



**WHISTLER BLACKCOMB**

## **Saudan Couloir Ski Race Extreme (V16.0)**

*April 13-14, 2018*

### **ENTRY**

**Open on March 1, 2018 at 10:00am:**

On line only –the Event Brite link will be posted on the Couloir page on the WSSF website. [wssf.com/Couloir-Extreme](http://wssf.com/Couloir-Extreme)

### **Racer Check-in 4:00-6:00pm**

**Thursday April 12 - Whistler Conference Centre**

Here you will receive race rules, event information and your race bib. It is here that you can confirm personal information so it is critical that you are present. If you know ahead of time you cannot make it during those times due to travel arrangements etc., please contact WB Events at 604-905-2039. A \$20 CASH bib deposit is required for the race bib.

### **Training**

On course training is not available. If we do not race on April 13, registered athletes wearing bibs will be allowed to inspect parts of the course as conditions allow. GateBuster training days are available in the weeks prior to the event. Check [whistlerblackcomb.com](http://whistlerblackcomb.com) for more information.

### **Race Day**

7:30am-8:30am  
9:30-10:15 am

**Friday, April 13 or Saturday April 14 – Weather Dependent**

Late Check in – Merlins at bottom of Wizard Lift, Blackcomb

Parts of the course will be open for inspection, conditions permitting.

Bibs must be worn with number clearly visible at all times on and around the Course. The course is on Couloir Extreme accessible from the 7th Heaven Chair. Exact route to be announced closer to race date

10:35 am

Course Sweep leaves start to clear the course

10:45 am

Forerunners start – all competitors must be off the course at this time.

11:00 am

Race Start Time. Racers will run in bib number order. Start interval is 1 minute.

Saturday 6:30 pm

Awards party at Merlin's. Video playback, awards and draw prizes for those in attendance. Tickets for a Buffet Dinner are included for racers. Guests welcome and can purchase tickets for the buffet. Minors are welcome until 10pm.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

Participants must be 19 years of age as of April 13, 2018.

### **CLASSES for Men and Women**

#### **Pro Classes**

Available for Men and Women – entrants will be required to apply for Pro status by providing a Competition History Bio. Pros will run first.

#### **Age Classes**

50+, 35-49, 19-34. Age is as of April 13, 2018

Classes will start in this order: Women 50+, Men 50+, Women 35-49, Men 35-49, Women 19-34, Men 19-34.

Running order will be randomly drawn within each class.

We reserve the right to adjust age classes according to registration numbers.



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**ENTRY FEE**

**Pro Class**

Before March 8, 2018 \$ 150 (includes gst)  
After March 7, 2018 \$180 (includes gst)  
(lift tickets are not included).

**Amateur Class**

Before March 8, 2018 \$ 100 (includes gst)  
After March 7, 2018 \$130 (includes gst)  
(lift tickets are not included).

**AWARDS/PRIZES**

A total of \$20,000 in cash and prizing will be up for grabs.  
Medals will be presented to Age Class winners. First place in each class will receive Couloir keepsake.  
All participants will be entered in the draw to win prizing from event partners.

Place	Men Pro	Women Pro
1 <sup>st</sup>	\$3,000	\$3,000
2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$1,500	\$1,500
3 <sup>rd</sup>	\$750	\$750
4 <sup>th</sup>	\$500	
5 <sup>th</sup>	\$250	



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## **Event Rules**

Racers are responsible for knowing these Rules.

### **Waivers**

Competitors must be 19 years of age or older and must sign a Whistler Blackcomb event waiver in order to participate in the event.

### **Helmets**

Helmets manufactured for alpine sports are **mandatory** for your safety. Mouthguards are recommended.

### **Bibs**

You will be required to leave a \$20 bib deposit in cash for this event. You must wear bibs during course inspection and for your race run with the number clearly visible from both sides at all times. Your bib will be collected in the race finish area, near the result board, at the end of your run and you will receive your deposit back in cash.

### **Course Inspection**

If conditions allow, you may be able to inspect the course during designated inspection times and in a side-slip or snowplow only. Remember that course workers will be on the course during these times. Your bib must be clearly visible. If you are caught running or shadowing even one gate you will be **immediately disqualified**.

### **Course Maintenance**

Competitors may be requested to side-slip in groups by the Chief of Race. Please help to make the course safe for your fellow competitors by complying with any such requests.

### **No Lift Line Priority**

There is no lift line priority for race participants. Please plan your arrival at the start accordingly and consider using the singles line.

## **THE START**

### **Race Seeding**

Running order for pros will be randomly drawn.

Running order for Age Classes will be random within each Class and the Classes will start in this order Women 50+, Men 50+, Women 35-49, Men 35-49, Women 19-34, Men 19-34.

### **Start Interval**

The start interval for the race is one minute. **You are NOT the only racer on the course.**

### **Start Sequence**

The start sequence is “10 seconds...5 - 4 - 3 - 2 - 1 - GO”. You may start after 5 and before the starter reaches +5 (counted silently).

### **Missed Starts**

If you miss your start you will run at the end of the age category in progress when you arrive.



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### ON THE COURSE

#### Passing

When overtaking, you must inform others on which side you are passing and exercise due caution. You are responsible for ensuring that you are passing safely. Yell as loudly as you can so the racer in front can hear you over the sound of his/her skis – knowing they are also wearing a helmet.

***Missing a gate to pass a racer is not allowed and you will be disqualified.***

#### Falls

If you fall on the course and/or lose a ski, you may replace your equipment and continue your run but you must yield to racers overtaking you. If you take yourself out of the race, ski down beside the course, well out of the way, being careful to avoid skiing through the finish line. Don't forget to check in when handing in your bib so that we know you are OK.

#### Missed Gates

If a gate is missed, the racer must hike back through the missed gate with both feet and board or ski tips crossing the imaginary line between the two inner poles of the turning gate and outside gate of the same colour before continuing their run. ***This includes missing a gate to pass a skier – we will be watching and skiers will be disqualified for missing gates under ANY circumstances.*** Both feet and tips must pass around the turning pole of all gates.

#### Missing Gates or gates out of place.

Gates down and people or equipment on the course are a natural part of a race of this nature. If you encounter a gate which has been knocked out and not reset in time, you must attempt to ski the line as if the gate was still in place.

#### Reruns

Reruns will not be granted.

### THE FINISH

#### Finish Area

Do not ski through the finish line (timing eyes) unless you are the racer on course. In the interest of your own safety, please remember that the race isn't over until you have come to a complete stop in the finish area. Please keep thinking until you've stopped.

#### Posted Results

Results posted in the finish area are **unofficial**. In the event of a tie in the Pro class, the prize money for the placing and the following placing will be added together and split (ie. tie for 2<sup>nd</sup> – prize money for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> will be added together and split in two). If there is a tie for the last money position, the money will be divided between the placers (ie. tie for 5<sup>th</sup> – prize will be split in two).