

2024-25 DEMOGRAPHICS & SPONSORSHIP



What is Ski Challenge?

1985-2024

Serious Fun

THE SKI CHALLENGE completed its 39th season this past winter. The Ski Challenge began in 1985 as a Twin Cities Metro Area recreational ski racing program allowing adults to ski on teams in leagues - similar to softball or bowling leagues. Approximately 35 members raced in the first year of the program. Today more than 800 racers of all ages participate in the leagues on teams and as guests throughout the season.



Ski Challenge has evolved into one of the finest and largest team-oriented recreational ski race leagues in the country allowing adults, kids, and families to participate. Ski Challenge is ranked as NASTAR's number-one race club in the country nearly every year. Today, Ski Challenge has more than 4,000 total race starts each season. There are close to 80 regular-season teams at Buck Hill. Ski Challenge's size and long-time commitment to its members are testimony to the exciting racing and quality experience that it provides.

THE SKI CHALLENGE has many great events planned for the 2024-25 season to celebrate it's 40th year anniversary. Seven ski leagues will be offered at Buck Hill for the upcoming season. Each league consists of anywhere from eight to 16 teams, with 10 racers per team. The regular season starts in January with races being held once a week per league for seven weeks. Other various non-league events will also be held at Buck Hill, Giants Ridge and Jackson Hole. All of our leagues welcome both adults and people under 18. The season culminates with a championship race weekend at Giants Ridge which includes both team racing and individual racing.

Why Sponsor Us

- Ski Challenge sponsors and participating areas enjoy the benefits of high exposure to a direct target market through the association with a program that has a proven track record and outstanding reputation.
- Sponsors are promoted directly to the people who use their products and services. Sponsors are promoted at multiple events throughout the year, not just at one main event.
- Ski Challenge Sponsorship is an inexpensive way to support the ski community by helping to keep people interested in the sport and the products that support the sport. By being a Ski Challenge sponsor, you keep the program more sustainable by helping to keep costs down for racers.

The Ski Challenge provides an excellent racing experience for all levels and abilities of skiers. All ages from four years on up are welcome to participate. Our recreational races are well-organized and user-friendly. We provide an environment and atmosphere catering to all skill and competitiveness levels. The unique team format and scoring promote great fun, camaraderie, and interaction among racers. Ski Challenge is SERIOUS FUN! Members join to have a reason to ski more, to meet with friends, and enjoy a healthy winter activity.

Membership

Total Teams - Regular season: 77 Leagues - Regular season: 7

Total Registered Regular Season Racers: 691

Total Championships Racers: 172 E-mail List (households): 1,884

TOTAL RACER APPEARANCES

Regular Leagues: 3,697 NASTAR Open Races: 209 Championships: 352 Overall for season: 4,258

Household Income

\$20-39K - 2% \$40-69K - 7% \$70-99 - 11% \$100-199 - 44% >\$200K - 36%



Racer Demographics

Average Age: 47

<21 - 6%

21-29 - 13%

30-39 - 13%

40-49 - 19%

50-59 - 22%

60-69 - 23%

70+ - 4%

Male/Female

21% Female 79% Male







Ski Challenge was the number one NASTAR Club again in 2024

- 1. Ski Challenge 3351
- 2. Xlr8 669
- 3. Pats Peak 763



Events



League Events - 49 Total Events

January-February 49 Total Events - 3,697 Total Racer Appearances



Ski Challenge has seven league options at Buck Hill. These leagues each run for seven consecutive weeks. Leagues are offered Monday-Thursday nights, Sunday mornings, Sunday early evenings and Wednesday afternoons. Leagues consist of teams of 10 and range anywhere from 9 teams to 16 teams per league. Racers join a team in a particular league and race in that same league at the same time each week. Racers may join more than one league but can only participate on one team per league.

We also offer Guest Racing for friends and family members. Racers can also guest race in leagues they currently are not participating in. Guest racers are allowed to race no more than two times per league before they must join a team. Guest racing is a great way to allow skiers to try racing out.









Events



NASTAR Open Races

Saturday Nights in January and February One Event in December





Ski Challenge teams up with Buck Hill to offer Open NASTAR Races throughout the season. Anyone can participate and racers don't have to be current Ski Challenge members. Racers have the chance to take as many race runs as they want within an hour and a half time period. This gives racers a great opportunity to practice, try out new equipment, or just try ski racing! Results and rankings are based on individual racing, not team racing.









