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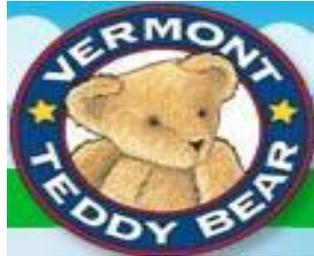
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**2023**

# **Green Mountain Stage Race**

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## Welcome from the Race Organizers

### **Welcome to the 2023 Green Mountain Stage Race!**

We are excited to have you competing at this year’s GMSR. It has been 23 years since the first GMSR and the event has become one of the most popular stage races in North America. The race attracts riders from around the US and Canada, and even further afield, to take on some of Vermont’s most scenic and challenging terrain over four days of racing. Over the last 23 years we have seen road racing ebb and flow but were taken by surprise with the number of racers choosing to compete this year. We are thrilled by the number of younger racers who are competing this year which we take as a good omen for the future health of the sport.

The GMSR would not be possible without the generous help of our sponsors, who recognize the value of supporting this iconic event. Our sponsors include Verge Sport, makers of our awesome leaders’ jerseys and fine custom team cycling apparel; Vermont Teddy Bear Company; Lawson’s Finest Liquids (awards host and Race Supporter’s Ride sponsor); The Richard Tom Foundation who organizes the Kid’s Crit and are the sponsor of Stage 4. We thank all our sponsors for their support.

The GMSR organizational team wishes you a very safe and fun weekend of competition.



Gary Kessler, Director

## Race Staff

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Gary Kessler	Overall Race Director, Organizer of Stages 1, 2 & 3
Peter Oliver	Assistant Race Director, Caravan Coordinator
Tom Moody & Tor Dworshak	Directors Stage 4
Kevin Bessett	Registrar
Danielle Hampton	Assistant Caravan Coordinator
Melanie Simon	Volunteer Coordinator, for Stages 1, 2 & 3
John Williams, Sandy Dupuis & John Witmer	Shift Leaders Stage 4 Criterium
Jill Gagne	Prizes Stage 4 Criterium
Jon Bertelson	Head of Set-up Stage 4 Criterium
Bob Dillon	Chief of pre-event signs & road marking Stages 1, 2 & 3

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## USA Cycling Race Officials

Jeffrey Poulin	Chief Referee
Ixsa Gollihur	Chief Judge

### Judges:

Alan Atwood, Cindi Hines, Sandy Rovelli

### Referees:

Chris Azzam, Paula Henry, Matt Livingston, Robert Long, Ken McGuinness, Dorothy Pumo, Dave Rovelli, Gary Toth

### Motor Referees:

Dan Celik (Lead), Liz Campbell, Bob Collins, Skip Holmes, Joe Kidd (Lead), Evan Kretz, Dave Percey (Lead), John Preiser, Tim Robinson, James Whitaker, Chuck Winterberger



# General and Technical Information

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## LOCAL HOSPITALS

Central Vermont Medical Center (Berlin) 802-371-4283  
Fletcher Allen Health Care (UVM)(Burlington) 802-847-0000  
Porter Hospital (Middlebury) 802-388-4701  
Gifford Medical Center (Randolph) 802-728-7000  
Dartmouth-Hitchcock (Hanover, NH) 603-650-5000  
Rutland Medical Center (Rutland) 802-775-7111

## REGISTRATION /PACKET PICKUP

**Note:** A valid USAC or UCI license must be brought to registration. This can include presenting it on your mobile device with the USA Cycling application. Women Novices competing in the Stage Race, who do not have a USAC annual license, must purchase either a USAC One-Day license for each day of competition for \$15 each day or an annual license.

### **Thursday, August 31, 2023**

**5:30PM to 7:00 PM** Waitsfield Village Meeting House (First Floor) (4355 Main St, Waitsfield, VT 05673).

### **Friday, September 1, 2023**

Waitsfield Village Meeting House (First Floor) (4355 Main St, Waitsfield, VT 05673).

**7:00 AM to 8:30 AM: Only Juniors, Men 3 & Men 40+ and 50/60+ may pick-up their numbers**

**8:30 AM to 12:30 PM:** Open for all categories

## DIRECTIONS TO PACKET PICKUP

- *From the north:* I-89 south to exit 10 (VT 100). Head south on Rt. 100 through Waterbury to Waitsfield. The Village Meeting House is in the lower Waitsfield Village east of Bridge Street. Parking in the rear or Bridge Street lot.
- *From the east:* I-89 north to exit 9 (VT 100B). Head east on Rt. 2 to get to Rt. 100B. South on Rt. 100B to Rt. 100. Continue south Rt. 100 to Waitsfield to Rt.17. The Village Meeting House is in the lower Waitsfield Village east of Bridge Street. Parking in the rear or Bridge Street lot.
- *From the west:* Rt. 17 head east over Appalachian Gap to Rt. 100. Head north on Rt. 100 the Village Meeting House in the lower Waitsfield Village east of Bridge Street. Parking in the rear or Bridge Street lot.
- *From the south:* Rt. 100 north to Waitsfield. The Village Meeting House in the lower Waitsfield Village east of Bridge Street. Parking in the rear or Bridge Street lot.

## RIDER CONDUCT

Unless specific exceptions are noted in this Technical Guide, GMSR 2023 is governed by the rules found in the USA Cycling Rulebook. See <https://usacycling.org/resources/rulebook>

The Chief Referee may increase/extend such fines or time penalties according to the gravity of the offense. Relegations affect stage placing. General Classification (GC) time penalties affect only GC.

Monetary fines issued to riders or teams are to be paid directly to USA Cycling per USAC rule 1K2d. Non USA Cycling licensed riders must pay fines in cash prior to the next stage or will not be allowed to start.

## ANNOUNCING

Ian Sullivan (Saturday, Sunday & Monday) joined by Alan Coté (Monday)

## **AWARD CEREMONIES**

The top three finishers for each category and General Classification Leader, Sprint Leader and King/Queen of the Mountains Leader please plan to attend a brief podium presentation where both the leader's jerseys and daily prizes will be awarded.

All podium presentations prior to the determination of the official results are unofficial and subject to later modification based on the final determination of any protests and/or imposition of any penalties.

Prizes for individual stages will be available after the completion of each stage at the awards ceremony. Prizes for overall general classification will be available after the final results for each category become official on Monday. This is typically one race after your field has finished. Please listen for the announcers calling you to awards on Monday.

**Stage 1 Awards** will be at Lawson's Finest Liquids Tap Room (155 Carrol Rd, Waitsfield, VT 05673). They will begin at 4:30 PM. Awards will be presented to the top 3 on the stage and the GC leader jersey.

**Stage 2 Awards** will be at the Mad River Green in Waitsfield (100 Mad River Green, Waitsfield, 05673) on the grass by the gazebo at 5:45 PM. Prizes will be presented to the top three on the stage, as well as the Sprint, K/QOM, and GC leaders jerseys.

**Stage 3 Awards** will be presented at the finish area, which is at the summit of the Appalachian Gap. Only the top three finishers on the stage in each category should report to the podium in the spectator area. If the weather is inclement the awards will take place on Monday at the criterium, 45-minutes prior to the start of your race. An announcement will be made at the finish if the awards are to be postponed. GC, K/QoM and Sprint jerseys will be presented on Monday at the crit and those in these leader's jerseys will be called up to the front row for the start. Please be sure to arrive at least one hour prior to your race start to collect your jersey from the awards area if you do not yet have one.

**Stage 4 Awards** will be presented at the conclusion of each race once final results are determined and the protest period has expired. This is typically 50 minutes after your race has ended. The top three riders in each field as well as the Sprint and K/QOM winners and the top three riders on GC, must report to the podium. The podium will be adjacent to City Hall Park in the center of the course. GC prizes will be presented to all designated finishers once results for a field become final. For those not in the top three on GC, if you do not pick up your prize and it is over \$20 it will be sent to you following the race. **On Monday prizes will only be available for the Sprint and K/QoM competitions, and for the top three on Stage 4 and on GC. You must have photo identification to collect your prize money. If you fail to collect your award it will be sent to you following the race.**

## **CENTERLINE**

USAC 3B1 "centerline rule" is in effect for Stages 1, 2, & 3 and will be **STRICTLY ENFORCED**. You must stay **to the right** of the centerline (if the centerline consists of a double line, you must stay to the right of both lines). Riding **on** the centerline, riding to the left side of the centerline in order to advance position or repeated drifting to the left of the centerline without provocation will result in a GC time penalty. First offense: 30 seconds; 2<sup>nd</sup> offense: 1 minute; 3<sup>rd</sup> offense: DQ from the Stage Race. Rumble strips have been installed in places so riding on the yellow line could be rough. If there is no center line, for example on a gravel road, riders shall respect a virtual center line down the center of the road and stay right to avoid oncoming traffic.

Additionally, riders may also be relegated or disqualified at the discretion of the Chief Referee.

USAC rule 3B1 is in effect for all Hot Spot sprints, K/QOM sprints, and the finishes except as specified in the stage description.

**NOTE:** The USAC officials have the authority to ask riders to immediately withdraw from the race for centerline violations. Once asked to leave, riders are to remove themselves from the field and hand in their race numbers. Riders who have been asked to withdraw will be disqualified from the stage and are ineligible to compete in subsequent stages.

## **COMPETITIONS**

All categories will have a sprint (points) and climbing (K/QoM) competition. Precedence of jerseys if winning multiple competitions is GC, Points, K/QoM.

### **Sprint (Points) Competition**

Hot Spot Sprint (HSS) points will be awarded during Stages 2, 3 and 4 (refer to stage info for HSS specifics). A Sprint Leader's Jersey will be awarded each day (except Friday) to the leader of the Sprint competition. A cash prize (1 deep - winner takes all) will be awarded to the rider with the most Sprint points after Stage 4 in each field. **To be eligible to win the overall Sprint competition a rider must complete all 4 stages and receive a final GC time. If racers are pulled during the criterium, they will be given a calculated finish time and receive a final GC time.** Leaders of the Sprint competition must wear the Sprint Leader's Jersey in any subsequent stage (unless also in the GC lead in which case the GC Leader's Jersey shall be worn). In the event of a tie between two or more riders having an equal number of Sprint points by the end of Stage 4, the winner will be determined by which rider has the higher GC placing.

