



August 1, 2019

## **Cochran's Ski Club 2019-20 Applications are now available.**

The Cochran's Ski Club mission is to provide families with a supportive community dedicated to the affordable pursuit of alpine ski racing and a lifelong love of skiing. The Board continues to work hard to keep costs down, but after 2 seasons of revenue-not-quite-covering-expenses, membership fees are increasing for U12 and up. We believe it's important to keep membership fees as low as possible for U8-10s to keep barriers to joining as low as possible. At the same time, we have eliminated the \$100 family membership fee, and the Area has reduced the cost of Ski Club's family pass by \$100. Additionally, the Area has waived the Ski Club's historical annual mountain rent, which spared us making larger fee increases. We are fortunate that the Area is doing well enough to be in a position to be generous. Let's remember this when the call goes out for volunteers. We will continue to rely on a strong Ski Sale (Nov 1-3!) and revenue from the races we put on to augment membership fees to cover expenses.

Our coaching staff is coming together well under the leadership of Program Director Nicole Dyrman. The confirmed coaching lineup includes Jim Farrell, Heidi Robbins and Lindy Kelley (U16-19), Greg Hardy (U14), Karin Rand (U12), and Nicole Dyrman (U8-10). We will have more information about coaches at our Fall meeting.

In-season training schedules are a little different this year:

U8, U10 – Wednesdays and Thursdays 3:30-5:30pm, and weekends\*

U12 – Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays 3:30-5:30pm, and weekends\*

U14 - Tuesdays and Thursdays 5:45-7:45pm, Wednesdays 3:15-5:45pm, and weekends\*

U16, U19 – Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays 5:45-7:45pm, and weekends\*

*Stowe Thursdays are optional for U12, U14, U16, U19 athletes*

*Mt. Ellen/Middlebury Fridays are optional for U14, U16 and U19 athletes*

*Additional fees apply for Stowe and Mt. Ellen/Middlebury, details coming soon.*

\*Saturdays and Sundays – TBA by Coaches, blocks are 9:00-noon or 1:00-4:00pm

Your Cochran's Ski Area family pass is included with your Ski Club application. Please buy your area pass through the ski club application and not separately through the area website. The family pass fee of \$312.70 gives everyone in your family full access to Cochran's Ski Area. Athletes who are 18 and older may choose the individual membership rate on our application; all other athletes must be on the family membership rate.

Cochran's Ski Club offers a Financial Assistance Program. An updated application form will be shared with the membership soon. Also, Cochran's Ski Area may be able to cover the cost of your family pass. For that, please contact Jimmy Cochran or Otie Filkorn directly. VARA also has several forms of financial assistance – find details on their website.

All Club skiers, whether racing competitively or just training, need to have a USSA membership to be covered under the club insurance policy. Please include USSA membership numbers on the application. Skiers who do not plan to race in USSA sanctioned races (those doing only high school races or club fun races) can get the general membership from USSA.



Those who plan to race in USSA sanctioned races (that's most of our club) need a USSA competitor license. If you have questions about which USSA membership you need, please contact Wendy Gagliardi, our Race Coordinator.

High school students racing with their school teams will still need to be Cochran's Ski Club members to train with our coaches, but they do not need to pay their high school's fee to train at Cochran's. A detailed U16-U19 program description is available on our website, or ask Otie for a copy.

Everyone who trains and receives coaching from Cochran's Ski Club's Coaches must be a member of Cochran's Ski Club, paid in full at the appropriate membership level with applications and waivers received, regardless of whether the skier plans to race.

Applications, with accompanying full payment, are due by October 31. Applications received after October 31 will include the \$50 late fee. Late fees won't apply to U8 and U10 members who are new to Ski Club.

Ski Club families are responsible for setting up and taking down the B-net at the Area. We will need everyone to support this effort! Throughout our Ski Club operations, Volunteers are essential to keeping the costs down and the Cochran's spirit alive. Please remember to tell us your volunteer preferences (page 2 of the application).

We look forward to another fantastic season with you!

**Cochran's Ski Club Board of Directors:**

Karl Goetze, President  
Ron Paquette, Vice President  
Jeff McMahan, Secretary  
Jason Gifford, Treasurer  
Wendy Gagliardi, Race Coordinator  
Otie Filkorn, Membership Coordinator  
Henry Bush, Quarter Master  
Maria Brown, at large  
Susan Amidon, at large  
Nicole Dyhrman, Program Director

**Watch your email for updates about dryland training, equipment fit day and other events starting in September.**

**November 1-2-3- Cochran's Ski Sale** – Remember, the Friday night pre-sale is only open to members who are paid in full, so don't wait until the last minute.



APPLICATION

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Racer's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

(recommended for U14/U16/U19)

Table with 7 columns: Last Name, First Name, Level (U?), Date of Birth, M/F, USSA# (required), VARA (current?).

