

Race Directors and Race Workers,

Here is the information for the upcoming Sugar race. Note that there is no Friday gate training and non-racer names should be sent to Cindy Pendley.

## **HOST RESORT**

Sugar Mountain Resort

## **COVID-19 PROCEDURE CHANGES**

- Note from Sugar Mountain Resort: All COVID-19 protocols in place will be enforced.
- No loitering nor bag storage will be allowed in the building as in prior years. Putting on boots and other gear needs to be done at the skier's vehicle and all bags need to be left in the vehicle.
- See CRESCENT SKI COUNCIL RACE PROGRAM COVID-19 PROCEDURES section at the end of this information for additional information that applies to all races.

## **RACING**

Dates:

Saturday, February 20th: Slalom

Division 2: Oma's Meadow

Division 1: Sugar Slalom if two divisions; Oma's Meadow if single division race

Sunday, February 21st: GS

Division 1: Sugar Slalom if two divisions; Oma's Meadow if single division race

Division 2: Oma's Meadow

Times:

8:00 am - lifts open

8:00 - 8:50 am - course inspection

8:40 am - racer meeting

9:00 am - race start

Awards:

No awards presentation meetings will occur. See club Race Director for any awards earned. Refer to the CSC Covid-19 procedure section below for more detail.

## **DISCOUNT TICKET SALES**

Location: 3rd floor, Sugar Lodge

Time: 7:00 am - 8:30 am

Rates:

Adult group rate: \$60

Jr. (5 - 11): \$41 (must request this rate to receive it)

Notes:

- CASH Preferred. There will be a credit card machine, but it slows down the line.
- Skier's name must be printed on each ticket. No resale of any tickets allowed.
- Price is for single day tickets only. No discounted multi-day tickets are available.

## **NASTAR**

A ski/snowboard school representative will be available on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor from 7:00 until 8:30 a.m. each day for Crescent racers to sign up and pay for NASTAR. Crescent racers will be issued NASTAR bib numbers verifying that they are signed up for NASTAR.

NASTAR for the general public will be held on Oma's Meadow after the completion of the Crescent races. General public NASTAR registration is at the top of the race course or in the ski/snowboard school building.

## **RACE WORKERS**

A small advance team of race workers will be allowed on lifts early.

Remaining race workers should be allowed on at 7:45 am.

## **RACE DIRECTORS**

Re: non-racer lists

Please email **Cindy Pendley** a complete list of any known non-racers, which days they will be skiing and if they are adult or junior as soon as possible.

NOTE: Individuals not on the list by Thursday might not be able to obtain the discounted rate.

## **Alpine Ski Center Race Weekend Free Hot Wax**

Ron Scott coordinated with Alpine Ski Center (at Sugar Mtn) who offers free ski tuning/waxing for Crescent Racers registered for any Crescent race in the 2020-2021 season. It is based on the honor system (Alpine Ski Center will not have a race roster to cross-check). Here is the message from Ron:

Hello Racers,

Alpine Ski Center has contacted us and would like to offer a Free Hot Wax at the Banner Elk Shop location, to any and all Crescent Racers, *who have signed-up to race*, each Crescent Race Weekend. This free hot wax hot will be using their usual hot wax they use in the tuning shop. Take advantage of this offer and while you are in the store, shop for the accessories you need and want for your ski and race trips. To take advantage of this offer each Crescent Racer must present this e-mail or text broadcasted from their race director.

ALPINE SKI CENTER  
Crescent Racer  
RACE WEEKEND FREE HOT WAX  
BANNER ELK, NC LOCATION

**CRESCENT SKI COUNCIL RACE PROGRAM  
COVID-19 PROCEDURES**

The impacts of the coronavirus/Covid-19 pandemic on the race program require we modify some of our procedures for conducting our races in the 2020-21 season.

While not everything will work, our goal is to find a way to make the race program function **safely**.

First and foremost, it is up to the **individual** racers, not the teams, to follow these procedures and to work together for everyone's safety.

