



### *A Snowshoe Bike Park Production*

The Epic Downhill Endurance Race  
Featuring over \$8,000 in Cash and Prizes

#### **EVENT DETAILS:**

The Chomolungma Challenge is a unique Downhill Endurance Race in which racers can compete in solo, duo or quad teams to be the first to complete 20 top to bottom runs on the Western Territory at Snowshoe Bike Park. By completing 20 runs, racers/teams will accumulate 30,000 vertical feet of downhill riding, topping the equivalent elevation of the peak of Chomolungma (The traditional Tibetan name of Mt. Everest).

The Chomolungma Challenge will be limited to the following number of competitors:

#### **Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup>:**

- Solo Racers (includes men & women categories): 125 racers
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$800, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$600, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: \$400

*Awarded to Overall Men Solo & Overall Women Solo*

**NOTE: Category MUST have at least 5 racers or cash payout will be reduced by 50%.**

#### **Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>:**

- 2 Person Teams, Duo: Max number of racers on course between Duo and Quad is 125 riders at one time. One rider on course at a time per team during race.
- 4 Person Teams, Quad: Max number of racers on course between Duo and Quad is 125 riders at one time. One rider on course at a time per team during race.

**NOTE: Team categories MUST have a minimum of 5 teams racing in each category for full cash payout, otherwise payout will be reduced by 50%.**

#### **PACKET PICK-UP:**

General pick-up will be from 5-9pm at the Village Depot on Friday August 15th. Alternatively, Solo Racers may pick up packets at the Depot on Saturday morning from 7am-8am. Duo & Quad teams may pick up packets at the Depot on Saturday from 9am-5pm.

## **ITINERARY:**

### **Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup> | Solo Race Day:**

**8:30AM:** Mandatory Riders Meeting for Solo Racers at the Junction Stage in the Village

**9:15AM:** Shotgun start at the Junction Stage in the Village.  
*Racers will be lined up according to race plate numbers in lines of 10 ten across.*  
*Start Order: Solo Men – 5 minute gap – Solo Women*

***NOTE: Snowshoe Drive will be CLOSED from 9am-9:30am. Racers will proceed through the Village to the Western Territory.***

### **Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup> | Duo & Quad Teams Race Day:**

**8:30AM:** Mandatory Riders Meeting for Duo & Quad Teams at the Junction Stage in the Village

**9:15AM:** Shotgun start at the Junction Stage in the Village.  
*Racers will be lined up according to race plate numbers in lines of 10 ten across.*  
*Start Order: Duo Teams – 5 minute gap – Quad Teams*

***NOTE: Snowshoe Drive will be CLOSED from 9am-9:30am. Racers will proceed through the Village to the Western Territory.***

## **OFFICIAL RULES:**

Racers may only use one bike frame for the entire race. Full suspension is mandatory for this event, no hard tails or rigid frame bikes permitted. Helmets are REQUIRED. In addition to a number plate each racer will be provided with a bike ID device which must be attached to the bike at each check-in and will be verified at the end of the race.

A mandatory racer meeting will be held in the Village at 8:30am on Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup> for the Solo Racers and 8:30 Sunday August 17<sup>th</sup> for the Duo and Quad Racers. Immediately following the racer meeting there will be a shotgun start by class beginning with Men's Solo followed by Women's Solo. On Sunday, the Duo Teams will start first and the Quad teams will start 5 minutes later. Racers will pedal from the starting line, through the Village and to the top of the Western Territory Lift to begin their first descent.

The race course will consist of two specific race tracks. Racers will be assigned which track they will start on and will run 10 laps on each track. In order for any lap to count, racers must show up at the correct check-in.

**Race Track A:** 10 Gallon, Pro DH

**Race Track B:** 10 Gallon, Judi Chop, Ninja Bob, Ball-n-Jack, Powerline

**Racers may not utilize service roads, ski slopes, or any other route down the mountain that is not a designated bike park trail. Any racer / team attempting to create shortcuts or use any non-designated trail will be disqualified. Course selection is subject to change based on weather or trail conditions at the discretion of Snowshoe Bike Park.**

There will be a check in station for each course at the bottom of the lift. Every racer must pass through the check-in station to have that run qualify. Each racer will be issued a lanyard that must be validated by a course official before proceeding to the lift. **Failure to stop and get validation for the lap may disqualify the lap.** Each racer will be required to stop for validating their lap with a special hole punch for the course they are racing on. It is the responsibility of the racer to stop to validate his/her lap. Each racer **MUST** have 20 punches on their card to verify completion of the race. A course official will be present at the top of the lift, and will be documenting each bike / number plate exiting the top of the lift. While the **number of laps are the primary goal**, and the individual lap **times are of no consequence**, each check in will receive a time stamp for reference in the event of a weather hold situation which forces an early end to the event (see Weather Policy below).

Please be prepared to bring your own nutritional support. There will be Gatorade and water available at the finish line, but a limited supply of nutritional products available during the race. It is recommended that racers plan ahead and stock up on nutritional needs and bring what they need for the event.

## **OFFICIAL TEAM RULES:**

### **Duo and Quad Teams:**

All Duo and Quad teams are only permitted to have **one team member on course at a time**. The 20 lap requirement can be met in any combination of laps per racer (i.e. it doesn't matter how many laps each racer makes as long as their combined DH runs equal 20, and each racer does at least one lap). One team lanyard will be provided to each Duo and Quad team and the team member on course must be wearing the lanyard for their laps to count. Only one racer per Duo and Quad teams will start the race in the Village.