Race Camp at Jackson Hole First Week in December



Ski Challenge puts on a race camp at Jackson Hole Mountain Resort each December. Around 20+ campers kick off their season by attending the camp. Most participants are from our Ski Challenge group but some participants are local Jackson Hole skiers and others are from other parts of the country. We offer this camp to all abilities. Participants do not need to be seasoned racers. Coaches help each participant work toward individual goals. It's a great way to get our ski legs under us and also provides a lot of fun and camaraderie - not to mention a ton of skiing.







Events



Championships at Giants Ridge

First Weekend in March - 7 Events 352 Total Racer Appearances



Championships at Giants Ridge is a fun-filled weekend of racing that all Ski Challenge teams can participate in. Championships weekend is not required, but it's a weekend not to be missed. Friday events include a gate practice and an open team race. Racers form new teams for the Friday race with great prizes to be won. On Saturday, existing teams are placed in divisions. There are four division races where teams compete against teams of similar abilities. Saturday finishes with the King/Queen of the Hel Race. This is an individual race where racers try and improve their handicap from the season. The weekend is capped off with a Saturday night party where awards and prizes are handed out.











Ski Challenge sponsors get ample exposure throughout the year.

Indoor / Outdoor Signage

Indoor and Outdoor banners are displayed at each event. All banners are displayed at our Championships at Giants Ridge giving all sponsors great exposure.







League Event Awards

League Races

Championships Awards

Team Photos

Professional 5x7 Team Photos are taken and made available for each member at no additional charge to them. These photos are also used in award plaques given to the winning team of each league and the winning team in each championship division.





Weekly E-news and Printed News

Sponsors and ski areas are represented in each weekly e-news and printed newsletter. E-news is e-mailed to more than 1,800 addresses. Printed news is distributed at all league events and at participating shops.



Printed News - Distributed at all events and participating sponsor shops





E-News Sent out weekly during season and monthly during off season to close to 1,800 e-mail addresses

League Materials

RUNNING ORDERS - 11"x17" Running orders posted inside and at top of race run each race. Running orders are available each week and provided in Captains' packets. Each week, teams rotate in the running order. A new running order is posted inside and at the top of the race run. These running orders also include all of the league sponsors for that particular league.

TABLE TOPPERS - are used at each league event to assign team tables. Sponsors are prominently displayed on each table topper.

RESULT SHEETS - Result sheets showing the previous week race results are provided each week at league events.



Indoor Running Orders distributed at league events



Outdoor Running Orders placed at top of race run.



Table Toppers placed on team tables at League Events



Weekly Results

League Bibs & T-shirts

All Platinum, Gold, and Silver Ski Challenge Sponsors get their logos placed on the bibs and t-shirts for the league events that they sponsor. Each season Ski Challenge designs a fresh, new bib and t-shirt for each participant. Racers keep their race bibs after the season is over.



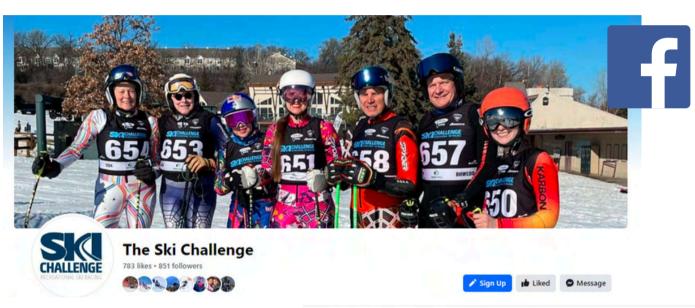






Social Media & Website

- Name on Partnership page of website with link to your website
- Logo to appear on website league pages
- Logos to appear on all general pages of website
- Opportunity to advertise Partner events on Ski Challenge website sponsor event page
- Opportunity to advertise Partner events on Ski Challenge website calendar of events
- Upcoming partner events posted on Ski Challenge Homepage week of event
- Promotion on Ski Challenge Facebook and Instagram Pages via content sharing or a post created for you







Website

Brochure

An yearly brochure is created to distribute at various sponsor shops, ski areas and various preseason events

HOW DO I JOIN?

Anyone can join a race series as an individual, with a few friends, or start a new team (on a space-available basis). Participants join a specific race series and race in that series (same day & area) for the entire season. You may join more than one league, but may only race on one team per league. Kids are welcome to participate in all leagues. Buck Hill Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday PM, and Thursday races you must be 13 or older to participate.

