

# Racer Handbook 2017 Edition

Welcome to the 2016 MidweekMTB- race series. We offer races in Park City at Round Valley and Deer Valley Resort, Solitude Ski Resort up Big Cottonwood Canyon, Snowbird Resort up Little Cottonwood Canyon, Riverview Trail in Heber and Corner Canyon in Draper.

This is our 11th annual MidweekMTB- Race Series racer handbook. We will host 11 cross-country races and 2 mini-enduro races. We also have reserved 4/5 rain-out options for inclement weather or trails that are not in condition to be raced upon.

The race series was developed to provide a venue for local racers to “race” train during the week and for the casual rider to experience racing on a smaller scale course. It is specifically designed for the Salt Lake and Park city areas at a venue close to home. We will be providing a cash prize to the pro men, expert men 35+, expert men 34-, pro/ expert women classes. The payout will be based on participation, so tell your friends! Cash prizes will be not be given out until the last night of racing.

## Sponsors:

Our sponsors have been crucial to making these events possible. Please thank and support them! Without their support, we would not be able to keep the prices as low as we have for the past 6 years! Please check out our sponsors at [www.midweekmtb.com/sponsors](http://www.midweekmtb.com/sponsors)

If you are interested in being a part of our sponsor family, please contact us at [info@midweekmtb.com](mailto:info@midweekmtb.com)

## Venues:

Corner Canyon, Draper City

Silver Lake Lodge at Deer Valley Resort, Park City

Coyote Hollow Trail, Heber City (UVU upper tier parking lot)

Round Valley, Park City

Solitude Ski Resort, Big Cottonwood Canyon

Snowbird Resort, Little Cottonwood Canyon

## Schedule:

### Cross Country Series

All races are on Tuesday evenings except the Adventure Gear & Fest Race on Saturday!

Race 1	April 25	Corner Canyon in Draper
Race 2	May 2	Coyote Hollow Trail in Heber
Race 3	May 9	Coyote Hollow Trail in Heber
Race 4	May 23	Round Valley in Park City
Race 5	June 6	Round Valley in Park City
Race 6	June 20	Silver Lake Lodge at Deer Valley in Park City
Race 7	June 24*	Snowbird Resort (main lodge) *Saturday AM Event
Race 8	July 11	Solitude Resort up Big Cottonwood Canyon

Race 9	July 25	Snowbird Resort at Creekside Lodge
Race 10	August 1	Solitude Ski Resort in Big Cottonwood Canyon
Race 11	August 15	Solitude Ski Resort in Big Cottonwood Canyon

**Alternate Race Dates:**

Option 1	May 16	Rain out day
Option 2	May 30	Rain out day
Option 3	June 27	Rain out day
Option 4	August 22	Rain out day

**Mini Enduro Races:**

Mini Enduro Races will be held on Tuesday evenings and will follow a similar format to xc series except the start time will begin earlier. We will not have a Free Kids race at these events. We do not have a rain out scheduled for these events.

Mini Enduro 1	June 18	Silver Lake Lodge at Deer Valley
Mini Enduro 2	August 8	Snowbird Resort up Little Cottonwood Canyon

**Race Start Schedule: \*\*\*This is for the Tuesday Night Races\*\*\***

Registration: 4:30 till 6:15 (at this time, we will close to make final preparations to start)

PLEASE CHECK IN AT REGISTRATION TABLE AND SIGN RACERS LOG! If YOUR NAME ISN'T ON THE LIST, YOU WILL NOT BE ADDED TO THE RESULTS. You must check in even if you register online! If you fail to check in, we will put you as a DNF on the results for the evening.

To help speed up registration, please have your waiver and registration form completely filled out. All of the resorts will require a special waiver to be signed even if you have already completed the Midweek waiver.

We have new software for our registration and timing, please be patient with us as we are utilizing something new to the series.

Kids Race: 6:00 PM

Main Event: 6:30 PM

**Fees:**

**Season Passes:**

We will offer pre-season prices that will only be available with in advance purchase. Please keep on eye on the website and Facebook for more information. Season pass sales will end approx. two weeks prior to our first race. Season pass price is currently \$153 for 11 races. Please keep in mind, if you purchase a season pass, it is only good for the cross country series. You will need to purchase the mini enduro races separately. Each Mini-Enduro race is \$25 with the pre-season sale price but will go up to \$30 prior to the event. (You must be pre-registered for this event and it will sell out, we will not accept day of registration for these events.)

**Race Registration:**

Race fee for XC races: It is \$17.00 to race each event if you pre-register online at [www.midweekmtb.com](http://www.midweekmtb.com). Registration closes the day of race at 12pm. If you register at the event you will pay \$20.00 per event. Cash only at registration.

Race fee for Mini-Enduro: It is \$25 to race each event if you purchase while we are selling the pre-season passes. The price will go up to \$30 once the season passes are not available any more (approx. 2 weeks prior to our first xc race). You must pre-register for this event, we will not accept day of registration and this event does have a cap. So, please register in advance.