### **Climbing Competition (K/QOM)**

Climbing points will be awarded during Stages 2 & 3 (refer to stage info for K/QOM point specifics for each stage and each climb). A Leader's Jersey will be awarded after Stage 2 and Stage 3. A cash prize (1 deep - winner takes all) will be awarded to the rider with the most K/QOM points in each field. **To be eligible to win the overall Climbing competition a rider must complete all stages and receive a final GC time. If racers are pulled during the criterium, they will be given a calculated finish time and receive a final GC time.**

Leaders of the Climbing competition must wear the Climbing Leader's Jersey in any subsequent stage (unless also in the GC lead in which case the GC Leader's Jersey shall be worn). In the event of a tie between two or more riders having an equal number of K/QOM points by the end of Stage 4, the winner will be determined by which rider has the higher GC placing.

## **EQUIPMENT RETURN**

In the event of an accident, all equipment will be brought to the start of that stage where neutral wheels are staged. Race staff will hold equipment at the end of the day for safekeeping if it is not collected. ITT: Start on Flat Iron Road; Stage 2: Randolph Union High School; Stage 3: Mt. Ellen base; Stage 4: Pit Area.

## **FEEDING**

Feeding shall occur only from designated feed zones. Riders are expected to dispose of feeding materials in the feed zone areas only. Rider support personnel in the feed zone are responsible for maintaining the cleanliness of the area. Riders who have support personnel that leave waste materials at feed zones will be **subject to fines** per littering rule on page 9. Feeders should use care when crossing the road and moving within the feed zone area. For feeding specifics see the specific stage info section.

## **MAXIMUM TEAM SIZE**

In the Men's Pro/1/2 and Women's Pro/1/2/3 no team or club may have more than 9 racers pursuant to **rule 3H2**.

## **FINISHING**

Riders must complete each individual stage to be eligible to start the next stage.

Once you have crossed the finish line **DO NOT** turn around and ride back across the finish line. Every stage except the time trial is designed for racers to continue riding in the direction of the race to return to the start. If a racer wishes to go to the finish, he or she must walk their bike on the grass by the shoulder. Per USAC Discipline Table 8A5a, a monetary fine of \$20 will be assessed for reported infractions.

If you are unable to finish, please report your “DNF” to a race official.

### **TIME CUT**

Per USAC rule 3H6(c)(iv), riders must finish each stage within a time limit equal to the winner in his/her field plus a percentage. There will be no time cut for the Time Trial (Stage 1). For Stages 2 & 3, the time cut is 20%. Riders who do not finish within the time cut will be eliminated from the stage race and not be permitted to start the next stage. When finishing, do not stop and ask the officials at the finish line whether you have made the time cut. Time cut information will be posted with the results for each field and in the Stage Communique. The Chief Referee has the authority to extend the time cut for a particular field, stage, or for any extenuating circumstances.

### **GENERAL CLASSIFICATION (GC)**

Each rider’s individual GC shall be calculated by adding the rider’s time in all individual stages minus time bonuses and penalties. Final GC ties will be broken per USAC rule 3H4(c)(i). A GC Leader’s Jersey will be awarded at the end of each day (or prior to the start of racing the following day) in each race category. The leader in each of these competitions is required to wear the GC Leader’s Jersey each day he/she remains in the lead of that competition. If a rider is the leader in the GC competition as well as an additional competition that rider shall wear the GC Leader’s Jersey. A new jersey will only be awarded when there is a lead change. If a rider regains the lead, that rider will not be awarded a new Leader’s Jersey but shall use the previously awarded Leader’s Jersey.

### **GROUP FINISH**

The Chief Judge will place riders in group finishes per USAC rule 3H6(c). The Chief Referee and Chief Judge reserve the right to determine which riders comprise a finish group.

### **HELMETS**

Per USAC rule 1J1, riders are required to wear a securely fastened helmet at all times while mounted on a bicycle (does not apply to riding rollers/trainers during warm-up). This rule is always in effect for all GMSR competitors from the opening of registration through the final awarding of prizes after Stage 4. Per USAC Discipline Table 8A1(a) 1st offense: warning. Subsequent offenses: \$20.

### **LITTERING**

Please respect our roads and our neighbors. Participants who discard bottles or wrappers in unapproved areas will be subject to a **\$30 fine** per the USAC Discipline Table 8A4(a) **or disqualification** from the race at the discretion of the Chief Referee and Race Director.

Approved areas for discarding litter: **Feed zones**

Under Vermont law, littering is subject to prosecution including a penalty **24 V.S.A. § 2201**.

### **MISHAPS**

Since GMSR is conducted under stage race rules, riders must complete each stage to be eligible to start the next stage and compete for the overall standings. During stages 2 and 3 riders should therefore carry spare tubes/tools so they can finish the stage in case they suffer a mishap and neutral support is not available.

If you are involved in a mishap involving an injury, please report it to an USAC official so that you can receive any required medical attention and so the proper paperwork can be completed. This is for your protection and will allow you to file a claim if needed under the USAC insurance in place for the event.

See the details for each stage for mishap instructions specific to that stage

## **PROTESTS**

All protests shall be made electronically. If you wish to file a protest you must send it to [protest@GMSR.info](mailto:protest@GMSR.info). USAC rules require your protest be made within one hour after the finish. **Riders who have a protest about finish order have until 30 minutes before the start of the next day's stage. Protests regarding final general classification placement must be made no later than 15 minutes** after the official posting on Monday. Protests made beyond the listed time periods will not be considered. If the results are wrong after Stage 4 you **MUST** make your protest that day. Results cannot be altered once they become final after the race.

Be sure to include the following information in your email:

- o Your Name / Team Name
- o What Race you were in
- o Your Bib Number
- o Your Jersey Color
- o What and why you are protesting
- o If applicable, who you finished in front of or behind
- o Anything else that may help

## **RADIOS**

No two-way radios may be used, and no earpieces of any type may be worn. Audio playback devices are expressly forbidden. Penalties per USAC Discipline Table 8A1(l) & 8A1(m) are significant; \$20-\$500 and Disqualification!

## **RESTROOM FACILITIES**

There will be restroom facilities available at the start and finish of each stage. For Stage 4 the bathrooms in City Hall will be available in addition to portolets near the staging area.

First report of public urination at stage starts, finishes, populated areas, or in front of spectators is subject to a \$50 fine. Second offense: Disqualification.

## **NUMBERS**

A total of three (3) numbers will be issued to each rider: two (2) jersey numbers and one (1) frame number. ALL three numbers must be worn on every stage (this does not apply to the citizen's event on Stage 3). Refer to diagram below for proper number placement in each stage.

Position of jersey numbers:

**Stage 1 (ITT):** Right side & Left Side

**Stage 2 (Circuit):** Right side & Left Side

**Stage 3 (Road race):** Right side & back pocket

**Stage 4 ( criterium):** Left side and back pocket

The frame number is to be placed either inside of the top tube and the down tube, under the seat.



**Do not** trim/fold/reduce the size of jersey or frame numbers.

Reducing the number size makes it extremely hard to read with the result being that a rider may not be placed in a stage. Per USAC 1J7b, riders with folded, trimmed, or otherwise modified bib numbers will not be allowed to start. Any riders that manage to start with such bib numbers will be penalized as follows: First offense: 30 seconds; 2nd offense: 1 minute; 3rd offense: DQ from the Stage Race. There is a \$20 replacement fee for numbers that need to be reissued.



## **RESULTS**

Race Results & Photo Finish: John Frey, Velocity Results

Results, official race announcements and notices, once available, will be posted online. They will be available on <http://www.velocityresults.net/results> as well as the race website, <http://www.gmsr.info>, each evening as soon as they are completed. Links will be posted on the GMSR Facebook Page and GMSR webpage. Stage 4 results, as well as overall GC results, will be posted on the west wall of the City Hall building at City Hall Park as soon as they are completed and online once the race is concluded.

## **RIDING OUTSIDE PROTECTED AREA**

If you are dropped from the peloton and are passed by official & support cars, you are riding outside of the race caravan and its protection. When returning to the peloton, pass vehicles on the right to do so. You may be penalized for unsafe riding or impeding traffic when riding outside of the race caravan of the field you are racing in. While competing, riders who find themselves outside of the protected area (e.g., behind the follow vehicles) during their race are required to obey all traffic laws of the State of Vermont including not riding more than two abreast.

## **ROAD CONDITIONS**

We have worked with the Vermont Agency of Transportation on the state roads we race on. Please be aware that the roads are not crack or pothole-free. As a racer you must pay attention to the road conditions and use caution to avoid damage to your equipment and yourself. Please be courteous and point out road issues to your fellow competitors when possible. See cautions for each stage for specific hazards.

## **SIGN-IN**

There is no sign-in for Stage 1 (TT) and Stage 4 (crit). For Stages 2 and 3 riders must sign in at least 15 minutes before the announced time of their start. Refer to specific stage information for sign-in location and start time for each stage. The penalty for not signing in: First offense: Warning. Subsequent offenses: \$20 per USAC Discipline Table 8A5(I).

## **STAGING**

Riders must report to the staging area (all stages) no less than 10 minutes before the announced start time. Prior to the start of Stages 2 & 3, the top five on GC as well as the Sprint and K/QOM leaders for each category will be called to the starting line. Prior to the start of Stage 4 the top 10 riders on GC as well as the Sprint and K/QOM leaders will be called to the starting line.

## **START TIMES**

The start times contained in this Technical Guide may be changed. Changes in start times will be posted in the daily communiqué on the GMSR website. Please be sure to check the communiqué every day for any changes.

## **TAKING PACE/OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE**

Taking pace or assistance from any outside means is forbidden, including holding onto a motor vehicle or taking pace from riders in a different race occurring concurrently on the same course. Penalties (fines and GC time penalty or disqualification) will be assessed depending on the situation.

