



# TEAM MINNESOTA FINISHES SECOND AT WESTERN U.S. HIGH SCHOOL ALPINE CHAMPIONSHIP

3/25/24 Press Release

- **TEAM MINNESOTA RESULTS:**
  - **COMBINED TEAM 2<sup>nd</sup> OVERALL, BOYS 2<sup>nd</sup> OVERALL, GIRLS 3<sup>rd</sup> OVERALL**
- **INDIVIDUAL ACCOLADES:**
  - **CASH JAEGER (12), STILLWATER, 1<sup>st</sup> BOYS SLALOM, 2<sup>nd</sup> GIANT SLALOM**
  - **ANTHONY PETKOV (12), IRONDALE, 2<sup>nd</sup> BOYS SLALOM, 5<sup>th</sup> GIANT SLALOM**
  - **TAYLOR VOIGT (11), HILL-MURRAY, 1<sup>st</sup> GIRLS SLALOM, 2<sup>nd</sup> GIANT SLALOM**
  - **KATE REARDON (11), HILL-MURRAY, 2<sup>nd</sup> GIRLS SLALOM**

For the second year in a row, Team Minnesota, a team of top alpine high-school racers from around the state, finished in second place overall at the 2024 Western U.S. High School Alpine Championships held at Mammoth Mountain, CA on March 13–14, 2024.

This goal of the event is to bring together the top high school racers in the Western half of the United States to compete for their state in a Championship format event with races in two disciplines, Giant Slalom (GS) and Slalom (SL). Teams from California, Colorado, Illinois, Nevada, Oregon, and Wyoming also competed in a field with over 80 competitors for each gender. The event was U.S. Ski and Snowboard ([www.ussa.org](http://www.ussa.org)) sanctioned. This is just the second time Team Minnesota has participated in the event.

Minnesota State High School Alpine Ski Coaches Association serves as the state coordinator for the event and selects team members based on Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) results. The 2024 team consists of 12 boys and 10 girls. Team Minnesota competitors were:

**BOYS:**

Jackson Reents (12 - Hastings)  
Cash Jaeger (12 - Stillwater)  
Ethan Stabenow (12 – Stillwater)  
Austin Mjanger (12 – Hill-Murray)  
Wes Ebaugh (11 - Rosemount)  
Jack Shideman (12 - Orono)  
Jonathon Burns (10 - Orono)  
Leo DeMars (12 - Mankato West)  
Erik Carlson (12 – Duluth East)  
Mathias Peterson (12 – Forest Lake)  
Jared Killian (11 - Blaine)  
Anthony Petkov (12 – Irondale)

**GIRLS:**

Eva Voyakin (9 – Minneapolis Southwest)  
Marissa Witte (12 - Minnetonka)  
Kate Reardon (11 - Hill-Murray)  
Taylor Voigt (10 - Hill-Murray)  
Gabby Harrott (12 – Minneapolis Washburn)  
Calia Chaney (12 - Brainerd)  
Olivia Murphy (11 – Lakeville South)  
Annabel McCann (11 - Prior Lake)  
Anna Dahl (10 – Chisago Lakes)  
Stella Stinnett (11 - Minnetonka)

In this event, the top 6 finishers from each team earn points for their respective teams. Team Minnesota once again came out of the gate strong and put the mountain teams on notice with solid finishes both days. However, this wasn't quite enough to overcome a deeply talented Nevada-Lakes team in the overall combined team standings.

In Giant Slalom, the boys team finished 2<sup>nd</sup> to Nevada-Lakes, while the girls team finished 4<sup>th</sup> in GS behind Colorado, Nevada-Lakes, and California.

In SL, which Team Minnesota considers their strength, officials shortened the race to only one run due to high-winds. Both the boys and girls teams finished 2<sup>nd</sup>, just behind Nevada-Lakes.



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Individually for the boys, Cash Jaeger, Stillwater and 3<sup>rd</sup> place finisher at the MSHSL Alpine State Championship, finished 1<sup>st</sup> place in boys SL and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in GS. Anthony Petkov, Irondale and the MSHSL Individual Boys State Champion, also earned individual honors placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in SL and 5<sup>th</sup> in GS.

Other team members scoring for Team Minnesota boys in SL, all in the top 20, were: Jackson Reents (12<sup>th</sup>), Jack Shideman (14<sup>th</sup>), Jared Killian (15<sup>th</sup>), and Austin Mjanger (17<sup>th</sup>)

Scoring in GS: Jackson Reents, Austin Mjanger, Ethan Stabenow, and Erik Carlson

Sophomore Taylor Voigt and her Hill-Murray teammate, Kate Reardon, junior, paired up to finish 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in girls SL, respectively. Voigt was also 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in the girls GS.

Other team members scoring for Team Minnesota girls in SL, all in the top 20, were: Stella Stinnett (10<sup>th</sup>), Calia Chaney (12<sup>th</sup>), Anna Dahl (17<sup>th</sup>), and Olivia Murphy (18<sup>th</sup>)

Scoring in GS: Calia Chaney, Stella Stinnett, Kate Reardon, Anna Dahl, Annabel McCann, Marisa Witte, and Olivia Murphy

Complete race results can be found here:

[2024 Western US HS Championships Results Book.pdf](#)

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Taylor Voigt (Hill-Murray) 1<sup>st</sup> SL, middle, and Kate Reardon (Hill Murray) – 2<sup>nd</sup> SL, left



Cash Jaeger (Stillwater) 1<sup>st</sup> SL, middle, and Anthony Petkov (Irondale) 2<sup>nd</sup> SL, left