

Looking forward to Weekend #3 with three days of MACC racing

First, a message from the Ginnie and Alex:

Hello MACC racers!

Hope you have been enjoying the race program this year! We want to again welcome all of our new registered MACC racers!

We also wanted to send out **some special thank you's**:

- To Shawn Hughes, Dennis Parrott, and Richard Steele for providing hot chocolate and coffee to our gate judges during the very COLD weather at our last race weekend!
- To all of our photographers: Dana Bloodworth, Kelly Mazzenga, Chip Dayton and Janessa Hilger for coordinating getting the pictures posted!
- To our course setting crew that had to work very hard to deal with some "interesting" groomed terrain to get our race courses ready!
- To our course maintenance crew that worked very hard to make sure our courses were maintained!
- To the "MACC DJ" Dennis Parrott for putting together tunes for our finish shacks!
- To Patrick Smithbauer for starting our races off by singing the US National Anthem!

We are looking forward to seeing you all at our upcoming race.

- Just a reminder: we will be racing 3 days this weekend-Friday February 8th –Sunday February 10th.
- The race on **Friday February 8th is a Super G course that will be set on North Boyne.**
 - **Registration will be located in the topnotch room in the Civic Center** (from the slope side of the Civic Center (cafeteria) , it is located in the back lobby near the staircase on the right hand side).
 - We will have **awards for the Super G race on Friday** at the SnowFlake at 5:00pm.
- **Races on Saturday February 9th (SL) and Sunday February 10th (GS) courses will be set back on FIS and Superbowl.**
 - Registration will be located in the Othmar.
 - We will have awards for the race #4 (GS race) and race #6 (SL race) on Saturday February 9th at the SnowFlake at 5:00pm

See you on the slopes!

Ginnie Uhley, MACC President

Alex Carrico, MACC Vice President

Now, a few reminders from me:

Schedule for this weekend <http://maccracing.org/schedule/index.php>

If you race three days, you need two work assignments. Bill Perlmutter sent out a "SignupGenious" email on January 30 so you can sign up online and secure your position. There will also be a registration table for same day job assignments. (see letter above)

Award Banquet tickets

MACC has jumped into the digital age this year, so you can purchase banquet tickets online. Easy, peasy!

Here is the link: <https://www.maccracing.org/maccreg/banquet.php>

Pricing same as last year:

Adults \$35 (\$40 after 11:00 am Saturday 3/2/19)

Children 5-12 years of age \$17 (\$18 after 11:00 am Saturday 3/2/19)

Baby up to 4 years of age FREE

The 2019 MACC Awards Banquet will be held **Saturday evening, March 2nd, 2019!** It will be held in the Vienna Room of the Boyne Grand Lodge.

Rules Corner

Starring Debi Koltoniak with special guest (and ghost writer) Drew Hilger

Debi: I would like to welcome back Drew Hilger to our program to discuss the MACC rule book a bit more.

Drew: Thank you Debi. It is a pleasure.

Debi: As most know I am a B-Lite racer and Queen of the Toledo Ski Club. What has recently occurred to me is that while I am perfect, I am not immune to things outside of my control. For example, someone could ski or even snowboard in front of me and ruin my perfect run. What do the rules say about this?

Drew: Well Debi we certainly don't want to penalize anyone for something out of their control, such as outside interference.

Debi: Is there a rule about this?

Drew: There is Debi. It is 3.5.2 and it reads as follows: 'Outside interference to a racer. Reruns are granted for occurrences outside the racer's control that significantly influence the result. (For example, it is considered interference when a previous skier or course worker, non-racer, wildlife etc. causes the racer to fall, slow down or ski a longer course. Includes moving SL gates that could cause injury.) The racer must leave the course as soon as possible at the point of the infraction and may not pass through any more gates of the course. The racer will proceed directly to the finish and request a rerun. No rerun will be permitted if the racer remained on the course after the interference and/or crosses the finish line.'

Debi: So, if I am interfered with I have the opportunity to go up and have a perfect rerun?

Drew: Yes. The key item to point out to everyone is you must ski out as soon as you are interfered with. At this point it would be good to talk to a course official. All gate judges have radios, so they can contact the chief of course and let the timing shack know to expect a rerun. It would also be good to take note of who interfered with your run and who may have witnessed the incident.

Debi: Do I have to do a rerun or can we all just agree I won because I was going to win, but was interfered with. After all it was out of my control.

Drew: Unfortunately Debi, even you would have to do a rerun in order to count your run. In fact your rerun is provisional until the Director of Course officials has had a chance to review the facts and make a recommendation to the board. Then the board will approve or deny the recommendation based on the facts presented.

Debi: Boy you are really by the book mister.

Drew: Well there are World Cup points at stake here Debi. Plus we want everyone to have a fun and fair experience.

Debi: I guess that is true. So, if I was interfered with could you halt the race so my entourage could wait at the bottom to see my rerun. Afterall, they have to race too.

Drew: No, I am sorry Debi. The show really must go on. I am sure everyone will try really hard to ensure you are not interfered with though.

Debi: Well I appreciate that Drew. Thank you so much for joining me again on Rules Corner.

That's all for now, folks.

Debi Koltoniak
Director of Communication