During the Time Trial (Stage 1), USAC rule 3E6 covering centerline and passing will be strictly enforced. Per USAC Discipline Table 8A5a & 8C1, a \$20 fine and a time penalty per Table 8I will be assessed for extended and/or repeated pacing. Competitors being overtaken must move to the right and allow the overtaking rider to pass.

### **TECHNICAL SUPPORT**

**Competitive Edge Racing Support** and volunteer neutral support will be provided. No team or individual support will be allowed. Under **no** circumstances may team cars or individual support cars follow a race. Non-compliance will result in a monetary fine of \$150 per USAC Discipline Table 8A5a and/or First offense: 1 min GC penalty for all team members; Second offense: DQ for all team members.

**NOTE: During Stage 2 & Stage 3, it is your responsibility to be able to repair your own bicycle in the event the support vehicle is ahead of you or is unable to help you.**

See the Support Matrix below for stage details. **Competitive Edge Racing Support and neutral wheels will be supporting only the fields to which they are assigned and will not stop to support racers in other fields.** All service is to be done from the right-hand side of the road. You must be stopped to receive service.

Where **Competitive Edge Racing Support** does not provide support, volunteer neutral support will be provided. Please be sure to properly mark your wheels with index cards with your bib number, name, team & number of gears to avoid confusion for volunteers. For fields that will be serviced by volunteer support, 10 sets of wheels will be required for the service vehicle to maintain neutral support. Otherwise, wheels-in-wheels-out will apply, meaning only riders who have given wheels to neutral support will be allowed to get wheels (the rule may be waived immediately prior to the start for smaller fields). **Note that neutral-support drivers are not mechanics. They can provide you with a fresh wheel after a mishap and provide as much help as possible, but it is your responsibility to replace your own wheel.** If you have thru axle wheels without levers, please carry the proper wheel removal tool to make a wheel change as neutral support drivers may not have the proper tools.

Wheels will be returned to the Randolph Union High School for Stage 2 and to the Sugarbush Mt. Ellen base area in front of the base lodge after Stage 3. **Please claim your wheels immediately after you finish.** Any unclaimed wheels will be removed from the wheel return area 30 minutes after the last field has finished. Any wheels left after Stage 3 will be brought to the wheel pit area at Stage 4. Race organizers are **not responsible** for unclaimed or stolen wheels. Please, if the loss of your wheel(s) will be too much to bear do not put it in the wheel vehicle as wheels have occasionally been reported missing in the past.

<b>Support Matrix</b>		Neutral (10 sets of wheels must be provided)		
<b>Category</b>	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4
	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>
Men P/1/2	<b>Competitive Edge Racing Support</b>	<b>Competitive Edge Racing Support</b>	<b>Competitive Edge Racing Support</b>	<b>Competitive Edge Racing Support</b>
Women P/1/2/3	<b>Competitive Edge Racing Support</b>	<b>Competitive Edge Racing Support</b>	<b>Competitive Edge Racing Support</b>	<b>Competitive Edge Racing Support</b>
Men 3	<b>Competitive Edge Racing Support</b>	<b>Competitive Edge Racing Support</b>	Neutral	<b>Competitive Edge Racing Support</b>
Men 4	<b>Competitive Edge Racing Support</b>	<b>Competitive Edge Racing Support</b>	Neutral	<b>Competitive Edge Racing Support</b>
Men 40+	<b>Competitive Edge Racing Support</b>	Neutral	Neutral	<b>Competitive Edge Racing Support</b>
Men 50/60	<b>Competitive Edge Racing Support</b>	Neutral	Neutral	<b>Competitive Edge Racing Support</b>
Juniors	<b>Competitive Edge Racing Support</b>	Neutral	<b>Competitive Edge Racing Support</b>	<b>Competitive Edge Racing Support</b>
Women 3/4/5	<b>Competitive Edge Racing Support</b>	Neutral	Neutral	<b>Competitive Edge Racing Support</b>

#### **ANTI-DOPING**

All USA Cycling and US Anti-Doping regulations are applicable to the event.

#### **WARM-UP/COOL DOWN**

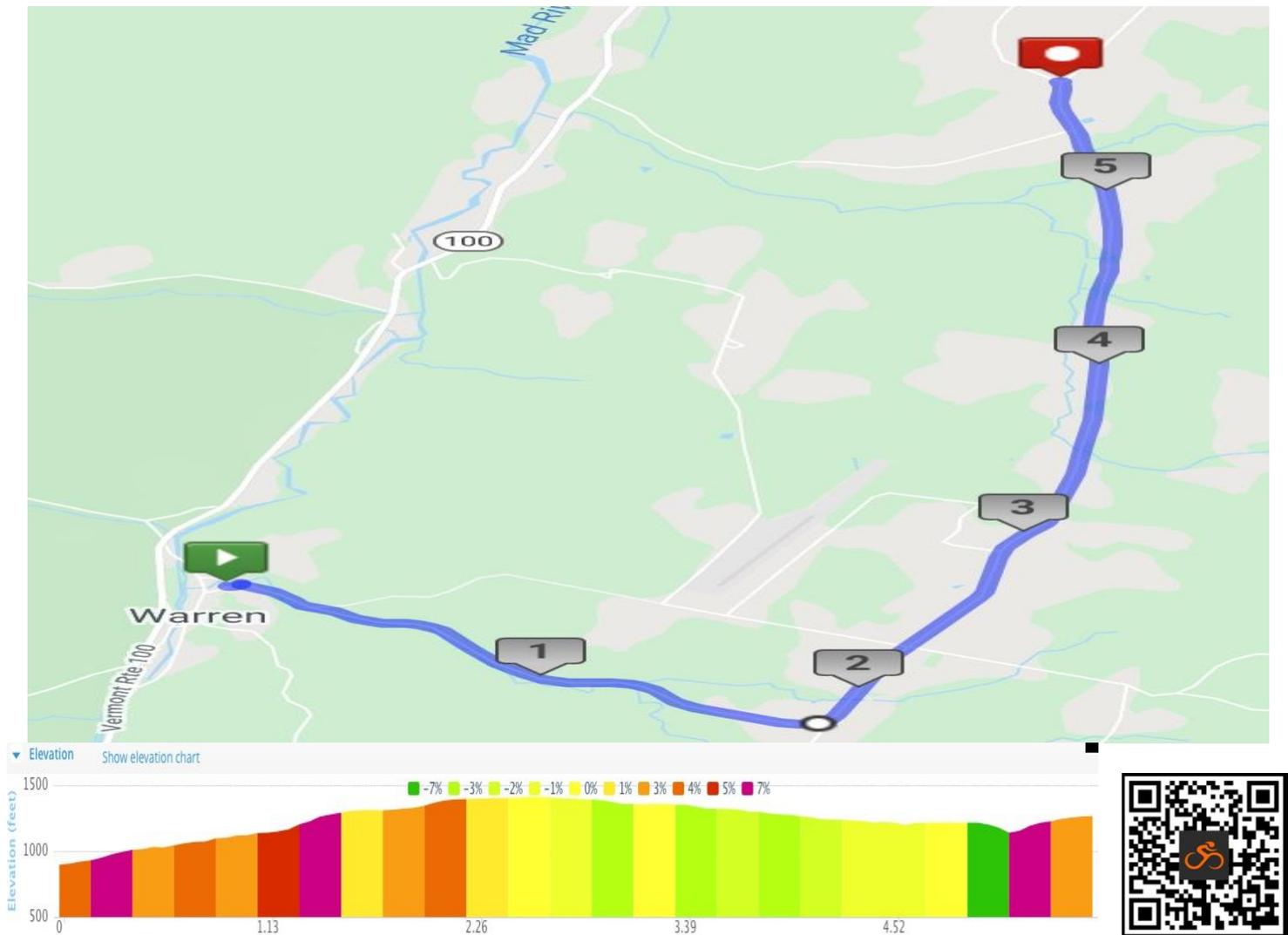
Refer to the individual stage sections of this guide for specific information concerning warm-up/cool down areas for a particular stage. While warming-up and cooling down, or in transit to the designated area, riders are reminded that the roads are open to public traffic. Riders must obey all traffic laws of the State of Vermont, obeying all traffic lights, posted signs, and yielding to police, rescue vehicles and school buses. Per USAC Discipline Table 8A5(a), a monetary fine of \$35 will be assessed for reported infractions. Disqualification from the stage race for any infractions reported to the Chief Referee or Organizer by police or rescue personnel.

Riders ***MUST YIELD*** to all emergency vehicles. Failure to do so will result in immediate disqualification as well as a monetary penalty and possible arrest and prosecution under Vermont Law.

# Warren Individual Time Trial

Friday, September 1

Stage 1



**DISTANCE** — 5.7 miles/9.2km

**ELEVATION** — 550ft/168m (but hurts like so much more!)

**FINISH BONUS** — None

**SPRINT COMPETITION** — None

**K/QOM COMPETITION** — None

**SIGN-IN** — None

**FEEDING** — None

**NUMBERS** — Left and Right side, frame

**START TIMES** — Will be posted on the GMSR Website on Wednesday following the close of registration.

Racers missing their start time should report to the start area as soon as possible to start. Finish time is elapsed time based on the posted start time. Racers who miss their start, and do not report to the start line to ride the time trial course will not be given a time for the stage and will be disqualified from the stage race. Access to the TT course closes with the last posted start time.

## **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

The race starts in Warren Village, which is located just off Rt. 100 approximately 5.3 miles from packet pickup at Mt. Ellen. The course starts on Flat Iron Road and takes a gentle right merging onto Brook Road. After this first right there are no other turns on the course. Brook Road climbs for 2.3 miles until the intersection with the Roxbury Gap Road where it continues straight on the East Warren Road. At this point the course rolls along, trending slightly downhill. At mile 5.2 you will enter the "dip." Once at the bottom you will immediately encounter a short sharp climb. At the Rolston Road intersection, the climb relents, and your legs and lungs burn as you ride the final 500 meters, which is slightly uphill to the finish at the Waitsfield Common Road intersection.

