

# **Mid-Atlantic MASTERS SKIING**

## **Mid-Atlantic Masters Overview**

Mid-Atlantic Masters Skiing, Inc., is a non-profit corporation that administers the Foy Cup Series. This series offers a season-long schedule of races and awards to the overall and class winners for men and women, juniors, and teams. Mid-Atlantic Master's roots originated from the ASRA ski race organization, which was formed by John (A.J.) Foy in 1980, and concluded in 2017.

We welcome all levels of skiers looking for the challenge of a longer course, including former junior or college racers, racing parents, juniors who hold a USSA license, serious Nastar racers, and others who just love to ski race. We also welcome participants from other regions and divisions to join us. We encourage family participation, and provide seasonal awards for families, teams, and individuals. Above all, our primary goal is to have fun and enjoy challenging ski racing at the same time.

Mid-Atlantic (MA) Masters hosts races from December through March in New York, Vermont, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. We hold GS, SL, and SG races. Points are awarded by finish position in each age category, and season champions are recognized at the MA Masters Championships in March. Teams are also scored at each race and for the overall team championship.

To join our email list, include your email address when becoming a member, or visit our web site at [www.mamasters.org](http://www.mamasters.org) and opt-in for email communications. Please like us on Facebook at our page: [www.facebook.com/MAMastersSki](https://www.facebook.com/MAMastersSki)

The full US Ski & Snowboard Masters Competition Guide can be found [at this link](#).

## **Mid-Atlantic Masters Board of Directors**

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## **Membership Requirements**

1. Competitors are requested to join Mid- Atlantic Masters at a cost of \$26 per season (early bird rate). Competitors must be members to qualify for the seasonal Foy Cup, class (age group), team, and family prizes. Mid-Atlantic Masters Members will receive a \$10 discount for online entries received by noon the day before the first race of the race series. (i.e. if the entry is for a Sunday race but the schedule includes a Friday race and training on Thursday, the deadline for the discount, even just for the Sunday race would be noon on Wednesday.)

2. Participants who are not members of Mid Atlantic Masters will receive the discounted member rate for their first full weekend of racing (\$10 discount), for online entries received by noon the day before the first race of the race series. A US Ski & Snowboard Masters or junior membership is required to compete in any Mid- Atlantic Masters US Ski & Snowboard Sanctioned Race. Mid-Atlantic Masters will honor a short-term (one day) membership. There will be a two event limit on short-term memberships. An event is a series of races/training on consecutive days. Short term memberships must be purchased at <http://my.ussa.org/membership/start>, for a cost of \$20 *per race* (not per race weekend). The purchase of the second or subsequent short-term (ST) licenses must be done by contacting Member Services at 435-647-2666 (online system cannot handle second ST purchase).
3. Seasonal Masters memberships are available through the same web sites, for a cost of \$100. A Masters membership can be included with a Coach's membership at no extra cost. Amounts paid for short-term memberships can be applied to a full Masters membership at any time by calling Member Services at 435-647-2666.
4. Note should the race be run by a mountain and not be a US Ski & Snowboard Sanctioned race, a USSA license is not required. Currently the only race which fits this category is Montage, PA.

### **Mid-Atlantic Masters Membership Benefits**

Members of Mid-Atlantic Masters qualify for the following:

- Earning points toward the season-long Foy Cup and class (age group) awards and prizes
- Winning awards and prizes at the Mid-Atlantic-Masters Championships
- Ability to compete on a team and earn team prizes.
- Discounts from our sponsors (see MA Masters web page for more details)
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US Ski & Snowboard Association membership also offers a wide variety of discounts for members. Benefits may be found at <http://my.ussa.org/member-benefits>.

### **Entry Procedures, Fees and Deadlines**

1. Online registration for all races may be completed at [www.skiracereg.com/MAMasters](http://www.skiracereg.com/MAMasters). After Nov 15<sup>th</sup>, racers should update their skiracereg account with current credit card and email information. New racers will need to create a skiracereg account prior to registration. New and out of division racers should change to or select the "Mid Atlantic" Race series at the top of the home page. There is no extra cost to use skiracereg--it is fast and simple.
2. The cut-off for race entry is **noon on the day before** the first race of the event (usually held over a weekend). Start lists will be generated the night before the race, then posted at racer check in. All racers should check in and review the start list for errors (and notify check in personnel, if necessary) by 8:15 am on race day.
3. Day-of race registrations generally will NOT be accepted--you must be on the start list prepared the day prior to the race to compete. If you are allowed by the race organizer to submit a late entry after the deadline has been reached, please be aware that a late

fee of \$10 may be charged. *Late submissions will be permitted only for extenuating circumstances.*

4. Short-term membership will be available at race registration; however, pre-registration is strongly recommended to make your registration quick and efficient.
5. If the race is cancelled (e.g., due to weather), your credit card will not be charged. If you cancel your registration prior to the cutoff deadline (i.e., noon the day before the first race of the event), your credit card will not be charged. If you do not cancel prior to the cut-off time, you will not be charged for the registration, but there will be a \$15 DNS fee.
6. Racers entered in a race can be viewed on [skiracereg.com](http://skiracereg.com) prior to the race date.

