



Message from the top dog, Scott Pyles: **UPDATED WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2016**

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

Dear MACC Board Members, Race Reps, Members,

The purpose of proposing a reversed running order for this weekend's race is to provide variety for racers to experience different courses, specifically to give those who race last on their courses an opportunity to race a clean course. In past years, we have provided a weekend of variety by switching sides of the hill. This year with all three courses on one hill, we plan to revise the start order to the following a three step sort process.

In the last two days, we received input from a great many sources and have tried to listen, understand and accommodate as many as possible. The schedule below is the synthesis of that input. We received strong suggestion by Elite racers to reverse course 1 as well, which we have done. All courses are treated equally and the logic map below is agreed by nearly everyone to be the most equitable. The courses are arranged according to the following:

1. Highest Handicap Groups First -> to Lowest Handicap Groups Last. (D ->E)
2. Women Race Before Men (within group) (DW->DM)
3. Oldest Racers to Youngest Race categories (SV-> V-> O)

**Depending on the amount and caliber of guest racers, we may need to limit access to Course 1 and distribute the balance between Courses 2 & 3.** Course 1 was so heavy the first weekend because we had group of HS team racers whose handicaps fell within the Course 1 range. It's going to be warm this weekend and course 1 already has an expectation of 10 more racers than the others.

This schedule is the result of much discussion and final agreement that it satisfies the three-step logic map above to the best of our ability. There may be other suggestions, and we should hear those for next year.

We plan to race this order this weekend. As it is Wednesday - we need to freeze this start order. I've included the handicap high/low zone ranking for your reference only to illustrate the point 1 of the logic map. Based on current information [maccracing.org](http://maccracing.org), the number of racers per course if everyone races 100% is also for your reference to show course balance. The course 1 is heavy. However, there are many members not racing this year, or every race, so that number will be smaller.

**Final start order** for Saturday 2/20/16 Slalom and Sunday 2/21/16 GS

Course 3	HC Range	# Racers
DW	90 - *	3
DM	75 - *	5
CW	75 - *	8
SVCM	60 - 80	4
VCM	60 - 80	0
CM	60 - 80	5
SVBM	45 - 64	7
VBM	45 - 64	10
Total		42

Course 2	HC Range	# Racers
BW	60 - 80	3
BM	45 - 64	6
VAW	45 - 64	5
AW	45 - 64	2
SVAM	35 - 48	5
VAM	35 - 48	8
AM	35 - 48	8
VE2M	25 - 38	6
Total		43

Course 1	HC Range	# Racers
E2W	35 - 48	6
E2M	25 - 38	5
E1W	15 - 38	6
SVE1M	15 - 28	5
VE1M	15 - 28	10
E1M	15 - 28	11
EW	* - 18	3
EM	* - 18	8
Total		54

## **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: Time to celebrate a short & sweet race season**

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.

Ticket pricing and details on next page.

**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 items from me...

**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.

**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](mailto: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>

This just in from Lou Oles, MACC rep to the MDSC:

These are two events coming up after the race season that some members might be interested in participating. Anyone that may be planning a ski trip for next season can attend the ski expo. Many trip vendors will be in attendance along with free refreshments and finger food. The other is a golf outing. Any racer can sign up at the member price.

[http://www.mdscski.org/docs/2016\\_MDSC\\_Ski\\_Expo.pdf](http://www.mdscski.org/docs/2016_MDSC_Ski_Expo.pdf)

[http://www.mdscski.org/docs/2016\\_MDSC\\_Golf\\_Outting.pdf](http://www.mdscski.org/docs/2016_MDSC_Golf_Outting.pdf)

The eNewsletters are now being posted on our website in PDF format. This may make it simpler for those who do not live with their smart phones attached at the hip. Besides, the text in this current email system we are now using is not print-friendly. However, the posted PDF is printable.

And remember... if you bring a raincoat, it may not rain

Debi Koltoniak Publicity and Communications Director