## **CAUTIONS**

- At mile 4.6/7.4K there is a 15 meter section of unpaved road and rough pavement.
- The final 3K has numerous small cracks and holes and filled areas. This is the case for the descent into the dip so please use caution and be alert.

## **TIME TRIAL SPECIFIC RULES**

Only equipment that is permissible for use in a mass start road race under USAC 1I1(g) may be used for the time trial (Stage 1). Disk wheels and TT helmets are permitted. Only current team clothing per USAC 3H5(a) is permitted. Non-team skinsuits are acceptable for the TT. The Chief Referee shall be the final arbiter in any disputes regarding acceptable equipment and clothing.

## **Neutral Support**

**Competitive Edge Racing Support** will be at the start area and on the TT course at the Roxbury Gap Road Intersection at 2.3m/3.9k to assist you.

## **TIME TRIAL SPECIFIC PENALTIES**

1. **There is NO PARKING in Warren Village.** Doing so may result in a **\$100 Fine and a 1-minute GC time penalty** at the discretion of the Chief Referee. This will be monitored, and numbers noted. Police will be present, and cars may be towed.
2. **Once racing begins at 8:30 AM racers may not pre-ride the course on their bikes or in their vehicles. There is a 1-minute GC time penalty for doing so.**
3. During the time trial, the road is still open to traffic. **ALL** racers must stay to the right (not blocking traffic) at all times except when passing another racer. Riders who have started but have not crossed the finish line will receive a **30-second GC time penalty** for failing to stay on the right.
4. Riders who have finished their race and are returning to the start who fail to stay right, ride double and/or impede traffic will receive a **1-minute GC penalty and up to a \$100 fine** at the discretion of the Chief Referee. Additional penalties, including monetary fines & disqualification, may be assessed at the discretion of the Chief Referee and Race Director.

## **Mishaps**

Riders suffering a mishap during the Time Trial will receive the time of the slowest rider in their category plus 1 second and permitted to start the next stage provided they report to officials immediately following their participation in the time trial. The slowest time will not include those who miss their designated start.

## **Warm up Area**

Lincoln Gap Road, which is located off Rt. 100 across from the south entrance to Warren Village provides a climb like that of the racecourse. This is a quiet road and is the best warm-up location. Rt. 100 south into Granville Gulf also has good pavement and provides a series of short climbs.

### **Restroom Facilities**

There will be portolets in the start area, near the north entrance to Warren Village at the Park & Ride and at the finish. Do not urinate in public.

### **Directions to Race / Parking**

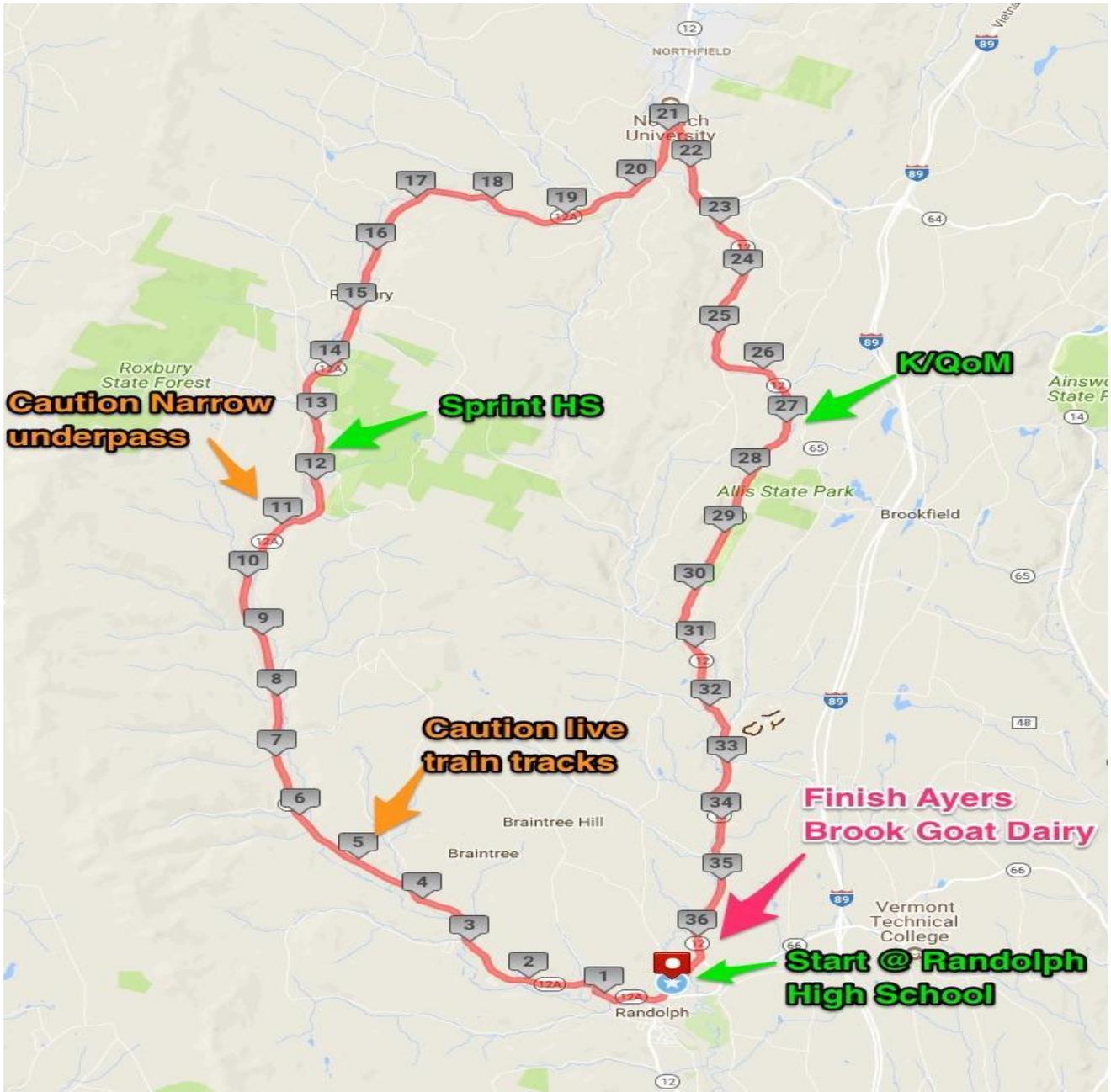
Racers may park at the Lincoln Peak Base area and ride to the start in Warren which is 2.4 miles away traveling on West Hill Rd (steep paved descent – use caution) and 4.3 miles traveling on the Sugarbush Access Road. Keep in mind that parking at Sugarbush will result in a good climb back to your vehicle. **DO NOT PARK in Warren Village or at Vermont North Ski Shop at the bottom of the Sugarbush Access Road or on West Hill Road!** **Obey the NO Parking Signs.**

There is also parking in the following areas (look for signs):

- Sugarbush Snow Making Pond – located on Rt. 100 0.3 miles north of the Rt. 100 and Sugarbush Access Rd. intersection. This area will hold approximately 40+ vehicles.
- Numerous pull offs along Rt. 100 – there are river access pull offs and parking areas all along Rt. 100 heading both north and south of the Village. These may be used to park, but vehicles must be completely out of the roadway.

# Randolph Circuit Race

Saturday, September 2  
Stage 2



**DISTANCE** — Women 3/4/Novice, Men 4 - 37 miles/60K (2004 f/611m elev); Women P/1/2/3, Men Cat 3, Men 50/60+, 40+ & Juniors 74 miles/120K (4008 f/1222m elev); Men P/1/2 111 miles/179K (6016 f/1833m elev)

<b>Category</b>	<b>Start Time</b>	<b>Distance</b>	<b>Support</b>
<b>First Wave</b>			
Pro/1/2 Men	8:30	111 miles/179K	Competitive Edge Support
Cat 3 Men	8:40	74 miles/120K	Competitive Edge Support
Master 40+ Men	8:50	74 miles/120K	Neutral
Master 50/60+ Men	9:00	74 miles/120K	Neutral
<b>Second Wave</b>			
Junior	12:35	74 miles/120K	Neutral
P/1/2/3 Women	12:40	74 miles/120K	Competitive Edge Support
3/4/Novice Women	12:50	37 miles/60K	Neutral
Cat 4 Men	1:20	37 miles/60K	Competitive Edge Support

**FINISH LINE** — The race finishes on a straight section of Rt. 12 at the Ayers Brook Goat Dairy which is .5 miles from the start. Racers may use the entire roadway starting at **500M for all finishing sprints**. Use caution and be alert for any cars in the finishing zone.

**There is no parking for spectators at the finish area.** There will be a shuttle bus leaving from in front of the high school approximately every 15 minutes that will take you to the finish area as well as back to the high school. Please do not drive to the finish! You can also walk to the finish which is .5 miles/.8K away. If walking, please use caution and be alert to racers and vehicles.

**FINISH BONUS** — Finishing Sprint is 5 deep for both Hot Spot Sprint points and GC time bonus:

Hot Spot Sprint Points= 10-7-5-3-1

GC time bonus = 15-11-8-5-3 (seconds)

**SPRINT COMPETITION** — Two sprints per lap with an intermediate sprint on Rt. 12a at mile 12.5 and a second sprint at the finish line. Points will be awarded 5 deep for the intermediate sprint: 6-4-3-2-1.

- Women 3/4/Novice, Men 4 – 2 sprints
- Men 3, Junior, Masters 40+, Masters 50/60+, Women Pro 1/2/3 – 4 sprints
- Men Pro 1/2 – 6 sprints

**K/QOM COMPETITION** — One K/QoM location per lap at mile 27.5 (44K) at the top of the Brookfield Gulf climb. Points will be awarded 5 deep: 6-4-3-2-1

- Women 3/4/Novice, Men 4 – 1 sprint
- Men 3, Junior, Masters 40+, Masters 50/60+, Women Pro 1/2/3 – 2 sprints
- Men Pro 1/2 – 3 sprints

**SIGN-IN** — In front of the main entrance to the high school.

**FEED ZONE** — On the rise across the street from the start at the high school.

**NUMBERS** — left side and right side, frame.

**GEAR RECOMMENDATIONS** — 34x25 – 39x27

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES** - At the finish area and in the race caravan.

