

USSA Alpine Masters

Masters License Checklist

For the 2015-16 season, there have been a number of changes in USSA membership options. This note summarizes the membership policies for competitors in a USSA masters competition.

REMINDER: this checklist has been prepared to assist organizers; the definitive statement of membership policies and license requirements is published on USSA Membership site at <http://my.ussa.org/membership/start> and in the Alpine Competition Guide for 2016.

USSA Membership Requirements for Masters Competition

In order to participate in any USSA sanctioned competition, athletes must be members of USSA. To participate in USSA masters events (non-FIS), athletes must:

- be at least 18 years old and hold a USSA Masters membership, or,
- be at least 18 years old and purchase a daily short-term USSA membership

Athletes with a USSA Coach license and athletes 18 and older with an alpine Competitor license may compete in a masters race at no additional membership fee, but they **MUST** contact USSA Member Services to add a Masters membership if they did not already do so when purchasing their membership at the start of the season.

To compete in Regional or National Championship events athletes **must** hold a USSA Masters membership.

For the 2015-16 season, a Masters membership is \$90. A USSA membership can be purchased or renewed online at the USSA Membership site at <http://my.ussa.org/membership/start>. *(For 2016, there is NO paper application form for USSA membership – purchase must be made online)*

Short-Term Memberships

Athletes 18 and over can purchase a short-term membership for masters competitions for \$15/day. A short term membership can be purchased as many times as desired; when fees paid reach the amount equal or exceeding the \$90 masters license fee, the competitor must contact USSA membership at 435.647.2666 to convert to a regular masters membership. *(There is no additional charge to apply short term license fees towards a masters license.)*

Short-term licenses currently **MUST** be purchased using a printed application form *(purchasing online through the membership site will be possible in the future, but is not yet available)*. The Alpine Masters Short-Term Membership form for 2016 can be printed from the USSA web site:

https://ussa.org/sites/default/files/documents/membership/2014-15/documents/ST_Alpine_Masters_16.pdf

Follow the instructions of the race organizer on submitting a short-term membership. Short-term membership forms **MUST** be submitted to the race organizer at the event; they may **NOT** be sent in advance to USSA Member Services.

*****PROOF OF PRIMARY MEDICAL INSURANCE IS REQUIRED!!!**

Short-Term License Instructions for Race Organizers

Short-Term License Number Coding in Race Files

When an athlete is competing under a short-term membership and does not yet have a USSA # registered in the membership database, the license number should be entered in the race file with prefix letter "M" followed by a 7-digit license number starting from 1, e.g., M0000001, M0000002, M0000003, etc

Think "M for Missing license number"!

The short-term membership license numbers must be unique in any given race, so start assigning from 1 and give out as many numbers as needed. It is not important that an athlete competing in multiple races under a short-term license have the same M number in each race; they just need to have a unique license code within any single race.

If the athlete is registered on the USSA database and has a license number assigned (e.g., a competitor who held a USSA license in a previous year but has not purchased a membership for the current season), it is recommended to use their registered license number rather than a one-time "M" number in the race file.

Sending USSA Short-Term Membership Forms

Immediately after your race, send any short-term license forms accepted on-site at your event, along with payments, to:

USSA Member Services
PO Box 100 / 1 Victory Lane
Park City, UT 84060