



North American Enduro Cup



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# 1. Introduction

Greetings, and welcome to a whole bunch of important information about a bike race! From here on in, we'll refer to this document as the Rulebook.

The North American Enduro Cup (NAEC) is one of the longest-running, standalone enduro races in North America, and it continues to draw on the original French roots of enduro mountain bike racing. Each year, competitors ride new trails that debut at the race, and trails that are purpose built only for the NAEC. The 2026 NAEC continues this tradition as the USA Cycling Enduro and E-Enduro National Championships. Qualified competitors will be racing for both the prestige of being the winners of the NAEC but also chasing the coveted USA flag sleeve for their jerseys.

This rulebook outlines the specific rules, regulations, and requirements for competition in the NAEC. By registering and participating in the NAEC, then you, a Competitor (defined in [Section 2](#)), are responsible for knowing the rules contained in this rulebook. Additionally, we, the Race Organizers, and all your fellow competitors will presume that have read this Rulebook and will follow the rules.

The NAEC Organizers reserve the right to amend these rules at any time. If there is any dispute about the application of these rules, the NAEC Organizers have the final say as to the interpretation of how the rules apply to any specific situation.

While this rulebook sets forth most of the rules that govern a competitor's participation in the NAEC, the NAEC Organizers reserve the right, in their sole discretion, to make a binding determination about any situation not addressed by these rules. The determination shall be fair to the competitor(s) directly involved in the unaddressed situation as well as to the rest of the competitors unaffected by the unaddressed situation. The determination will also consider external factors, such as safety, reasonableness, the integrity of the NAEC, the integrity of the sport and racing, the environment, the welfare of competitors, and the public's perception of mountain biking.

The NAEC Organizers wrote this Rulebook. For consistency, we follow the general format and present contents similarly rules for other enduro mountain bike races and their rulebooks. However, this rulebook is specific to the NAEC and not applicable to other events.

So, grab a beverage, snuggle up, and get ready to dive into some light bedside reading. Welcome to the 2026 NAEC Rulebook.

Sincerely,

Melina Glock & Tony Zammit  
NAEC Organizers/Directors/Owners

## 2. Definitions

These definitions assist the reader of this Rulebook and help them to understand the intention of the rules herein. If there is a word or use of a phrase that is subject to more than one interpretation, the interpretation of the author of this Rulebook shall control.

Bag Check	The official area designated by the Race Organizers where riders are permitted to store and access race provisions.
Competitor	An individual who has registered for and is participating in the NAEC.
Course Cutting	Leaving the Racecourse, intentionally or unintentionally. Examples of course cutting include, without being limited to, completing Transfers or Race Stages in the incorrect order, deviating from the Racecourse (including to access Competitor Support described in <a href="#">Section 10</a> ) or obvious trail, or by passing, missing, or crossing tape or gates incorrectly.
Course Marshall	The individuals assigned to various roles by the NAEC Organizers for the administration of the NAEC, including start/finish zones, timing, and check in. Any person with a “STAFF” race plate on their bicycle is a Course Marshall, but not all Course Marshalls may have this race plate.
Organizers and NAEC Organizers	Melina Glock, Tony Zammit and/or their delegates.
NAEC Website	<a href="http://www.naenduro.com">www.naenduro.com</a>
Practice	The time before the Race Days prescribed by the Race Organizers for competitors to observe and ride the Racecourse.
Racecourse	The combination of Transfers and Race Stages in the order prescribed by the NAEC Organizers.
Race Day(s)	The prescribed days on which the competitors will compete against each other on the Racecourse.
Race Stage	The predominantly descending route during which competitors’ timed competition occurs.
Transfer	The predominantly ascending route that leads to the start of a Race Stage.
USAC	USA Cycling

## 3. NAEC Organization and Responsibilities

Section 3 describes the general organization of the NAEC. It does not describe the complete organization of the NAEC. Rather, it provides a broad layout of who does what at the NAEC.

The NAEC Organizers are responsible for the production and running of the NAEC. This includes the event registration, timing, vendor area, media, course design, course construction, course marking, and sponsors. We strive to provide a race that exceeds top-tier enduro races found anywhere else in the world while still maintaining a safe and enjoyable experience for competitors.

Silver Mountain Resort is the host of the event. It is responsible for the mechanical uplift of the competitors, trails within the Silver Mountain Bike Park, and for providing Bike Patrol as first responders for first aid/medical.

USAC designates a Chief Referee and other roles in USAC’s discretion. These USAC officials are responsible for the oversight of all matters involving licensing of Competitors and have final say about

any issue that involves a Competitor's USAC membership, endorsements, or licenses. The NAEC Organizers do not control this aspect of the event.

Competitors are the people getting rad on their bikes and racing. They are responsible for knowing and following these rules, being fair, stewards of the land, and respectful toward other competitors, NAEC Organizers, and the Silver Mountain Resort/Silver Mountain Bike Park staff.