<b>Distance</b>		<b>Description</b>
Miles	KM	
0	0	Start at Randolph Union High School
0	0	Left onto Rt. 12
0.3	0.5	At stop right onto Rt. 66/Rt 12
0.5	0.9	Right onto Rt. 12a
0.7	1.1	Racing Starts at Randolph Rec Fields
5	8	<b>Caution Live Railroad Tracks</b>
11	18	<b>Caution Narrow Underpass STAY RIGHT!</b>
12	20	Sprint Hot Spot
15	24	Entering Roxbury Village
21.2	34	Right onto Rt. 12
27.5	44	K/QoM Hot Spot - Top of Brookfield Gulf
27.6	44.2	<b>Caution winding descent with poor pavement</b>
37	60	Finish Ayers Brook Goat Dairy

### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

The course starts at the Randolph High School on Forest Street/Rt. 12 in Randolph. There will be a neutral rolling start of .7 miles (1.1K) until at the Randolph Recreation fields on Rt. 12a. At mile 5 (8K) racers will cross a live and active railroad track. Please use caution here as the crossing is not perpendicular to the road. Also be alert for approaching trains and stop as required. At mile 11 (18K) the road narrows as you pass under a narrow railroad bridge – please be sure to be on your side of the yellow line. The first sprint hot spot is at mile 12 (20K) near Cram Hill Road. Racers will ride through Roxbury and into Northfield where the course turns right onto Rt. 12 south. The single K/QoM will come at mile 27.5 (44K) is at the summit of the Brookfield Gulf. From the K/QoM there is a fast twisty downhill for 5 Miles (8K) with some poor pavement. The finish and second sprint hot spot is at Ayers Brook Goat Dairy at 37 miles from the start. It is a .5m/.8K from the finish to return to the high school.

### **CAUTIONS**

1. The intersection of Rt. 12 where it enters Rt. 66 just after the start is unusual. The first lap will be neutral and there will be police, please use caution and follow the directions of the police/marshals.
2. There is a railroad crossing at mile 5. It is a newly rebuilt crossing but at a slight angle to the road. Use caution. This is a live crossing! Be alert to approaching trains. You must stop for trains. Failure to do so, or trying to race across the tracks in front of an approaching train will result in immediate disqualification from the stage race (as well as a worse fate if you do not make it).
3. At mile 11 (18K) the road narrows as you pass under a railroad bridge – please be sure to stay on your side of the yellow line.
4. Some of the newly paved sections of Route 12A have a rumble strip on the yellow line.
5. The descent from the K/QoM in the Brookfield Gulf has some cracked and broken pavement.

### **MISHAPS**

Any rider suffering a mishap within the last 3 kilometers will be given the time they would have attained had the mishap not occurred, provided the rider, if able, reports the crash to finish line officials immediately following the race. The Race Jury shall determine how to place any rider that is unable to finish or outside the time cut due to a mishap. Generally, the rider will be given his/her actual place and time across the finish line (or last place in the stage if unable to cross the finish line) and the rider will be allowed to start the next stage.

## **WHEEL SUPPORT**

Competitive Edge Race Support will support the listed fields. Neutral support will be provided for other fields. In these fields there must be 10 sets of wheels or the support will be wheels-in/out only! Racers must provide these wheels to the service vehicles, which will be in the staging area near the start.

**Be prepared to fix a flat tire as the service vehicles usually go with any break and support for other fields will not provide service for racers not in the race they are supporting. Competitive Edge Race Support and neutral support vehicles will not stop to assist riders in any field other than the one they have been assigned to.**

It is your responsibility to be able to repair your bicycle in the event the support vehicle is unable to help you. Volunteer neutral support vehicle drivers will do their best to help you get back on the road as quickly as possible, but they are not bicycle mechanics. If you have thru axle wheels without levers, please carry the proper wheel removal tool.

Note: All neutral wheels will be returned to the start at the high school once your field has finished.

## **WARM UP AREA**

Racers may warm-up by riding north on Rt. 12 prior to the last start of the first wave. For the second wave warm-up on Rt. 66 heading east. You can access Rt. 66 from the high school parking lot. This is a busy road so please be courteous and use caution.

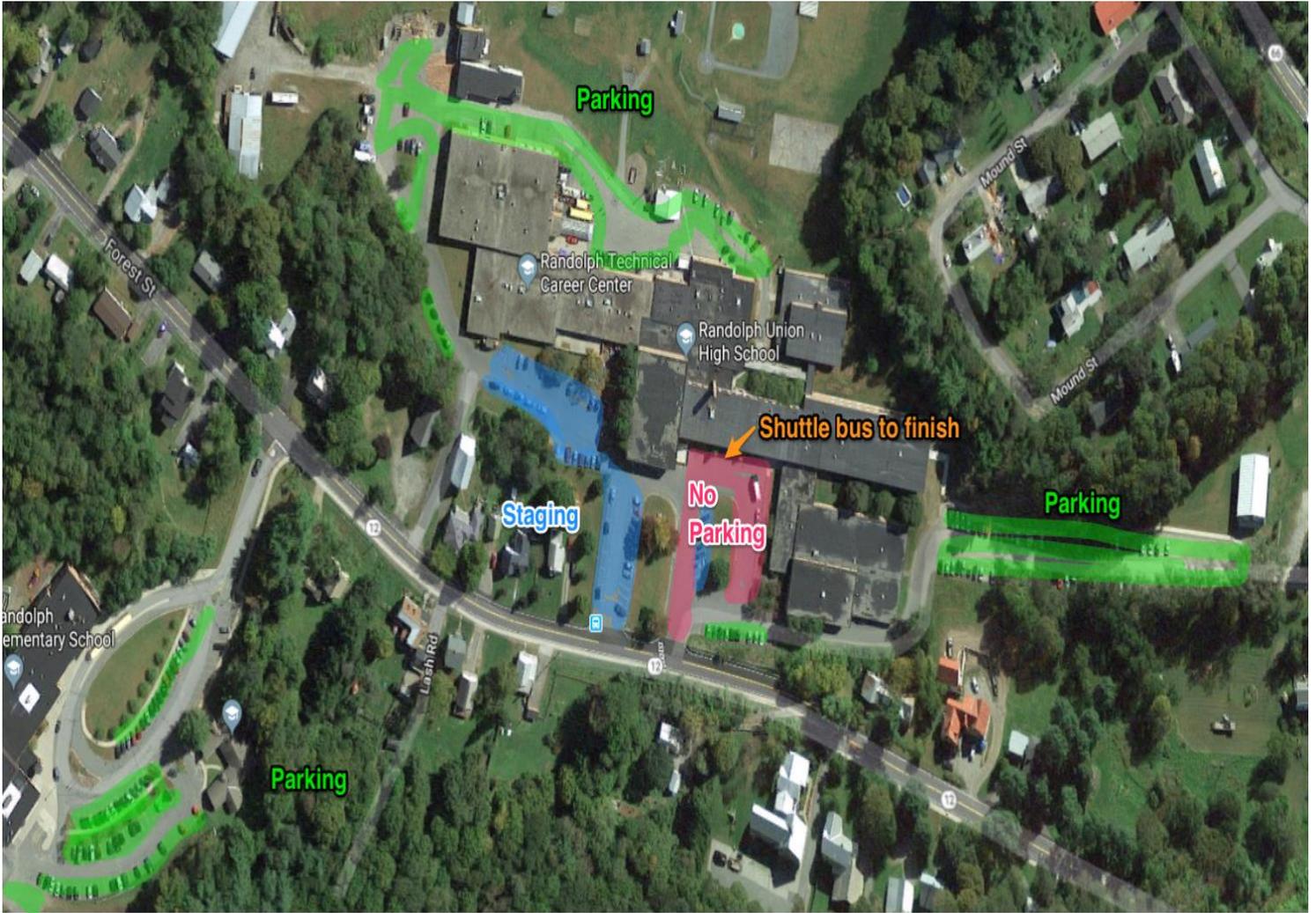
## **RESTROOM FACILITIES**

Portolets are located at the start area and the finish.

**Directions to Race – Address** 15 Forest Street (Rt. 12), Randolph, VT 05060

- *From the the Mad River Valley:* Brook Road (TT course) to the Roxbury Gap Road. Take a right onto Rt. 12a to Randolph. Take Rt. 66 east and at the 4 way stop sign take a left onto Forest Street/Rt 12. The high school is on your right. Plan for a 50-minute drive.
- *From the north:* I-89 south to exit 4 (Randolph Exit). Take a right at the end of the exit ramp onto Rt. 66 west to the 4 way stop and take a right onto Forest Street/Rt 12. The high school is on the right.
- *From the south:* I-89 north to exit 4 (Randolph Exit). Take a left at the end of the exit ramp onto Rt. 66 west to the 4 way stop and take a right onto Forest Street/Rt 12. The high school is on the right.