All team members not starting the race must ride their designated course to the bottom of the lift between 8:45am and 9:00am to stage their bikes in the pit area. Once the bikes are at the bottom team members not on course may use the lift to return to the top at any point during the event, but their bikes must remain at the bottom of the lift.

Teams must transition between racers in the designated team exchange area located at the bottom of the lift.

## **RACER ETIQUETTE:**

Racers must exercise good judgment and racer etiquette in this event. Faster racers approaching slower racers on the trails must announce their approach and the side on which they wish to pass in addition to waiting for an appropriate section of the trail to overtake the slower rider. Slower riders, upon being

notified of an impending pass, must permit the faster rider to pass at the first reasonable opportunity. Course Marshals will be monitoring the trails and unsportsmanlike conduct can result in disqualification. This could include a faster rider being belligerent to a slower rider or a slower rider not allowing reasonable opportunities for a faster rider to pass. Racers may report unsportsmanlike conduct to any check-in station by providing the number plate of the offender as well as the issue. Multiple reports of misconduct may result in disqualification at the race official's discretion.

### **SAFETY:**

In the event of an incident requiring patrol response Course Marshals will wave an orange caution flag to warn riders of the incident down course. Riders are to proceed with caution until past the incident. Please follow instructions given by patrol or course marshals at the site.

### **MECHANICAL ISSUES:**

Mechanical issues will occur during the race, which is why having the proper tools, equipment, and knowledge is an important factor in this style of racing. Regardless, if a racer does experience a mechanical issue on the trail, the racer must immediately move him(her)self, his(her) bike, and any gear at least 10' off of the trail to complete the repairs to avoid interfering with other racers. If a member of a team has a mechanical failure they will still need to get themselves, their bike, and their team lanyard to the bottom of the lift to pass on the lanyard to get the other team member on course.

The Mountain Adventure Center Bike Shop will offer a retail (parts, service, and repairs) pit area for racers' convenience. These areas will be located next to Arbuckle's Cabin adjacent to the bottom of the lift.

There will be NO bicycle maintenance allowed on the chair lift platform or duo change out area. Failure to comply will result in disqualification.

### **TIMELINE:**

Racers / teams will have till 5:00pm to complete the event from that class' start time.

### **WEATHER POLICY:**

Inclement weather can and does happen from time to time and there's little anyone can do about it. That being said, please carefully read this weather policy as refunds will not be available in the event that weather forces a modification to the race structure.

#### **Chomolungma Challenge Weather Policy:**

There are weather forces that will cause a modification to the race structure such as:

Electrical Storms: Snowshoe Mountain Resort will use standard operating procedure in the event lightning is in the area.

In the event that a weather factor forces a lift closure during the race the following will take place:

- An official weather hold will be declared and communicated to all Snowshoe personnel radios.
- At the time a weather hold is declared, no more riders will be permitted to load the bottom of the chair lift until the weather hold is lifted.
- No more riders will be permitted to start down the top entrance to the bike park until the weather hold is lifted.
- Riders will stage their bikes in queue at both the top and bottom of the lift for the re-start once the weather hold has been lifted.
- All riders already on course when the weather hold is declared will have 10 minutes to check-in at the bottom station to have their run counted. Any riders showing up at the bottom check-in station beyond 10 minutes after a weather hold is declared will not be able to count that lap.
- Once Snowshoe PBX declares an "All-Clear" and lifts the weather hold, a race official at the start area will send riders three at a time, in the order in which they're queued, at 24 second intervals (this is the time that separates the bike trays on the lift and the naturally occurring interval of racers leaving the top of the lift). At the bottom, racers will begin loading the lift 3 at a time in the order in which their bikes are queued. Once the top and bottom queues are cleared, the race will resume normal operations.
- If weather holds are long enough to not permit each class to determine the podium spots based on 20 downhill runs the podium places will be determined based on the standings as of 10 minutes following the most recent weather hold declaration. If the number of laps completed creates a tie, the time stamps from the last lap completed (determined 10 minutes following the last weather hold) will determine the tiebreaker.

### **PIT AREAS:**

There will be a number of premium pit areas located at the bottom of the lift, as well as other places, available for purchase on [BikeReg.com](http://BikeReg.com) for this event. The premium pit areas will be large enough for a 14' trailer to be parked in during the event. All pits must be set up between 6pm and 8pm on Friday evening, or between 7am and 8am on Saturday morning. Please check in at Registration on Friday night for pit assignment.

### **GENERAL TRAFFIC:**

The Western Territory will be closed to all bikers except registered racers for this event. Uphill and downhill foot traffic will be permitted and all foot traffic will be permitted to use the lift, however racers will always have loading priority.

### **FOOD & BEVERAGE:**

Arbuckle's Cabin (located at the bottom of the Western Territory Lift) will be open during the race offering an assortment of food and beverage options. Turkey and Veggie wraps combos are available to pre-purchased participants on [Bikereg.com](http://Bikereg.com) for quick pick up.

There will be a limited supply of nutritional support available during the race in form of energy bars, gels, etc. However it is recommended that racers plan ahead and stock up on nutritional needs to supplement what will be provided at the event.

**RACE RESULTS:**

Unofficial Race Results will be announced after the completion of the event. The official results will be posted in the Village (verification of each check-in station's logs and timestamps will take place prior to official results are posted).

**AWARDS CEREMONY:**

Awards will take place on the Village Stage 6:00 pm on Saturday and Sunday night.

**Questions or concerns about the race or registration please call or email:**

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