Regular season racing for seven weeks starting in January: \$165* per person (\$175 after October 31) *Does not include lift tickets

Additional fees will be charged for championship racing and extra events.



PLATINUM SPONSORS





GOLD

- Northstar Performance Training
- Tonka Cycle Ski Board
 Trenary Realty Group Barb Everson

SILVER

- Alpenhof
- Fast Wax
- Heavyglare Complete Eyewear Solutions

CO-SPONSORS

- Blizzard Dalbello
- Leki
- Marker
- Fischer
- Nordica Superfeet
- Giro • Lange
- Volkl
- PARTICIPATING SKI AREAS







THE SKI CHALLENGE

Recreational Alpine Ski Racing Leagues for Adults and families at Buck Hill

- · Teams of 10
- 7-Week League Series
- Leagues start in January
- · Practice Races in December Open Race nights Saturdays in
- January and February
- Awards Ceremony after each race · All ages and abilities welcome

WHAT IS SKI CHALLENGE?



The Ski Challenge plans and organizes recreational ski racing events for adults and kids. Racers join a team and race in a league for seven weeks at the same time and place each week starting in January.

Each race league has a max of 16 teams and ten members per team. Leagues are held at Buck Hill. Ski Challenge also offers open NASTAR races on Saturday nights in January and February at Buck Hill. At the end of the regular season, all teams are invited to participate in a championship at Giants Ridge where each team is placed in an appropriate division based on how each team member did throughout the season. There are also fun, open events during the weekend that anyone can events during the weekend that anyone can

At a Ski Challenge race, participants race through two, timed modified giant slalom courses. A handicapping system compares each racer's time to a par time on the same run to determine a new handicap A par time is arrived at by using a pacesetter.

No previous experience is necessary. Only the desire to have fun! The timed courses are on hills designed for intermediate skiers.



SERIOUS FUN

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SCORING

Racers make one run in each course per race to determine their handicap. The top six out of 10 racers on a team count toward team points. These six may vary from week to week. If there is a tie, the 7th, 8th, and 9th racers' scores will be used. Points accumulate each week for team standings in leagues. Each racer is ranked individually in his or her age group each week using the best handicap of that week averaged with past handicaps. Individual handicaps are used to determine which division the team races in at the Championships at Giants Ridge at the end of the season.

Recognition is given to the most improved and fastest racers at each event. Every participant earns a medal and has the chance to win door prizes donated by sponsors at every event. The weekly result newsletter lists individual rankings by age as well as team standings. Results can also be found on the web site and through our weekly e-news. All handicaps are sent in to NASTAR for national

SATURDAY INDIVIDUAL RACING

Ski Challenge coordinates Open NASTAR races at Buck Hill in December, January and February. Anyone can participate. These are individually scored races with unlimited runs.



Participants earn a handicap and medal. These races are a great opportunity to get some extra runs in. Go to our website to see the complete schedule.

Tentative Schedule for 2024-25

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PRE-SEASON EVENTS		RACE TIME*
Ski Challenge Race Camp at Jackson Hole	December 5, 6, 7, 2024 OR December 12, 13, 14, 2024	
Preseason Open NASTAR	Thursday, December 19	7:00 PM
REGULAR SEASON - 7 \	WEEKS	3-1
Buck Thursday	January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Feb 6, 13	7:30 PM
Buck Sunday AM	January 5, 19, 26, Feb 2*, 9, 16	10:00 AM
Buck Sunday PM	January 5, 12, 19, 26, Feb 2, 9, 16	6:00 PM
Buck Monday	January 6, 13, 20, 27, Feb 3, 10, 17	7:30 PM
Buck Tuesday	January 7, 14, 21, 28, Feb 4, 11, 18	7:30 PM
Buck Wednesday DAY	January 8, 15, 22, 29, Feb 5, 12, 19	1:30 PM
Buck Wednesday PM	January 8, 15, 22, 29, Feb 5, 12, 19	7:30 PM
	* Double Race for BHSUNA	
SATURDAY OPEN RAC	ES NASTAR	
Saturday NASTAR at Buck	January 4, 11, 18, 25, Feb 1, 8, 15	6:30 PM
*COURSE INSPECTION is 1/2 h	our before RACE TIME	
CHAMPIONSHIPS AT G	SIANTS RIDGE	
Friday-Sunday	February 28 - March 2, 2025	