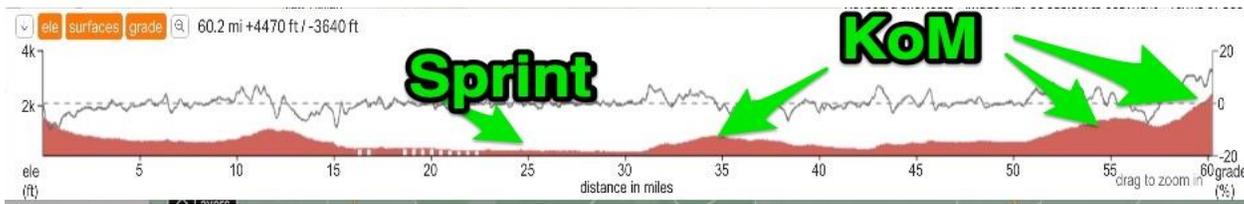
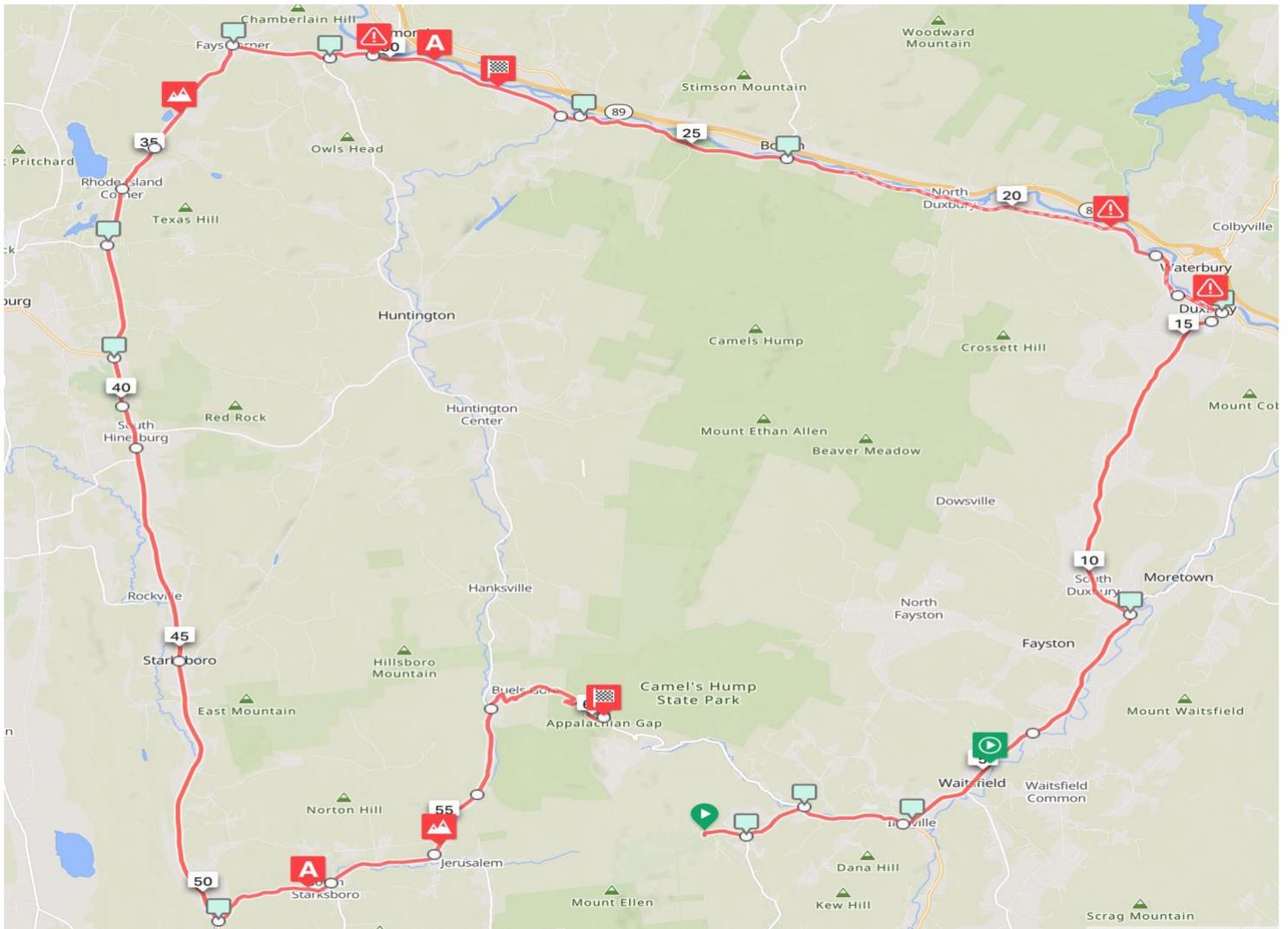
**Parking is at the high school.** There is parking behind the school (turn right after entering) and a large parking lot on the left when you enter. There is no parking in the staging area in front of the school. You may also park at the elementary school .1 miles north of the high school. See parking and staging map on next page.



# Verge Sport Mad River Road Race

Sunday, September 3

Stage 3



## DISTANCE

All fields 60.3 miles /97K (4500ft/1372M elev). **Men P/1/2** – 90 miles/145K (6210ft/1893M elev)

## SIGN-IN

Mt. Ellen Base Lodge - 626 Mt Ellen Rd, Waitfield, VT 05673. Sign-in for Stage Racers starts at 7:30 am. Registration for the open road race starts at 7:00am.

**GEAR RECOMMENDATIONS** — 34x28 or 39x30. Steepest pitch is over 20%.

**NUMBERS** — Right side and back pocket, frame

## Start Times

Category	Time	Distance	Support
Open Road Race	8:15 am	60.3 miles /97K	None
4 Men	8:30 am	60.3 miles /97K	Neutral
50/60+ Men	8:40 am	60.3 miles /97K	Neutral
P/1/2/3 Women	8:50 am	60.3 miles /97K K	Competitive Edge Support
3/4/Novice Women	8:55 am	60.3 miles /97K	Neutral
P/1/2 Men	9:35 am	90.1 miles /145K	Competitive Edge Support
3 Men	9:45 am	60.3 miles /97K	Neutral
Junior Men	9:55 am	60.3 miles /97K	Competitive Edge Support
40+ Men	10:05 am	60.3 miles /97K	Neutral

## FINISH BONUS

No finish bonus.

## SPRINT COMPETITION

There is one sprint during this stage on Cochran Road. 28.2miles/45.4K into the race. Points will be awarded 5 deep: 6-4-3-2-1.

## CLIMBING COMPETITION

There are 3 K/QOM sprints during this stage (4 for the P/1/2 Men). Look for signs and finish banners.

1. Hinesburg Road at mile 34(55K). Points will be awarded 5 deep: 6-4-3-2-1
2. Near summit of Baby Gap climb in Jerusalem at mile 54.5(87.7K). Points will be awarded 5 deep: 8-6-4-2-1
3. Summit of Appalachian Gap (Finish Line) Mile 60.3(100K) & 90M(145K). Points will be awarded 5 deep: 10-8-6-4-2

## CONTROLLED START

The start of each race will be controlled for approximately 5 miles until the entire caravan has passed the Waitsfield Elementary School North of Waitsfield Village on Rt. 100.

<b>Mad River Road Race Main Loop</b>		
<u>Miles</u>	<u>KM</u>	<u>Description</u>
0	0	Start at Mt. Ellen Base Area
0.67	1	Left turn onto German Flats
1.75	2.8	Right turn onto Rt. 17 East
3.5	5.6	Left turn onto Rt. 100 North
5	8	Racing begins after the Waitsfield Elementary School
8.9	14.3	Left turn Rt. 100 North
15.8	25.4	Left turn River Road
16	25.7	1-mile gravel sector
18.5	29.7	4.9-mile gravel sector
23.4	37.6	<b>CAUTION – blind left turn – Stay well right</b>
26.8	43.1	Left turn onto Cochran Road
28.3	45.5	Intermediate Sprint HS
29.3	47	Feed Zone – Cochran’s Ski Area
30.2	48.5	<b>EXTREME CAUTION! – 2 very abrupt speed bumps – slow down to safely cross these</b>
30.2	48.5	Slight left turn onto Huntington Road

31	50	Right turn to Hinesburg Road
32.4	52	Sharp left – Fays Coner
34.1	55	K/QoM HS
36.8	59	Slight Right onto North Road
36.9	59.3	CAUTION – 4-way intersection
39.2	63	Slight left onto Rt. 116
50.6	81.4	Right turn onto Rt. 17 (start of Baby Gap)
52.2	84	Neutral Water
54.1	87	Caution Jerusalem Store on right
54.5	88	K/QOM HS
55.7	89.5	Top of the Baby Gap
57.5	92.5	Caution Gore Road Intersection – All fields straight – P/1/2 men left on 1 <sup>st</sup> lap
57.7	92.8	Start of App. Gap Climb
58.5	94	Caution - Moose Area
60.2	97	Finish at the summit of the App. Gap – K/QoM Finish

### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

A point-to-point race that starts at the Sugarbush Ski Resort Mt. Ellen Base area in Fayston, passing through the scenic Mad River Valley towns of Waitsfield, Moretown, and Duxbury. The first climb of the day will be over the Duxbury hill on Rt. 100. Please use caution on the downhill. Once down the hill racers will turn left onto the River Road in Duxbury. There are 2 sectors of gravel on this road so please be prepared.

The course takes racers to Cochran Road in Richmond where we will have a sprint HS and the feed zone. Once on the Hinesburg Road racers will climb to the first K/QoM before making a left on Rt. 116 and riding into the town of Starksboro.

The course takes racers 10 miles before making the turn onto Rt. 17 and the day's final challenge - Appalachian Gap. Appalachian Gap is Vermont's highest 4-season maintained roadway. Racers will start the first of two climbs known as the "Baby Gap". Baby Gap will take racers through Jerusalem and a brief but fast descent as the course rolls onto the base of App. Gap proper. This final section is only 4K, but it twists and turns and climbs very steeply in sections. As racers approach the last pitch, the canopy of trees opens, and the top of the Gap comes into view less than 1K away. The final 500m will take racers up one of the steepest pitches of the day (20% in places). This final pitch will be lined with hundreds of cheering spectators and a chalked road to help racers push to the finish.

### **Notes of Caution**

1. The Mt. Ellen Access Road has several large potholes and cracks. Please be alert and leave plenty of space between riders so that you can see them.
2. Please use caution on the descent of Rt. 100 towards Waterbury.
3. There are two sectors of gravel road on River Road.
4. At mile 23 stay well right on a blind left hand turn.
5. At mile 30 be aware of two very sharp speed bumps on Cochran Road – slow down to safely clear these.
6. At mile 32.4 the Fays Corner intersection can be confusing. Be prepared to take a sharp left to stay on the Hinesburg Road.
7. At mile 36.9 is a 4-way intersection be alert for traffic.
8. At mile 57 is the intersection of the Gore Road all fields EXCEPT the P/1/2 field will stay straight. Please move to the right as you approach this intersection.
9. At mile 57 of the course, vehicles will be turning left off the course. We will have police and marshals to move the vehicles but please be alert for possible stopped vehicles and pass on the right.