Neutral Support assists competitors participating in the NAEC as described in [Section 10](#).

## 4. Categories

The 2026 NAEC Categories are below. All categories with age restrictions follow the common rule that the Competitor's age is determined as of December 31 of the year they register for the NAEC.

### **National Championships Eligible Enduro Categories:**

- Men 17+ Pro/Open
- Junior Men 13-14
- Junior Men 15-16
- Junior Men 17-18
- Men 19-29
- Men 30-39
- Men 40-49
- Men 50-59
- Men 60+
- Women 17+ Pro/Open
- Junior Women 13-14
- Junior Women 15-16
- Junior Women 17-18
- Women 19-29
- Women 30-39
- Women 40-49
- Women 50+

### **National Championships Eligible E-Enduro/E-Bike Categories:**

- Men 17+ Pro/Open E-Enduro
- Women 17+ Pro/Open E-Enduro
- U17 E-Enduro Men
- U17 E-Enduro Women

The following categories are a part of the 2026 NAEC but are not eligible for a National Championships:

- Nonbinary Open
- Hardtail Open
- Men Sport 18-34
- Men Sport 35-49
- Men Sport 50+

- Women Sport 18-34
- Women Sport 35-49
- Women Sport 50+
- U17 Junior Men Sport
- U17 Junior Women Sport

A competitor may choose to participate in any appropriate category of their choosing, provided they adhere to the age limitations.

#### 4.1 USAC Membership and Endorsements

For 2026, USAC changed its requirements for participation in a USAC sanctioned event. Instead of a USAC license, all competitors will now need to have a valid USAC membership with the correct endorsement to participate in the 2026 NAEC. This new requirement for membership and endorsement includes active USA Cycling licenses, whether domestic or international, or an international license issued by another federation that permits competition within the United States.

The Organizers are not responsible for Competitors acquiring and holding a valid USAC membership with the required endorsements. Competitors with questions about USAC membership and endorsements must address those questions with USAC. The Organizers are not responsible (or capable) of addressing any issues with USAC membership or endorsements. If there is a dispute about a Competitor's USAC membership and endorsements, the determination of USAC is controlling.

International Competitors are Competitors who are not citizens or residents of the United States. An International Competitor can participate in any category of their choosing, but they will not be able to compete for a U.S. National Championships. International Competitors must hold the appropriate license from their country of citizenship or residence, and these licenses may be required for points, qualifications, or standings. It is the responsibility of the International Competitor to ensure compliance with USAC licensure requirements as well as with the authority or federation of their country of citizenship or residence. If there is a dispute about an international license, the determination of USAC is controlling.

#### 4.2 USAC Officials

There will be USAC Officials present at the NAEC. The Chief Referee, as designated by USAC, may also assist the NAEC Organizers in situations concerning the interpretation of the rules as they pertain to the sporting aspects of the competition and be the final decision maker about any situation that involves the application of USAC specific rules.

### 5. The NAEC Racecourse

A hallmark of the NAEC is the Racecourse. Each year, these trails deliver new experiences for competitors. Raw, fresh-cut, and even event-only Race Stages create a true test of the Competitor's fitness and skill on a mountain bike.

The NAEC follows the conventional enduro mountain bike race format: an untimed Transfer (sometimes called "liaison stages") that leads to a timed Race Stage (sometimes called "special stages"). Lather, rinse, repeat.

## 5.1 General Racecourse Format

The Racecourse will follow the general format of:

- Transfer 1 to Race Stage 1
- Transfer 2 to Race Stage 2
- Etc., until a competitor has completed all the Race Stages.

The number of Transfers and Race Stages at the NAEC may vary from year to year, but this general format will remain the same. The first Transfer of each Race Day will start at a designated location. All other Transfers will begin at the end of the immediately completed Race Stage and lead to the next Race Stage.

The Transfers and Race Stages are set forth in a specific order by the NAEC Organizers. This is typically in increasing numerical order, with the Transfers preceding the Race Stages. All the Transfers and Race Stages in the specified order comprise the Racecourse.

Failure to complete the Transfers and Race Stages in the specified order is course cutting and may result in a competitor's disqualification or the application of a time penalty from the NAEC, even if the result of the deviation from the Racecourse results in the competitor's traveling a longer distance than the Racecourse specifies. See [Section 13](#) for more information. This includes, but is not limited to, accessing Neutral Support or the Bag Check on a Race Day if access causes the competitor to deviate from the established Racecourse.

## 5.2 Transfer Stages

Each Transfer will be predominantly uphill. At the discretion of the Race Organizers and Silver Mountain Resort, mechanical uplift, including the gondola and chairlifts, may comprise a part of, or the entirety of, a Transfer. As discussed in [Section 8.4.3](#), the NAEC Organizers may impose time cut-offs for Transfers on some or all the Transfers.

