

Communiqué #1 Pre-Race Information & Instructions May 24, 2024

On behalf of the Commissaires Panel, we would like to welcome all competitors to the 2024 Killington Stage Race.

Please take a moment to review the Technical Guide before the start of the event. You will find that it will answer most of the common questions about the race and individual stages. It is available here: <u>http://killingtonstagerace.com/pdf/Tech%20Guides/5-19-24_Tech_Guide_v.2.1_For_Website.pdf</u>.

Throughout the stage race, all USAC rules will apply. In some instances however, the monetary fines have been replaced by General Classification (GC) time penalties. Refer to the 2024 Technical Guide for details. The 2024 USA Cycling Rule Book can be found at <u>https://usacycling.org/resources/rulebook</u>. Any monetary fines incurred during this event must be paid directly to USA Cycling within 15 days.

Please review the cautions for each stage as outlined in the KSR Technical Guide (<u>www.killingtonstagerace.com</u>). Any changes to an up-coming stage will be noted in the daily race communiqué. Stage 3 Individual TT start times will be online and the category start times will be in the communique after Stage 2. Stage 3 award times will also be listed. Race communiqués will be posted with the results. Results can also be found on <u>www.velocityresults.com</u>.

Additionally competitors are reminded:

- They must obey all vehicle and traffic laws while warming up, cooling down or riding to or from race venues. Per USAC rule 8B1(b), a monetary fine of \$35 will be assessed for reported infractions. Riders *MUST YIELD* to emergency vehicles. Failure to do so will result in immediate disqualification, a monetary fine and possible arrest and prosecution under Vermont law. Please do not risk this series of consequences and do not put the event in danger of being canceled by not yielding!
- USAC rule 1J1 ("helmet rule") is in effect from the start of registration on Saturday (5/25) until the last awarding of prizes on Monday (5/28). \$20.00 fine/occurrence for non-compliance.
- USAC rule 3B1 will be strictly enforced as follows: *If a course is not closed to traffic, all competitors must keep to the right of the center line or enforcement line* unless otherwise noted in the KSR 2024 Technical Guide
- They are not to "fold, crumple, trim etc." any of their race numbers. There will be a \$20 replacement fee for numbers that need to be reissued.
- That they must complete the entire distance each day in order to start the next stage.

Team cars are reminded that they are not to block the normal flow of traffic. Per USAC race rule 3C4(a), a monetary fine of \$75.00 will be assessed for reported infractions. Team and individual support personnel are reminded that no team or individual support is allowed. Under no circumstances may team cars or individual support cars follow any riders during any stage of the race. Monetary fines and possible disqualification of team for reported infractions.



Please note the following updates that are to be added to the KSR Technical Guide via this communique:

- On Stage 2's Lookout Road Race, once the riders have turned onto Vale Rd (MM 59.9/KM 96.5 Pro/1/2 Men MM 74.9/KM 123.1), the road is one way and thus the centerline rule will not be in effect. This will encompass the last 1.1mi/1.5km of the road race course.
- The following will clarify the tiebreaker scenarios for the K/QoM competition as listed on page 12 of the Technical Guide:
 - The climbs will be categorized by the amount and depth of points offered. As such, the following categorizations will be assigned:
 - Cat 1: East Mountain Road, Stage 2
 - Cat 2: North Road, Stage 2 & K1 Base Lodge (Finish), Stage 2
 - Cat 3: Messer Hill Rd, Stage 1
 - The order of breaking ties will be the following:
 - Number of wins on cat 1 climbs
 - Number of wins on cat 2 climbs
 - Number of wins on cat 3 climbs
 - General Classification Placing
- Riders that are not eliminated from the Stage Race due to an extension of the time cut (20% for all road stages) may start the next stage, but will be ineligible for all stage race competitions, including but not limited to the General Classification, Sprint competition, and K/QoM competition.

The Commissaires Panel wishes everyone and safe and positive weekend of racing. Best of luck to all.

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