



Blackhawk Alpine Race Team (BART)

USSA and WIJARA Competitors

Winter
2017-18

- Purpose:** The **Blackhawk Alpine Race Team USSA** Program is designed for skiers who have an interest in alpine (downhill) ski racing at both the WIJARA and USSA level. BART USSA is intended to be a program to bridge racers between WIJARA competition and higher level USSA regional competitions. Skiers will train at least 3 times per week and will compete in both WIJARA races and at least 1 USSA event as schedules permit.
- Requirements:** **Skiers must have discussion with coaches prior to enrollment. Skier placement in BART programs is at the Coach's discretion. Skiers must ski in at least two WIJARA races during the season and are strongly encouraged to participate in at least 3 WIJARA events. All participants must be members of Blackhawk Ski Club. Parents are required to volunteer for race day work at a minimum of 1 WIJARA race. USSA requires that parents volunteer for a half day at every race.**
- Team Size:** BART USSA is limited to 12 skiers.
- Schedule:** Practices are Tuesday from 6 to 8 pm on hill 2, Wednesday from 6 to 8 pm on hill 5/6, Thursday from 5:30 to 7 pm on hill 5/6, starting December 5th, weather permitting. Dryland training may start in October. Program will run through early March depending upon conditions. Skiers must participate in at least 2 WIJARA events and 1 USSA event and are encouraged to attend at least one away race. Practice times and hills may vary based on hill conditions and age composition of team members.
- WIJARA:** **The Wisconsin Junior Alpine Racing Association (WIJARA)** coordinates four Saturday and Sunday races during the months of January and February. A fifth non-league race is also held in March. An optional ski camp is also held at Ski Brule in Iron River, MI over the Thanksgiving Holiday for an additional fee.
- Tentative race schedule:
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| January 6-7 | Chestnut – Galena, IL |
| January 20-21 | Sundown – Dubuque, IA |
| February 3-4 (local) | Cascade – Portage, WI |
| February 24-25 (local) | Tyrol – Mt. Horeb, WI |
- Optional Races:**
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| TBD | JT Hilligoss Memorial Race - Devils Head |
| TBD | Mt. La Crosse – La Crosse, WI |
| TBD | Brule Finale |
| TBD | Spring Slalom Race at Tyrol |
| TBD | Big Nut Cup at Chestnut |
- USSA:** United States Ski Association (USSA) operates out of the Central Division, Region 2. Racers must be registered as a USSA member as well as Region 2 member to participate in events as either a scored or unscored athlete. USSA race dates are TBD.
- Equipment:** **Skis, race helmets (soft-ear panels are not permitted), leather gloves/mittens and ski poles are required. Additional equipment may be recommended depending on skier ability, including pole and shin guards and speed suits. Note that USSA may have different requirements than WIJARA.**
- Cost:** \$310 /skier.
Equipment fee is an additional cost for new gates and related equipment
The WIJARA fee of \$30 will be paid directly to WIJARA by each racer through their online system. Further details will be provided.
USSA membership is an additional cost, which varies by age group. Visit USSA's membership page for details: <http://my.ussa.org/node/6907>
- Coaches:** Our coaches consist of several former ski racers who know how to make practice fun.
- Registration:** You can register online at the Blackhawk Ski Club website, blackhawkskiclub.org. Prior authorization in the form of a registration authorization code is required to complete registration.
- Questions:** Please direct any questions to Chad Oistad at chadoistad@yahoo.com, or 608-575-4145