Some Transfers may utilize city streets and other public infrastructure in and around Kellogg, Idaho. These Transfers require that all competitors follow applicable law, including speed limits, stopping where required, and yielding to pedestrians. Competitors who do not follow the law may be subject to civil and criminal penalties as provided by law as well as disqualification from the NAEC.

Some Transfers may utilize the Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes. This paved bike and pedestrian trail goes from the eastern-most part of the Silver Mountain Bike Park to the base of the Silver Mountain Resort gondola. Competitors using the Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes must follow all laws, observe posted signs, and be stewards of the sport and the event to other trail users while using the Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes.

Transfers, or portions of Transfers, may be open to the public during the event.

## 5.3 Race Stages

The NAEC's Race Stages are the timed portions of the race. The time of all the Race Stages at the NAEC added together determine the overall positions of the competitors in their respective categories.



Race Stages will follow a predominantly descending route and focus on testing the rider's technical skills. Race Stages may include climbing sections. Some of the trails used for Race Stages will be within the Silver Mountain Bike Park, and others may not be within those same boundaries.

Race Stage surfaces range from machine-built bike park trails to raw, fresh cut tracks with little or no previous bicycle traffic and no obvious lines to follow. Competitors are responsible for navigating this varied terrain. Some Race Stages include man-made wooden features. There are ride-arounds available for these features. The Silver Mountain Bike Park builds and maintains all features within the bike park.

The sport categories will not complete the same number of Race Stages as the pro, expert, hardtail open and e-bike categories. The e-bike categories may include an additional, e-bike specific Power Stage as described in [Section 14.2](#). The necessary information about which Race Stages each category will complete as part of the Racecourse will be available on the NAEC Website when the Racecourse is published before the event (see [Section 5.4](#)) and discussed at the Mandatory Racer Meeting (see [Section 8.3.](#))

Race Stages are not open to the public during the event.

#### 5.4 Racecourse Announcement

The NAEC Organizers will post the Racecourse on Thursday evening before the event on the NAEC Website. The Racecourse will not be available prior to this time. Competitors will have time to learn the Racecourse before Friday Practice when the course is announced and during practice.

## 6. Competitor Communication

The primary methods for communications for competitors are:

- The Mandatory Racer Meeting described in [Section 8.3](#).
- The NAEC Website.

Other forms of communication may supplement these methods, such as printed material at the Race HQ, Trailforks ([www.trailforks.com](http://www.trailforks.com)), or the NAEC Official social media channels.

If the NAEC Organizers have provided information at the Mandatory Racer Meeting described in [Section 8.3](#) or on the NAEC Website, the presumption is that a Competitor received the information and understands the information communicated.

## 7. Course Marking

**While the NAEC Organizers install course marking to assist competitors during Transfers and Race Stages, the competitor bears the ultimate responsibility to know and follow the Racecourse established and published on the NAEC Website.**

Deviation by a rider from the established and published Racecourse, including all parts of a Transfer or Race Stage, regardless of the existence of installed course marking that exists, has been removed, altered, or been damaged from its original installed condition, shall be deemed as course cutting and result in a time penalty or disqualification. See [Section 13](#) for more information. Competitors have an opportunity to cure and avoid a time penalty or disqualification by following the procedure described in [Section 7.1](#).

The overriding rule that governs whether a rider is on or off the Racecourse established and published by the NAEC Organizers is: The trail is the Racecourse and the Racecourse is the trail. Except where an obvious trail is not present due to the raw, fresh cut trails used for the NAEC, the course follows the obvious trail or combination of trails that are the route established and published by the NAEC Organizers. Where raw, fresh cut trails are a part of a Race Stage, tape on both sides designates the boundary of the Racecourse.

## 7.1 Tape

Tape creates sight lines to assist a competitor as well as to establish sections of trail that a rider must pass by or through. Tape is typically used on Race Stages but may be present on Transfers. The following rules apply to Transfers and Race Stages.

Tape may be installed in an elevated position or on the ground. It is the competitor's responsibility to observe and adhere to the direction provided by the installed tape regardless of it being elevated or on the ground.

Tape may be installed on only one side of a Race Stage. This will usually occur on the downhill side of a trail or to mark an obvious area where a competitor must travel through. In these instances, the competitor must stay on the obvious trail and not miss, cross, or pass course tape on the incorrect side. Tape on one side of the course can also be used to provide competitors with a sightline for the established Race Stage.

Where tape is installed on both sides of the Racecourse, either an elevated position or on the ground, the competitor must pass between the course tape. In these areas, missing, crossing, or passing the course tape on the wrong side will be deemed as course cutting.

If a competitor misses, crosses, or passes course tape on the wrong side, whether installed on one side of the Racecourse or both sides of the Racecourse, they have left the Racecourse and have committed a course cutting violation and will receive a penalty as described in [Section 13](#). A competitor may avoid a course cutting violation and the associated time penalty or disqualification if the competitor reenters the Racecourse at the same place they missed, crossed, or passed the course tape. Failure to reenter the Racecourse at the same place will be deemed as course cutting.