### **Race Plates:**

\$10.00 Race Plate Fee (this is a 1 time only fee, unless you lose or forget your plate.) There is a \$10 charge for a new plate. Keep track of them; they are the best looking plates in Utah and you must have a plate in order to race!

Race plates are required for XC races and Mini-Enduro races. You can use the same plate for both series!

### **Kids:**

Kids Race Free (12 and under on the kids course). **It is mandatory that parents fill out registration form and sign waiver for kids to race.** They also need a helmet and closed toe shoes on. We do have special kids plates, that are a smaller version of the main event plate. Kids can purchase these plates for \$3. Instead of a number on the plate, we encourage the kids to put their names so that the parents can cheer on all the kids as they race by. If you don't wish to purchase a plate, you can use the free paper plate.

Kids are welcome to race in the main event. However, they need to be competent on the course and know the rules for passing and so forth. They will need to pay regular race fees and have a race plate. The beginner class does not keep track of points for an overall winner. If a parent wishes to chaperone their child on the course, they are required to fill out a registration form and sign a waiver.

Checks need to be made out to MTB Productions, LLC.

**Classes and General Lap Count:** Please keep in mind...this is only approximate. At times, due to the course, you may have fewer laps due to the laps being longer. Race directors have the right to change the courses, if necessary. Please check the maps that are posted at the race for accurate distance and or laps. Maps are generally posted online one to three days prior to a race.

Men Pro (3 laps or approx. 12+ miles)

Men Expert 35+ (3 laps or approx. 12+ miles) \*Will have alternate start with 34- expert

Men Expert 34- (3 laps or approx. 12+ miles) \*Will have alternate start with 35+ expert

Women Pro/ Expert (2-3 laps or approx. 12+ miles)

Men Sport 35+ (2 laps or approx. 8 miles) \*Will have alternate start with 34- sport

Men Sport 34- (2 laps or approx. 8 miles) \*Will have alternate start with 35+ sport

Women Sport (2 laps or approx. 8 miles)

Coed Masters 50+ (2 laps or approx. 8 miles)

Coed Beginner (1 lap or approx. 4 miles)

Kids 12 and under (special course) usually lasts 10-15 minutes (if we have space available, we will host a strider course as well)

**Points Breakout:**

Place	Pro, Expert, Sport, Masters
1	200
2	170
3	150
4	140
5	130
6	120
7	114
8	108
9	104
10	100
11	96
12	92
13	88
14	84
15	80
16	76
17	72
18	68
19	64
20	60
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40	20
41	20
42	20
43	20
44	20
45	20
46	20
47	20
48	20
49	20
50+	10

## RULES FOR MOVING UP AND MOVING DOWN!!!

We are unable to move or carry points if you change divisions! If you change divisions, you will have points in 2 different divisions. We will not add the points, but will still track how many events you participated in for the final monster raffle. We apologize that we are no longer able to move them around, but the new software doesn't allow us to track it.

We always welcome racers moving up! It is a fantastic way to challenge yourself and improve your overall speed. We highly encourage it.

If you are considering moving down, we will evaluate your times and determine if it is a fair move to the other racers in the division.

If you have placed top 3 in your division for the overall season, we highly encourage you to race up a division.

### **Payout:**

Please remember this is based on participation! No participation...no payout! The more participation, the more mullah! You can be guaranteed we will do everything we can to give back as much as we can to our dedicated racers. Hint: the higher the division ranking, the more \$\$\$. We only pay out on Pro and Expert classes for both men and women. We will recognize the top racers in Sport and Masters 50+ Class. Our timing system keeps track of all points throughout the season, this includes beginners. We will also recognize the top 5 beginners but will not be awarding a plaque as this is an introduction to racing.

We will have plaques for top 3 in each category except beginner that we will announce at the end of the season!

### **Nightly Drawings:**

We will have nightly drawings for some really cool prizes for those that paid an entry fee and have a 2017 race plate! Kids racing the free race are not eligible for the main drawing! Sorry, kiddos! (but we have a kids only raffle—hopefully)

At the last race at each venue we will have a special drawing from our venue sponsor for a really, really cool prize. Round Valley and Deer Valley are sponsored by White Pine Touring. Corner Canyon, Heber and Snowbird are sponsored by Salt Cycles and Fezzari Performance Bicycles is sponsoring the Solitude and Heber.

At the end of the season, we will have our season end drawing! You will definitely want to stick around for this. However, you must race at least 6 of the 11 races to be applicable to win these prizes! As most of you may remember we have had a lot of lucky first time winners in the past! We really want to reward those that support the series! These prizes are worth every Tuesday during the summer! Trust us!

### **General Information:**

Racers are required to purchase a hard number plate for the series. The price for the plate is \$10.00. Racers must use the same plate for every race during the season! We do not allow you to use past plates, as we assign new numbers to racers every year. This can cause confusion and just isn't fair to those that have paid.

