



February 6, 2017

Re: 2017 Maine High School Class B Nordic State Championships

To All Coaches and Nordic Athletes:

The Sugarloaf Outdoor Center Family welcomes you to our facility. We look forward to your visit on February 23 & 24 to compete for the Class B State Championships. We are excited to host this highlight of your season.

In preparing for your visit please be aware of the following:

- We will be enforcing Rules as set forth by the Maine Principals' Association, and as such, the Event Jury will be comprised the Technical Delegate, Christopher Parks as Chief of Course, and an MPA Designated Committee Member.
- A Coaches Meeting to be held in the Upstairs Office of the Nordic Lodge at 11:30am on Thursday, February 23, 2016 prior to the start of the Girls Classic Competition. A second Coaches Meeting for Friday Morning will be held at 9am.
- Our Lodge will be open from 8am to 8pm during the Competitions, offering our Retail Shop, the Bull Moose Cafe, and the Great Room. We will be open to the public at the time of the Races, and we ask that all large gear bags remain with your bus as storage in the building becomes limited. Please do not stack bags around lodge tables in effort to 'claim' tables. We ask that teams and parents make preparations for any Tailgating to occur with the team transportation.
- We will have portable toilets set up near the Stadium for the competitors to use as priority, The bathrooms in the Lodge are available but we ask they not be overtaken as changing rooms for teams.
- Waxing Accommodations:
  - o We have one Wax Room that will be for the general public only during daytime hours, but will be available for shared use by Teams early mornings and evenings.
  - o Please plan to prepare equipment with your buses or in the open areas surrounding the stadium Start/Finish Areas. There are two electrical

supply gang boxes located around the Bus Parking Area that will be available, so we encourage you to bring extension cords to make the power accessible.

- There will be a nearby trail segment prepared to allow for wax testing.
- Our shop will have wax for purchase, but we do not carry much within the high-end racing wax line. Our Staff will be able to offer repair services if needed, but will not be offering any rushed competitor waxing services.
- Ten minutes prior to the start of the race the course will be closed to all ski traffic. Any spectators wishing to be out on the course may do so as long as they remove themselves from the groomed lanes and remain in that position during the entire run until the course is cleared with the final racer. Bibbed Coaches may ski the course as necessary during active competition.
  - **All individuals (Coaches & Athletes) shall maintain course direction at all times and will not be allowed to ski any part of the course in reverse direction regardless of during race events or between events.**
  - **There shall be no standing on the Overpass Bridge by Coaches or Spectators, and the approach hill to the overpass shall not be impeded by spectators.**
- If weather is pleasant we will host the awards ceremony outside on the deck with room for team photos. Otherwise will move inside to present final results for the day. We expect for this to occur around 12:30pm Friday if race results are finalized at that time, or soon thereafter as announced.
- We expect to use our 2.6km Homologated Race Loop to host both the Classic & Freestyle Races; each race making two laps around the course for a race length of 5.2km. The course will be prepared with 1 Classic Track and room for Skating on Wednesday, 2/22 for training purposes. A Race Course Map will be available with the MPA Competition Materials and located on our Events Page at : <http://sugarloaf.com/activities-and-nightlife/outdoor-center/outdoor-center-events>
- There is a team practice rate of \$10/day/member available prior to race days and available for non-racing team members during the competitions. **Any individual wearing skis shall display a Race Bib during the competition or shall have acquired a Trail Pass.** Comp Trail Passes will be provided to Coaches for their Team Racers on Race days for when the Bibs have been removed post-race.
- Parking will be very limited during large events. We will have a shuttle to overflow parking lots offsite, but we would encourage visitors to carpool to the greatest extent possible. We ask for all guests to avoid parking vehicles on our access road to maintain safe traffic circulation. There also is a shuttle that circulates from the Alpine Resort that will be available to transport spectators down for viewing.

- The Bull Moose Cafe will be offer a Race Day lunch special to team members. Cost will be \$9 and include chili, a meat or veggie wrap, a cookie and lemonade. Tickets will be available for pre-purchase prior to the Coaches Meetings if teams wish to pay collectively. Invoicing is possible if prior arrangements are discussed.
- We have had several inquiries and will be offering a spaghetti dinner the evening of Thursday, 2/23 at 5:30pm. If your group wishes to attend, please provide a headcount by the end of Wednesday, 2/22. Cost will be \$10/head. Please email me at [cparks@sugarloaf.com](mailto:cparks@sugarloaf.com) for details or reservations.
- The Sugarloaf Outdoor Center has a strict NO DOG policy. With the exception of Service Dogs, no dogs will be allowed in the facility, in the Stadium Start/Finish Areas, or on our trails.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to call me via my cell phone (207-649-4810) or email me and we look forward to your arrival next week.

Thanks,  
Chris

**Christopher Parks**

*Sugarloafer since 1990*

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