## 7.2 Gates

Like tape installed on both sides of the course, where two NAEC markers are present on both sides of the trail, a competitor must pass between the gates. Missing, crossing, or passing the markers on the wrong side will be deemed as course cutting. These markers can be tape, gates, signs, or other visual devices.

## 7.3 Transfer Markings

Transfers will be marked with colored, branded arrows. For 2026, the transfer arrows are ORANGE. Transfer arrows will be installed along Transfers as necessary to assist competitors. Tape may also be installed to guide competitors on the Transfers, particularly where a Transfer and a Race Stage are in close proximity.

## 7.4 Changes to Course Markings

Final course marking will be installed by the end of Practice. However, there are circumstances that require the NAEC Organizers to restore or alter course marking after this time, including during the race.

These circumstances include but are not limited to a competitor damaging or destroying installed course marking inadvertently, nefarious actors, or wildlife (we're looking at you, moose). In these situations, when installed course marking is reported as damaged or altered from the installed condition, the NAEC Organizers will endeavor to restore the damaged or altered course marking to their original condition as quickly as possible. The primary method for this is to call a Race Stage hold for the affected Race Stage and have a person authorized by the NAEC Organizers restore the damaged or altered course marking. Consistent with the requirements in [Section 3](#) and [Section 7](#), competitors who have started or already completed the Race Stage prior to the hold on the affected Race Stage and repair/restoration of the course marking will not be granted a restart of that Race Stage.

### 7.5 Line Choice on Race Stages

All lines ridden by a competitor must be consistent with [Section 3](#) and [Section 7](#). Generally, a rider may deviate no more than three feet/one meter from either side of the obvious trail.

Where there is tape or gates on both sides of the Racecourse, a competitor may choose any line between the tape or gates.

Where tape is installed on one side of the trail, a competitor must not miss, cross, or pass the tape on the side where the tape is installed. Generally, a competitor may not deviate no more than three feet/one meter from the obvious trail on the side without the tape.

## 8. NAEC Schedule and Format

Section 8 provides the general schedule and format of the NAEC, generally comprised of a combination of Check In, Practice, Mandatory Racer Meeting, Race Days, and Podiums and Awards.

### 8.1 Check In

Competitors must check in during the times designated by the NAEC Organizers. Competitors can find these times posted on the NAEC Website.

If a competitor fails to check in during the times allotted by the NAEC Organizers (or in accordance with a special accommodation made in advance with the Race Organizers), the competitor will receive a DNS and will not be allowed to participate in the NAEC.

### 8.2 Practice

The Race Organizers strongly recommend Practice for competitors. Familiarity with the Racecourse, the terrain, and the general layout of the venue are important. However, Practice is not a requirement for competitors. Competitors who wish to take part in Practice must purchase a Silver Mountain Bike Park lift ticket for the day of Practice.

Practice for the NAEC is open only during the designated times as posted on the NAEC Website. However, the Silver Mountain Bike Park may be open for its general operations for days or weeks before the event. Competitors are welcome to use the Silver Mountain Bike Park during normal hours prior to the NAEC after purchasing a lift ticket and may ride any official Silver Mountain Bike Park trail.

The Silver Mountain Bike Park is predominantly on private property. Any competitor attempting to ride the Silver Mountain Bike Park or survey/practice the Racecourse outside of normal Silver Mountain Bike Park hours or the times prescribed for Practice by the NAEC Organizers will be disqualified.

### 8.3 Shuttling

There is a strict no shuttling policy for the NAEC. This no shuttling policy is in place to respect the private land ownership described in [Section 8.2](#).

Shuttling at any time during Practice or on Race Days, including but not limited to by means of private or team vehicle or e-bike, is strictly prohibited. Any competitor who shuttles will be disqualified.

### 8.4 Mandatory Racer Meeting

The NAEC Organizers will hold a Mandatory Racer Meeting after Practice. The time and place of the Mandatory Racer Meeting will be posted on the NAEC Website.

Attendance at the Mandatory Racer Meeting is mandatory for all competitors. It is the competitor's responsibility to receive all the information presented and follow all instructions provided by the NAEC Organizers at the Mandatory Racer Meeting.

Failure to attend the Mandatory Racer Meeting may result in a 1 minute time penalty.

### 8.5 Race Days

The 2026 NAEC takes place over two days. Competitors must complete all Transfers and Race Stages prescribed for their category on both days to appear in the results. Of note, Sport and Jr. Sport competitors will typically have fewer Transfers and Race Stages than pro and expert riders as described in [Section 5.3](#).

Transfers lead to Race Stages, where competitors will have individual starts for all timed stages. Race Stages will use 30-second intervals for starting competitors on each stage. If, in the sole discretion of a Course Marshall, competitors require a longer interval, the Course Marshall may increase the interval to a time longer than 30 seconds. This discretion should not apply where a competitor has become delayed due to fitness, effort, or similar issues. In those instances, it is the responsibility of the competitor to safely pass the competitors in front of them during their Race Stage.