### **Race Bibs**

1. Bibs are available for purchase through Mid-Atlantic Masters. A purchased bib will serve as your permanent bib and racer identifier for all regular Mid-Atlantic Races. It is the responsibility of each racer to keep the bib in good condition, bring it to each race, and wear the bib during all races. If you forget your bib, you will be issued a temporary; in this case, please advise the starter of your permanent bib number, so that your race times and scoring can be recorded accurately.
2. Out of division guests can bring their own division bib to Mid-Atlantic races, if you have one; please include your bib number request in [skiracereg](http://skiracereg.com). If the requested number is accepted by the race registrar, the racer may use it. If it is not accepted, a temporary bib/number will be issued and available for pick-up at racer check in, prior to 8:15 am on race day.
3. Temporary bibs must be returned after the racer's last race of the weekend. A fee of \$25 will be charged for unreturned bibs.

### **Seeding (Start Order)**

First and second run seeding (start order) will alternate between the oldest women and men's classes through class 10, followed by all the remaining women's and men's classes--not alternating, from oldest to youngest. Juniors U14 or less will run prior to all other classes. US Ski & Snowboard classes may be found at [link](#). The jury may change the start order at its discretion. If a Mid-Atlantic Masters race is held concurrently with a US Ski & Snowboard Junior or open race, the Masters division will be scored as a separate race.

First and second run seeding within classes will be by random draw among those entries received by the entry deadline. Late entrants and those racing on a short-term membership will run last in their respective classes.

All racers holding a Masters or USSA junior seasonal or short-term license may compete in the Mid-Atlantic Masters Skiing Championships (all events); however, only those who are also Mid-Atlantic Masters members will qualify for championship awards and door prizes.

### **Course Specifications & Equipment**

Race rules shall conform to all US Ski & Snowboard rules. Courses shall meet the standard requirements for USSA Masters.

It is recommended that Masters use helmets that meet the FIS standards for all U.S. Ski & Snowboard GS, SG and DH competitions. The helmet must bear a "CE" mark and conform to one or more of the following helmet standards: CEH.Din 1077, ASTM F2040, SNELL S98 or

RS98. Helmets which meet the new FIS standard have a sticker affixed by the manufacturer that states “Conforms to FIS Specification RH 2013”.

## **Scoring**

### **Individual Scoring:**

*Only Mid-Atlantic Masters members may earn points toward the overall seasonal and class (age group) awards.* **Foy Cup overall** (top five men and top five women) and season-long class results (top three in each class) will be determined by scoring the individuals’ best 8 races identified as Mid-Atlantic points races. Overall scoring is based on the Alpine World Cup point scoring system (more details on overall scoring can be found at [link](#))

#### **Scoring for age class**

10 points for 1st  
8 for 2nd  
6 for 3rd  
4 for 4th  
2 for 5th

#### **Scoring for overall**

100 points for 1st  
80 for 2nd  
60 for 3rd  
50 for 4th  
45 for 5th, etc., through 1 for 30th

If two or more racers are tied after their eight best races are counted, the tie will be broken by the racer who has the most firsts, then seconds, then thirds of the scored eight races. If the racers are still tied, the tie will be broken by going to each racer’s ninth best result, then tenth, and so on until the tie has been broken. If the racers are still tied after all race finishes are counted, they shall remain tied or resort to a snow wrestling match to break the tie.

To encourage cross-regional participation in larger events, some pre-identified races outside the Mid-Atlantic division (i.e., New England Masters, New York Masters, and Nationals) will count toward a racer’s overall season scoring, for both class and overall Foy Cup championships. Scoring will be based on Mid Atlantic participants from those respective races.

The Mid-Atlantic Masters Skiing Championship (end-of-season) Giant Slalom Race will be scored within predetermined ability groups, rather than by age groups. You will be placed in an ability group based on your average of points across all completed races.

### **Team Scoring:**

Teams will be scored at each race by counting the top four finishers for each team. Team rosters of up to eight racers must be identified by the second weekend of racing for the season. Should a team not have enough finishers, ghost times will be used (the time of the slowest racer that qualified for team scoring for that particular gender, plus 30 seconds). Team scoring will be based on an age and gender handicap points. All team members must be members of Mid-Atlantic Masters. You can register your team [at the following link](#).

### **IronMan (person):**

An IronMan award will be presented to the person (man or woman) who completes the most starts for the season, and who has not yet won the award.

### **Other Scoring**

**Family** – There will be a seasonal award for parent(s) & child teams. Either parent may race with their child, and the best races for each family will count towards the award.

## **Training**

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Available training opportunities include an early season camp in December, as well as other training opportunities throughout the season. Links to training opportunities can be found on our web site, at [www.mamasters.org](http://www.mamasters.org)