



Roy Varney Hornet Classic

January 10th, 2026

MOWC-Turner

Coach's Notes



We are very excited to have the Roy Varney Hornet Classic at the MOWC in Turner! This is the first time the full Saturday race is at the MOWC. We shoveled for 2hr30min on Tuesday and had two tractor snowblowers moving snow around. Please thank all of the volunteers for making this race very successful. Please read below for important race day information.

Race Day Schedule:

8:00am-9:30am—Registration/Bib Pick-Up

10:15am--Course closed (except to coaches)

10:30am: Girls 5K Classical Ind. Start

12:00pm: Boys 5K Classical Ind. start

Approx 3:00pm: Bib draw/Awards in the lodge (might be earlier, listen for announcements)

Course Info:

Always ski in the direction of the race course. Skiing in the opposite direction will result in a disqualification. Absolutely no walking on the course. Only walking is allowed on the ungroomed snow.

The course is closed during the race. Only coaches may ski the race course. We will hopefully reopen the course between the girls and boys races. Listen for announcements.

THIS IS A TWO LAP COURSE. Any skier who does not ski two laps will be disqualified. See course map at the bottom of this doc.

Technique:

This is a classical race. No skating is allowed except skate turns (where no track is set) and when changing tracks, in which case the competitor is allowed one skate out and one skate back in. Classical technique violations will be reported to the race jury for sanction.

Other Rules:

The use of freestyle skis is prohibited. Fluoro free glide and kick wax only.

Wax Info:

There will be dry erase boards posted in the stadium area for coaches to write on which kick waxes are working and not working. All coaches should work together to find the best kick for all of our skiers. Please write on the board your wax.

Registration:

Registration/bib pick-up is located inside the lodge. Registration is 8:00-9:30am. Coaches need to pick up bibs before 9:30am. Coaches report any scratches. If there are racers to be added to the start list, they will go at the end of the start list. Hopefully, there will be a very minimal amount of additions. There is no change to start order on race day.

Electricity:

There are no electricity outlets so coaches need to be prepared with generators or torches.

Parking:

Security and volunteer crew will be assisting with bus/spectator parking. Spectators are strongly encouraged to carpool.

Athletes need to use their buses as staging/shelter or the lodge. We also welcome skiers and spectators to hang out inside the lodge.

Restrooms:

There are porta-potties available.

Concessions:

There will be a concession stand selling hot/cold drinks, snacks, hot foods (i.e. chili, meatballs, hotdogs, grilled cheese). It will be located in the lodge.

Results:

Results will be posted near the lodge. Protests must be submitted by the coach. Protests must be made within 30 minutes after the official results have been posted. Results (along with photos) will be posted on the MHSS website and be sent to area newspapers.

Awards will take place in the lodge as soon as results become official (approximately 3:00pm but maybe earlier). There will be an announcement indicating the award ceremony start.

We have prizes for the bib draw courtesy of Boulder Nordic Sport East.

Top 10 individual finishers will receive MOWC apparel. There are also ribbons and trophies. The top 2 teams will receive plaques.

Après Ski: Teams are welcome to ski as much as they want after the race.

Race questions:

