

Polor Vortex will bring ccccccold temps this weekend.

Keep an eye out for frostbite (greyish color skin) and wax accordingly. Could be a full pants and coat kind of race for some of us.

https://www.wunderground.com/forecast/us/mi/boyne-falls?cm_ven=localwx_10day

A word about "Signup Genius"

Using Signup Genius worked very well last race weekend, but there was some confusion voiced from folks that have permanent job positions.

Every MACC racer will receive an e-mail from Bill Perlmutter because you are on the mailing list. If you have a permanent assignment as course worker, timing crew, etc, you can ignore the request to sign up for gatekeeping. Do keep in mind, however, that on 3-day race weekends, you can use Signup Genius for a second job assignment if you plan to race all three days.

Get your smile on

Kelli Mazzenga and Dana will be taking photos during our races for the balance of the season. Chip Dayton has also been taking photos. So your race form will be captured at some point and the pics will be uploaded to our MACC website when the shooters have time to do so. By the way, anyone can submit photos to Janessa Hilger to be posted.

Updates for 3-day race February 8-9

Boyne has given us permission to have our Super-G race on North Boyne on Friday, February 8. Our Saturday and Sunday races will be on Superbowl/FIS, however. (see updated schedule)

And now, your favorite segment....

Rules Corner

Starring Debi Koltoniak with special guest Drew Hilger

Debi: I would like to welcome back Drew Hilger to our program where we discuss all the hot topics from our rulebook to the latest gossip.

Drew: Thanks for having me back Debi. I thought I was just here to talk about the rules?!

Debi: Work with me Drew, I am trying to spice things up here. So, what is the rule about hiking up to a gate? I am asking for a friend of course. I certainly didn't get to be a B-Lite racer by missing gates.

Drew: B-Lite?

Debi: Yeah, we have B-Lite, C-Lite, D-Lite, etc. B-Lite is the best of course. I am surprised you did not know that.

Drew: I thought Elite was the best.

Debi: That is cute that you thought that. Now, can we get back to my friend's hiking question?

Drew: Sure, that is rule 4.1.2 Missing or straddling a gate.

Debi: What does this rule say?

Drew: The rule reads as follows 4.1.2 Missing or straddling a gate. A gate is considered missed if both feet and ski tips do not pass on the correct side of the pole. Straddling a gate is the same as missing a gate. In both instances, the racer must go back and reenter the course at the missed gate. In the case of a missed gate with both inside and outside poles, the racer must climb to cross the imaginary line connecting the inside and outside pole with his or her boots before continuing with the course. In the case of a missed gate with only turning poles (e.g., a single-pole slalom), the racer must climb up above the missed gate on one side and pass down on the opposite side, going around the gate.

Debi: Okay, I meant what does this rule mean?

Drew: With a few exceptions modern slalom courses do not have outside gates. The big change for us, in addition to losing the visual aid of the outside gate, is you can't just hike up and break the plane (imaginary line between the gates) of the gate you missed. The plane went the way of the outside gate. If you decide to hike (bless you for your efforts) you must circle the missed turning gate in either direction.

Debi: Well thank you Drew. Now with the new scoring rules, is it even worth bothering with hiking? Asking for my friend of course.

Drew: That is a good question. At the end of the day this whole skiing thing is about fun, so I guess it is up to each racer. If you choose to hike you will get some world cup points for your efforts and it certainly won't hurt your team in any way. The most important thing is to be safe and watch for other racers.

Debi: That is a good point. I would like to remind my fellow Toledo Ski Club racers to hike if you must and hike fast. Well, that is all the time we have for today. Thank you again Drew and thank you to our audience.

Drew: Thank you Debi.

Debi: Hey, I get the last word here. I look forward to seeing everyone on Superbowl this weekend.