



Green Mountain Stage Race

September 1-4 2023

4 days of exciting and challenging racing in the Green Mountains of Vermont

Green Mountain Stage Race- Communiqué #2

Friday, 1 September 2023

After Stage 1

Announcements

- For the Circuit Race the body numbers are pinned on the right side & left side (because the sprint camera is on the right and the finish line camera is on the left)
- All riders must sign in for Stage 2 and 3 at the start area. Please do not bring your bike to the table to avoid congestion
- Callups: If you are aware of a rider such as a National Champion worthy of recognition during callups, please see the Chief Referee before the race start.

Reminders for Stage 2: Circuit Race

- Travel time to the Stage 2 start from Waitsfield is approximately 1 hour
- There is a level RR crossing at mile 5/km8. The crossing is at a diagonal to the road so spread out and cross carefully. Please review the protocol for “level crossings,” below. The race jury will consider any unusually extended delay caused by a train after the race.
- Exercise caution on the tight right turn under the RR tracks at mile 11/km 18. Keep well right of the centerline!
- The road bends left at the QoM/KoM! Do not cross the center line while sprinting!
- Use caution on the descent due to the fast, winding, and rough pavement!
- The yellow (center) line rule exists for your safety! With large fields it will be hard to move up. DO NOT advance position over the yellow (center) line!
- The yellow (center) line rule is in effect for the entire course, except the finish sprint. The finish sprint can use the entire road!
- After you finish, please do not re-cross the finish line!

Level Crossing Protocol

Although common in Europe, railroad tracks (a.k.a., “level crossings”) are not often encountered in North America. Since we have a level crossing at Mile 5.0 in the Stage 2 circuit, we have included the full rule below for your review. Trust the officials to fairly apply the rule!

DO NOT CROSS RR TRACKS ONCE THE GATE STARTS TO MOVE! YOU ARE RISKING YOUR LIFE AND YOU WILL BE IMMEDIATELY DISQUALIFIED!

3B3. Road Closure. It is forbidden to cross a closed railroad crossing or any other road closure. The following rules apply to railroad crossings and other closures:

(a) If one or more riders who have broken away from the field are held up at a railroad crossing and the gates open before the field catches up, then no action shall be taken and the closed crossing shall be considered a mere race incident.

(b) If one or more riders with more than 30 seconds lead on the field are held up at a railroad crossing and the rest of the field catches up while the gates are still closed, then in this case the race shall be neutralized and restarted with the same gaps, once the official vehicles preceding the race have passed. If the lead is less than 30 seconds, the closed crossing shall be considered a mere race incident.

(c) If one or more leading riders make it over the crossing before the gates shut and the remainder of the riders are held up, no action shall be taken and the closed crossing shall be considered a race incident.

(d) If a group of riders is split into two groups by the closure of a railroad crossing, the first group will be neutralized or stopped in order to allow the delayed riders to return to the first group

(e) Any other situation (e.g., prolonged closure, etc.) shall be resolved by the officials.

Penalties

Men Pro/1/2

- Bib #19 - 1st offense: Warning for failure to wear both body numbers (Tech Guide)
- Bibs #9, 11- Warning for extended and/or repeated pacing (Tech Guide, USAC Discipline Table 8A5a & 8C1). Both riders report to Chief Referee prior to start of the Circuit Race
- Bib #107- The Race Commission grants a 2 second time credit for being obstructed by non-race traffic at the finish line.

Men 3

- Bib #429- Time credit of 35 seconds will be applied to allow for the 35 seconds Officials needed to provide a safe start between two subsequent scheduled starts
- Bib #432 – Warning for centerline violation at the Finish Line (Tech Guide/USAC 3B1/8B1a)
- Bib #372, 377 – Warning for re-crossing the finishing line after finish per Tech Guide and USAC 8A5a.

Men 4

- Nothing to report.

Men Junior

- Bib #221, 264 - 1st offense: Warning for failure to wear both body numbers (Tech Guide)

- Bib #309- Protest of interference by civilian traffic on course verified by moto official. A time credit of 10 seconds is granted by the Race Commission
- Bib #233- a 26 second time penalty per Table 8I will be assessed for extended and/or repeated pacing (Tech Guide, USAC Discipline Table 8A5a & 8C1)
- Bib #234- a 30 second time penalty per Table 8I will be assessed for extended and/or repeated pacing (Tech Guide, USAC Discipline Table 8A5a & 8C1)

Men 40+

- Bib #323 – Warning for centerline violation at the Finish Line (Tech Guide/USAC 3B1/8B1a).

Men 50+

- Nothing to report.

Women 1/2/3

- Bib #156, 158 See Chief Judge at sign-in for foreign license insurance requirements
- Bib #182 – Warning for re-crossing the finishing line after finish per Tech Guide and USAC 8A5a.

Women 3/4/5 and Master

- Nothing to report.

Per USAC rule 1K2(d): “Fines issued to riders or teams must be paid to USA Cycling directly. Riders who fail to submit their fine within 15 days shall be suspended per USA Cycling Policy III.”