#### 8.5.1 Call Ups

Competitors must be present at their Call Up time. Call Ups start competitors at specific intervals based on category. Typically, the pro riders will receive the earliest call up time, followed by expert and sport riders.

Call Up times will be posted on the NAEC Website and available at the NAEC HQ.

#### 8.5.2 Seeding

The NAEC follows a self-seeding format. Generally, pro riders should be the first to arrive at the start of each Race Stage, followed by expert riders, then sport riders. The competitors should discuss and organize themselves while waiting to begin their Race Stage. Where a faster competitor has become delayed, the Course Marshall at the start of a Race Stage may, in their sole discretion, permit the delayed competitor to advance to the front of the line provided it is not a situation described in [Section 8.5.1](#).

#### 8.5.3 Transfer Cutoff Times

The NAEC Organizers may impose cutoff times for some or all the Transfers. The cutoff time is when the competitor must be present and waiting at the start of the Race Stage that immediately follows the Transfer with the cutoff time. Failure to arrive at the start of the Race Stage immediately following the



Transfer with the cutoff time can result in a time penalty or disqualification. See [Section 13](#) for more information. The purpose of imposing a Transfer cutoff time is to ensure that each Race Day proceeds in a timely fashion.

## 8.6 Podiums and Prize Money

Podiums will take place on the last Race Day after all the competitors return their timing chips to Race HQ and the official results are tabulated. The top five competitors from each category will receive a medal.

Competitors must attend the podiums to collect their medal. Failure to attend the podiums may result in forfeiture of the medal and any prizes.

Prize money is for the top five competitors in the pro men's and pro women's categories. The prize money amounts are provided on the NAEC Website. Competitors are responsible for all taxes, tax filing obligations, and compliance with any law or regulation, including but not limited to the laws of the United States, the state of Idaho, and the competitor's state of residence as a result of accepting the prize money.

All top five pro competitors must attend the podiums. Failure to attend the podium ceremony may result in the respective top five competitor's forfeiting any medals, awards, and prize money.

The National Championships podiums will occur immediately after the pro podiums. The makeup of the pro podiums may differ from the National Championships podiums due to the presence of International Competitors being ineligible for US National Championships.

## 9. Equipment

Each rider must be self-sufficient during the entire duration of the race. Personal responsibility and self-sufficiency reflect a large part of the spirit of enduro racing, and riders should carry adequate equipment for racing and riding in mountainous environments. Each rider should remember that they are solely responsible for themselves.

The NAEC Organizers strongly recommended that all competitors carry:

- Suitable backpack or hip pack
- Waterproof jacket
- Emergency blanket
- Spare tubes/puncture repair kit
- Multitool
- Basic, well maintained first aid kit
- Map/cell phone
- Food and fluids
- Eye protection (glasses or goggles)
- Emergency contact information for the Silver Mountain Bike Patrol

### 9.1 Race Plates

The NAEC Organizers will assign and provide all competitors with a race plate. Competitors must install the Race Plate on the competitor's handlebars so the race number visible from the front at all times on Race Days.

### 9.2 Timing Equipment

The NAEC Organizers will provide all competitors with timing equipment for the race when competitors check in for the race. Competitors must use the timing equipment in accordance with the instructions provided at the Mandatory Racer Meeting described in [Section 8.3](#). Competitors who lose or damage the timing equipment provided to them will be required to pay a \$150.00 replacement fee.

### 9.3 Safety Equipment

All competitors must always wear a helmet while participating in the NAEC, including Practice. The NAEC Organizers recommend that all competitors wear a downhill-rated full-face helmet, gloves, and body armor while riding their bicycle.

Competitors may remove their helmets at the top of each Transfer only when they have dismounted their bicycle. A competitor must have their helmet correctly fitted and secured before mounting their bicycle to ride a Transfer or a Race Stage. The correct fitting, condition, and suitability of the competitor's helmet is the sole responsibility of the competitor. Any competitor observed competing without a helmet will be immediately disqualified. No exceptions.

### 9.4 Bicycle Equipment and Requirements

One of the principal foundations of enduro mountain bike races is that a competitor must be able to harmonize their skill and technical ability with their bicycle for the entire course. This requires a competitor to ensure that the competitor and their bicycle can complete the event.

A competitor may use only one frame, one front and rear suspension unit (fork/rear shock), and one pair of wheels while competing at the NAEC. Competitors cannot substitute or replace these parts during or between Race Days except as provided below. Once a competitor starts the first Transfer on the first Race Day, these parts must remain unchanged until the competitor has completed the last Race Stage on the second Race Day.

After starting the first Transfer on the first Race Day, a competitor needing to replace a frame, a fork/rear shock, or a wheel must present the broken part(s) to a Race Director. Only upon approval of a Race Director may a rider replace these parts during the competition.

