

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The 5th and final race of the 2026 season will be hosted at the Rossignol Ranch in Lolo, MT. The Lolo Final Landing race features primo trails on an amazing piece of private land - the Rossignol Ranch. Expect a good bit of climbing, but you'll be rewarded with flowing descents and great views. New this year are a couple of switchbacks that help break up the climb. The course is 3.3 miles with ~400 feet of climbing. [COURSE MAP FILE HERE](#)

PRE-RIDE:

The course will be open for pre-ride Friday afternoon (5:00-7:00 PM) and Saturday morning (8:00-8:45 AM). We strongly recommend that all racers pre-ride the course and bring a map, plenty of water, cell phone and always ride with a coach. Please pass course workers with great care and stay off the course outside of the above times. Only registered riders, coaches and staff are allowed on the course. **Everyone needs a race plate or a registered coach plate to be on course.** No unregistered parents/siblings allowed on course. All racers must have a coach with them during pre-ride.

VOLUNTEER:

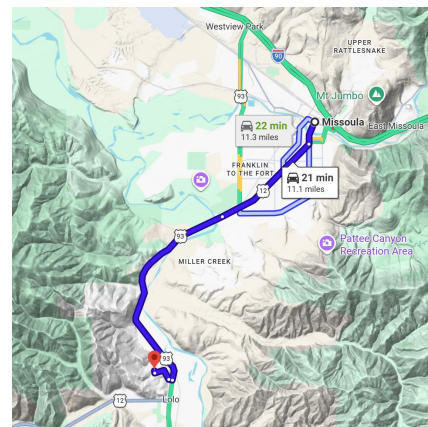
Race day would not be possible without the incredible work of our volunteers. It takes a "village" to put on quality youth mountain bike races. ALL of our volunteer positions are fun and straightforward (money-back guarantee!). With the help of our Volunteer Coordinator and onsite review with one of our League race staff members, you'll feel confident and well-prepared to lend a hand.

If you have any volunteering-related questions, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator Cindy volunteer@montanamtb.org.

DIRECTIONS:

Rossignol Ranch, Lolo, MT

Click [HERE](#) for Google Maps Link



[CLICK HERE TO VOLUNTEER](#)

Race #5 | Lolo Final Landing | Lolo, MT | Oct 9 - 10, 2026**2026 REGISTRATION and RACE PLATES:**

The flat-fee registration structure for 2026 includes race entries - there is no additional cost to attend races. However, racers must still sign up for each race they plan to attend in NICA's Pit Zone so we can prepare start lists and call-ups. Please sign-up in Pit Zone by 11:59 PM on the Monday before each race to ensure your student-athlete receives a call-up. **Racers who miss the Monday deadline are still welcome to race, but will start at the back of their respective field - no exceptions.**

All racers will receive a permanent race plate with a chip timing transponder on the back, which will be used for all five races this season. If your racer does not have their plate, please check in at the Registration Tent after speaking with your head coach. Please remove your race plate before transporting your bike on your car to prevent loss. **Replacement plates are available at Registration for \$20.** Please double-check that your racer is registered and Race Ready in Pit Zone.

WAVE SCHEDULE and COURSE MAPS:

The Detailed Race Start Schedules and Course Maps are located at the links below:

[**RACE START SCHEDULE**](#)[**COURSE MAPS**](#)**IMPORTANT NOTES:**

- Pit Zone drop-off is open to teams only from 3:00-7:00 PM on Friday.
- All participants will be expected to help with Pit Zone takedown after the races and awards will not begin until after takedown is completed.
- Pit Zone will open to vehicles for loading after completion of awards on Saturday.
- No smoking anywhere at the race venue or on campus.
- No inappropriate language.

ARE YOU RACE READY?**Pit Zone Race Ready Checklist:**

- Pit Zone profile completed
- Waivers signed in Pit Zone
- League registration fees paid
- Signed-up for the races in Pit Zone!

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IMPORTANT NOTES:

- Any conflicts and/or disputes with any race official or volunteer shall not be dealt with in the team pit area and will only be dealt with from a team's head coach.
- All bikes must be walked in Pit Zone area.
- **Helmets must be worn at all times during the event weekend by anyone on a bike.**
- No gasoline generators and no open fires inside the team pit areas (including no charcoal grills).
- Dogs must be kept on leash at all times at the race venue. Clean up after your dogs!
- Please pack out what you pack in. No garbage receptacles will be provided.
- Please be sure to throw away all trash, including micro trash such as wrapper bits.
- Review our Refund and Weather Policy [HERE](#).
- All racing will be governed by the [NICA Rulebook](#).

We hope all racers and their families will stay after the races for the award ceremony!

REMEMBER:



Our Montana NICA League is built on positive sportsmanship - please treat athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers and spectators with the same respect and kindness you would like to receive.



Please remove all trash from your camping area and team Pit Zone area. There is no public dumpster at the Rossignol Ranch, you must take garbage home with you.