Membership fees must be paid for each skier who will participate in training regardless of whether he/she plans to race

Select one:

- Cochran's Ski Area Family Pass includes 6% sales tax \$312.70
Individual Pass (age 18 and older) includes 6% sales tax \$206.70

Select one for each age group of your skiers:

- U8 member (6 or 7 yrs old as of Dec 31st 2019) \$100 x No. of Skiers
U10 member (8 or 9 yrs old as of Dec 31st 2019) \$300 x
U12 member (10 or 11 yrs old as of Dec 31st 2019) \$500 x
U14 member (12 or 13 yrs old as of Dec 31st 2019) \$675 x
U16/19/21 member (14+ yrs old as of Dec 31st 2019) \$975 x

Optional Tax deductible contribution to Cochran's Ski Club

Financial Assistance Program or General Fund - please enter amount \$

LATE FEE for applications received after October 31, 2019 \$50 TOTAL \$

(No Late fee for U8 and U10 members who are new to Cochran's Ski Club)

Make check payable to: Cochran's Ski Club

Mail with application form, waiver and emergency contact info to:

Cochran's Ski Club, PO Box 104, Richmond, VT 05477

Note the following:

- Please review the Ski Club Primer for details about expectations for racers and families.
All skiers in the Club, whether racing or just training, must have a USSA membership.
Cochran's Ski Club Waiver and Release Form must accompany the application, each family member should sign.
Additional fees and passes may be required for race training at other ski areas and individual race entry.
Dues and fees are non-refundable.
Photo Release: I give permission to Cochran's Ski Club and its assigns to use photos or videos of my family members on websites, Facebook and other media to help promote the mission of Cochran's Ski Club.

X \_\_\_\_\_ (please sign to accept)





**WAIVER AND RELEASE FORM: ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF THE RISK**

The **UNDERSIGNED** knows, understands and accepts that alpine skiing, and particularly ski racing, are inherently hazardous sports that carry significant **RISKS, DANGERS, AND HAZARDS** that may cause serious personal injury, death or property damage. These risks, dangers and hazards include, but are not limited to, changing weather and snow conditions, variations in steepness or terrain, natural and manmade obstacles and structures, course design or maintenance, the design or condition of any equipment used by me (whether or not such equipment is specified, recommended or provided to me by "Cochran's" as defined below), equipment failure, collisions with objects or structures, being struck by skiers, snowboarders, or equipment, and exceeding one's own abilities. I further understand that ski racing and related competition may be more hazardous than recreational skiing or snowboarding. I also know that there are natural, mechanical and environmental conditions and risks, which independently or in combination with my activities may cause property damage, or severe or even fatal injuries to me or others. I agree that I alone **ASSUME THE RISK AND AM RESPONSIBLE FOR:** (a) my safety while participating in skiing, coaching, training and/or competitive events; and (b) providing, utilizing and maintaining the equipment necessary for the safe enjoyment of my participation with Cochran's Ski Club and Cochran's Ski Area; and (c) I specifically acknowledge that Cochran's Ski Club, Cochran's Ski Area Inc., any agent, representative, officer, director, ski coach, employee, member, volunteer, or affiliate of any person or entity named above (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Cochran's") are not responsible for my safety.

Being fully aware of the risks, conditions and hazards of the proposed activity as a participant, athlete, and/or competitor, **I HEREBY FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY AGREE TO WAIVE, RELEASE, DISCHARGE AND HOLD HARMLESS** Cochran's from any and all claims for damages for death, personal injury or property damage which I may have or which may hereafter accrue to me as a result of any participation in skiing, coaching, training, competitive events, and/or other activities involving Cochran's, whether such injury or damage was foreseeable or not, including, but not limited to, any claims arising from the **RISKS, DANGERS, AND HAZARDS** identified above. I specifically **WAIVE, RELEASE, DISCHARGE AND HOLD HARMLESS** Cochran's from any liability whether known or unknown, even that liability which may arise out of any carelessness, negligence, or omissions on the part of Cochran's. I agree to accept all responsibility for the risks, conditions and hazards, which may occur whether they be known or unknown.

I further agree to forever **HOLD HARMLESS** and **INDEMNIFY** Cochran's, generally and specifically, from any and all claims, causes of action and liability for death, personal injury or property damage, resulting in any way from my participating in skiing, coaching, training, and/or competitive events. I agree that I will accept and abide by the rules and regulations of Cochran's Ski Club, Cochran's Ski Area Inc., and any other rules or regulations imposed by the organizers of any particular competition. This Acknowledgment and Assumption of Risk and Waiver and Release from Liability shall be binding upon my heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns.

I agree to carry or provide health insurance coverage for myself and my minor children to cover any injury suffered in skiing, racing, training or other activity offered by Cochran's.

I have read and understand this Acknowledgment and Assumption of Risk and Waiver and Release from Liability. I am signing it freely and of my own accord, realizing it is a legally binding agreement upon myself, my children, my estate, my heirs, administrators, successors and assigns. In the event that I am signing on behalf of my minor child, that I have fully explained it to my minor child, and that I have full authority to sign it on his or her behalf.

Signature (If skier is under 18, signature of parent/guardian is required)	Printed Name	Date
Signature	Printed Name	Date
Signature	Printed Name	Date
Signature	Printed Name	Date
Parent/Guardian Signature	Printed Name	Date
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**A signed waiver must be on file prior to your child's first race each year. Each family member should be named above.**

Send waiver with your Cochran's Ski Club membership application form to:  
**Cochran's Ski Club, P.O. Box 104, Richmond, VT 05477**



**EMERGENCY CONTACT**

**Family Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Child 1:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age Group:** \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name U8, U10, etc.

Does this child have any allergies? (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**Child 2:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age Group:** \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name U8, U10, etc.

Does this child have any allergies? (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**Child 3:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age Group:** \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name U8, U10, etc.

Does this child have any allergies? (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**Child 4:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age Group:** \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name U8, U10, etc.

Does this child have any allergies? (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Other Phone (specify):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Other Phone (specify):** \_\_\_\_\_

Is there someone else we can contact in an emergency if parents cannot be reached?

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Relationship to Child:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Doctor's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dentist's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

Any other info that coaches, EMTs, or doctors should know about (use back of sheet if necessary):

Forms will be kept in the lodge for coaches to access in case of emergency