

Wachusett Mountain Ski Area

**2018-2019 Season
Night Race Series Rules, Procedures and Guidelines**

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1. GENERAL PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

1.1. PROGRAM OVERVIEW: This program is fundamentally a season long, team-racing program organized and administered by Wachusett Mountain Ski Area. Mixed gender teams of up to six individuals each participate in weekly races leading to a single championship event. Individual scoring is based on the NASTAR™ handicap system and team scoring is based on the total of the best four mixed gender handicaps. Awards and prizes are provided for achievement in both a) Night Series season and b) the Great Race based on the team's chosen competition division.

1.1.1. The *Weeknight Series qualifying races* are conducted using a dual course, NASTAR™ modified Giant Slalom format on the Challenger Trail.

1.1.2. The *Great Race*, also known as the Championship Race, concludes the season, with the top 30 teams overall (regardless of division), including ties, competing in a two run, combined time, full length, Giant Slalom on the Smith Walton Trail

1.2. SCHEDULE OVERVIEW: The regular season Night Series runs from early-January to early-March and consists of the first eight nights of team racing which are competitively scored for season team ranking plus a ninth "fun/open" night (not scored for season ranking). "The Great Race", is typically conducted in March for the highest placing teams in the Night Series. **Refer to the Season Master Schedule for exact dates and deadlines.**

1.2.1. *Weeknight, Night Series*, qualifying races are conducted on Monday through Thursday nights. Teams may select the night of their choice for the season. In case of nightly capacity limitations, a team's night selection will be accepted in the order of receipt of that team's properly completed application along with all necessary fees.

1.2.2. *The Great Race* is the end of season Championship race for the top 30 teams qualifying from the Night Series.

1.2.3. *Scoring* for Night Series awards and Great Race qualification is based on a team's best 7 results from the first 8 competitively scored Night Series races.

1.2.4. *Night Series Racing Start Times:* Week one starts at 7:00 PM; thereafter the race start time will be 6:30 PM.

1.2.5. *Night Series Racing Concludes:* at 8:00PM or after the last racer, whichever occurs first. The course will be closed and removed for the night following the last racer at the discretion of the race director.

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2. PARTICIPATION:

2.1. INDIVIDUALS:

- 2.1.1. *Eligibility:* This competition is open to individuals 18 and older as of December 31, 2008, as members of a participating, registered team remain in compliance with the program rules and administrative procedures.
- 2.1.2. *Racer Personal Data:* Team Captains are responsible for the authenticity and accuracy of all personal data relating to the members of their team as submitted on the program team application form. Wachusett Mountain and/or the program Race Committee reserve the right to request confirmation of any and all such data.
- 2.1.3. *Racer Age:* For purposes of awarding medals in accordance with the NASTAR™ handicap system, the age of each racer on December 31 of the current ski season shall be the age of record for that entire season.
- 2.1.4. *Racers competing on multiple teams:* Individual racers may compete for only one team per night during the Night Series, up to a maximum of four teams per season (1 per night). Individual racers may, however, compete for only one team in the Great Race. Racers desiring to compete on multiple teams during the Night Series will, prior to the season start, assign a priority (1-4 with 1 the highest and 4 the lowest) to each team for which they compete. This priority will establish the sole team for which that racer will score in the Great Race, should more than one of the individual racer's multiple teams qualify.
- 2.1.5. *Equipment Declaration:* Individual racers must declare which equipment type they will be racing on for the season (alpine, snowboard, tele, etc.). Racers are not allowed to switch equipment types during the season or for the Great Race.

2.2. TEAMS AND TEAM STRUCTURE

- 2.2.1. *Teams consist* of a mixed gender group of up to six individual racers.
- 2.2.2. *Team Captains* are the primary contact for each team. They are at all times responsible for communicating program information to the team, insuring that all administrative and safety actions regarding the team are current. Team Captains will function as the team's primary spokesperson in issues relating to program administration, program structure and race operations.
- 2.2.3. *Roster Fill-Ins:* The addition of any racers to complete a team roster must occur not later than midnight on the Sunday just prior to the start of the third calendar week of competition (not necessarily the team's third night of racing due to cancellations). Refer to the Season Master Schedule for the actual deadline date. On the Monday of the third calendar week of competition, all rosters will be considered final for the current season with no further additions allowed.

