

WHSAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Nordic Ski Races

February 27th & 28th, 2026

Pinedale High School
101 Hennick Street
Pinedale, WY 82941

Race Entries:

The registration form will be sent to you by Matt Herr. His email address is matt.herr@gmail.com. If you have questions regarding the registration process please contact him.

Registration:

You must have your entries submitted prior to **Sunday February 22nd BEFORE 6 pm**. There is no penalty for scratches. No additions will be accepted on race day, so please include ALL of your skiers when you submit your race orders on Sunday.

Bibs:

Bibs can be picked up both days in the timing hut near the start area.

Location & Directions:

All events will take place on the [Skyline Nordic Trail System/Upper Surveyor Park Trails](#) located adjacent to White Pine Ski Area. Follow Fremont Lake Road until it turns right onto Forest RD 748/Skyline DR. Follow signs that direct you to White Pine Ski Area. The total trip is 11 miles North from Pinedale. Location will be the same for both days.

Parking:

All buses, spectators and any others should park at the lower west end of White Pine parking lot near the arch entryway to the trails. First come first serve, the parking lot is huge.

Schedule of Events:

THURSDAY February 26th

Course Preview available 10am to 4pm. Please respect the 4pm trail closure so that trail preparations can begin for Friday's race. Thank you!

FRIDAY Feb 27th

Description of Race: Varsity Boys and Varsity Girls will race 5km. All races will be freestyle, 15 second interval start.

8:00 AM: Course Open for Inspection - ALL Skiers, Spectators and Coaches MUST ski the direction of the race at all times.

9:50 AM: Course Closed & National Anthem

10:00 AM Boys Varsity 5K race

11:00 AM: Girls Varsity 5K Race

12:30 PM: Awards Ceremony at the race venue or at Pinedale High School

SATURDAY Feb 28th

Description of Race: Varsity Boys and Girls will race 10km. All races will be classic, 15 second interval start.

8:00 AM: Course Open for Inspection - ALL Skiers, Spectators and Coaches MUST ski the direction of the race at all times.

9:50 AM: Course Closed & National Anthem

10:00 AM Girls Varsity 10K Race

11:00 AM: Boys Varsity 10K race

12:30 PM: Awards Ceremony at the race venue

Warm up area:

There are groomed trails on the south side of the main road once the race has started for your athletes to warm up.

Wax Tents:

An area will be available for you to set up your wax tents in the stadium area.

Bathrooms:

Porta potties will be available at both the stadium and the parking lot.

Timing:

Lander Timing will use Zone4 with Summit timers for race timing. Live results are available via <https://zone4.ca/event/2026/yA52AK/> Digital wireless timers and transceivers are used, along with 2 bib recorders, 1 bib caller, 1 bib entry person, 1 bib entry person on transceiver at the start, 1 starter, and 2 people lining up the skiers. There are 7 people at the finish and 3 at the start. Two battery backup systems are also used. There are multiple, orange generators that will provide power. A wand start will be used for both races.

Results & Awards:

On Friday, unofficial results are available online via the Event Page <https://zone4.ca/event/2026/yA52AK/> and will also be printed and posted at the venue as soon as possible following each races completion. Awards for Friday's races will be presented at the race venue. On Saturday, unofficial results will be posted as soon as possible. Thirty minutes

after unofficial results are posted, official results will be posted. Please do not disturb the timers or people in the timing shed for any results. Awards for Saturday's races as well as team awards will be presented after the completion of all races and after the 30 minute protest period has lapsed. Medals will be awarded to the top ten racers in each race per gender.

Protests:

Protests must be made in writing within 30 minutes of the posting of the unofficial results. Protests are to be filed in writing with the Race Secretary, who will notify the jury, which will adjudicate all protests. The jury will consist of the Chief of Competition and three uninvolved high school coaches as per the coaches handbook (7.10.33). The Jury will meet near the timing shed, or inside the timing shed depending on what is going on with timing and the nature of the protest.

All-State Points: All-state points will be awarded to the top 30 individual finishers as per the coaches handbook. All-State and All-Conference Award Certificates will be mailed to coaches once final calculations have been completed.

Race Warnings:

Racers must ski the course in the direction of the race. Anyone skiing the course backwards will be disqualified.

If a skier is late for their start, he/she will be started at the end of the race. Racers will accept the related disadvantages to this starting position.

We will have course marshalls at key locations around the classic course, so make sure that your athletes understand correct classic technique. The Race Jury will consider disqualification/warning as appropriate. There will be two individual technique zones. Course marshalls will have the final decision in use of proper technique.

For our walking fans we ask that you stay to the side of the course as much as possible to keep the course in good condition.

Refreshments & Hospitality:

There will be water available for racers near the timing hut, but racers are advised to BRING YOUR OWN SNACKS!

Medical Plan:

We are currently putting all the pieces together in collaboration with on-site medical assessment and the White Pine Ski Area Ski Patrol.

Wax Regulations:

- Fluoro kick waxes are allowed in all WY HS/HP/USSA races.
- NO fluoro glide waxes of any kind (LF, HF, Pure fluoro powders, liquids, blocks, sprays, etc.) are allowed in WY HS/HP Classic, Freestyle, or Sprint races.
- Wax call will be made via email Wednesday February 25th. Look for an email directly from Coach Holly.

Weather:

See <https://www.onthesnow.com> White Pine Ski Area <https://www.willyweather.com>

If there is a delay due to road conditions or cold weather, coaches will be contacted at their hotels or by cell phones to update them on the plans for the races.

Race Officials:

Pinedale HS Principal: Brian Brisko
Athletic Director: David Thrash
Chief of Transportation/Parking: Bill Lee
Chief of Timing/ Secretary: Matt Herr
Chief of Race Marshalls: John Metcalf
Chief of Stadium: Tod Schimelpfenig & Matt Jacobsen
Chief of Course: Mike Looney
Chief of Announcing: James Whiting
Chief of Competition: Holly Thayne/Emily Tilden
Chief of Medical: Tod Schimelpfenig
Official Starter: Rena Looney