ALL racers/race workers/non-racing Crescent members taking part in the event are required to follow all applicable federal, state, local and ski area regulations regarding the pandemic and public health safety.

The No-Show penalties for individual racers and teams is suspended for all races. Removal of the penalty is to permit racers to withdraw from a race should health issues arise between registration and race day. It is imperative that racers understand the importance of **not competing** if sick or having been exposed.

The number of racers participating will determine if a race is organized as a one or two division race. If participation is very low the race may be organized as a "training event", in which racers will make 2 timed runs and possibly additional untimed runs. The Race Registrar, Cindy Pendley, and Race Chair, Rich Mead, have the authority to determine how the race will be organized. See "Scoring" below for additional information.

The procedures emphasize the basic principles of controlling infection and exposure: wearing a mask/face covering, practicing social distancing (6 feet) and minimizing face-to-face interactions, and conscientious personal hygiene (wash your hands).

These procedures and how a race is conducted are subject to change in order to insure the health and safety of everyone involved in the race program.

Components of the race day and changes made are noted below:

## **REGISTRATION**

All racers will be registered prior to race day. There will be no race day registration (Flight 21/22). Racers may still race in Flight 21/22 by registering in advance. All paperwork and waivers must be completed and submitted to the race registrar, Cindy Pendley, prior to race day.

## **BIB PICKUP**

Club Race Directors or their proxy will pick up a club's bibs from Cindy beginning 2 hours prior to the scheduled race start time and no later than 1 hour prior. Race Directors will be notified before each race as to where bibs can be picked up to insure social distancing. Race Directors will distribute bibs to their club racers, preferably out of doors.

## **LIFT TICKETS AND COVID-19 WAIVER**

The host ski area will define how lift tickets are to be purchased compliant with their Covid-19 procedures. Racers will be notified as to the procedure prior to the race. Racers must sign a Crescent Covid-19 waiver at the time they purchase a lift ticket. Season pass holders and others not needing a daily lift ticket will be required to also sign the waiver.

## **PRE-RACE ON THE COURSE**

Follow ski area procedures for lining up and riding the lifts. Face coverings are strongly encouraged if not required. Maintain social distancing and wear a face covering during course inspection and while attending the gatekeeper/pre race meetings.

## **RACE WORKERS**

All race workers will wear a face covering at all time and maintain social distancing whenever possible while performing their assigned duties

### **GATEKEEPING**

Gatekeepers should stand 6 feet apart and wear a face covering. Only one gatekeeper should operate the position radio during their shift. Radios should be cleaned with an alcohol wipe at the start and end of each gatekeeper shift. Gatekeeping boxes will be supplied with alcohol wipes and hand sanitizer.

### **STARTING AND MAKING A RUN**

Maintain social distance and wear a face covering while awaiting your turn to run. Remain 6 feet from the start until signaled by the starter to enter the start. The starter will step back from the start to permit the racer to enter the start. The racer may remove their mask in the start and make their run not wearing a face covering, if desired.

### **FINISH LINE/SCORE SHACK**

Maintain social distance. Do not enter the finish shack to ask for results. Racers are not allowed in the finish shack at any time. Race workers in the finish shack will wear face coverings at all times.

### **END OF RACE**

Results verification, penalty reviews, and protest meetings will be conducted outside, weather permitting. If indoors, masks and social distancing are required. All club Race Directors must confirm with Rich Mead or Division Race Directors before leaving the mountain.

### **RESULTS AND AWARDS**

The No-Show penalty for racers and teams has been suspended as noted above.

If a race event is deemed a “training event” the timed runs will be reported and distributed, however, the event will not count as a Crescent regular season race. A racer’s historical handicap will not change and the timed runs will not be included in their handicap. No team scores will be computed.

The results and awards presentation meetings are cancelled until further notice. Results will be emailed to club Race Directors for distribution to their racers. Awards and prizes, if given, will be distributed to club Race Directors at a time and place to be determined for distribution to their racers. Racers may have to wait until a subsequent race to receive their award/prize from their Race Director.

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