10. The final 4K climb to the summit of App Gap is closed to traffic, but there will still be local traffic so please be alert.

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

At the Summit of App Gap (finish) as well as in race caravans.

**For the Men Pro/1/2 only** we have an extra 30 mile/48K loop and 1749F/530M elv.

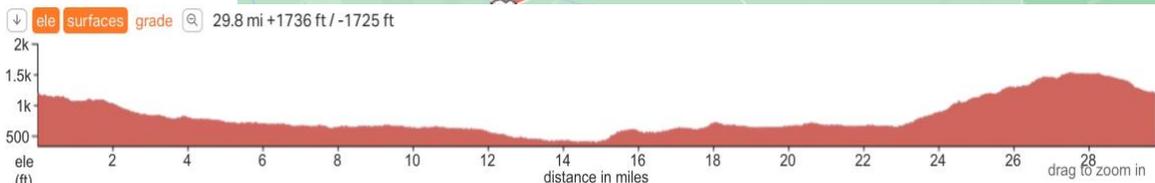
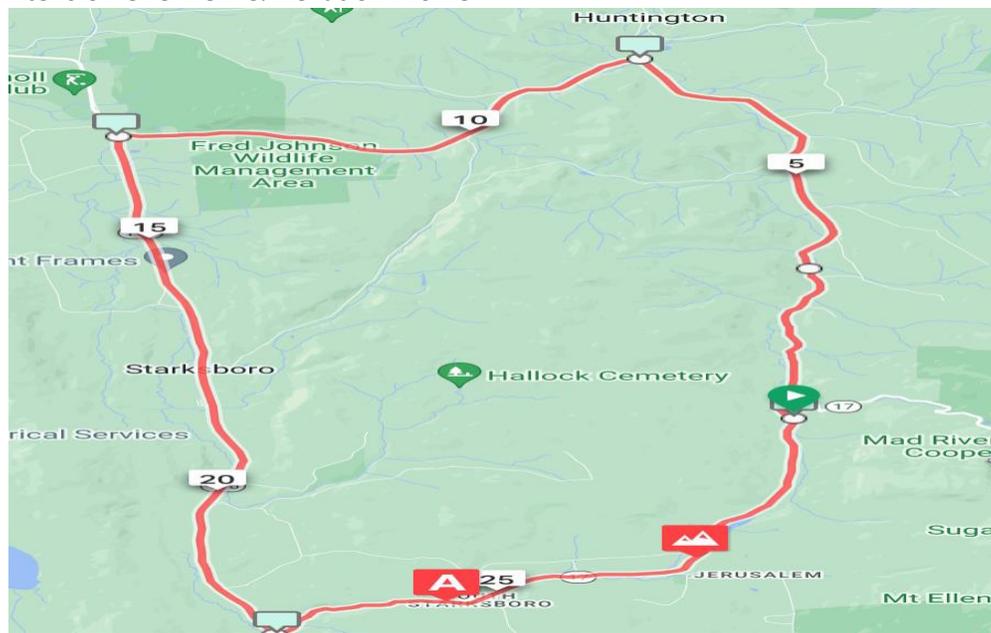
This extension Loop starts at Mile 57.5/K.

<b>Verge Sport Mad River Road Race P/1/2 Extension Loop</b>		
<u>Miles</u>	<u>KM</u>	<u>Description</u>
0	0	Left turn at the Gore Road
7.9	12.7	Left turn onto Huntington Hollow Road
12.9	20.7	Left turn onto Rt. 116 South
22.9	36.8	Left turn onto Rt. 17
24.6	39.6	Neutral water
26.8	43.1	KoM HS
29.9	48.1	Gore Road intersection continue straight

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

The men P/1/2 extra loop takes racers off Rt. 17 after climbing the Baby Gap and onto the Gore/Main Road for 7.9 miles. Racers will take a left onto the Huntington Hollow Road and follow that road for 5 miles at which point racers will turn left onto Rt. 116. Racers will stay on Rt. 117 for 10 miles where they will turn left on to Rt. 17 which will take them back up the Baby Gap for a second time and then onto the climb of the App Gap.

**Men P/1/2 Course Extension Overview & Elevation Profile**



**Notes of Caution**

1. A culvert is being replaced on the Gore Road. Be prepared for a short section of gravel.

## **PARKING AT START**

Mt. Ellen Base Area – Fayston.

## **DIRECTIONS TO START**

- **From the north:** Take I-89 south to exit 10 (VT 100). Head south on Rt. 100 through Waterbury to Waitsfield and make a right on Rt. 17 after Waitsfield Village. Head west on Rt. 17 approx. 2 miles then turn left onto German Flats Road and look for Mt. Ellen base area on the right (approx. 1.3 miles).
- **From the east:** Take I-89 north to exit 9 (VT 100B). Head east on Rt. 2 to get to Rt. 100B. Head south on Rt. 100B to Rt. 100. Continue south Rt. 100 through Waterbury and Waitsfield to Rt. 17. Head west on Rt. 17 approx. 2 miles turn left onto German Flats Road and look for Mt. Ellen base area on the right (approx. 1.3 miles).
- **From the west:** Take Rt. 17 east over the Appalachian Gap turn right onto German Flats Road and look for Mt. Ellen base area turn on the right (approx. 1.3 miles).
- **From the south:** Take Rt. 100 north to Rt. 17. Turn west on Rt. 17 approx. 2 miles and turn left onto German Flats Road and look for Mt. Ellen base area on the right (approx. 1.3 miles).

## **NEUTRAL SUPPORT**

**During this stage Competitive Edge Race Support will only support the following categories: Men Pro/1/2, Women P/1/2/3, and Juniors. They will not stop to assist riders in other categories.**

Neutral support will be provided for all other categories. In these categories there must be 10 sets of wheels, or the support will be wheels-in/out only unless the Chief Referee decides to waive the rule immediately prior to the start for small fields.

**All riders should be prepared to fix a flat tire, as the service vehicles will go with any significant break.**

## **MISHAPS**

During Stage 3, the 3-kilometer rule does not apply (USAC 3H6cii). You must report the mishap to the officials as soon as possible. The Race Jury shall determine how to place any rider that is unable to finish or outside the time cut due to a mishap. Generally, the rider will be given his/her actual place and time across the finish line (or last place in the stage if unable to cross the finish line) and the rider will be allowed to start the next stage.

## **FEED ZONES** (910 Cochran Rd, Richmond, VT 05477)

Parking is at Cochran's Ski Area located on Cochran Road in Richmond. It located at mile 29.3 into the course. There is a large parking lot to park in at the ski area. Feeders will have a short walk to the road to feed. Please stay on the grass and cross the road carefully being aware of racers and vehicles.

All feed zone vehicles should depart for the feed zone prior to the stage start of the racers they are supporting. They may not pass any race caravans. Per USAC rule 4H3, there is a \$150 fine for reported infractions. Feeders can get to the feed zone more quickly by going through Waterbury and taking Rt. 2 to Jonesville and the eastern entrance to Cochran Road. Do not take River Road! After leaving the feed zone, vehicles who wish to return to the finish should take Cochran Road to Jonesville and then Rt. 2 to Waterbury back to Mad River Glen. Feed zone vehicles passing race caravans will be fined and have their riders disqualified.

There is a neutral water feed at mile 52. This is staffed by volunteers who will have water to hand up. Please do not dispose of the bottle until you reach the finish.

## **WARM-UP AREA**

Racers may warm-up on the roads of the Mt. Ellen base area. You may also park at the Mad River Glen Parking lot on Rt. 17 and ride to the start as your warm-up. This will make it easier to get to your car after the race, as it will be downhill from the finish.

## COOL-DOWN/FINISH AREA

**Racers must stop at the finish area for a minimum of 5 minutes** to let the blood return to their brains and hands before descending the east side of the gap. This requirement has greatly reduced the number of injuries suffered after the race on the descent allowing EMS to stay in place at the finish. Violation of this rule will result in a 1-minute GC penalty and a \$50 monetary penalty. There is new pavement from just east of the finish to the Mad River Barn. Remember the race is over so no need to try to achieve top speed on this descent with one more stage to race.

Racers are welcome to remain at the finish area at the top of Appalachian Gap to watch the race and cheer on teammates. If a rider remains at the finish, he or she must move completely out of the travel portion of the roadway and stay behind the fencing and follow the directions of race personnel, police, and officials. Riders who do not move out of the roadway may be assessed a fine or a GC time penalty. There will be water at the summit. To return to the start you will have to climb back to the Mt. Ellen base area. You may wish to have a vehicle at the Mad River Glen Parking lot to avoid the climb back to the start.

## SPECTATING AT THE FINISH

Spectators are encouraged to be at the finish. There is no designated parking above the Mad River Glen upper parking lot (**do not park on the roadway**). You may park at the upper (above the main lot at the top of the practice slope) or lower lot. Shuttle buses will be running from the Mad River Glen Parking lots to near the finish on Rt. 17 starting at 10:00. Please flag the bus down for a ride. You may also walk to the finish but please use caution on Rt. 17. It is .8 miles/1.3K from the upper Mad River Glen parking lot to the finish area (all steeply uphill). Arrive early to chalk the roadway! Sidewalk chalk will be provided by the race organizers to spectators for writing messages and drawings of welcome and encouragement on the pavement to their favorite riders. Rt. 17 east-bound will be closed at the Gore/Main Road intersection. If you plan to approach from that direction, be past this intersection prior to 10:45AM when the road closes!

