

Devo Downhill Race Guide

Welcome to our 1st Annual DEVO DH Race Series! This series has been years in the making, and we're stoked to bring it to the Rogue Valley. This guide should answer *most* of your questions and have the information needed for all 5 races. Remember, we're new at this... if we've left something out, feel free to give us a shout by sending Casey an email at ashlanddevo.casey@gmail.com.

Race Series Vibe - Ashland Style

We want everyone to remember the goals of this race series: Build community, and have fun! That's it. If you're swapping out tires based on daily conditions or changing the oil viscosity in your fork to shave a hundredth of a second off your time, this may not be the series for you. **Our main goals are to provide new racers with an opportunity to try out racing in a low-pressure environment, and provide experienced racers the chance for a preseason tune-up on their home trails, while offering feedback and coaching to participants.**

To that end, we won't have awards until the final race, where we will have a series winner for each category. You won't get an award, or anything really, other than a race plate, result, and chance to hang out with friends. Results will be posted online, and that will be the place to see how you did, but don't expect any sweet Instagram podium shots. Our categories will reflect this mindset, organized only by age and gender.

Still interested? We hope so! Read below for the juicy deets.

Who can race?

Anyone can race in the DEVO DH Race Series. **Minimum requirements are that riders can complete the entire course without dismounting to walk sections.** Riders under 10 should have a parent or adult following them down the course, and we will enforce this for riders under 8.

Schedule

3/17 - BTI (check-in at the Quarry)

3/31* - Lizard/Rabbit Hole (check-in at the Quarry)

4/14 - Jabberwocky (check-in at the Quarry)

4/21 - PB+J/Cartwheel - Mountain of the Rogue (Check in at the 7th Day Adventist Church next to MOTR)

4/28 - Catwalk (check-in at 4 corners)

We're building in an alternate 5/5/22 date for the Lizard Rabbit Hole to accommodate USFS permitting backlog - 3/31 date is currently pending.

Specific Times

All specific times for check in and race runs will be sent out to registered racers prior to the event, but in general, expect to check in at 4:30 for 6th grade and under racers, and 5-5:15 pm for all 7th grade and above. We hope to run all 6th and under racers starting at 5pm, and all 7th and above following the kids. Races will be complete by 6:30pm.

Format

Racing will occur on one trail per date. Racing is a one-run, no restart format. Racers will be hand timed using Webscorer software, with back-up on-paper timing. Racing takes place on "Downhill" oriented trails. Racers are only timed on these trails, between the designated start/finish lines.

Racers will be started on 1 minute intervals. U10 youth, 11-14 youth, and 15-18 youth will race first in both male and female categories. There will be a 5 minute break between youth and adult categories. Adult racers will self select their start order.

Registration

Registration will take place on League Apps. This is the only way to register. Cost per race is \$15, and payment must occur using the League Apps platform **only**. Registration will be limited to 60 racers per race. **There will be no refunds issued for cancellations, no exceptions.**

Check-In

Check-in will occur at the designated spots listed above. There will be no onsite registration.

Racers will be issued one race plate for the entire series. Racers who lose or forget their race plates will be given a pie plate (with no pie). Our custom race plates are way cooler than pieless pie plates, so please remember your plates.

Transportation to race run

As a condition of our permit, and to ease traffic congestion on the loop road, **all racers 7th grade and above** will be required to pedal from the Quarry to the start line. You may be asking, "wouldn't this be more an Enduro format?" Yes, it would be. But DEVO DH sounds better, so we went with that.

Riders 6th grade and younger can either pedal, or get a ride to White Rabbit Parking Lot for races 1-3. Riders 7th and above must pedal. The climb is approximately 1000 feet elevation gain.

Race 4, every racer will climb to the start area at MOTR. The climb is on a mellow singletrack with approximately 500 feet of vertical ascent.

Race 5, every racer can drive to 4 corners.

Please remember to watch for traffic and drive slowly/respectfully on fire roads when transporting to the races. Carpool when possible.

Categories

Race age is based on the age you are on **March 17th, 2022**. For example, if you are 10 years old on March 17th, and 11 on March 18th, your race age is 10 for the series.

- 10 and under Mixed Boy/Girl
- Boys 11-14
- Boys 15-17
- Men 18-39
- Men 40+
- Girls 11-14
- Girls 15-17
- Women 18-39
- Women 40+

Race Etiquette

This race series will be the first race for many of the participants. We intend to stress proper race etiquette to new participants, young and old. Help become a responsible racer by doing the following:

- Absolutely NO cutting corners, or riding off trail. This is a good way to get our permit pulled, anger the local advocacy group who cleans up the trails, and get your bike vandalized at Gil's!

- Ride within your limits at all times. Remember, this is for fun. Often, riding smooth is faster than pushing your limits to the point of no control.

- **We will not have exclusive use of the trails during our races.** While we do have course marshals in place, you still may encounter dogs, hikers, mountain bikers, or trail runners who have every right to be there EVEN during your race run. We hope that in the spirit of community, users will use another trail than our race trail, but in the event they don't, please don't treat them poorly.

- Helmets REQUIRED at all times, even on climbs. This is a kid's event first and foremost. Please set a good example for our youth participants.

- Follow all the rules of the road when on public streets. Again, our permit is dependent on our participants following the rules.

- NO riding of trails signed “no bikes” or off trail. We don’t need a bunch of emails to the city because someone saw a bike with a DEVO nameplate riding through Lithia Park. Keep it legal and respectful folks!

- Riders 10 and Under new to racing or unfamiliar with the trails MUST have a rider 15 or older follow them. Riders under the age of 18 MAY have an adult follow them if they so desire.

- Ride respectfully and conservatively around other users and the public. When you have a DEVO race plate on, you are representing our program. Any altercations or reports that come back to us about any poor behavior by a rider will result in a ban from future races. Be mindful!

First Aid/Downed rider rule

In the event you come across a downed rider, we ask that you stop UNLESS the rider lets you know they are ok and are out of the trail. Do your best to assess the situation and let the next rider down know that you are in need of help. That 2nd rider needs to report the downed rider info to a course marshal, medical volunteer, or finish line as soon as possible.

Riders helping an injured rider will be allowed to restart at the Race Director’s discretion. If you yell “are you ok” and the rider gives a thumbs up, as you continue riding by, you probably won’t get a restart. It’s up to the rider to get transportation back to the start line for a restart.

Results/After Party

Results will be tabulated and posted via Webscorer software at a local sponsor’s establishment following each race, and posted to our website www.ashlanddevo.org Our **tentative schedule** for after parties is below:

3/17 - The Handlebar Bike Shop

3/31 - Skout

4/14 - Gil’s/Ruby’s

4/21 - 7th Day Adventist Church Parking Lot (MOTR)

4/28 - Cyclesport Ashland (Overall Series Podium Awards Ceremony)

If 3/31 race moves to 5/5, we will update the after party schedule as needed

Our final race will award overall series winners for each category. Riders must participate in a minimum 4 events to be eligible for the overall title. Riders who race all 5 events will drop their lowest result from the tally. This may change if we have less than 5 events permitted this year.