

PACRAT Racing 2011-2012

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Are you interested in Recreational Ski and Snowboard Racing? Read on!!!

Pacrat Racing is the one of the most fun things you can (legally) do on the mountain!! But be warned: it can be habit forming! We offer organized team racing and one or two NASTAR open races that are open to the general public.

For over 26 years **PACRAT Racing** (Pacific Northwest area Clubs Recreational Alpine Teams) has offered adult ski club members an exciting and fun opportunity to participate in recreational alpine racing on Mt Hood. Ski Club Members can easily form a team (or teams) of 10 skiers of all levels (as long as you can get to the hill and make a turn) you can race in this league. Many PACRATter's have raced for years and are trained racers, but even more have joined PACRAT as beginner to advanced skiers /boarders looking for team camaraderie and friendly competition. In fact many racers join primary for the social aspect and throw in some racing! **This is a ski racing league for men and women of all ability levels! All are welcome!**

This year the PACRAT race league has even more reasons for racers to join a ski club race team. **This is our second season for PACRAT to offer The NASTAR (National Standard Race) qualifications** and points and awards at no extra cost this season! The first season was a resounding success! **With NASTAR in the fold**, we will again **be scored in 2 ways**, Traditional Pacrat scoring and NASTAR scoring! Racers can compare how they do within our local league (Pacrat) and Nationally through NASTAR! This means double the fun! View NASTAR.com for more information on the benefits of NASTAR to our racers.

Secondly, PACRAT has invested in a state of the art **wireless Phoenix timing system**. If last year was any indication it has proven to be the finest timing system found on the mountain! Our Pacrat Race Crew has been trained by the manufacturers on how to properly set it up and operate our own equipment to help reduce the timing malfunctions that can be associated with ski racing. PACRAT offers a no-hassle all fun experience and is going to great lengths to see to it that our racers will have an enjoyable on the hill experience.

To join a PACRAT team, the only requirements are to be 21, a ski club member, and membership dues which will be \$95 for the season. **The dues include your bib**, 5 races at the 2 ski areas on Hood- Mt Hood Meadows and Mt Hood Skibowl- which will give you discounted race day lift tickets, and après ski parties with door prizes and refreshments, pins for placement in your category, NASTAR standings and pins, and the end of season Rat Attack Awards Party.

Also it should be noted MT Hood Meadows has installed a New High speed quad lift , the Stadium Express, which will greatly improve access to the race hill shortening racer turnaround.

The teams consist of 10 racers from your club, all men, all women, or co-ed. Each racer is handicapped after their first race and placed into one of the 7 skill levels ranging from novice to elite based on their individual time after completing the course. You race in a dual style format, so each racer is offered 2 runs, taking your best time of the day.

Throughout the season, each racer competes against his or her time, and against other racers in their category (the “friendly” competition). It is to a team’s benefit to have a wide variety of skiing levels represented. Generally newer racers, rather than Elite racers, make more points for their team as their improvement is more rapid and their handicap goes down quicker and therefore more points are earned each race.

Results are posted after each race, generally at the après race party, and racers can see their individual times. Later in the week the individual and team cumulative points are sent out to team captains. A fun way to challenge yourself this winter and have a “team’ on the mountain to ski with.

2011-2012 Schedule of Events

October 13th **PACRAT 101-** Location at **Tubby’s Deli**, 3330NW Yeon open to Team Captains and all interested. The meeting is 6-8pm. This is an opportunity to learn about our league and the direction its’ going. This is a great opportunity for our guests to get to know who we are and what we do.

January 7 NASTAR Race #1 NASTAR OPEN at Mt Hood Meadows; Local and Nascar receives racers from, around the state and the northwest.

January 8th Race 1 Pacrat /Nastar League Race Mount Hood location TBD either Stadium or Middlefork

January 29th Race 2 Pacrat/ Nastar Pacrat League Race Mt Hood Skibowl

February 12th Race 3 February 12th Race 3 Mt Hood Meadows location TBD Stadium or Middlefork TBD

March 11th Race 4 Pacrat/Nastar Mt Hood Ski Bowl

March 18th Nastar Nationals (for those who qualify)

March 25th Race 5 Pacrat/Nastar Mt Hood Meadows location: Stadium or Middlefork TBD

April 1st Make Up Race-if a race is cancelled- or 2nd NASTAR Open Location
TBD

April 6-8th FWRA Championships Location: Mammoth Mt California

April 13th Rat Attack Awards Party (Tentative- Location TBD)

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