



Green Mountain Stage Race Pre-Race Communiqué 30 August 09

On behalf of the USAC Officials crew, I would like to welcome all competitors to GMSR 2009.

Throughout the stage race, all USAC rules will apply. In some instances however, the monetary fines have been replaced by General Classification (GC) time penalties. Refer to the GMSR 2009 Technical Guide for details. The 2009 USA Cycling Rule Book can be found at www.usacycling.org (under Officials/Rules). Any monetary fines incurred during this event must be paid directly to USA Cycling within 15 days.

This summer, the Promoter 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 2009 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.

Additionally competitors are reminded:

- that they must obey all vehicle and traffic laws while warming up, cooling down or riding to or from race venues. Per USAC stage race rule 4H3, a monetary fine of \$35 will be assessed for reported infractions. 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. Please do not risk this series of consequences and do not put the event in danger of being canceled by not yielding!
- that USAC rule 1N1 (“helmet rule”) is in effect from the start of registration Thursday (9/3) until the last awarding of prizes on Monday (9/7). \$20.00 fine/occurrence for non-compliance.
- that only mass start legal bikes & equipment may be used for Stage 1:Egan’s Big World ITT.
- that 3 numbers will be issued to each rider (2 jersey/1 frame). All 3 numbers must be used each day.
- not to “fold, crumple, trim etc.” any of their race numbers. There will be a \$20 replacement fee for numbers that need to be reissued
- that they must complete the entire distance each day in order to start the next stage.

Team cars are reminded that they are not block the normal flow of traffic. Per USAC stage race rule 4H3, a monetary fine of \$75.00 will be assessed for reported infractions. Team and individual support personnel are reminded that no team or individual support is allowed. Under no circumstances may team cars or individual support cars follow any riders during any stage of the race. Monetary fines and possible disqualification of team for reported infractions.

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