

MESABI EAST X-C INVITATIONAL  
INFORMATIONAL SHEET  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2026

**PLEASE READ ALL THE INFORMATION VERY CAREFULLY! DEADLINE 01/05/26 @ 9:00 pm. NO EXCEPTIONS ON DEADLINE – TEAMS HAVE BEEN REFUSED – 1000 RACERS ONLY!**

**Page 1 of 2 MAKE A HARD COPY OF INFORMATION PLEASE**

**\*\*TWO RACES THIS YEAR: 1- MESABI EAST INVITE FOR ALL SCHOOLS AFFILIATED WITH MSHSL  
2- GIANTS RIDGE INVITE FOR OUT OF STATE SKI CLUBS & MN SKI CLUBS**

**BIB PICK UP:** Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup> 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm  
Saturday, Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> 6:30 am – **8:00 am**  
All bib packets must be picked up before Coaches Meeting  
**In the Chalet – Admissions – Ground floor entrance**

**COACHES MEETING: 8:30 am TO BE ANNOUNCED – You will be sent a message**

**APPROX. START TIME: (Times are subject to change)**

|       |            |                     |                      |
|-------|------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 10:00 | 5K Classic | Mesabi East Invite  | Varsity/Boys & Girls |
| 10:45 | 5K Classic | Mesabi East Invite  | JV Boys/Girls        |
| 11:15 | 5K Classic | Giants Ridge Invite | Varsity/Boys & Girls |
| 11:45 | 5K Classic | Giants Ridge Invite | JV Boys/Girls        |

|      |              |                     |                    |
|------|--------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1:00 | 5K Freestyle | Mesabi East Invite  | Varsity Boys/Girls |
| 1:45 | 5K Freestyle | Mesabi East Invite  | JV Boys/Girls      |
| 2:15 | 5K Freestyle | Giants Ridge Invite | Varsity Boys/Girls |
| 2:45 | 5K Freestyle | Giants Ridge Invite | JV Boys/Girls      |

4:15 Awards in Stadium

**MSHSL – STATE COURSE for both CLASSIC & FREESTYLE**

**ENTRY FEE: \$18.00 per skier – check payable to: GIANTS RIDGE  
PLEASE CONTACT YOUR SCHOOL TO ISSUE CHECK NOW**

**A Giants Ridge Waiver must be signed for each skier participating – we prefer you use the electronic waiver.** Here is the waiver link: (right click on link – click on open hyperlink)

<https://apps.1risk.cloud/1waiverKioskV3/?a=aHR0cHM6Ly9teS4xcmlzay5uZXQvZ2lhbG90cm9udG91ZDk5YjAzOTYwMmM1ZTF8NjI=>

Absolutely all payments must be made on 01/10/26.

Any team not paid on race day will not be qualified to race – NO EXCEPTIONS ALLOWED!

If the school check has not arrived, it will be the coach's responsibility to pay for the racers.

**There will be no cash back for incorrect check amounts.**

**If your school wants to pay electronically – please Call Karen at Giants Ridge  
218-865-8008.**

**ENTRIES DUE:** All entries are **due Jan 05, 2026 @ 9:00 pm**. All racers must be registered on-line at – <https://www.superiortiming.com/Mesabi>. NO EXCEPTIONS! NO ONE WILL BE ALLOWED TO REGISTER THE DAY OF THE RACES – scratches/name changes can be made on Friday from 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm and Saturday from 6:30 am – 8:00 am – Only! ABSOLUTELY NO ADDITIONS CAN BE MADE.

**E-MAIL REGISTRATION TO:** Forms can be found on: <https://www.superiortiming.com/Mesabi>  
Contact person: Sam Graci – Superior Timing  
Superior Timing will have start lists & other information – [www.Superiortiming.com](http://www.Superiortiming.com) or e-mail [info@superiortiming.com](mailto:info@superiortiming.com).  
Payment will be due Fri/Sat at Giants Ridge – registration

**NEW THIS YEAR – BIBS** This year we will be using re-useable cloth stretch bibs. All bibs MUST be turned in at the finish line after each race – we will have volunteers removing them. Any Bibs not returned will be charged a \$30.00 replacement fee.

**ENTRIES:** 3 Varsity Boys Classic, 3 Varsity Boys Skate  
3 Varsity Girls Classic, 3 Varsity Girls Skate  
2 JV Boys Classic, 2 JV Boys Skate  
2 JV Girls Classic, 2 JV Girls Skate  
Total per school: 10 Boys – 10 Girls

**NOTE:** YOU MUST INDICATE WHICH TECHNIQUE EACH SKIER IS RACING ON THE TEAM ROSTER! PLEASE DO NOT FORGET.  
WE WILL BE SENDING OUT 2 RACERS EVERY 15 SECONDS.  
INEXPERIENCED JV SKIERS SHOULD PROBABLY BE IN THE CLASSIC RACE.

**RESULTS:** Results will be posted on [www.superiortiming.com](http://www.superiortiming.com) and [www.skinnyski.com](http://www.skinnyski.com)

Dear Ski Coaches: **(SKI ROSTER DEADLINE 01/05/26 by 9:00 pm!)**  
Page 1 of 2

The Mesabi East X-C Invite is on Saturday, **January 10th, 2026**.  
(Note: Mesabi East Invite for 2027 – will be January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2027)  
You are invited to participate in this great high school ski event.

Please make a hard copy of all this information.

All Busses must Park in lot D.