Any racers that moves from one team to another will not take their previous scores with them to the new team. Scores remain with the original team even if the racer should switch to a different team in a subsequent week. If a racer should switch to a different team their scores from that point forward will remain with their new team.

- 2.2.4. *Temporary Substitutions* are not allowed.

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2.2.5. Permanent Racer Substitutions: The permanent replacement of a racer who can show clear evidence of a long-term condition (e.g. illness, injury, job relocation, etc.) which prevents that racer from completing the remainder of the current race season will be allowed only after the review and approval of the Race Committee and the Race Department. The Race Director reserves the right to challenge any request for racer replacement, including requesting reasonable proof of the extent of the condition (e.g. doctor's or employer's letter confirming the existence/extent of the condition). All permanent substitutions shall be made not later than midnight of the Sunday just prior to the start of the sixth calendar week of competition in the Night Series (not necessarily the team's sixth night of racing due to cancellations). Refer to the Season Master Schedule for the actual deadline date. No substitutions will be allowed after this deadline date. Individuals added as a permanent replacement are required to compete in a minimum of three Night Series races for their assigned team in order to qualify for the Great Race.

2.2.6. Unapproved Substitutions: Substitutions made without the prior approval of the Race Director and Race Committee will result in the immediate disqualification of any scores posted by the unapproved competitor.

2.3. RACER RESPONSIBILITIES

2.3.1. Racer Lift Privileges and Passes: The Century Pass or other multi-date passes shall be worn when valid for area and lift use. The racer's assigned bib number should be recorded on the pass. Racer shall present pass or ticket at request of ticket checkers Starter or other Wachusett personnel if so requested. Racers without their multi-date pass shall purchase a regular area use ticket for that date. Passes are valid only for dates and times stated thereon and are non-transferable, punishable by forfeiture of all privileges and fees. Lost passes may be replaced with payment of a \$50 replacement fee. All racers must be properly ticketed for the event in which they are participating.

2.3.2. Great Race Bibs: Separate race bibs will be provided to each Great Race competitor. To assist race officials during the race, competitors shall affix these bibs to their torso in such a fashion as to permit unobstructed fore and aft visibility of the competitor's assigned number.

2.4. ORGANIZER RESPONSIBILITIES

2.4.1. Overall Program Administration: The final authority for decisions regarding the race program format, race operation, racer qualifications, rules (and their interpretation), adjudication of controversies, protests, disputes and program structure shall rest with the Wachusett Mountain Race Department, coordinated with the Race Committee as appropriate.

2.4.2. Race Cancellations: The final decision regarding race cancellations occurs at the discretion of the Race Director.

2.4.2.1. Inclement Weather: Whenever the issue of weather related cancellation may exist, the Race Department will make the decision no later than 3:00PM of the evening in question. The decision "cancellation" or "racing as scheduled" will be posted after 3:00 PM at telephone (978) 464-2300, x3311. Individual Team Captains are responsible for contacting this number and

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informing their respective team members regarding race status. The Race Department will not call team captains directly.

2.4.2.2. *Other:* Cancellations for any non-weather reasons (equipment, personnel, facility, safety, etc.) specifically related to or associated with the operation of Wachusett Mountain will be communicated to the Team Captains directly by the Race Department. Team Captains are then responsible for informing their respective team members regarding race status.

2.4.2.3. *Make-Up Races,* if required to accomplish the 8 competitively scored Night Series races for any night, will be scheduled at the end of the season and prior to the Great Race in the most convenient manner possible. No individual or team-specific make-up races will occur.