The races will have a mass start at 6:30 pm. We will stagger all the categories, so please be on time. We will not accept any racers registering past 6:15pm.

Registration will start as early as 4:30ish and will be open until about 15 minutes before the race is ready to start!

### **Kid Races:**

Every week there will be a kid's race. The kid's race will start at 6:00pm on the race nights. The courses we set up will be fun, yet challenging enough for the kids to feel like they've accomplished something. We will also make a little course for the real little ones that are using the strider bikes, pending on venue. The kiddo's will also be coached along by Summit Cycle and Danielle Tupai.

Kids that have advanced beyond this level are welcome to race in the open class (beginner). Kids racing in the beginner class will need to pay the weekly race fee and will also need a number plate.

The free kids' race is meant for fun. We will not be tracking their time or placement. We just want to see all the kids' race and have a great time doing it!

Number plates are optional for the kids, but if your child really wants one, they are available for \$3.00. This year, we won't be putting numbers on the plates, but will put the kids' names. That way all the parents can cheer them on as they cross the finish! The plates look exactly like the main event, but smaller for the little bikes. This makes a great memoir for the kids scrapbook!

The beginner class is not a cumulative points race for the overall. This category is intended for the development of the sport, riders that have never raced, or in this instance, our youth racers.

### **Trail Days:**

The Midweek series believes in giving back to the community. With this in mind, we will host 3 trail days in which you can volunteer your time to give back to the trails that we all love. If you volunteer at a trail day, you will be awarded 50 points for all your hard work. Trail days will be on Saturday mornings and the dates will be posted on our website and FB. Many of you have asked if you can earn points from bringing family members with you. Sadly, the answer is no. However, we will still provide lunch and lots of trail loving fun for all of them.

### **Guidelines and Legal Stuff:**

1. Mountain biking is a hazardous activity. There are risks from varying terrain and obstacles. Injuries are common. Please understand that you are using the mountain at your own risk.
2. Mountain bikers must wear helmets at all times. This includes when pre-riding the course.
3. Please keep your dogs at home. Bikes and dogs don't always mix and it has been requested by all venues that dogs are left at home. Also, Big Cottonwood Canyon is a watershed and no dogs are allowed in the watershed.
4. Please be courteous to the trails. Riders can be suspended from the race for damaging or destroying public or private property. Also, keep your litter with you when you are on the trails. We will have trash cans at all venues.
5. You must have a number plate to compete in the race series with the appropriate division marked.
6. It is up to the racer attempting to pass to communicate and pass to facilitate a safe racing environment. Lapped riders should yield to lead riders.
7. A racer may not bodily interfere or otherwise intentionally impede another racers progress. Un-sportsman like behavior and/or the use of profane or abusive language will not be tolerated.
8. If we move you up a category. It is because we believe in you. Please respect our decision! Unfortunately, you will not be able to take your points with you. We do not like sand-baggers! Please try to choose the appropriate division based on your ability and the distance of the race. Because our races are in the evenings, we race against the dark. If you are placed in a division that takes you too long to complete the course within a timely manner, we may ask you to move down. Unfortunately, you will not be able to take your points with you.
9. Please pre-ride the courses. However, be aware that there are times that the race courses have to change. Also, please be cautious of other trail users during that time.
10. Headphones are a distraction and you can't hear your fellow riders. They are not allowed during the race.
11. No shortcutting is allowed. It will result in a DNF and you will receive 0 point for the race.

12. Some of our trail systems are horse friendly. Please be courteous to the horse and the rider as you approach them. The horse will respond better to your voice rather than your squeaky brakes and the rider will appreciate you so much more.

13. Bell Ringer Rule: If you get ding'd one, be aware of the rear racer, if you get ding'd 2,3,4,5,6 times...maybe it's time you pull over.

14. At the discretion of the Race Director, additional payouts and /or cash prizes may be awarded. The organizers reserve the right to alter or combine categories and/or awards to best serve all participants. Additionally, the cash payout can be less than stated, the payout is based on participation.

### **Mini Enduro Races:**

The MidweekMTB- race series will host 2 mini enduro races. These two events will be on Tuesday evenings. We will race at Silver Lake Lodge in Deer Valley and Snowbird Resort up Little Cottonwood Canyon. Please check website for registration and start times as they will be different from Tuesday night events. The price is \$25 per event and you must pre-register online for these events. The price will go up to \$30 after the season passes are no longer available. These races will have a cap on participation! Please be sure to register early! Last year, not all racers on the waiting list were able to participate!

We will NOT be accumulating the points with the cross-country races. This is a separate mini-series event. We have hopes to add a third, but have cannot confirm one at this time.

Mini Enduro Races will have at least two sections that you will be timed. You will climb to the top with your group and wait for your turn to race.

We will have more information about the events as we get closer to the race dates. More information soon.