



## Welcome to the 2026 Derek Iverson Spring Fling!

**Saturday, February 28th and Sunday, March 1st**

**Go head-to-head with some of the Midwest's Best!**

Join us at Wisconsin's premier racing destination for the 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Invitational at Mt. La Crosse. Get the chance to meet and compete with racers representing other ski areas and race clubs from our Tri-State region. This is a festive, end-of-season atmosphere that combines challenging courses with an upbeat spin and offers numerous awards in all categories and divisions. Get ready to enjoy a great time and an exceptional racing experience. Sign up and bring your friends!

### Registration Information:

- Online registration opens on **Sunday, February 1st at 10 AM** and closes on **February 24th at midnight**.
- Registration will be done through SportsEngine. You will need to open an account before registering. It is free to open an account.
- Go to [www.couleealpineracing.org](http://www.couleealpineracing.org) and pull down the "Spring Fling" tab.
- Complete and submit online registration through SportsEngine. Payment will be processed through SportsEngine. You will receive a confirmation e-mail after you have registered. All racers need to fill out a waiver form through Mt. La Crosse.
- Registration closes Tuesday, February 24th. Any late registration requests need to be e-mailed to [jodi\\_gehrke@yahoo.com](mailto:jodi_gehrke@yahoo.com) for access, and a \$25 administrative late fee will be charged.
- There will be a cap of 325 racers (150 U14 and up, 175 U12 and under).
  - **PLEASE NOTE:** When the race fills, you cannot register. Please send an email to [jodi\\_gehrke@yahoo.com](mailto:jodi_gehrke@yahoo.com) if you would like to be placed on our waitlist.
- Advance registration & payment are required. **NO registration & payment on-site.**

### Race Fees:

- The registration fee is \$75 total for both Saturday and Sunday. A Sports Engine fee will also apply.

### **Lift Tickets:**

- **Online/in-advance** purchase of Lift tickets will be available starting **Wednesday, February 18th**, at <https://shop.mtlacrosse.com/visitingrace>. Options are as follows:
  - 1 day: \$73
  - 2 day: \$140
  - 3 day: \$210
- Lift tickets can also be purchased at the **ticket window/same day**. Options are as follows:
  - 1 day: \$88
  - 2 day: \$170
  - 3 day: \$255

### **Race Refund Policy:**

- In the event CAR or Mt La Crosse cancels the race, the registration fee will be fully refunded. Lift tickets will be fully transferable or refundable (a \$5 transaction fee applies).
- Cancellation is allowed if a request is sent via e-mail to [jodi\\_gehrke@yahoo.com](mailto:jodi_gehrke@yahoo.com) or [jgehrke@couleedalpineracing.org](mailto:jgehrke@couleedalpineracing.org) prior to **February 24th** at midnight. You will be charged a \$20 per racer administration fee to cancel. No race fee refunds are given after **February 24th** at midnight.
- Lift ticket fees are paid to Mt. La Crosse. Mt. La Crosse is not responsible for lost or misplaced tickets.

### **Volunteers:**

- We will need HELP to run this race! **PARENTS:** There will be opportunities (both on and off snow) for those familiar with ski racing and for those with no experience at all!
- A SignUpGenius link will be sent to registrants closer to the date.

### **Coach & Worker Lift Tickets:**

- **Coach lift tickets:** Teams will be asked to provide a list of coaches prior to the race. Coaches will receive complimentary lift tickets- generally 1 per 10 athletes. Additional complimentary coach lift tickets will be considered upon request. Those tickets can be picked up at the race office on Friday evening, 4-7 pm or Saturday morning.
- **Volunteer lift tickets:** Provided to those who are required to ride the lift.

- Sign-up/check-in with the race organizers in the race office for coach and volunteer lift tickets.

**Age Classifications:** The event is open to all racers ages U25 and under.

- Age Classes: **U25** (ages 19-24), **U19** (ages 16-18), **U16** (ages 14-15), **U14** (ages 12-13), **U12** (ages 10-11), **U10** (ages 8-9), and **U8** (7 & under).
- The “U” designation denotes your racer’s age as of this *past* December, **12/31/2025**.

**Race Venues:** The race will take place on two venues:

- **Thunderation (*Long Course*):**
  - Age Classes: U14-16-19-25
  - Opt-up option: **Experienced** U12 racers may opt to register and compete as U14s on the longer course. You may not change the opt-up decision after the close of online registration.
- **Spotlight/White House (*Short Course*):**
  - Age Classes: U8-10-12

**Race Format:**

- Slalom (SL) on Saturday; Giant Slalom (GS) on Sunday
- A combined-time morning race each day, followed by a single-run afternoon race
- In the combined event, DQ and DNF racers in the first run may take their second run, but they will not receive an overall score in the combined race

**Friday Night Events:**

- 4-6 p.m: Early Bib Distribution in the Race Office

**Saturday Morning:** Detailed race schedule available closer to date

- 7:15 - 8 a.m.
  - Bib Distribution, Race Worker Sign-In: Race office
- 8 a.m.
  - Course Inspection & Gate Judges meeting, location will be determined on the day of the race
- 8:30 a.m.
  - Race start time

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- 8 a.m.

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- 8:30 a.m.
  - Race start time

**An Awards Ceremony will be held each day (Format TBD)**

- Medals awarded to the **top five finishers** in U8 - U19 for each gender and age group.

**Questions?** Contact either: Nick Bennett (Head Coach), [njbennett86@gmail.com](mailto:njbennett86@gmail.com)

Or Jodi Gehrke (Race Organizer), [jodi\\_gehrke@yahoo.com](mailto:jodi_gehrke@yahoo.com)