3. RACE RULES AND ADMINISTRATION:

- 3.1. SCORING OVERVIEW:** Scoring fundamentally occurs at four levels: 1) Individual, 2) Team, 3) Season and 4) Great Race and is based on the NASTAR™ handicap system with depth point extensions.
- 3.2. PACE SETTERS** for every race will be selected by the Race Department and shall be handicapped in strict accordance with NASTAR™ guidelines. The pace setter's goal is to establish a fair "zero par" for a particular racecourse based upon that pace setter's considered opinion as to whether their run accurately reflects their true ability/handicap level. To achieve this goal, a pace setter may elect to take more than one run in a given race course up to a maximum of three per individual course. If the pacesetter for a given race is also representing a team in that race, the first run in each course will count as their team point effort.
- 3.3. INDIVIDUAL RACER SCORING** shall consist of a handicap calculated in accordance with the NASTAR™ team handicap system, with Platinum+, Platinum, Gold+, Gold, Silver+, Silver, Bronze+, Bronze- and Finish medals awarded based on racer performance. (See Table 1A).
- 3.3.1. *Individual Night Series Scoring*** will be determined by the racer's lowest handicap achieved on each night of competition. Competition shall consist of one run in each of the two courses with the lowest handicap becoming the racer's result of record for the night.
- 3.3.2. *Individual Great & Good Race Scoring*** will be determined by the two run combined times. This single handicap is the racer's result of record for the Great Race.
- 3.3.3. *Individual Medal Point Scoring:*** The Nastar™ medal level of the individual racer's result of record determines that racer's medal point score contribution to the team aggregate, as follows (also, see Table 1A):

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Handicap/Result Medal Point Score

Platinum+ Medal	10 points
Platinum Medal	9 points
Gold+ Medal	8 points
Gold Medal	7 points
Silver+ Medal	6 points
Silver Medal	5 points
Bronze+ Medal	4 points
Bronze Medal	3 points
Bronze- Medal	2 points
Finish	1 point

3.3.4. Individual Depth Point Scoring: In addition to the conventional medal point scoring (3.3.3), depth point scoring calculates the extent to which a racer's handicap exceeds the minimum required to win a given NASTAR™ medal. Depth points afford an individual racer a finer granularity by which to measure his/her performance relative to another racer earning the same medal. In addition, depth points are used in team score tie-breaking situations.

3.3.5. Individual Total Score: For purposes of computing team score, an individual racer's score thus consists of two separately tallied elements: a) the medal point score and b) the separate depth point score.

3.3.6. Minimum number of Night Series races for Great Race Scoring Eligibility: Individual racers must compete in a minimum of three regular Night Series races to be eligible to score for their team in the Great Race. Racers with less than three competitive Night Series races may race in the Great Race, if their team qualifies, but will not score for their team.

3.4. TEAM SCORING

3.4.1. Team and the depth point scores of the best male racer, the best female racer plus the next two best racers. A team's combined score must include a minimum of one finisher of each gender. Should a team fail to enter or fail to finish a mixed gender group in a particular race, its score shall be equal to the sum of the medal point and depth point scores of that team's best four racers reduced by a penalty of 4 medal points assessed on the team total. Score for any given race is equal to the sum of the individual medal point

3.4.2. Ties between teams: If the four racers total scores of two or more teams are identical (medal points and depth points); the score of the fifth best racer will be used to break the tie. If the five racer total scores of two or more teams are identical, the score of the sixth best racer will be used to break the tie. If teams remain tied, an "absolute, even tie" will be declared.

3.4.3. Season Night Series Team Rankings: At the conclusion of the Night Series, the best 7 results from the first 8 competitively scored Night Series races for each team will be totaled to determine season final team rankings. Great Race qualification (3.5.1) will be based on the season final rankings.

