



DOWNIEVILLE

ESTD CLASSIC 1995

2025 WOMEN'S INITIATIVE



BOOSTING PARTICIPATION & RACING SUPPORT

- 5 All Mountain PRO Women Comp Entries.
- 5 Comp Women's Entries, any race category.
- All comped racers are invited to camp together in a convenient, designated group area to support each other.
- PRO Women share event on their social channels before & after, participate in Thursday Pre-Ride or Skills Clinic with women racers (all women invited to pre-ride).
- 100 All Mountain & 50 XC registrations will be held for women until March 1st

RACE START CHANGES

In order to provide women the most fair, safe, and enjoyable racing experience, the following changes will be made to race starts:

XC RACE

- All Expert Women will join one another in a separate start wave behind Expert men in order to alleviate aggressive passing maneuvers.

DH RACE

- PRO Women will launch in 1 minute intervals instead of 30 second intervals as in years' past & will launch directly behind PRO Men w/a 10 minute gap buffer after PRO Men to minimize passing PRO Men.
- 10 minute break after last PRO woman to minimize passing from next wave.

TO APPLY FOR COMPED ENTRIES, COMPLETE THIS QUESTIONNAIRE!
APPLICANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED ON A ROLLING BASIS.



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COMPLETE 2025 RACE START CHANGES

SBTS take its racer feedback seriously and is focusing on implementing changes to the 2025 Downieville Classic race starts that will: 1) Make the racing experience more fair, safe, and enjoyable for women, and 2) Enhance the overall flow of racing and reward racers for the previous year's results on the Downieville DH, the culmination of the All Mountain World Championship. Keeping in mind the many unseen logistics and requirements of producing the Downieville Classic, we have looked in detail at historical finishing times in order to produce the most optimal starting format possible.

XC RACE START CHANGES

- All Expert Women will join one another in a separate start wave behind Expert men in order to alleviate aggressive passing maneuvers.

DH RACE START CHANGES

- New Start time: 8:30AM.
- PRO Women will launch in 1 minute intervals instead of 30 second intervals as in years' past & will launch directly behind PRO Men w/a 10 minute buffer after PRO Men (so the fastest women have to pass as few PRO Men as possible)
- 10 minute buffers will be added after PRO women and the largest waves, Expert Men 31-40, 41-50, and 51-60, to minimize passing from following waves

Old DH STARTING ORDER

- PRO Men*
- Expert Men 30 & Under
- PRO Women
- Singlespeed
- Expert Men 31-40
- Expert Men 41-50
- Expert Junior Men
- Expert Women 30 & Under
- Expert Women 31-40
- Expert Men 51-60
- Expert Men 61+
- Expert Junior Women
- Expert Women 41-50
- Expert Women 51-60

NEW DH STARTING ORDER

- PRO Men*!
- PRO Women*!
- Singlespeed
- Expert Junior Men
- Expert Men 30 & Under
- Expert Men 41-50!
- Expert Men 31-40!
- Expert Men 51-60!
- Expert Women 30 & Under
- Expert Women 31-40
- Expert Men 61+
- Expert Junior Women
- Expert Women 41-50
- Expert Women 51-60

Within each category, racers will be ordered by 2024's finishing times, then by date of registration.

*** Designates 1 minute starting intervals.**

! Designates category with a 10 minute buffer at the conclusion of the category starts

All other categories are 30 second start intervals.