If you choose to bring your dog, they must be under control and on a leash no longer than 6 feet at all times. Please clean-up after your dog.

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NEVER BEEN TO A NICA EVENT? To help you get started with the basics of organizing for the races, NICA has assembled this [QUICK START GUIDE](#). It's based on over 10 years of parents and kids asking coaches, "What am I supposed to bring?" "Where am I supposed to go?" and "What do I do?" **Specific questions? Reach out to your team coaches or League staff.**

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The Montana Interscholastic Cycling League encourages racers, coaches and parents to camp out! Thanks to the amazing local landowners, Dick and Bobbie Rossignol, rustic overnight camping will be offered on Friday night.

GUIDELINES:

- Racers and coaches - please show up at the Lolo course with **clean bikes**. Mud can carry weed seeds and the property owner works hard to keep his property clear of invasive weeds.
- Parental supervision required, no exceptions. **League staff and team coaches are NOT responsible for student athletes outside of pre-ride and racing.**
- Campsites are rustic/unimproved and first come first served. No hookups available for RV's.
- No campfires or open flames allowed. Propane grills and stoves allowed as consistent with the current local fire restrictions.
- Pack in/pack out trash and recycling - **there is no trash service provided.**
- Porta potties will be provided at race venue and in camping area.
- Please help us make sure kids stay in the designated camping area Friday night, out of respect for the neighborhood.
- Please drive SLOW through the neighborhood on the way to the race venue!
- **Quiet time is from 10:00 PM-7:00 AM, this includes generators. Please respect other campers' and the Rossignol Ranch neighbors' sleep!**

**To-Do List:**

- Download [Venue Directions](#)
- Check out [Course Maps](#)
- Sign-up to [Volunteer at the Race](#)
- Look over the [Packing List](#)

PLEASE NOTE:

Information in the Race Start Schedule is subject to change. Please check the Race Start Schedule link just prior to race weekend to ensure you have the most current information available for the upcoming event.

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Race Time Limits: For races with multiple laps, time limits will apply. Riders who are stopped by the time limit will still receive a finish time and be scored in their order of finish. Please see Section 5.8 of the [HANDBOOK](#) for details.

Call-Ups: High School: Are calculated as the best 3 of 4 races for the Lolo Final Landing weekend. Middle School: Will be calculated as the average of points. Call-Ups will be posted [online](#) by Tuesday evening of race week. Any comments must be made by Wednesday night - the League will not adjust Call-Ups onsite.

Outside Help During Races: Please see Section 4.19 of the [HANDBOOK](#). Middle School athletes may receive help from anyone for a mechanical during a race. This includes help from coaches, parents, marshalls, spectators, other racers, etc.

High School athletes must be self-sufficient. If they do receive mechanical help of any kind during a race, a 5-min penalty will be issued.

Spectators: The League loves to see spectators out on course, but please keep back a large margin from the race course to protect both racer and spectator safety. This includes keeping arms and phones on the spectator side of the fencing in the start and finish chutes.

**NEUTRAL MECHANIC GUIDELINES:**

We are so fortunate to have **Andrew Plant from Wild Fox Bikes** serving as the League's neutral mechanic this season. Andrew will be at most race weekends to help racers with **pre-race mechanical issues** that may prevent them from getting to the start line.

Please remember:

- **Neutral mechanic support is for racers only and for pre-race mechanical issues.**
- This is **not a free bike tune-up service** or an opportunity for routine adjustments and touch-ups.
 - If new parts are needed, the family will need to pay onsite for the bike parts.
- **No bike repairs will be provided after racing.**
- If your bike develops a mechanical issue during a race, please take it to your **local bike shop** for repair before the next race weekend.
 - If the neutral mechanic determines a bike is not in safe working order and cannot be fixed onsite, the athlete will be unable to race.

Please arrive with your bike race-ready and in good working condition. The neutral mechanic is there to help with unexpected issues - not to replace regular bike maintenance.

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RACE WEEKEND SCHEDULE:

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9th

10:00 AM		Core Race Staff Arrives
11:00 AM		Volunteer Shifts Begin
3:00 PM		Open: Team Pit Zone, Camping and Merchandise
4:00 PM		Open: Registration
5:00 PM		Pre-Ride Begins (all on-course must have a race plate on bike and be with a coach)
6:15 PM		GRiT (Girls Riding Together) Pre-Ride
6:45 PM		Registration Closes, Merchandise Closes
7:00 PM		Pre-Ride Closes, Course Closed

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10th

DETAILED RACE START SCHEDULE

7:45 AM		Registration Opens
8:00 AM		Pre-Ride Opens
8:00 AM		Coaches Meeting (mandatory attendance for 1 coach from each team)
8:45 AM		Pre-Ride Closed, Course Closed
9:15 AM		Racing Begins! (see Race Start Schedule for details)
11:00 AM		Registration Closes
~2:30 PM		Racing Concludes
~3:00 PM		Awards, Senior Acknowledgements, Super Volunteer Recognition
~3:30 PM		Ice-Cream Social provided by ZillaState

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