

USSA Alpine Masters 2008 Skier's EdgeWestern Regional Championships Regional Champions Team (Group A/B)

The USSA Alpine Masters Regional Champions team is selected from the competitors in each class with the greatest total of World Cup points from their finishes in all of the three events of the championship. The 2008 Western Region Championships were hosted by Rocky Mountain division at Winter Park, CO on Feb. 8-10, 2008.

Group B Men (age 45-59)

Class	Class Champion	Points	Finishes (SL-GS)
M07 (55-59)	James Ragan (N)	40	1-3
M06 (50-54)	Stein Halsnes (RM)	45	2-1
M05 (45-49)	Erik Klemme (RM)	45	2-1

Group A Men (age 20-44)

Class	Class Champion	Points	Finishes (SL-GS)
M04 (40-44)	Broc Thompson (RM)	50	1-1
M03 (35-39)	Toby Chapman (N)	50	1-1
M02 (30-34)	David Griffin (RM)	45	1-2
M01 (21-29)	DJ Otto (RM)	50	1-1

Note: Due to difficult weather conditions that resulted in the 2nd training run of SG being declared the championship race after Friday's cancellation of scheduled race run, only the weekend GS and SL events were included in the combined scoring for the 2008 regional champions. The decision on Thursday to exclude the SG from the combined scored was made for safety reasons to ensure that competitors did not feel pressured to compete in the training run that had been designated as a conditional race run solely for combined results if they otherwise felt the conditions were not appropriate for them..

Tiebreaker Notes

Ties between competitors are decided by best result (best result, then next best, until broken; if finish records are equal in all races then race points are used as the final tiebreaker criteria).

There were two ties in the Group A/B men's classes at the 2008 Western Region Championships, between Franz Fuchsberger (RM) and Erik Klemme (RM) in M05 (each with 45 points and 1-2 finish records) and between David Griffin (RM) and Mike Shklovski (CN) in M02 (each with 45 points and 1-2 finish records). Based on the second tiebreaker rule (race points rankings), the M05 champion is Erik Klemme (RM) and the M02 champion is David Griffin (RM).

Tiebreak Analysis

Ties between competitors are decided by best result (best result, then next best, until broken; if finish records are equal in all races then lowest race points are used as the final tiebreaker criteria).

M05 (Men 45-49)

CLS M05 (45-49) – tie between Franz Fuchsberger (RM) and Erik Klemme (RM) at 45 points.

Competitor	Starts/finishes	SL	GS	Rank-order finishes
Fuchsberger, Franz (RM)	2 starts, 2 finishes	25 (1)	20 (2)	1-2
Klemme, Erik (RM)	2 starts, 2 finishes	20 (2)	25 (1)	1-2

Additional tiebreaker criteria: race points (lowest total) – both finished both races.

Competitor	SL	GS	Total (2 finishes)
Fuchsberger, Franz (RM)	0.00 (1)	12.83 (2)	12.83
Klemme, Erik (RM)	3.03 (2)	0.00 (1)	3.03

Both competitors have equal point totals and equal finish records. By the next tiebreak rule, race points rankings, the M05 regional champion is Erik Klemme (RM).

M02 (Men 30-34)

CLS M02 (30-434) – tie between David Griffin (RM) and Mike Shklovski (CN) at 45 points.

Competitor	Starts/finishes	SL	GS	Rank-order finishes
Griffin, David (RM)	2 starts, 2 finishes	25 (1)	20 (2)	1-2
Shklovski, Mike (CN)	2 starts, 2 finishes	20 (2)	25 (1)	1-2

Additional tiebreaker criteria: race points (lowest total) – both finished both races.

Competitor	SL	GS	Total (2 finishes)
Griffin, David (RM)	0.00 (1)	26.94 (2)	26.94
Shklovski, Mike (CN)	69.15 (2)	0.00 (1)	69.15

Both competitors have equal point totals and equal finish records. By the next tiebreak rule, race points rankings, the M02 regional champion is David Griffin (RM).

Note: The race points formula was designed to normalize relative finish times onto a roughly equal scale independent of discipline, with the scale based at 0 points for the winner and points for other competitors computed relative to the winner's time. The lower the points, the closer to the winner's time.