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- 3.5. GREAT RACE:** is the all day team championship race, which usually concludes the season.
- 3.5.1. *Qualification Criteria:*** The top 30 ranked teams in the overall season standings at the completion of the Night Series qualify for and are invited to compete in the Great Race. No additional lift ticket fee will be assessed to any of these qualifying teams. A lift ticket will be given to attending team members on the day of the race.
- 3.5.2. *Good Race Qualification Criteria:*** The top 31-60 teams in the overall season standings at the completion of the Night Series qualify for and are invited to compete in the Good Race. No additional lift ticket fee will be assessed to any of these qualifying teams. A lift ticket will be given to attending team members on the day of the race. Race format is the same as the Great Race.
- 3.5.3. *Race Format*** for the Great Race is a two run, full length, combined time, Giant Slalom on the Smith Walton Trail.
- 3.5.4. *Great Race & Good Race Awards:*** Trophies and/or prizes will be awarded to the top placing teams from the Great Race and the Good Race
- 3.6. RESULTS**
- 3.6.1. *Unofficial Race Results*** may be posted and/or announced in or near the finish corral. These results are considered unofficial until the post race review and final scoring has been completed.
- 3.6.2. *Official Race Results:*** Hard copy results will be distributed to the Team Captains by the Race Director at the completion of scoring for the event. In addition, copies of the most recent sets of results for all nights and an overall team rankings spreadsheet for all teams will be posted on the Race Bulletin Board in the Black Diamond Restaurant. Nightly, current season and Great Race results will also be posted on the Wachusett Web Site (<http://www.wachusett.com>).
- 3.6.3. *Medals Distribution:*** Racers earning NASTAR™ Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze medals for that night's racing may claim these from the Race Director or the Customer Service counter at the time the copies of that event's results are distributed.
- 3.7. AWARDS**
- 3.7.1. *The top 30 teams in final Night Series rankings,*** plus ties, will qualify for competition in the Great Race. The top 31-60 teams will qualify to compete in the Good Race.
- 3.7.2. *Great Race Awards*** will be awarded to the top three teams.
- 3.7.3. *Good Race Awards*** will be awarded to the top three teams.
- 3.8. GENERAL RACE RULES:**
- 3.8.1. *Course Inspection:*** Racers may inspect the racecourse prior to competition, subject to the following restrictions. No skiing is permitted on a closed racecourse,

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including skiing through or near any gates or at or near speed. At the discretion of the Race Director for a particular race, racers may slip the course prior to the race. Absolutely no skiing or shadowing (skiing next to the gates as if running the course) is permitted prior to the race. Violation is grounds for disqualification from the race.

- 3.8.2. *Interference:*** If, in the opinion of the racer, interference occurs during their running of the race course, that racer shall immediately ski out of the course to the side and verbally declare "interference" to the nearest Designated Race Official or Gate Keeper. The racer shall not complete the run nor shall the racer in any manner distract, pursue or interfere with the Starter, TimeKeeper or Finish Judge or another racer. The Designated Race Official or GateKeeper will determine the racer's entitlement to a re-run for interference.
- 3.8.3. *Protests, Controversies, Disputes, etc:*** Any on-slope or event issues, protests, controversies, disputes, comments or complaints shall be brought to the attention of the Designated Race Official for that race. No one shall in any manner distract, pursue or interfere with the Starter, Time Keeper or Finish Judge in any of these matters. All issues relating to racer times, handicaps, medals, points, team or individual scoring, etc. are to be discussed at the conclusion of the race. These matters shall not be discussed during the race or scoring calculations. Appeals may be entered only by Team Captains, in a disciplined demeanor, at the conclusion of racing after the posting of the results.
- 3.8.4. *Multiple Bib Numbers:*** Individual racers will be assigned only one bib number for any single event. Racers competing with multiple bib numbers shall be disqualified.