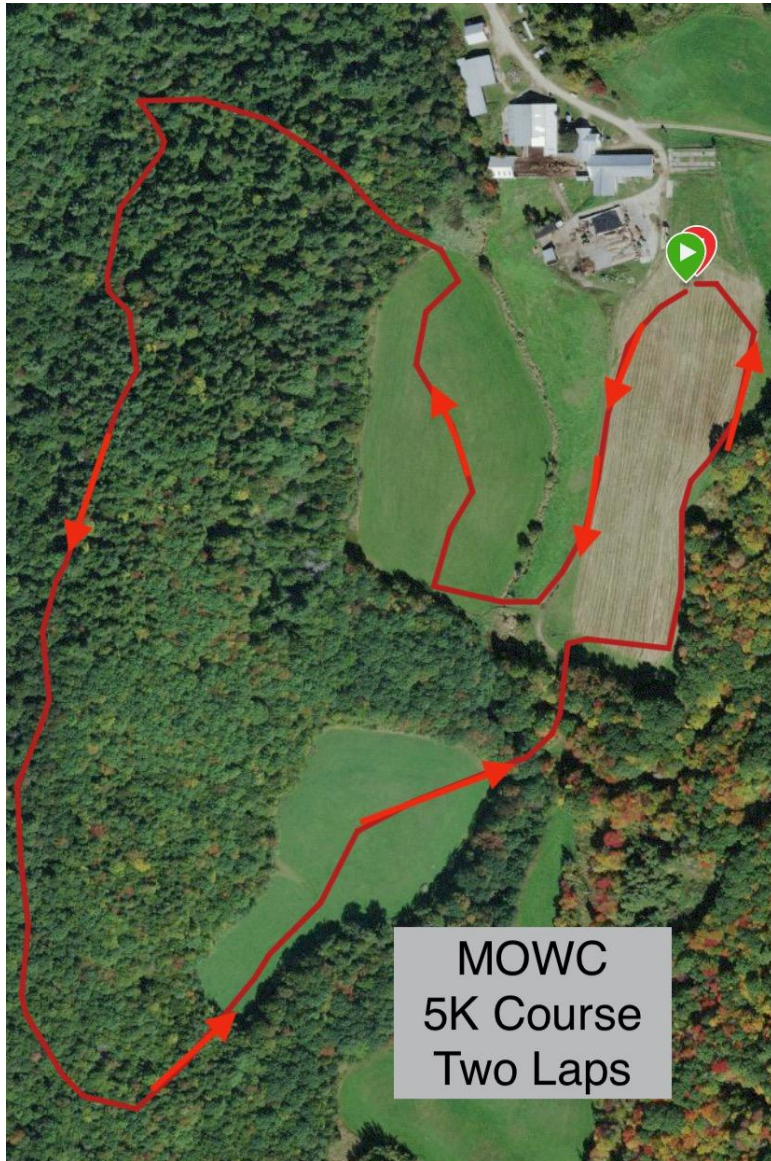
Contact Leavitt coach Dustin Williamson, dustin.williamson@msad52.org . On race day, feel free to find me somewhere in the stadium.

Thank you for your help in making the Roy Varney Hornet Classic a success.

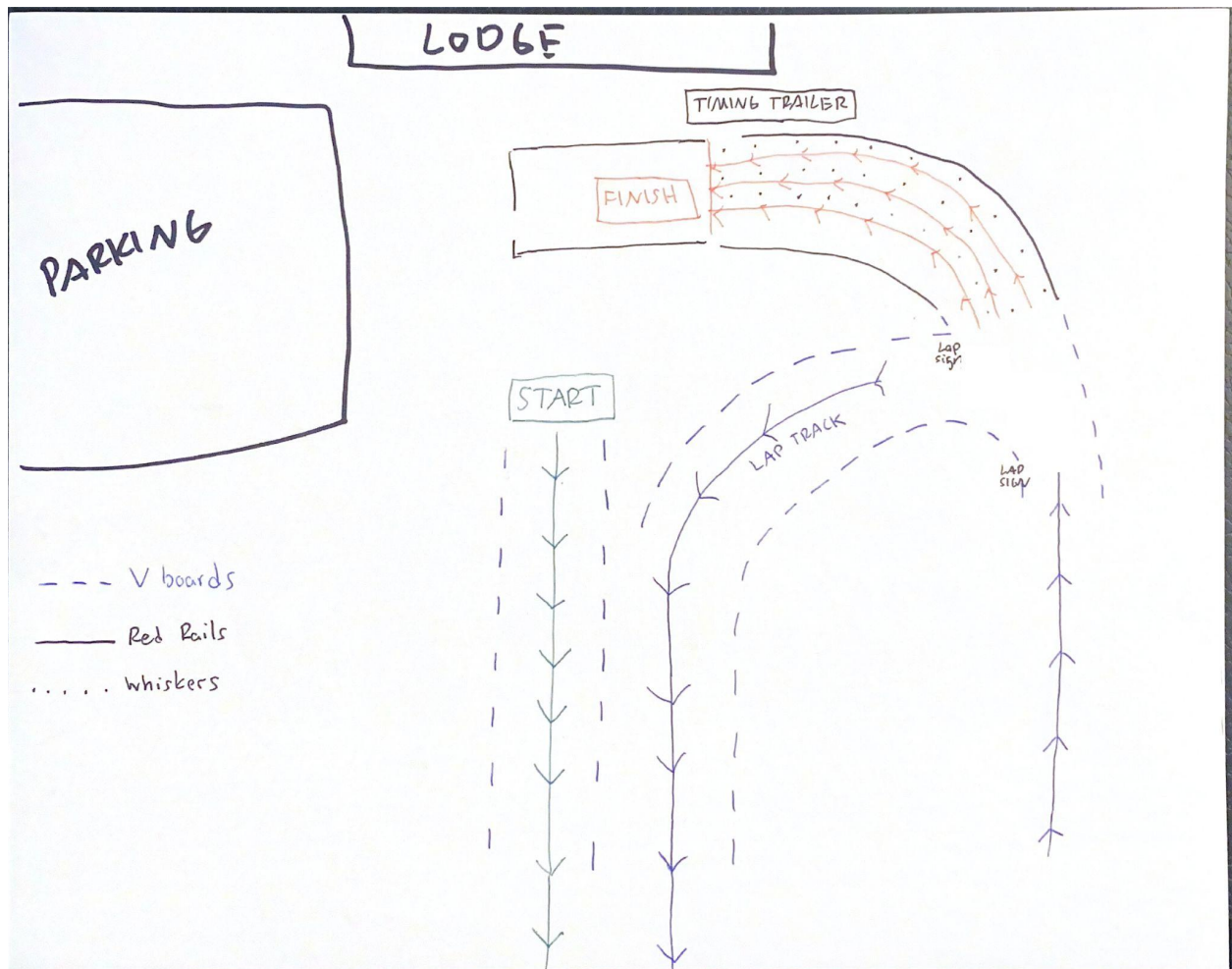
And again, a huge THANK YOU to all the volunteers for putting in countless hours of help!