You will **not** be receiving a hard copy of all this information in the mail. The basic information is attached to this e-mail. Your team rosters must be registered on-line only @ <https://www.superiortiming.com/Mesabi>

Superior Timing of Michigan will be timing this year and are using <https://www.superiortiming.com/Mesabi> for the teams to register their skiers. **When registering each individual skier, there is a drop down box saying Event – this is where you choose the correct race your skier is in – the Mesabi East Invite (MSHSL teams) or the Giants Ridge Invite (Club teams).** Start lists and other information will be posted at [www.Superiortiming.com](http://www.Superiortiming.com) and [www.skinnyski.com](http://www.skinnyski.com). Superior Timing will handle all the information and will send Benji Neff (Chief of Competition at Giants Ridge) a copy of all the teams registered. Please be respectful of deadlines and changes. Teams have been refused. **Get your roster registered on-line on time! Do your rosters before Christmas break!**

Payment can be delivered personally on Friday, Jan. 9th (from 3 – 7:00 pm) or Saturday, Jan. 10th (from 6:30 – 8:00 am) at Giants Ridge Registration in **Chalet – Guest Services – Admissions – Ground Entrance new Chalet. ALL BIBS MUST BE PICKED UP BY 8:00 AM BEFORE THE COACHES MEETING.** No \$\$ - No Bibs. Do not mail any rosters to Giants Ridge. All rosters must be registered on-line at <https://www.superiortiming.com/Mesabi> and payment done in person at Giants Ridge.

**Coaches Meeting will be 8:30 am – LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED. YOU WILL BE SENT INFO ON COACHES MEETING BEFORE RACE DAY. All bib packets must be picked up by 8:00 am before meeting.** Any questions on race, e-mail Benji at: [benji.neff@giantsridge.com](mailto:benji.neff@giantsridge.com) or call 218-865-8032.

If team wants to pay electronically, please contact Karen @ Giants Ridge 218-865-8008.

NEW THIS YEAR – CLOTH RACING BIBS – MUST BE RETURNED AT FINISH LINE – VOLUNTEERS WILL REMOVE THEM. FEE OF \$40.00 PER UNRETURNED BIB.

**Giants Ridge Waivers must be signed by each registered skier's guardian. See link below:**

Here is the waiver link: (right click on link – choose open hyperlink)

<https://apps.1risk.cloud/1waiverKioskV3/?a=aHR0cHM6Ly9teS4xcmlzay5uZXQvZ2lhbWZ2VhcGl8ZGE0NTIINDE3ZDYzNDNiZDlkYmI5YjAzOTYwMmM1ZTF8NjI=>

Please remember to RSVP on the spaghetti feed. If you don't have time, please assign the RSVP's to a ski parent. RSVP's can be sent by e-mail to [pepsichallenge@giantsridge.com](mailto:pepsichallenge@giantsridge.com) – Attn: Deb. Any questions on spaghetti feed – call Deb @ 1-800-688-7669, ext 8072. A form for the spaghetti feed is attached.

Sweatshirts will be for sale at with the ME Booster Club at the spaghetti feed and in the Stadium at Giants Ridge race day. Price \$40.00 for sweatshirts.

TRAIL PASSES:

All skiers using the trails must wear Racer's Bibs or trail passes.  
All non-racing team members on the trail must have a trail pass. Passes can be purchased at the front desk in the Ski Chalet – **rate is \$18.00.**

**\*\*Anyone training on Friday must purchase a trail pass.**

SPECTATOR AREAS:

There is good access to spectator areas around the Stadium and on the Laurentian Trail. However, trail passes are required of anyone on skis for access on any trail. **NO FOOT TRAFFIC ALLOWED ON THE RACE COURSE!** Access to the race course is limited to coaches and racers only. When each race starts **only the athletes racing should be on the course –No Coaches or skiers warming up for the next race.** There are plenty of trails to warm up on at Giants Ridge other than the race course.

COMPETITION:

Chief of Race: Benji Neff  
Chief of Course: Todd Roswold  
Jury: John Filander, Mark Boback, Benji Neff  
Technical Director: John Filander

WAXING:

Waxing will be available (Fri/Sat) Wax Bldg in Stadium & Golf Maint. Bldg will be open for waxing. **"Golf Maint. Bldg closes at 8:00 pm".**

RESTROOMS:

There are public restrooms in the Chalet, one each in the lower level of The Lodge, and portable restrooms in the Stadium Area and at waxing area.

ME SWEATSHIRTS:

ME sweatshirts will be for sale in the stadium \$40.00 - Hosted by the ME Booster Club. Info to follow.

SPAGHETTI FEED:

The Mesabi East Nordic Club is sponsoring a Spaghetti feed for the ski teams on Friday night. Sign up sheet is attached.  
E-mail Deb @ [pepsichallenge@giantsridge.com](mailto:pepsichallenge@giantsridge.com).

INFORMATION:

Contact Benji Neff @ 218-865-8032 or 1-800-688-7669, ext 8032. If you know of any coach/team that has not received this info, please have them call immediately. e-mail: [benji.neff@giantsridge.com](mailto:benji.neff@giantsridge.com) or [pepsichallenge@giantsridge.com](mailto:pepsichallenge@giantsridge.com).

AWARDS:

The top three (3) skiers in each race (Varsity & Jr. Var. boy's & girl's) will receive a medal and skiers placing 4<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> will receive ribbons.  
The top three (3) teams (Varsity & Jr. Var. boy's & girl's) will receive individual medals.  
The top team – 1<sup>st</sup> place (Varsity – boy's & girl's) will receive a trophy.