



Green Mountain Stage Race 2011 Pre-Race Communiqué

On behalf of the USAC Officials crew, I would like to welcome all competitors to GMSR 2011.

Throughout the stage race, all USAC rules will apply. In some instances there are GMSR specific penalties. Refer to the GMSR 2011 Technical Guide for details. The 2011 USA Cycling Rule Book can be found at <http://www.usacycling.org/news/user/story.php?id=4220>. Any monetary fines incurred during this event must be paid directly to USA Cycling within 15 days.

This summer, the Race Director has worked closely with the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans) to identify/fix as many cracks & potholes as possible. However, despite their very significant (and greatly appreciated) efforts-some areas on the various courses will require your attention. Please review the cautions for each stage as outlined in the GMSR 2011 Technical Guide (www.gmsr.info).

Any changes to an up-coming stage will be noted in the daily race communiqué. Race communiqués will be posted with the results.

General Reminders for Stage Race

- USAC rule 3B1 (“centerline rule”) is in effect for Stages 1, 2, & 3 and will be **strictly enforced**. USAC officials have the authority to ask riders to immediately withdraw from the race for centerline violations. Riders that have been asked to withdraw will be disqualified from the applicable stage and are ineligible to compete further in the stage race.
- Competitors must obey all vehicle and traffic laws while warming up, cooling down, or riding to/from race venues. Riders **MUST YIELD** to emergency vehicles. Failure to do so will result in immediate disqualification, a monetary fine and possible arrest and prosecution under Vermont Law.
- USAC rule 1N1 (“helmet rule”) is in effect from the start of registration Thursday (9/1) until the last awarding of prizes on Monday (9/5). \$20.00 fine/occurrence for non-compliance.
- Competitors must complete the entire distance each day in order to start the next stage.

Support cars are reminded that they are not block the normal flow of traffic. Per USAC rule 4H3, a monetary fine of \$150.00 will be assessed for reported infractions. **Support personnel** are reminded that no team or individual support is allowed. Under no circumstances may team or individual support cars follow any riders during any stage of the race. Monetary fines and possible disqualification of riders for reported infractions

Reminders for Stage 1: Warren Store Individual Time Trial

- **Missed starts**: Competitors missing their start time should report to the start area as soon as possible to be started by an USAC official. Finish time will be based on posted start time. Competitors that miss their start, and do not report to the start line to ride the time trial, will not be given a time for the stage, and will be disqualified from the stage race.
- Your start is your sign-in
- Only 1 body number is required for this stage; it must go on the RIGHT side of jersey
- Only mass start legal bikes & equipment may be used for this stage