COURSE MAP:



STADIUM MAP:



Here is a letter written by Roy's sister Mackenzie about Roy Varney. Please share with your athletes.

The race you have on Saturday is called the Roy Varney Hornet Classic in honor of my brother who passed away in 2019 and I've been given this opportunity to talk to you about Roy and what this means to my family.

As the years pass, we want athletes who didn't get a chance to ski with him or experience his chaotic energy firsthand, to understand his legacy and why we still celebrate him and his commitment to this sport.

The best way to do this is through stories.

I have four siblings, we're very competitive, we all skied, and all did relatively well, but Roy took it a step further and one night at dinner announced to us that he was going to be better than we were, he was going to be an Olympic athlete, I'd like to tell you we were incredibly supportive about this, but he was 12, and our annoying younger brother, so we laughed at him. This didn't phase him in the least, instead, he started collecting all of our medals, and ribbons from high school put them on his walls, and would wear them around the house, anytime something related to skiing went missing it was definitely in his room. Jackets, brushes, ski ties, you name it, it was there. We thought it was weird, but let it slide - then, as the years went on we noticed he kept improving and getting better and, training all season long, then he was winning races, and awards, and states, and we started taking him a bit more seriously.

He was obsessed with this sport and wasn't shy about it, either. He would walk up to other athletes who had done better than him and berate them with questions: what their workout routines looked like, what their protein intake was, and how often they cross-trained. If they did other sports, he would try to convince them to quit and train year-round for skiing with him - which worked, he ended up recruiting quite a few kids and was not very popular with other h.s coach his senior year, it went on and on - and as you can imagine, it was very overwhelming, but when he had a goal, there wasn't an option but to reach it. He was best described as intense, he was incredibly supportive of his fellow teammates and pushed everyone to be their absolute best, all the time. He was one of those people who shined so bright that you couldn't help but be better around him.

One of his dreams was to create a biathlon course through the fields at the farm, which is what we've been doing for the past few years in his memory, we created an outdoor rec center called the MOWC in Turner Maine - we host races when we have snow, otherwise its miles of biking/hiking trails while still operating as an agriculture space, and it's one of the ways we keep the community engaged in remembering him.