Competitors will receive a three-minute penalty for replacing the equipment listed above. Any rider found to have replaced these parts without consent from a Race Director will be disqualified.

The NAEC Organizers may require the individual marking of a competitor's frame, suspension units, and wheels to ensure compliance with this rule. If individual marks are used, following the repair the rider must return to the Race Director to have the replacement part(s) re-marked before rejoining the race.

Competitors can replace any part of their bicycle after Practice and prior to starting the first Transfer on the first Race Day.

Parts other than those listed above may be replaced by Neutral Support described in [Section 10.1](#), Team Support consistent with [Section 10.2](#), and from the Bag Check described in [Section 10.3](#).

## 10. Competitor Support

Section 10 describes the support competitors can utilize as well as outside assistance, which competitors cannot utilize. Keeping with the spirit and roots of enduro mountain biking, competitors participating in the NAEC are expected to be self-sufficient on Race Days. Notwithstanding, the NAEC Organizers recognize that support for competitors is an important part of a safe and enjoyable experience.

### 10.1 Neutral Support

The NAEC works with its sponsors and industry partners to provide Neutral Support to competitors. Sponsors and industry partners that provide official Neutral Support provide it to competitors only and at their sole discretion, subject to the limitations of the tools, equipment, or knowledge of the individuals who are providing Neutral Support.

The NAEC Organizers must approve all Neutral Support vendors. Use of unapproved Neutral Support constitutes receiving improper outside assistance and will result in a time penalty or disqualification. See [Section 13](#) for more information. Approved Neutral Support vendors will be in the Neutral Support area.

Competitors can visit and receive Neutral Support at any time during Practice. A competitor may visit and receive Neutral Support on Race Days provided the competitor does not violate a rule provided in [Section 5](#), specifically noting the requirement to follow the established Racecourse and to complete the Transfers and Race Stages in the correct order.

### 10.2 Team Support

A team may provide support to Competitors only if they are approved by the NAEC Organizers and the support is provided by the team in the Neutral Support area.

### 10.3 Bag Check

The Bag Check is a space designated by the NAEC Organizers to provide competitors with stashed food, beverages, and any equipment needed for the first Race Day. The NAEC Organizers may provide a Bag Check for the first Race Day. The Bag Check is not available on the second Race Day.

The Bag Check is available for all competitors and is considered Neutral Support. This is the designated area where riders may access equipment not on their person while racing on Race Days or provided by another competitor in accordance with [Section 10.4](#). Anything that a competitor wants, or thinks they want, to have available to them on Race Days must be in a medium-size duffle bag, rolling bag, etc., and checked into the Bag Check marked with the competitor's race plate number. The NAEC Organizer will mark the bags. Loose items are not allowed in the Bag Check.

A competitor can access the Bag Check area while racing and access the items they stashed there. When a competitor is not racing, the Bag Check is available only during the designated times set forth by the Race Organizers. Competitors must pick up any items from the Bag Check at the end of each Race Day and can restock/resupply the bags between Race Days.

Any competitor accessing the Bag Check during Race Days must comply with [Section 5](#) and [Section 10](#).

The Bag Check will be staffed. However, the NAEC Organizers are not liable for any damaged, lost, misplaced, or stolen items from the Bag Check.

#### 10.4 Outside Assistance

Enduro mountain bike racing is intended to be self-supported. Competitors are expected to be able to complete each Race Day without any outside assistance. Competitors should plan accordingly with adequate water, nutrition, and supplies to support their racing efforts. This is commensurate with the requirement that a competitor is responsible for knowing the course as set forth in [Section 5](#).

Any competitor receiving outside assistance from a non-competitor (excluding Neutral Support described in [Section 10](#)), will receive a time penalty or be disqualified. See [Section 13](#) for more information.

Outside assistance includes but is not limited to:

- Stashing food or supplies for use during the race.
- Accessing or visiting a personal or team vehicle, RV, camper, camp site, accommodation, or hotel room after starting the first Transfer of each Race Day and before finishing the final Race Stage of each Race Day.
- Using any establishment in Kellogg for food, beverages, energy or nutritional supplements, repairs, or equipment during the race. A competitor may acquire plain/still water from an outside source.
- Team staff/outside help carrying equipment around the course or performing repairs (except for another racer) during the race outside of the Neutral Support area.
- Disclosing or attempting to learn the NAEC course prior to the official announcement.
- Use of a proxy for anything that is the competitor's responsibility.

Competitors **are not** receiving outside assistance in the following situations:

- Accessing Neutral Support as described in [Section 10](#).
- Use of official water and feed stations installed throughout the Racecourse installed at the discretion of the NAEC Organizers. Information about water and feed stations will be communicated during the Mandatory Racer Meeting described in [Section 8.3](#).
- Accessing water at the base of the Gondola or at the top of the Silver Mountain Bike Park.
- Accessing water for consumption from an establishment in the city of Kellogg.
- Receiving assistance with a mechanical issue on a bicycle, using tools or parts (except for a frame, fork/rear shock, or wheels as specified in [Section 9](#)) from another competitor, or accepting water or nutrition from another competitor.

