



Francis Piche Invitational

Gunstock Mountain Resort - March 11-15, 2020

Ski Good, Have Fun!



Congratulations on qualifying for the 2020 Francis Piche Invitational! We look forward to welcoming you, and all the other U12 and U14 athletes from the USSA Eastern region, to Gunstock for an exciting weekend of racing.

Please visit the Gunstock Ski Club website for schedule updates and links to online registration.

<http://www.gunstockskiclub.com/francispiche>

NEW: A Dual SL and Team event will be hosted on Friday. See the [Dual SL and Team Event](#) page for details.

Schedule

The entry fee includes a lunch ticket for each day.

Mar 11 Sunday	Wednesday Slalom Training Day <i>Optional</i>	\$80
Mar 12 Thursday	Thursday GS Training Day <i>Optional</i>	\$80
Mar 13 Friday	NEW: Dual Slalom and Team Race <i>SL and GS training options available on adjacent trails</i>	\$160
Mar 14 Saturday	Francis Piche Championship GS	
Mar 15 Sunday	Paul Ladouceur Championship SL	\$80

Requirements

[USSA](#) Youth Competitor License class U12 or U14, Invitation from one of 9 divisions within USSA Eastern Region.

Entry Procedure

The divisional coordinators submit seeded entry lists to the Race Administrator (race@gunstockskiclub.com) no later than Wednesday, March 12. The sooner the list is submitted the easier it is to resolve issues that arise. Qualified athletes register online by March 12 at adminskiracing.com

Contact Information

Race Administrator	Scott Wilkinson (race@gunstockskiclub.com)
Chief of Race	Steve Howe
GSC Program Director	Josh Bedard

Race Location

Gunstock Ski Club, Gunstock Mountain Resort
719 Cherry Valley Road
Gilford, NH 03249

The race headquarters is in the GSC clubhouse at the base of the Cannonball race trail. The clubhouse is open to all athletes and families. Tuning and waxing facilities, courtesy of [Piche's Ski & Sports](#), available in the basement from 7:30 am to 5 pm.





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Coaches

Each division can designate 8 coaches to the event. That said, we want each athlete to have the opportunity to be represented by a coach from their home mountain. If a division needs additional coaches to meet this objective, then please indicate this when sending the coach list to the race administrator. Divisional coordinators are asked to have coaches attending the event register online via admskiracing.com (same registration site used by athletes). There is no cost for registration; an admskiracing.com account is required.

Coach tickets are available each day at the race registration desk. Coaches MUST present a current USSA coach membership ID to sign-in, receive a complimentary ticket, and access to the hill.

Referee and Course Set assignments are set at the Team Captains Meeting on Friday. Each division will designate 2 team captains (per age group) to sign meeting minutes.

Updates to the event schedule are announced at the Team Captains Meeting each day.

Sign-in and Bibs

Athletes receive event bibs and other schwag when they sign-in (Thursday afternoon or Friday Morning). The event bib received at sign-in for all races. The same run order will be used for the Dual SL Qualification Round, GS, and SL.

Lodging and Meals

Please visit www.gunstock.com for information on lodging and meal accommodations.

Tickets

Parent/Family Lift Tickets are available in the Season Pass Office, Main Lodge.

Dogs

We love dogs, but for the safety of both dogs and skiers, dogs are not allowed on the snow. This is a Gunstock Mountain [policy](#). Service dogs with a vest are always permitted.

Code of Conduct

Athletes will conduct themselves in conformance with the guidelines presented in the [USSA Competition Guide](#). Athletes, coaches, and parents will respect the venue, mountain staff, coaches, officials, race workers and racers at all times. Thank you.

Apparel

This year Francis Piche Invitational apparel can be pre-ordered online. A link to the online-store will be provided here when it becomes available.





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Schedule of Events

Changes to the schedule are announced each day at the Team Captain Meeting.

Wednesday, March 11, SL Training Day

Thursday, March 12, GS Training Day

8:00 am	Registration	GSC Clubhouse
9:00 am	Coach/Athlete Meeting	GSC Clubhouse
9:30 am - 11:30 am	On Snow	
11:30 pm - 12:30 pm	Lunch Break	
12:30 pm - 3 pm	On Snow	
1 pm - 4 pm (on Thursday)	Registration for Fri/Sat	
4:00 pm	Team Captains Meeting for Dual SL	GSC Clubhouse (top floor)

Friday, March 13, Dual SL Team Race

U12 and U14 on Tiger

All athletes use the Ramrod quad chairlift to access the race venue

Per U1233 SL Rules will be applied

7:00 am	Lift Opens for Jury and Coaches	
7:30 am	Registration Opens	GSC Clubhouse
8:15 am	Team Captains Meeting	At the Start
8:30 am	Lifts Open for Athletes	
8:35 - 9:05 am	Inspection Entry Window	
9:15 am	Inspection Closes	
9:30 am	Qualification Round Run 1 Starts	
10:50 am	Qualification Round Run 2 Starts	This is an approximate time.
11:00 - 1:00 pm	Lunch	Tent at bottom of Tiger; Ticket Required
12:00 pm	Training Courses Open	Courses on Cannonball Trail
12:30 pm	Qualification Round Ends	Results posted on Scoreboard, Clubhouse, Live-Timing
1:30 pm	Team Event Starts	
3:30 pm	Awards ^[1]	Main Lodge
4:00 pm	Team Captains Meeting for Saturday and Sunday	Main Lodge, Pistol Pub (top floor)





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Saturday, March 14, Championship GS

U12 on Tiger

U14 on Cannonball

All athletes use the Tiger triple chairlift

7:00 am	Lift open to Jury and Coaches	
8:00 am	Registration	GSC Clubhouse
8:00 am	Team Captains Meeting	(location TBD)
8:15 am	Lift Opens to Athletes	Use the Tiger Chair
8:30 am - 9:00 am	Inspection Entry Window	Entry closes at 9:15 am
9:30 am	First Run Start	
11:00 - 12:45 pm	Lunch	Tent at bottom of Tiger; Ticket Required
30 min. after the last racer	Awards ^[2]	Main Lodge

Sunday, March 15, Championship SL

U12 on Tiger use the Ramrod quad chairlift

U14 on Cannonball use the Tiger triple chairlift

7:00 am	Lift open to Jury and Coaches	
8:00 am	Registration	GSC Clubhouse
8:00 am	Team Captains Meeting	(location TBD)
8:15 am	Lift Opens to Athletes	
8:30 am - 9:00 am	Inspection Entry Window	Entry closes at 9:15 am
9:30 am	First Run Start	
11:00 - 12:45 pm	Lunch	Tent at bottom of Tiger; Ticket Required
30 min. after the last racer	Awards ^{[2][3]}	Main Lodge

^[1] Awards presented for the qualification round to the top 10 places, using combined 2-run time, for each gender and age group, and to the top 3 teams from the team event.

^[2] Awards presented to the top 10 places, using combined 2-run time, for each gender and age group.

^[3] GS and SL Team awards presented on Sunday, scoring based on 2-run combined results from GS and SL events.

