



## **Green Mountain Stage Race- Communiqué #4 Burlington Criterium 5 September 2011**

Green Mountain Stage Race 2011 was permitted through USA Cycling. Per USAC rule 1F5, it is my responsibility as Chief Referee, to supervise the general conduct of the event. It is also my responsibility to “neutralize, shorten, suspend, or cancel any race if dangerous conditions or hazardous weather arises.”

Today’s stage started at 8:45 am under overcast skies and light rain. By the end of the Junior race (which started at 11:45 am) the intensity of the rain had increased significantly.

The Men 40+ race started at approximately 12:30 pm under heavy rain and a steady stream of water running down the course which resulted in standing water in the final corner. After the field completed one neutral lap, I stopped the race due to the hazardous conditions on the course.

When a review of the weather radar showed that heavy rain would be moving through the area for the next several hours, I made the very difficult decision to cancel all remaining races. According to local news, as of 7:30 pm this evening, Burlington had received 1.7” of rain and flooding has been an issue for many of the Burlington streets.

Considering the herculean effort the GMSR Race Staff and Volunteers have gone through these past several days in the wake of Tropical Storm Irene to successfully put on the first 3 stages of this event, having to cancel the remainder of today’s stage was the last thing I wanted to do. Ensuring competitor safety however is my top priority.

Final GC results are based on the following:

Men 4/5 : Stages 1 through Stage 4

Men 4 : Stages 1 through Stage 4

Women 3/4 : Stages 1 through Stage 4

Men 50+ : Stages 1 through Stage 4

Juniors : Stages 1 through Stage 4

Men 40+ : Stages 1 through neutral lap of Stage 4. Riders who did not stage/ride the neutral lap today will not be listed in the Stage 3 GC.

Men 3, Women 1/2, Men 2, and Men Pro/1: Stages 1 through Stage 3.

On behalf of the 2011 GMSR USAC officiating crew, I would like to congratulate all GMSR 2011 competitors. We look forward to seeing you next year for GMSR 2012.

Cindi Hines  
Chief Referee GMSR 2011