# THE LAWSON'S FINEST LIQUIDS ABOVE AND BEYOND SUPPORT STAFF AFTER-RACE GRAVEL BIKE RIDE!

Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 4:00 pm

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This is a GMSR tradition (now in its 20<sup>th</sup> year) encouraging all support staff (team managers, coaches, mechanics, feeders, officials, spouses, significant others, parents, race staff, etc.) to come out for a fun and challenging gravel bike ride. The ride will depart from the parking lot at Bridge Street by the covered bridge in Waitsfield. It will be led by your intrepid, but now exhausted (as well as very undertrained), Race Director Gary Kessler (feel free to offer a push up any hill), who will no doubt need to ride after watching all the racers finish at the top of the App Gap.

The ride will depart at 4:00 pm (after your racer(s) is/are cleaned, fed and tucked in for a nap). The ride will be about an hour and a half through the scenic Mad River Valley. **Note** there is no course map to keep you from getting too far ahead. The pace will be moderate and anyone going off the front will be forced to do a penalty lap (explained on the ride) at the top of any climb. Steady rain, lightning, hail, sleet, or snow cancels the ride (check the GMSR Facebook page for a cancellation notice). Expect lots of fun and at the conclusion of the ride as we will visit our sponsor Lawson's Finest Liquids tap room for some beverages and finger food, with the tab picked up by your now thirsty race director.

# Richard Tom Foundation Burlington Criterium

Monday, September 4

Stage 4



## DISTANCE

One kilometer (.62 miles) per lap

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

A 6-corner, very technical course in the heart of downtown Burlington, Vermont. Please be sure to review the course prior to your race.

## CONTROLLED START

The start of each race will be controlled for +/- ½ a lap. This means the pace will be slow so riders can get clipped in and settled. Riders may not ride the bumper or pass the pace car.

## CAUTIONS

1. **Do not leave your bike unattended at any time.** Bike theft has become a significant issue in Burlington. Please always keep your bike in your sight to prevent theft. This includes bike racks on your vehicle.
2. The course has some irregular pavement, cobblestones, manhole covers and grates. ***Due to the technical nature of this course and irregular surface conditions, participants are strongly encouraged to make a walking inspection of the course to become familiar with the location of manholes and catch basin covers. USE EXTREME CAUTION.***
3. The turn from Church Street to College Street has been narrowed. Please inspect this left turn.
4. Marshals will be posted around the course to warn riders of downed riders, dogs and other obstacles. Please be aware that there may be unforeseen obstacles on the course.
5. The turn off of Saint Paul to Bank has been narrowed due to construction.
6. The turn from Bank Street to Pine Street has a construction bump out which narrows the road.

7. The turn from Pine Street onto Main Street is a high-speed corner. Please preview this turn prior to your race and be alert to the storm drain and water line cover in the turn.

### **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

Located just off Main Street at the corner of Pine Street.

### **ESTIMATED START TIMES/DISTANCES**

Except for the first race of the day (which begins at 8:15AM), the actual start times for this stage may differ from the estimated start times posted below. Listen for the announcer's call to staging.

<b><u>Category</u></b>	<b><u>Staging Time</u></b>	<b><u>Start Time</u></b>	<b><u>Laps/Distance</u></b>
Masters 40+ Men	8:05	8:15	25 laps - 15.5m/25k
Masters 50/60+ Men	8:50	9:00	25 laps - 15.5m/25k
Cat 4 Men	9:35	9:45	25 laps - 15.5m/25k
Cat 3/4/Novice Women	10:20	10:30	25 laps - 15.5m/25k
Cat 3 Men	11:05	11:15	30 laps - 18.6m/30k
Kid's Crit	12:00	12:10	Small Laps
Junior	12:30	12:40	30 laps - 18.6m/30k
P/1/2/3 Women	1:25	1:35	30 laps - 18.6m/30k
P/1/2 Men	2:15	2:25	40 laps - 24.8m/40k

### **SIGN-IN AREA**

No Sign-in for Stage 4

### **FEED ZONE**

None

### **MISHAPS**

For Stage 4, THE FREE LAP RULE IS IN EFFECT UNTIL LAP CARDS SHOW 8 TO GO. The Free Lap Rule (3D5) is in effect for any rider who punctures or suffers a legitimate mishap. No free laps will be granted once the lap cards show 8 to go. After 8 laps to go, riders will be given a calculated time as if they were pulled from the race at the finish line unless the mishap happened after 3 laps to go, in which case the rider will be given the same finish time as the group they were with at the time of the mishap.

Riders must report to the pit area (located on Main Street at the corner of St. Paul Street) after a mishap. Riders may only ride in a forward direction on the course but may dismount and run backwards with their bike to the pit area when it is safe to do so. Riders may also cut the course to get to the pit.

Due to the length of this course (1 km), up to two laps per mishap may be allowed. Riders granted a free lap will be returned to the race in the position held at the time of the mishap. Riders returning to the race after a free lap are ineligible for sprint prizes for one lap thereafter.

### **FINISH OF RACE**

Per USAC rule 1M2, the beginning of the last lap will be announced by ringing the bell and displaying the number 1 on the lap card. Should the bell be rung in error at the wrong lap, the judges shall record the order of the finish at the end of that lap. The Chief Referee shall decide whether to declare these results final or rerun some or all of the race.

### **LAPPED RIDERS**

Riders in danger of being lapped may be pulled from the criterium. Riders will be pulled at the Start/Finish line by a USAC Official. All pulled racers will receive an estimated finish time and placed in the final GC results. If lapped riders remain in the race, they will finish on the same lap as the leaders, receive an estimated finish time, and be placed in the final GC results.

Any rider who drops out at any time for any reason other than at the direction of a USAC official will be eliminated from the stage race and will not be placed in the final GC results.

If the leaders lap the field, the field is only eligible for cash primes. The field is not eligible for points or time bonuses.

**PARKING**

There is parking along St. Paul Street (but not between College Street and Main Street, which is reserved for the Kid’s Crit event) also, along Main Street (between Church Street and No. Winooski Street) and in various other places outside the course perimeter.

**DIRECTIONS TO PARKING**

- From the north: I-89 south to exit 14W (US 2). Head west on Rt. 2 (Main Street) towards Burlington.
- From the east: I-89 north to exit 14W (US 2). Head west on Rt. 2 (Main Street) towards Burlington.
- From the south: Rt. 7 (Shelburne Road) north to Burlington. At junction with Rt. 2 (Main Street), take a left and head into Burlington.

**WARM-UP AREA**

Use of stationary trainers is encouraged. The immediate area surrounding the course will be available to warm up. Obey traffic laws including stop lights and stop signs and be courteous to motorists.

**CRITERIUM SPRINTS & PRIME SCHEDULE**

Sprint Lap (to go)			40	35	30	25	20	15	10	5	FINISH	TOTAL \$
Field	Laps											
Men 4 Men 40+ Men 50/60+ Women 3/4/Novice	25	Points					GC	HSS	GC	HSS	FSP/GC	
		Sprints										
		Primes						\$50		\$50		\$100
Juniors	30	Points				GC	HSS		GC	HSS	FSP/GC	
		Sprints										
		Primes				\$50	\$50		\$50	\$50		\$200
Men Cat 3	30	Points				GC	HSS		GC	HSS	FSP/GC	
		Sprints										
		Primes				\$75	\$75		\$75	\$75		\$300
Women P/1/2/3	30	Points				GC	HSS		GC	HSS	FSP/GC	
		Sprints										
		Primes				\$100	\$100		\$100	\$100		\$400
Men P/1/2	40	Points		HSS	GC		HSS	GC		HSS	FSP/GC	
		Sprints										
		Primes		\$100	\$50		\$100	\$50		\$100		\$400

HSS = Intermediate Hot Spot Sprints for points are 4 deep: 6-4-3-2 (points)

GC = General Classification time bonus sprints are 4 deep: 8-6-4-3 (seconds)

FSP = Finish Sprint Points are 5 deep: 10-7-5-3-1 (points)

FGC = Finish GC time bonuses are 5 deep: 15-11-8-5-3 (seconds)

**All Primes are 3 deep**

\$50 primes: 1<sup>st</sup>=\$25, 2<sup>nd</sup>=\$15, 3<sup>rd</sup>=\$10;

\$75 primes: 1<sup>st</sup>=\$35, 2<sup>nd</sup>=\$25, 3<sup>rd</sup>=\$15

\$100 primes: 1<sup>st</sup>=\$50, 2<sup>nd</sup>=\$30, 3<sup>rd</sup>=\$20

## Prize Value Breakdown

	W P/1/2/3 Men P/1/2		Men 3		Men 4, 40+, 50/60+, W 3/4/Novice		Junior	
Place	Daily	G.C.	Daily	G.C.	Daily	G.C.	Daily	G.C.
1	\$225	\$600	\$160	\$420	\$60	\$200	\$130	\$300
2	\$160	\$450	\$110	\$320	\$40	\$150	\$90	\$220
3	\$100	\$300	\$80	\$260	\$20	\$100	\$60	\$160
4		\$250		\$180		\$70		\$100
5		\$200		\$120		\$50		\$80
6		\$150		\$100				\$60
7		\$100		\$80				
8		\$60						
<b>Daily Totals</b>	\$1,940		\$1,400		\$480		\$1,120	
<b>Primes Totals</b>	\$400		\$300		\$100		\$200	
<b>Sprint</b>		\$225		\$160		\$50		\$130
<b>K/QOM</b>		\$225		\$160		\$50		\$130
<b>Totals</b>	\$2,340	\$2,560	\$1,700	\$1,800	\$580	\$670	\$1,320	\$1,180
<b>Grand Totals</b>		\$4,900		\$3,500		\$1,250		\$2,500

1. Prize money for Stages 1, 2, 3 & 4 will be paid at the awards ceremony for that stage.
2. Prize money for GC will be paid following Stage 4 **ONLY to the top 3 GC places**. Prize money for all places below the top 3 will be paid electronically the week following the race.
3. Prize money for K/QoM and Sprint competition winners will be paid following Stage 4.
4. All primes from the Criterium will be paid the week following the race.
5. In the event of a GC tie, USAC Rule 3H4(c)(i) covers how the tie will be resolved.
6. Racers must present photo identification and sign when collecting prize money on Monday.
7. Sprint and K/QOM prize money is 1 deep for the entire stage race (winner takes all).

## ***Race Notes***

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