



2026 Matt Piazza Classic Race

Thank you for joining us for the 4th Annual Matt Piazza Classic. This event is about having fun, seeing old friends, meeting new people, celebrating racing and remembering Matt Piazza. Below you will find details about the day. At the request of the family, this event has also become a major part of the Team's fundraising efforts. Now entering our fourth year your participation has helped the Team purchase needed safety netting, training gates, radios, and helping offset costs for athlete travel.

Bibs and Tickets: - Will be given to each individual racer in the lower level of the main lodge. Song and Lab passholders do not receive a ticket. Clubs may send a representative to collect their team's bibs and tickets if they desire. You must wear your bib at all times. Bibs will be collected after the 2nd run. They will be collected at the race finish. If you only wish to complete one run, please turn in your bib at the finish when your run has completed.

Bib, Ticket, (Swag bag - 1st 50 registered) Pick Up: - 8:15 AM – 9:15 AM If you would like to purchase Team merchandise (while supplies last) or make any additional donations there will be laminated QR codes posted at registration, the top and finish area and awards party.

Race Format: - Chopsticks NASTAR Start House, Giant Slalom. (Think NASTAR Giant Slalom set) Participants must have a bib to race. Music and announcing of racers and times at finish shack. Times will also be posted to <https://vola.ussalivetimes.com>

U12 and under will race first and in bib order. As this is a fun race, if your athlete is not with a coach or needs help you may assist them inspecting the course and get them to the start. Once the race starts you will not be allowed down the race venue unless directed by an official.

U14 and above will race in bib order for the first run and random order for the second. This means if you want a second you will proceed to the start and go in the order you arrive at the start.

Food: Participant will be given a ticket for a grilled hotdog, and water at the top of the triple, and in front of the Ski Patrol Building. Anyone else may purchase food at that time. Food will be available from 11:30 AM – 1PM.

Observing the race: Watching athletes can be done on the side of the hill behind the netting. No one is allowed in the race venue other than coaches and officials during the event for safety purposes.

Team Captains Meeting: - For coaches there to help athletes we will have a brief meeting at 9:15 AM at the start. Because this is a fun race you are not required to be in attendance.

Expected Timeframe for the Day:

8:00 AM -	Main Lodge Opens
8:15 AM – 9:15 AM	Bib pick up - Main Lodge Lower Level
9:00 AM	Lift Open - Participants
9:15 AM - 9:50 AM	Inspection (No skiing in race venue)
10:00 AM	National Anthem 1 st Run - U12 and under followed by U14 and older**
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Hotdog & Drink – Top of triple, in front of the Ski Patrol Building

15 Minutes after Run 1 ends - Course inspection for Run 2 unless conditions dictate no reset.
30 Minute course inspection if needed.

12:00 (anticipated)	2 nd Run - U12 and under followed by U14 and older**
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End of Race **Byrne Dairy Cookiewich** when we collect your bib!
Awards, DJ, celebration! –Heuga’s patio

Awards: Top 3 Male and Female Medals for U6, U8, U10, U12, U14 and older. Top Male and Female each category will also have their name added to the Piazza Classic Trophy.

*If conditions require a change in run order, we may run U12 and under 1st and 2nd run with no reset, followed by U14 and older 1st and 2nd run with no reset.

Times are subject to change. We will need athlete, coach, parent, and participant help rolling nets at the completion and before awards. They will be skied to the finish shack.

If you plan to stay for Valentine’s Dinner at Heuga’s Alpine after the race, please make reservations by calling 315-696-0006. It is anticipated they will be busy and they will be open until 9 PM.

For those Thunderbird members sponsoring a guest from the race, please remember to obtain a guest pass for them.

We look forward to seeing you!