THE SNOWY RIDGE CLASSIC

OFFICIAL RACE RULES & REGULATIONS | August 28, 2027

1. Event Overview and General Regulations

The Snowy Ridge Classic is a 100-mile ultramarathon in Montana's Big Snowy Mountains, organized by Snowy Mountain Adventures. The official race date is August 28, 2027. Course distances and aid-station mileages are approximate until final GPX verification.

The event has a 36-hour overall time limit. Runners must comply with published rules, required waivers, race briefings, instructions, and all applicable land-management requirements. The Race Director has final authority over rule interpretation.

2. Course Navigation and Markings

Participants must follow the official course, including all marked turns and out-and-back sections, and carry GPS navigation equipment with the current race route downloaded and sufficient battery power. Course cutting or intentional deviation results in disqualification. Runners who inadvertently leave the route must return to their departure point. Course markings supplement, but do not replace, personal navigation responsibility.

3. Aid Stations and Checkpoints

Approximate aid-station sequence: West Peak (mile 12), Halfmoon (23), Uhlhorn 1 (30), Lost Peak (44.5), Uhlhorn 2 (51), Halfmoon 2 (59), Timber Creek (73), West Peak 2 (81.25), Crystal Lake (88), Cascades (96), and Finish (approximately 100).

Runners must check in as directed and comply with aid-station captain instructions. Access, services, and mileage are subject to final race publications.

4. Time Limits, Cutoffs, and Withdrawal

The overall time limit is 36 hours. All listed aid-station cutoffs beginning at Uhlhorn 1 are DEPARTURE cutoffs, not arrival cutoffs. The following departure cutoff schedule is based on the confirmed 7:00 AM Saturday, August 28, 2027 race start.

Aid station	Mile	Departure cutoff (MDT)	Elapsed hours
Uhlhorn 1	30	Sat 4:30 PM	9 h 30 m
Lost Peak	44.5	Sat 10:00 PM	15 h
Uhlhorn 2	51	Sun 12:30 AM	17 h 30 m
Halfmoon 2	59	Sun 4:00 AM	21 h
Timber Creek	73	Sun 8:30 AM	25 h 30 m
West Peak 2	81.25	Sun 12:30 PM	29 h 30 m
Crystal Lake	88	Sun 2:30 PM	31 h 30 m
Cascades	96	Sun 5:30 PM	34 h 30 m
Finish	~100	Sun 7:00 PM	36 h

The race starts Saturday, August 28, 2027 at 7:00 AM MDT. The 36-hour overall finish cutoff is Sunday, August 29, 2027 at 7:00 PM MDT. Leaving after a departure cutoff is prohibited unless race officials expressly authorize an exception. A runner missing a cutoff is recorded as DNF unless an exception is authorized.

A withdrawing runner must notify an aid-station captain or race official and receive acknowledgment, surrender the issued GPS tracker and any other returnable race equipment, and may not reenter. At remote aid stations, physically capable runners must be prepared to hike to a designated extraction point. Race officials determine the safest extraction method; transportation is not guaranteed.

5. Mandatory Equipment and Environmental Responsibility

Race officials may inspect equipment at any time. Runners and pacers must carry required equipment during their applicable portion of the event. Missing equipment must be remedied before departure; failure to comply by the cutoff results in disqualification unless officials authorize an exception.

Mandatory equipment from the start / throughout participation:

- GPS device or phone with the official course downloaded and sufficient battery power.
- Waterproof rain jacket (a wind jacket alone does not qualify).
- Water-carrying capacity of at least 1.5 liters at all times, with a hydration system capable of holding up to 4 liters throughout the entire race. Runners are not required to carry 4 liters of water at all times.
- Personal water filtration device, such as a filter bottle, filtration flask, or equivalent portable filtration system; required for runners and pacers.
- Race-issued GPS tracker (runners).
- Personal first-aid kit.
- At least 300 calories of emergency backup nutrition, separate from ordinary race fuel.
- Backcountry sanitation kit: suitable trowel, toilet paper or equivalent hygiene supplies, and sealable bag for packing out used paper and hygiene products. Additional required equipment before departing Uhlhorn 2 (approximately mile 51): Headlamp or waist-mounted light plus backup lighting or batteries; lightweight gloves; emergency SOS bivy. Runners may obtain these items at Uhlhorn 2 rather than carrying them from the start. All nighttime equipment must remain with runners from Uhlhorn 2 through the finish. Pacers joining at Uhlhorn 2 must carry their own required gear and may not rely on their runner's supplies.

Bear spray: Strongly recommended, but not mandatory.

Follow Leave No Trace principles. Where permitted by land managers, bury human waste 6–8 inches deep at least 200 feet from water, trails, campsites, and aid stations. Pack out all toilet paper, hygiene products, and litter. Do not damage natural resources.

