Do we want to do this??) / form will be forwarded to each Chairperson to distribute to participating clubs, once you RSVP.

### **So, we march into the venue. Where do we go?**

You will be ushered right into the Finish Area and Viewing Area, right by the finish line. The area is large enough to accommodate athletes, so there should be ample for all athletes, coaches and chaperones to gather. Once the parade has ended, each club / athlete may go wherever they like in the venue, but please respect all clubs participating in the parade by remaining in the viewing area until the last athletes have arrived.

### **What do we do after the parade?**

This is entirely up to each club to organize. We highly recommend that you come up with a **specific meeting place** so that if one of your crew gets separated, they will know where their team and/or chaperones will know where to find them.

### **What should we wear?**

Plan on "**Mountain Weather**" and dress accordingly. BE SURE TO WEAR WEATHERPROOF FOOTWEAR! Warm, waterproof boots are **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED**. Sneakers or Cha-Cha-high-heeled pumps are utterly discouraged! Dress in layers. You're ski racers. You know the drill. **PLEASE WEAR YOUR CLUB UNIFORM and / or HAT!!!**

***MORE INFORMATION and AN EXACT TIME LINE WILL BE FORTHCOMING ONCE WE HEAR BACK FROM YOU WITH YOUR PARTICIPATION ESTIMATE!***