3.8.5. GREAT RACE & GOOD RACE SPECIFIC RULES

- 3.8.5.1. *Race Team Seeding*** is based on a pre-race, Team Seed Order (TSO) drawing. All qualifying teams (1-30 plus ties) shall be placed in a random drawing to determine team seed order. The order in which the team names are drawn will constitute the Team Seed Order (TSO) rotation for the Great Race and Good Race. All competitors will be assigned start numbers based on this rotation, subject to 3.8.5.2. The intent of the TSO is to insure arithmetically even distribution of the racers of each team throughout the entire start order or field of racers.
- 3.8.5.2. *Individual Seeding:*** Using the TSO rotation, individual racer start order will occur in the exact order of the original team roster, as shown on the current season application. All women will be seeded before men. Thus, the first TSO rotation is comprised entirely of the first listed woman from each team's application. Additional women will then be seeded according to the TSO until the women's field is exhausted. Men will then be seeded in the TSO rotation in the exact order they are listed on the team's application until the field is exhausted.
- 3.8.5.3. *Race running order:*** First run shall be according to the TSO rotation in ascending numerical order, with females first. Second run shall be in descending numerical order with females first.
- 3.8.5.4. *Race Second Run Eligibility:*** Racers failing to start (DNS), failing to finish (DNF), or disqualified (DSQ) in the first run are not entitled to a second run

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start. Posting of first run DNS, DNF, DSQ will occur on the finish corral unofficial results board within 30 minutes of the completion of the first run. A copy of the DNS, DNF, DSQ list shall also be available in the second run start corral.

- 3.8.5.5.** *Race Late Arrivals:* All racers shall arrive at the start in sufficient time to insure orderly start progression. Any racer reporting to the Starter after their start number has been called to the start wand shall be considered a late arrival. Late arrivals must report to the Starter and be assigned a revised start position which in the starter's judgement shall: 1) consistent with safety, create minimal disruption to the race and 2) minimize any advantage/disadvantage to the field as a whole.
- 3.8.5.6.** *Race Re-runs:* Racers requiring a re-run, as authorized by a Designated Race Official or GateKeeper, will be started as soon as they advise the Starter they are ready to execute their re-run.
- 3.8.5.7.** *Race Rules Umbrella:* Wachusett Great & Good Race local rules shall generally prevail. USSA Guidelines shall apply in a) the absence of a specific Wachusett Great & Good Race rule and/or b) where not specifically modified or overridden by local Wachusett Great & Good Race rules. Note: The Night League races and the Great & Good Race are not USSA sanctioned.

4. ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

- 4.1. WACHUSETT MOUNTAIN RACE DEPARTMENT** is the principal organizer, promoter and operator of this race series. Final approval on issues relating to program structure, administration and execution rests with the Wachusett Mountain Race Department, acting as an extension of Wachusett Mountain general management.
 - 4.1.1.** *The Race Department* is the primary interface to Wachusett Mountain management and administration on behalf of the program.
 - 4.1.2.** *Individual Participant Concerns* regarding the race program should be directed to the Race Committee through their respective Team Captain.
 - 4.1.3.** *Subcommittees:* If needed, shall be created on an ad hoc basis to research, develop and prepare specific recommendations for the Race Committee.
 - 4.1.4.** *Wachusett Mountain Associates:* The owners and operators of Wachusett Mountain Ski Area reserve the right to change, award, add or delete any rules procedures or guidelines if they deem it necessary.

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Master Program Schedule
For 2018-2019 Race Season***

----- Please Note Deadlines -----

Date (All 2018)	Event
28 December (Friday)	Deadline for Prioritizing Multiple Teams (paragraph 2.1.4)
02 - 03 January	1 st Week of Night Series
07 - 10 January	2 nd Week of Night Series
13 January (Sunday)	Deadline for Roster Fill-Ins (paragraph 2.2.3)
14 - 17 January	3 rd Week of Night Series
21 - 24 January	4 th Week of Night Series
Jan 28 – 31 January	5 th Week of Night Series
3 February (Sunday)	Deadline for Permanent Racer Substitutions (paragraph 2.2.5)
04 - 07 February	6 th Week of Night Series
11 - 14 February	7 th Week of Night Series
18 – 21 February	8 th Week of Night Series [now Fun Week Non-scoring]
Feb 25 – 28 February	9 th Fun Week Non-Scoring
(Saturday)March 2	The Great Race
{Sunday}March 3	The Good Race

* Tentative schedule subject to weather and ski slope conditions permitting.