## 11. Results

The Official NAEC Results will be calculated by adding all Race Stages times together for each competitor. Official NAEC Results will be posted at the Race HQ and on the NAEC Website.

The Overall results will include all competitors. There will be separate National Championships Results, which include all eligible competitors in the National Championships categories.



In the event of unforeseen or extreme circumstances, the NAEC Organizers may withdraw a Race Stage from being included in the overall times used to determine the results.

In the event of a tie between two or more competitors, the competitor with the faster time for the final Race Stage will determine the higher final placing for the tied competitors. If the final Race Stage is also a tie between the two competitors, then the faster time of the penultimate Race Stage will be used to determine the final higher placing for the tied competitors. If there is still a tie after the penultimate Race Stage tiebreaker, then the competitor with the fastest time of the Race Stage immediately preceding the penultimate Race Stage will determine the higher final placing. If there is still a tie, then the rest of the Race Stages in descending order will be used to determine the higher final placing.

If it is a perfect tie for all the Race Stages on both days, then the higher final placing will be determined for the tied competitors with a tire changing competition at the podiums.

## 12. Safety

Safety is extremely important and any rules relating to safety must be followed by all competitors. Competitors will be informed at the Mandatory Racer Meeting described in [Section 8.4](#) of emergency contact details that can be used in the event of an accident on course. **The Silver Mountain Bike Patrol telephone number is (208) 784-1943.** This telephone number is also posted throughout the Silver Mountain Bike Park and will be provided to competitors. If a serious or life-threatening injury is suspected, call 911.

As with all outdoor activities, mountain bike racing is dangerous and can lead to serious injury or death. Competitors are expected to always ride within their abilities and must understand that by competing in the NAEC, the competitors assume all risks associated with mountain biking, racing, and participating in outdoor activities.

### 12.1 Rider Down Rule

The NAEC uses the “Rider Down” rule. If a competitor sees another competitor who is down, they must get a verbal response from the down rider that they are OK before proceeding. If the down rider requests assistance or is unresponsive, the competitor must stay with the down competitor. If possible, that competitor should contact the Silver Mountain Bike Patrol, or, if life-threatening injuries are suspected, call 911. The second competitor who comes to the down rider must immediately proceed to the nearest Course Marshall to inform them of the down competitor so that the Silver Mountain Bike Park Bike Patrol can be dispatched and to ensure the initiation of a hold on that Race Stage.

Any competitor who stops and helps a down competitor as described above during a Race Stage will have the option to restart their interrupted Race Stage or take an average place from their other Race Stages. While sometimes infeasible, the NAEC Organizers will make every possible effort to provide a mechanical uplift to those competitors to the start of the Race Stage.

A competitor who fails to stop for a down rider who is unresponsive or requests assistance will be disqualified from the NAEC and banned from any future NAEC.

### 12.2 Concussions and Head Injuries

Any competitor who has a positive mechanism for a head injury will be assessed by the Silver Mountain Bike Park Bike Patrol or other medical first responder. If, in the sole discretion of the Silver Mountain Bike

Park Bike Patrol or other medical first responder, the competitor is deemed unfit to continue, the competitor will be removed from the Racecourse and is forbidden to participate from further practice or competition for that day. If a competitor is removed, they can participate in a subsequent Race Day if they provide a doctor's note to the NAEC Organizers confirming that they are fit for participation in the NAEC.

### 12.3 Other Safety Rules

Competitors must follow all instructions and directions provided by the NAEC Organizers, Course Marshalls, Silver Mountain Resort staff, Silver Mountain Bike Park staff, and any law enforcement not described in this Rulebook.

Disruptive or aggressive behavior toward any other person may disqualify any competitor if the competitor exhibits disruptive or reckless behavior that endangers themselves or others.

The NAEC Organizers reserve the right to hold or cancel Practice, Transfers, Race Stages, and the podiums in case of emergency, severe weather, or unforeseen circumstances. If this occurs for the podiums, the attendance requirements in [Section 11](#) do not apply.

## 13. Rule Violations

This Section 13 describes the penalties associated with a violation of a rule in this Rulebook, the reporting of a violation of a rule, and the appeal process for competitors who have received a time penalty or disqualification.

### 13.1 Penalty Summary

The variance in the time penalty will be determined by the NAEC Organizers and, where this Rulebook provides discretion, is dependent on the severity of the violation. This list does not contain all rule violations and associated penalties; it provides the penalties for the most common rule violations.

