

Spothill Hoodoo Night Sprints
MLK Monday — January 15, 2024
First Round Start Time: 5:45pm

Key People

JD Downing (NL Rep & Summit coach) — Chief of Race / Chief of Course

Mike Middleton (Corvallis parent/coach) — Round/Heat Coordination / Results

Suzanne Middleton (Corvallis parent/coach) — League Volunteers / Chili Feast

Jeff Husmann & Tiffany Tisdell (Sisters coaches) — Local Volunteers / Hoodoo contacts

Event Schedule — First heat target time 5:45pm. Lifts close at 4pm and re-grooming + set-up will start in earnest by 4:30pm. Teams should NOT expect to be able to ski on the course until 15 minutes after the snowcat finishes grooming.

The objective is to be done with the **last heat by 7:45pm or soon after.**

Seeding & Entries

Deadline for seeding and entry counts: Thursday, January 11 at 7pm

Coaches seed all your entries as per normal races as 1-7 seeds. Best skiers as “1” seeds. There will be NO short course offered.

It may be possible to add athletes after the deadline, but coaches please try and avoid this.

Volunteers — This event depends on a LOT of helping hands. Few tasks require any experience and most adults can be on foot. All participating schools and provisionals are asked to contribute a proportional amount of volunteers to your team size!

Coaches have been sent a volunteer Sign-Up link via email.

For clean-up, we need help by every adult and available athlete. If everyone pitches in, we can wrap up very quickly even in a snowstorm!

Course — The basic course will go around the lift bases flat area — then climb partway up Easy Rider hill — do a 180* turn — and then have a straight downhill back to the base flat in front of the lodge. It will be “maybe” 1km long. The hope is a loop that is around 4-5 mins skiing time for slowest skiers.

Event Design

-> Coaches seed all your entries as per normal races as 1-7 seeds. Best skiers as “1” seeds.

-> All skiers are pre-assigned into three rounds of up to nine skiers in each round.

-> Coach seeding will be used to create the pre-assigned rounds for each gender. All heats will ideally feature a balance of 3 upper seed skiers, 3 middle seed skiers, and 3 lower seed skiers. The objective is for skiers to race against completely different skiers in each round as much as possible.

-> We will alternate boys and girls heats in each round. There will be clearly marked separate finish lines for girls and boys.

-> *New This Year!!!* We will have a short break between Rounds #1 and #2 and again between Rounds #2 and #3. These breaks will allow athletes in the late heats to get a short rest and also allow volunteers to re-gather before we get the circus going again.

-> In each round, volunteers will record the order of finish by bib. After the entire event finishes, points will be totaled over three rounds for each athlete to produce boys and girls ranking lists by points earned.

-> The order of finish within each heat determines points awarded in each round.

1st — 15 points	2nd — 12 points	3rd — 10 points
4th — 8 points	5th — 6 points	6th — 4 points
7th — 3 points	8th — 2 points	9th — 1 point

-> Skiers will self-place themselves on the start line and there will be a required double pole zone.

-> For no-shows and skiers that elect to only do 1 or 2 rounds, the pre-seeded heats start “as is”. Yes, it will be easier to get points in a smaller heat. Can’t be helped.

Biggest Keys For Coaches and Skiers

Coaches please explain the points-per-place and pre-assigned schedule of heats format ahead of time to your athletes and parents. This will help avoid on-site confusion!

Following the very first heat, all subsequent heats will need to start on a rolling basis as the prior heat finishes (or gets close to finish).

The announcer and start crew will only have a limited ability to get word out to everyone which heats need to be lining up.

Coaches, parents, and skiers are going to need to play an active role in helping all athletes get to the line-up of each heat on time.

Bibs

Bib packets will be available near the announcing table/tent starting one hour before first round (roughly 4:45pm).

Girls bibs will be one or two digits (1-99) and boys bibs will be triple digits (101+) to help volunteers keep things organized.

Race Fee Paid Via Teams

\$14 per racer for Hoodoo grooming and facility use with invoicing and payment via the Northern League Treasurer after the event.

Coaches please note that since the results for this event are so conditional on a lot of logistics going just right, you all need to keep track of any no-shows for your team to adjust the final amount billed.

Results

It's unknown how long the point addition process will take. Coaches please warn your athletes and parents that it may take until Tuesday afternoon to get a point table done.

This format will result in some ties that will not be broken by any tiebreaker.

Other Notable Notes

—> **Corvallis Nordic will be providing complimentary chili and hot chocolate** for athletes, coaches, and volunteers in the Lodge. Thank you to Corvallis for this!

—> Coaches please remind your athletes to leave the **Lodge cleaner than we find it**. We are guests of Hoodoo at the tail end of a busy holiday alpine day.

—> **A special thank you goes out to Jim Hill and Sporthill** for continued financial support of the Hoodoo Night Sprints and Oregon high school skiing in general!