



Greetings MACC Racers,

Update on 2017 registration. We have 140 registered racers, including 9 new racers. Welcome the new racers... show them some warm MACC hospitality!

Three courses again this year (<https://www.maccracing.org/schedule/index.php>)

Conditions update from Boyne:

Boyne has been blasting the snowguns on Superbowl (far hill against treeline) and it is closer to being ready for gates. However, the warm temps forecasted for this weekend may put Superbowl in jeopardy. GS will be held on F.I.S. (hill next to chairlift). Miracles do happen, but we wanted to manage your expectations.

Job Assignments

Sign up online for your job assignment to avoid Saturday morning rush.

<https://www.maccracing.org/macc-jobs/index.php> Gate Judges, see message from Dennis Parrot:

The Institute of Gate Judge Education Wants You!

That's right, The Institute of Gate Judge Education wants you! IGJE wants to help you be the absolute best gate judge you can possibly be!

This year the MACC league added 9 new racers. Some of you new folks might well be completely new to ski racing at this level. You might be wondering just what those other gate judges were doing when they waved their ski poles around. You might be wondering what those funny little yellow cards were all about. Terms like DQ and DNF might be puzzling you.

If you are one of those people who are both new and confused about the gate judge job (shhh... I won't tell a soul...) then you are in the right place! As one of the "faculty" at IGJE I am here to help you out.

First, you are NOT a "gatekeeper". You are a "gate judge". Your most important job isn't to "keep" the gates it is to judge whether the racer on the course made a valid run or not!

Second, as a gate judge YOU and all the other gate judges are the MOST IMPORTANT OFFICIALS on the hill. Yes, that is right. Gate judges are the only officials on the hill that watch the entire race and judge whether the racers on the course made valid runs or disqualified. You record those results on those yellow cards. You and your fellow gate judges have the important responsibility of judging all of the runs made on course and nobody else has that job. That means you are the most important official on the hill.

Third, did you know that the MACC has a nice "cheat sheet" for the gate judge job? Here is where you can find it: http://maccracing.org/macc/docs/cheat_sheets/gatejudge.pdf

If you are interested in what all the other jobs are responsible for, you can take a look at the "cheat sheets" for those jobs here: <http://maccracing.org/macc/jobs.php>

Last but certainly not least, the other racers on your team (or even other teams) can help you understand the job. The chief of course is an especially great resource to answer your questions.

Remember, without gate judges there is no race and for that, we all thank you for your service!

Banquet Saturday, March 4:

Info will be forthcoming regarding venue, time and ticket availability as soon as I have confirmation from Ginnie.

See you on the hill... and bring a friend!

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