- Not stopping for a down rider as provided in [Section 12.1](#): Disqualification.
- Course Cutting: From 2 minutes to disqualification.
- Shuttling: Disqualification
- Outside Assistance: From 3 minutes to disqualification.
- Helmet not worn properly: Disqualification
- Missing a Call Up time:
  - Up to 15 minutes late: The amount of time that the competitor is late plus 1 minute.
  - More than 15 minutes late: Disqualification.
- Missing a Transfer Cut Off Time:
  - Up to 15 minutes late: The amount of time that the competitor is late plus 1 minute.
  - More than 15 minutes late: Disqualification.
- Approved replacement of a frame, a fork/rear shock, or a wheel: 3 minutes.
- Unapproved replacement of a frame, a fork/rear shock, or a wheel: Disqualification.
- Violation of any rule in Section 14: Disqualification.
- Littering: 10 minutes.

### 13.2 Observation of Rule Violation

If an NAEC Organizer, Course Marshall, or Silver Mountain Bike Park employee observes a rule violation and it is reported, the presumption of the NAEC Organizers is that the rule violation occurred. The competitor who committed the violation has the burden of demonstrating to the NAEC Organizers that the violation did not occur.

If a competitor observes a violation by another competitor, they may report it to the NAEC Organizers, a Course Marshall, or Silver Mountain Bike Park employee. The alleging competitor must provide their name and a description of the alleged violation that occurred. The alleging competitor must be able to describe the competitor who allegedly violated the rule sufficiently, by accurately providing a description of the competitor who allegedly violated the rule, their clothing and bicycle, their race plate number, or any other information deemed necessary by the NAEC Organizers to enforce a time penalty or disqualification. If a competitor reports another competitor for a violation of these rules, the alleging competitor must make the report with the NAEC Organizers prior to the tabulation of results described in [Section 11](#).

In extremely unusual or egregious situations, this reporting deadline does not apply and the NAEC Directors may enforce a time penalty or disqualification at any time before, during, or after the NAEC. In these circumstances, a Competitor who receives a time penalty or disqualification will be required to forfeit any awards, prizes, or titles as a result.

### 13.2 Appeals

Any appeal of a time penalty or disqualification shall be made to the NAEC Organizers. Appeals must be made in person to the NAEC Organizers by the competitor who has received a time penalty or disqualification and, if applicable, the competitor's team manager. Any appeal must be made before the start of the podiums on the end of the last Race Day. Once the podium awards begin, the results will be fixed and there is no appeal process available for competitors who have received a time penalty or disqualification.

## 14. E-Bike Rules

Section 14 describes the additional rules applicable to competitors in the e-bike category. Competitors who violate these additional rules will be disqualified.

The "Class" of e-bike referenced in Section 14 are the same Classes of e-bikes designated by the United States National Highway Transportation Association.

### 14.1 E-Bike Equipment and Requirements

Competitors in the e-bike categories must have an e-bike with a motor that provides assistance only when pedaling. A competitor's e-bike must be restricted to a maximum speed of 20 mph/28 kph before the pedal-assist deactivates. This generally includes all Class 1 e-bikes.

Any e-bike that is (or can be through options available on the bike or through software) a Class 2, Class 3, or Class 4 e-bike, as well as any other e-bike that does not fall into those categories (including a throttle-only controlled e-bikes), is not permitted.

Competitors must use the same battery for each Race Day. Competitors are not permitted to charge or change batteries, or use range extenders while on the Racecourse on Race Days. This is intended to ensure that competitors strategically choose how much pedal assist they use while competing.

Competitors may charge their battery after completing the last Race Stage on the first Race Day and before starting the first Transfer of the second Race Day. In addition to the equipment requirements of [Section 9.4](#), a competitor is permitted to use only one e-bike battery for both Race Days. Replacing an e-bike battery may occur only with the permission of the NAEC Organizers. If a competitor replaces an e-bike battery, they will receive a three-minute time penalty. If a competitor replaces an e-bike battery without the permission of the NAEC Organizers, they will be disqualified.

#### 14.2 E-Bike Power Stage

The e-bike category may include a Power Stage. A power stage will function the same as a general Race Stage, but it will include significantly more climbing than a standard Race Stage. Power Stages are only for competitors in the e-bike category.

### 15. Additional Rules

Section 15 address additional, general rules that competitors must abide by.

All competitors must observe the rules and regulations of the host of the NAEC, Silver Mountain Resort. Failure to follow the rules of Silver Mountain Resort will result in an appropriate time penalty or disqualification. This includes, but is not limited to, observation of quiet hours as well as payment of any fees or charges imposed by Silver Mountain Resort for any privilege or activity undertaken on Silver Mountain Resort property.

Competitors must complete all required legal waivers. Failure to accurately complete any waiver required by the NAEC Organizers and Silver Mountain Resort will result in disqualification from the NAEC.

Any typographical errors, inclusions, or omissions from this Rulebook are unintentional. If there is a dispute regarding errant words or language in this Rulebook, the interpretation of the NAEC Organizers is controlling as to how the rule should apply to a given situation.

Competitors must dispose of waste in the appropriate trash receptacle. This includes all forms of single-use plastics (tear offs, wrappers, etc.). A competitor who litters will receive a 10-minute time penalty for each observed occurrence.





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