

2011 Great Northern Stage Race - Presented by Don K Subaru of Whitefish
June 11th and 12th, 2011

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WHITEFISH, MT 59937

2011 Great Northern Stage Race is a multi-day three-stage race timed event consisting of a Criterium, Time Trial, and Circuit Race.

Courses

Criterium: Course is a 0.87-mile closed loop around downtown Whitefish. Roads are flat and fast with wind protection provided by downtown buildings and homes. Start and finish will be at Depot Park. The Criterium stage of the 2011 Great Northern Stage Race is the Montana State Criterium Championships for 2011 and **participation in the Criterium only will be allowed.** Riders participating only in the Criterium stage, however, will not be eligible to compete for cash and prizes that are available, and listed below, for the overall General Classification. Criterium stage (or Criterium-only) awards will be posted on race day.

Time Trial: Course is a 4.85-mile hill climb up Big Mountain Road gaining 1,562 feet in elevation. The road climbs consistently from the beginning with an average grade of 6.2%. The start will be at the intersection of East Lakeshore Drive and Big Mountain Road and the finish is in the Village at the end of Big Mountain Road. Riders will start in 30 second intervals in the order of their bib numbers of their respective race classification and in the same order as the morning's Criterium. Start times will be posted following final results for the Criterium. It is the rider's responsibility to be present for his/her start time. Racers should sign in with the starting official, or organizer, and seed themselves along the bike path prior to their start time. Bib numbers will be called in the official starting order prior to each riders start time.

Circuit Race: Course is primarily a 6.6-mile relatively flat to rolling loop on Lodgepole, Farm-to-Market, and Twin Bridges roads west of Whitefish with a finish climb up Star Meadows Road. Staging will be at the Olney-Bissell school on Farm-to-Market Road. From Whitefish, head west/north for about 4.5 miles on Highway 93 to Twin Bridges road. Turn left on Twin Bridges Road to the race loop as it turns into Lodgepole, turn right continuing on Twin Bridges to the intersection of Farm-to-Market, turn left on FTM and drive around the race loop to Olney Bissell School.

Directions, Race-day Registration, Parking, and Warming-up: Follow MT-93 north to Whitefish and proceed north on Spokane until the road intersects with Railway Avenue at Depot Park. Maps to each area can be found at <http://fvbr.wordpress.com/>. Registration for the Criterium only and the Stage Race will be located at Depot Park. **Criterium parking** is on City streets or in one of the City parking lots. Do not warm up on the Criterium course until cleared to do so by the Chief Referee. **Time Trial Parking** is either at the Ice Rink on Wisconsin Avenue, or at the finish line at Whitefish Mountain Resort. **Please do not park at the starting area!!** Warm up for the time trail along Lakeshore road past the starting area. **Road Race Parking** is at Olney-Bissell School parking lot and secondary parking lot on the West side of Farm-to-Market Road. Warming up on the course will be allowed up to 15 minutes before the first flight, otherwise warm up on Farm to Market Road north of the course.

Registration

Pre-register fee for the Stage Race is \$75.00 (Juniors are eligible for \$1 day-of registration) which includes free dinner Saturday night and commemorative race goodies. Since this event is primarily a Stage Race, registration for individual stages is not allowed with the exception of the Criterium. Criterium only pre-registration is \$30. Pre registration is encouraged. Links to registration forms and online registration will be posted at <http://fvbr.wordpress.com/> Unlicensed riders (cat 5 men cat 4 women) will have an additional \$5 fee. Field Size Limit 50 riders per category. Race Day registration is \$85 for all three stages and \$35 for Criterium

only. On site registration opens 1.5 hours prior to posted start times and closes 15 min prior to Criterium start time. Sign-in only for the Circuit race will be located at Olney-Bissell School. **Team directors of four or more racers should contact the Race Director for team pricing.**

Race Schedule

CRITERIUM STAGE (SATURDAY JUNE 11TH 2011)

Group 1 - Men Cat 3 and Men Masters A (Scored separately) - Start time = 9:00am, 45 min

Group 2 - Women All Categories (Cat 4 W scored separately) - Start time = 10:00am, 45 min

Group 3 - Men Cat 1,2 - Start time = 11:00am, 60 min

Group 4 - Men Cat 4 - Start time = 12:30pm, 45 min

Group 5 - Men Cat 5, Men Masters B, U-19 (Juniors) (scored separate) - Start time = 1:30p, 30 min

TIME TRIAL (HILL CLIMB) STAGE (SATURDAY, JUNE 11TH 2011)

Time Trial 30 second intervals starting at 3:30 pm in bib order and the same Groupings as listed for the Criterium. Official start times will be posted by the Race Organizer following the Criterium.

LODGEPOLE CIRCUIT RACE STAGE (SUNDAY, JUNE 12TH 2011)

Flight 1

Group 1 - Men Cat 1, 2 - Start time = 9:00am , 10 laps + 8 mi = 74 miles

Group 2 - Men Cat 3 and Masters A (scored separate) - Start Time = 9:05am , 8 laps + 8 mi = 60 miles

Flight 2

Group 3 - Men Cat 4 - Start time = 12:00pm, 7 laps + 8 mi = 54 miles

Group 4 - Men Cat 5, Men Masters B, U-19 (Juniors) (scored separate) - Start time = 12:05pm, 5 laps + 8 mi = 41 miles

Group 5 - Women All Categories (Cat 4 W scored separately) - Start time = 12:10pm, 7 laps + 8 mi = 54

Prizes

A catered racer appreciation dinner will be hosted by Great Northern Cycles Saturday evening, June 11th 7:00 pm at Great North Cycles (328 Central Avenue, Whitefish). **The dinner is free to racers that register for all three stages.** Additional non-racer meal tickets may be purchased at the event.

Limited merchandise and prizes will be given at each stage, with cash, merchandise, and/or awards (to be determined by turnout, the highest payout for any one category will not exceed \$1999) for overall classification based on time, for racers completing all three stages, to at least three places. Day one results, merchandise prizes and awards for the Criterium and Time Trial stages will be held at the racer appreciation dinner (see above). Awards for the Circuit stage and for the overall classification will be held at Bissell School following posting of official results of each heat on Sunday. Unclaimed prize money will be donated to local trail projects.

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Races will be held rain or shine. All USA Cycling rules apply. Racers must wear helmets while racing and while warming up/cooling down. Junior gear restrictions will be enforced. Promoter reserves the right to combine or expand race groupings as conditions, attendance and volunteer support warrant.

Only the above listed races are permitted and sanctioned by USA Cycling. No other races or activities at the event are sanctioned by USA Cycling.