6. Pacers

Pacers may join only at designated locations beginning at Uhlhorn 2 (approximately mile 51), and must comply with waivers, navigation, mandatory equipment, safety instructions, and official handoff procedures. Pacer exchanges are permitted only at designated crew-accessible aid stations. Cascades permits pacer drop-off only; it is not a crew-accessible aid station and no crew support is permitted there. Each pacer must individually sign the event waiver before participating.

7. Crew and Outside Assistance

Runners may receive crew assistance only at designated crew-accessible aid stations. Outside assistance elsewhere is prohibited and may result in disqualification. West Peak, Halfmoon, Lost Peak, and Cascades are not crew-accessible. Cascades is a pacer drop-off location only. Crew entry into any restricted aid station results in immediate disqualification of the associated runner, whether or not assistance was provided.

Runner responsibility for crew conduct: Each runner is responsible for the actions and conduct of their crew members throughout the event. Crew members must comply with race rules, designated access points, parking restrictions, landowner requirements, and race official instructions. Crew violations may result in penalties against the associated runner, up to and including disqualification, whether or not the runner was present, involved, or aware of the violation. Runners must

communicate applicable rules and restrictions to their crews before the event. Each crew member must individually sign the event waiver before participating. Crew members and spectators must not drive on roads designated as restricted by race management or enter non-crew-accessible areas, including roads leading to restricted aid stations, for event-related purposes. Crew vehicles may use only designated crew-access routes and parking areas. Public roads remain subject to applicable public access laws; these event restrictions govern race-related crew and spectator activity. Unauthorized crew vehicle access may result in immediate disqualification of the associated runner.

8. Medical Care and Emergency Assistance

Authorized medical personnel may evaluate and treat runners without penalty, including wound care, bandaging, blister care, and foot care. A runner may continue when medically permitted, within cutoffs, and in compliance with medical instructions.

Medical personnel may impose a mandatory hold or medically withdraw a runner. A runner who disregards a mandatory withdrawal or departs contrary to a medical hold may be disqualified. Medical holds do not automatically extend cutoffs; missing a cutoff while held results in DNF unless officials authorize an exception.

A runner encountering someone injured, ill, or in distress should stop when safe, assess their condition, offer reasonable assistance or available supplies, record the person's bib number, location, and condition, and report promptly to the next aid station. In serious emergencies, seek help immediately by any available means. Race officials may adjust cutoffs for verified assistance to an injured runner.

9. Runner Conduct and Landowner Respect

Rule Number One: Don't Be an Ass. Harassment, threats, or abuse toward race personnel, volunteers, landowners, or participants will result in disqualification and removal from the event.

Runners, pacers, and crews must respect private property boundaries, livestock, fences, gates, and ranch operations. Do not disturb livestock or damage property. Leave gates as found. Access to private land is granted only for authorized race activities and does not permit future recreational access. Unauthorized entry, including scouting or training without landowner permission, may result in disqualification of the associated runner and exclusion from future events.

10. Race Safety, Interruptions, and Official Instructions

The Race Director may modify, delay, suspend, shorten, or cancel the event for safety reasons, including lightning, severe weather, wildfire, hazardous air quality, land closures, or other emergencies. When racing is suspended for safety, the Race Director may adjust cutoffs and finishing deadlines for affected participants based on verified hold duration. Race management will announce adjustments.

Official instructions issued during the event supersede prior guidance. Participants must comply with lawful directions from land managers, emergency responders, and race officials; failure may result in removal or disqualification.

11. Registration, Cancellation, and Refunds

Waitlist-based refund policy: Race entries are nonrefundable except when a withdrawing runner's position is filled by an eligible runner from the official waitlist who completes registration and pays the applicable fee. Only after that replacement registration and payment are confirmed will organizers issue a refund of the withdrawing runner's original race entry fee, excluding nonrefundable processing fees. Withdrawal alone does not guarantee a refund. If no waitlisted runner fills the place, no organizer-issued refund is due. Private bib transfers and unauthorized substitutions are prohibited. Refund processing is subject to registration-platform requirements.

Optional individual registration protection: Any optional refund protection purchased by a runner through UltraSignup or its provider is separate from the race's organizer-issued refund policy. Claims, eligibility, covered reasons, payment amounts, and exclusions are governed by the protection provider's terms. Organizers do not guarantee claims or duplicate reimbursement.

Event cancellation protection: The race intends to use UltraSignup's Event Cancellation Protection Program for qualifying event cancellations or postponements. Any coverage, eligibility, exclusions, timing, and payments are governed by that program's terms and require confirmed enrollment; the race does not independently guarantee reimbursement.

12. Media, Amendments, and Final Authority

Participation constitutes consent to event photography and filming for race-related communications and promotion, subject to applicable law and any separate registration release. If any provision of these rules is invalid or unenforceable, remaining provisions remain in effect. Rules may be updated with notice on the official race website. These rules are governed by Montana law. The Race Director’s interpretation is final, subject to applicable law.