



Message from the top dog, Scott Pyles:

MACC Race Schedule Change for Upcoming Weekend AC/DC weekend – New Format

This weekend is traditionally AC/DC weekend, where racers change sides of the hill. Since we are now running 3 courses on the same hill; with Slalom on the South Hill, GS on the North Hill, the AC/DC switch is to have race groups run in opposite order. Following is the Race Schedule for this Weekend's races.

Course 3		Course 2		Course 1	
Class	Gender	Class	Gender	Class	Gender
D	Women	B	Women	Elite 2	Women
D	Men	B	Men	Elite 1	Women
C	Women	A	Women	Elite	Women
C	Men	A	Men	Elite	Men
Super Vet C	Men	Vet A	Women	Super Vet E1	Men
Super Vet B	Men	Vet A	Men	Vet E1	Men
Vet B	Men	Super Vet A	Men	Elite 1	Men
		Vet E2	Men	Elite 2	Men

Notes and Reminders:

Start Times Revised:

Race Times have been adjusted to reflect the actual time it takes us to run races.

The schedule on the web has been changed to reflect Morning, Noon and Afternoon Races at:

10:00am, 12:00noon, 2:00pm. These timeframes will remain the balance of this year.

Course Inspection Rule Reminder:

At four separate locations in the MACC Rules, racers are warned not to Ski through the race-course on inspection. Further we are not to ski parallel turns next to the course (shadow the course). These are disqualification criteria. We are not going to send out the course police or make a big deal about it. I just wanted to remind you that the rules of inspecting by either side-slipping the course, or ski-in, inspect, ski out method are the right way to inspect. If a racer stands in the starting gate and has already had 3 runs on the course, it's just not fair to the other competitors.

It usually takes only one person who tries to get an advantage, then others start to feel it's ok. It's not ok. Let's be fair to all, inspect in the right way. This is particularly important during the later season races, if the snow is softer; the ruts begin building before the race starts. Let's set good examples for the others and newer racers.

Editorial comment: Give course crew the time they need to set and test the course for safety BEFORE inspection is open for racers.

Work Schedules:

Another reminder that the reason our program is so inexpensive compared to other racing options is that we all work to make the races successful. Every job is important and we need everyone to participate in work as well as race. It is a great opportunity to see excellent racing. Someone worked so your course is well prepared, maintained and judged. It's very helpful if you can help another course have a good racing experience too. In this way, the Gate Keeping job is the most important- They are the ones who keep racing fair and record any disqualification, But they are also the closest people to replace a gate if it gets knocked out – avoiding delays in running the race. **I really appreciate the work gate keepers do and enjoy doing it myself when I can. Gate keeping on the next course above you is a particularly good way to see how other racers ski and perhaps learn a bit how you can go faster.**

Banquet Tickets:

Banquet Tickets for MARK II Weekend Final events and annual banquet will be available at the race hill and awards this weekend.

Banquet and Awards Ceremonies will be at the Grand Mountain Lodge, Vienna room, as in past years.

Tickets are:

Adult 13 Years Old and over	\$34.50
Youth 5 Years to 12 Years	\$19.00
Children 4 Years and under	\$ 3.50

Doors open: 6:30pm

Dinner at 7:00pm

Awards & Drawings 8:00pm

Afterglow at Snowflake 9:30pm

That's it from President Scott, now a few words from me...

Lost and Found ...Attention Timing Crew:There was a pair of green gloves or glove liners left in the timing shack this weekend. Also there is a pair of North Face boots that were accidentally taken home last year and returned and are in the timing shack. Both will be in the timing shack next Boyne race, or contact Dave Carrico djcarrico@comcast.net

Shared by John Pomerville: Head is recalling some of the ski helmets they sold last year.

<http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/head-usa-recalls-ski-and-snowboard-helmets-due-to-head-injury-hazard-300215510.html>

The great bib swap: If you have not yet swapped your 2015 bib for the reprinted bibs, please see Alex Carrico in the Othmar office.

See you on the hill

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