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Female										
Points	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Age	Platinum+	Platinum	Gold+	Gold	Silver+	Silver	Bronze+	Bronze	Bronze-	Finish
16-17	0-9	10-15	16-19	20-23	24-30	31-37	38-43	44-49	50-56	57-999
18-20	0-8	9-14	15-17	18-21	22-28	29-36	37-42	43-49	50-56	57-999
21-29	0-8	9-14	15-17	18-21	22-30	31-39	40-44	45-50	51-56	57-999
30-34	0-9	10-15	16-20	21-26	27-35	36-44	45-50	51-56	57-62	63-999
35-39	0-10	11-18	19-24	25-31	32-39	40-48	49-54	55-60	61-66	67-999
40-44	0-11	12-21	22-28	29-36	37-42	43-49	50-55	56-61	62-67	68-999
45-49	0-12	13-22	23-29	30-37	38-45	46-53	54-58	59-63	64-69	70-999
50-54	0-14	15-24	25-31	32-39	40-47	48-55	56-60	61-65	66-71	72-999
55-59	0-16	17-26	27-33	34-40	41-48	49-57	58-62	63-67	68-73	74-999
60-64	0-20	21-30	31-36	37-42	43-50	51-59	60-65	66-71	72-78	79-999
65-69	0-22	23-35	36-41	42-48	49-56	57-64	65-69	70-74	75-80	81-999
70-74	0-30	31-40	41-46	47-52	53-59	60-66	67-72	73-79	80-86	87-999
75-79	0-40	41-45	46-50	51-55	56-62	63-70	71-76	77-83	84-90	91-999
80-84	0-50	51-55	56-60	61-65	66-72	73-80	81-86	87-93	94-100	101-999
85-89	0-60	61-65	66-72	73-80	81-90	91-100	101-110	111-120	121-130	131-999
90-94	0-70	71-75	76-82	83-90	91-100	101-110	111-120	121-130	131-140	141-999
95+	0-80	81-85	86-92	93-100	101-110	111-120	121-130	131-140	141-150	151-999
Male										
Points	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Age	Platinum+	Platinum	Gold+	Gold	Silver+	Silver	Bronze+	Bronze	Bronze-	Finish
16-17	0-5	6-10	11-14	15-19	20-26	27-33	34-38	39-44	45-50	51-999
18-20	0-3	4-8	9-12	13-16	17-23	24-30	31-35	36-40	41-46	47-999
21-29	0-3	4-8	9-11	12-15	16-21	22-28	29-33	34-38	39-43	44-999
30-34	0-4	5-9	10-12	13-16	17-22	23-29	30-34	35-40	41-46	47-999
35-39	0-4	5-10	11-13	14-17	18-24	25-31	32-36	37-41	42-47	48-999
40-44	0-5	6-12	13-15	16-18	19-25	26-33	34-38	39-43	44-48	49-999
45-49	0-6	7-13	14-16	17-19	20-26	27-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-999
50-54	0-6	7-14	15-18	19-22	23-29	30-37	38-43	44-49	50-55	56-999
55-59	0-7	8-15	16-19	20-24	25-33	34-42	43-47	48-52	53-58	59-999
60-64	0-8	9-17	18-22	23-28	29-36	37-45	46-50	51-55	56-61	62-999
65-69	0-9	10-19	20-25	26-31	32-39	40-47	48-52	53-57	58-63	64-999
70-74	0-12	13-23	24-29	30-35	36-42	43-50	51-55	56-60	61-66	67-999
75-79	0-14	15-25	26-31	32-38	39-46	47-54	55-59	60-64	65-70	71-999
80-84	0-18	19-30	31-40	41-50	51-57	58-65	66-70	71-76	77-82	83-999
85-89	0-24	25-35	36-45	46-55	56-62	63-70	71-75	76-80	81-86	87-999
90-94	0-30	31-45	46-54	55-64	65-72	73-80	81-85	86-90	91-95	96-999
95+	0-40	41-55	56-64	65-74	75-82	83-90	91-98	99-106	107-115	116-999

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