

HRT Racer Rankings

Over the course of the racing season, HRT conducts Club Races for each of our athletes to improve their racing skills and to gauge their capabilities and progress compared to their peers. We track and report team-wide performance from HRT Club Races periodically in our HRT Racer Rankings. The Rankings are utilized in two ways: (1) to identify our top racers for invitational races that limit participation, and (2) to recognize and provide awards to each racer during our Family Fun Race and Awards Celebration.

We strive to ensure the HRT Racer Rankings are accurate and the process we employ is fair and transparent to all racers and parents. Here's how we calculate the rankings.

Race Scoring: Individuals receive a score equivalent to their finish status for a given race within their sex/age grouping. Racers that are disqualified (DQ) or do not finish (DNF) receive one point greater than the last racer in the sex/age grouping. Racers that do not participate / do not start (DNS) receive two points greater than the last racer in the sex/age grouping. Here's an example (and please note that ties dictate the next slower skier to be ranked according to their order of finish):

Boys 11-12 Slalom

- (1) Jimmy 55:32
- (2) Sam 55:39
- (3) Fred 56:01
- (3) Tommy 56:01
- (5) Larry 56:44 - 5th place and not 4th, due to Fred and Tommy's tie above
- (6) Ted DQ – last finishing racer plus 1
- (6) Pat DQ – last finishing racer plus 1
- (7) Hank DNS – last finishing racer plus 2

Qualifying Races: Club Races that qualify and contribute to the Racer Rankings are identified on the Master HRT Calendar as a numbered race (e.g. Race #3).

HRT Year-End Racer Awards: At the Family Fun Race and Awards Celebration we recognize all of the HRT racers for their hard work and success during our race season. We recognize each athlete with an award based upon their rank within their sex/age grouping for the slalom discipline and an award based upon their rank for the giant slalom discipline. Racer ranking for these awards is calculated as follows:

- (1) We determine if the racer participated in at least five Qualifying Races to receive a ranked award. If they did not, the racer will receive a *Participant Award*.
- (2) For those who raced in at least five Qualifying Races, we add up their best five scores for each discipline. The sum of these five scores is then ranked against their peers

(within their sex/age grouping) and the racer will receive a *Ranked Award*. Racers who tie will receive the same award (e.g. if two racers tie for second place, they are both given second place awards and the next racer would receive a fourth place award).

HRT Rankings for Races / Invitationals: During the course of the season, HRT may participate in races that limit our participation (e.g. the Northern Michigan Junior Ski Championships allow a team to bring up to 5 racers per sex/age grouping). In situations where HRT has more athletes than available slots for the race, we rely upon our *season-to-date, gross* HRT Racer Ranking to dictate those racers who will be offered a racing slot. This means we sum all season-to-date rankings for a racer (Slalom and Giant Slalom) into a single number and we do not throw out any scores.

In the case where an athlete is offered a slot and cannot attend, the next eligible racer will be invited to attend. In the case where there are no additional racers in a given sex/age grouping, an invitation will be extended to the next eligible racer (that would not participate otherwise) in a younger age bracket. This is called “*skiing up*” and allows more of our racers to participate. Preference for skiing up is given firstly to age (an 11-12 racer is selected over a 9-10 racer for an open 13+ position) and secondly to the racer’s ranking in their age group (a 9-10 racer ranked #6 is invited before the 9-10 racer ranked #7).

In the case of a tie in ranking, the performance of the tied racers in the most recent non-Qualifying Race(s) shall be evaluated as a tie breaker. All tied racers will need to have participated in the non-Qualifying Race(s) to be considered for evaluation. In the situation where ties exist after review of the performance of the non-Qualifying Race(s), a “race off” will be conducted by the coaching staff as the ultimate tie breaker.

Disputes: If a racer or parent wishes to dispute a Race Score, they must voice their question / concern to the HRT Race Director within 24 hours of the completion of the race. All questions will be researched immediately and documentation from the race (Finish Shack Scoring Sheets and Gatekeeper Tickets) will dictate the outcome.

Questions and Feedback: As stated above, we strive to make the Racer Rankings fair and transparent. We welcome constructive feedback from racers, parents and coaches to improve our process. We kindly request that all feedback, questions or concerns are voiced to the HRT Board President directly or sent via email to info@holidayraceteam.org at any time.