

2016 Vermont Orthopedic Center/ISport Eastern Masters Regional Championships Okemo Mtn & Suicide Six, VT

Feb. 24 – Feb. 28, 2016

It's deja vu all over again for 2016. In a repeat of 2015 Eastern Masters Championships, two of the more popular masters racing sites, Okemo Mountain and Suicide Six will once again combine resources to host the 2016 Vermont Orthopedic/ISport sponsored event. After a successful four-event 2014 National Championship series, and 2015 Eastern Championships, Okemo Mountain will be offering a downhill, two super Gs, a combined, and giant slalom as part of the Eastern Championships. The slalom portion of the series will be held at Suicide Six.

Racers, who participated in the Championship DHs the past two seasons, are still raving about the Chief Racing Trail with its speed, rolls, and masters friendly terrain. The super Gs and GS will also be contested on the Chief Racing Trail.

The slalom portion of the Eastern Championships will be held at Suicide Six, which is a 30-minute drive north to Woodstock. The Face of Suicide Six has long been one of the most favored racing trails in the East, and still lays claim to the longest ongoing trophy race in the country, the Fisk Trophy Race. The masters have been contesting the Bunny Bertram Memorial slalom at Suicide Six since the inception of masters ski racing in the 1970s.

The downhill and first SG will count for the Molecule F National Speed Series; the second SG will be matched up with the slalom at Suicide Six for the Combined event; all five Championship races will be included in the Sise Cup scoring; and the first SG, the combined, the slalom, and GS will be scored for the VOC/ISport Eastern Championship Regional Team standings.

USSA "short term" memberships (\$15/race) will be accepted. Unlimited "short term" licenses can be purchased, but the \$15 fee for a "temp" membership is only good for one day of racing (i.e. both SGs). Those racing on "short term" memberships will be eligible for daily race awards, but will not be included in the calculations for the Eastern Regional Team scoring.

With the support of the Vermont Orthopedic Center (VOC) and ISport, the prizes, awards, and social events will be bountiful. The awards' parties will be scheduled on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday after the races. The awards for the GS and the naming of the Eastern Team will take place on Sunday, immediately following the GS race.

Discounted tickets for family and friends will be available.

Feb. 24 – two DH training runs - Okemo (at least one training run is required in order to race):

Warm up 9:00-9:45; Inspection 10:00-11:00; Training run 11:15; training run 2 1:15

Feb. 25 – DH race – Okemo; cost for training and race \$130

Warm up 9:00-9:45; Inspection 10:00-11:00; Race 11:30

Feb. 26 – two SG races - Okemo; \$70 for first race only; \$95 for both races

Warm up 9:00-9:45; Inspection 10:00-11:00; Race 11:30; Race 2 1:15

Feb. 27 – Slalom - Suicide Six; \$60

Start time 10:00

Feb. 28 – GS – Okemo; \$65

Start time 10:00

(Note: Schedules are always subject to change due to weather considerations.)

Entries: sign up through skiracereg.com. Deadline for pre-registration is Feb. 23. Sign up now to avoid late registration fees.

Lodging at Okemo: 800-786-5366 (Mention that you are a part of the Eastern Masters Championships)

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