



RULES

MASS START® SERIES

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PREAMBULE

George EDWARDS is the creator of the DOWNHILL MTB MARATHON rule races. These rules guarantee the sporting fairness, the cohesion of the event and the passive security of the competitors. The exploitation of this regulatory support has been approved since 1995 through various displays of international reputation **MEGAVALANCHE®**, **MAXIAVALANCHE®**. These operations were granted by an agreement between **George EDWARDS** and the **S.A.R.L. UCC** for the exploitation of the naming and concepts.

1. DEFINITION

The European Mass-Start® Series is a general ranking rewarding the 100 best riders of the Megavalanche Alpe d'Huez and of each Maxiavalanche stages.

2. Calculation of the MASS-START® SERIES general ranking

2.1 It is established by the addition of point corresponding to the ranking position on each stage :

- 2.1.1 Maxiavalanche VALLNORD, 16 june
- 2.1.2 MEGA KIDS Auron (30th june – Kids only)
- 2.1.3 Megavalanche Alpe d'Huez, 14 july
- 2.1.4 Maxiavalanche CERVINIA, 28 july
- 2.1.5 Maxiavalanche MERIBEL 25 august
- 2.1.6 Maxiavalanche AX 3 DOMAINES 15 september

5 race stages – 5 opportunities to score (6th for the kids)

2.2 An absence is not considered as a result

- 2.3 In case of equality, riders are separated by their number of first position, second position, etc... Then by the position scored on the last European MASS START® SERIES stage.
- 2.4 The 100 first of each stages score points for the general ranking, following the point (annexe 1).

3. Participation at the MASS START® SERIES stages

- 3.1.** Each riders commit to have read the rules of each **European Mass Start® Series** stage and undertakes to respect it.
- 3.2.** The **KID MASS START® SERIES** ranking is open to children from 7 to 14 years old
- 3.3.** The **European MASS START® SERIES** is open to riders from 15 years old and more
- 3.4.** The **e-MASS START® SERIES** is open to riders from 15 years old and more riding with an E-Bike

4. Qualifying

4.1 “Seeding runs – Qualifications”

Definition: The seeding runs take place the eve of the 1st day of competition. Their goal is to insure a fair hierarchy of rider on the start lines position.

The ideal maximum of male competitor per qualification wave is 175. The number of waves is determined by the course conditions and the number of registered riders. The following categories have a specific wave:

- LADIES.
- E-Bike.

4.2 Start procedure:

- 20 minutes before the start, competitors shall show up and ensure that they are in the judged starting list.
- 10 minutes before the start, competitors must assist to the Race Director briefing that gave the last information concerning the course, marshal and rescue teams positions, and the start procedure, etc.
- 5 minutes before the start, competitors shall take positions on the start line.
- Display: 1 minute, 30 seconds and 5 seconds periods before the start signal.

4.3. Finish procedure:

Each competitor shall cross the finish line in order to have access to the heat races in the “seeding runs/qualifications” time schedule.

4.4. Automatic “re-qualification” for “Priority riders”

After the qualifications, competitors figuring on the “priority riders” list are automatically placed on the 4th line (D line) of the scratch race of the **MEGAVALANCHE®**, even if they D.N.F or do not figured on the qualified list.

4.5. Withdrawal

Competitors who withdrawal without crossing the finish line shall submit their will to compete to the responsible for timekeeping; they will then be placed on the race starting line behind the last line of following categories: **CHALLENGERS, AMATEURS or AFFINITY.**

4.6. In case of inability to organize the « seeding runs / Qualifications »

Riders will be positioned in the following order: “**Priority riders**”, followed by **sporting success** riders finishing by the traditional registration order.

4.6. Qualification for the « European Mass Start® Series »

Only the riders qualified in Maxiavalanche (100 first) and in MEGAVALANCHE (350 first) can score points for the **Mass-Start® Series** general ranking.

Riders qualified in Challengers, Amateur or affinity do not score point for the Mass Start Series.

5. Race

5.1 Définition

Race run determines the final ranking of the **MAXIAVALANCHE OR MEGAVALANCHE®** and gives access to points attribution for the European Mass Start® Series.

5.2 Race's start lines formation

Start lines are ideally formed by 24 to 30 racers (depending upon available space) placed in ascending order of the letters of their race plate and by categories in the starting area of each races.

13.2.2 Racers shall get to their position upon command of the Starter (Judge), depending on:

- Line letter (place won during the seeding runs – Qualifications)
- Rank on the seeding runs – Qualifications (for example: the four 1st, the four 2nd...)
- Lap time in the seeding runs – Qualifications.

Précision

In order to preserve a good start order, all competitors and especially those with corresponding letters to the lines A, B, C, D, E and F, have the obligation to be on the start platform at their allocated departure time, failing which shall apply a demotion.

5.3 KID MASS START® SERIES :

The KID race is taking place on a specific part of the track, in one or two stage(s). It has as many starts as age categories :

- Minimes
- Benjamins
- Pupilles*
- Poussins*

*having a licence in a bike school

5.4 e-MASS START® SERIES :

E-bike riders have specific qualifying and race starts.

6. CATEGORIES & rewards

Winners are rewarded on every stages, please consult the rules of each race for more information. After the 5 European Mass-Start Series 2019, the following categories will be rewarded according to the final general ranking :

6.1 MASS START® SERIES

7.1.1 SCRATCH

1^{er} : Official **EUROPEAN MASS START®SERIES** champion jersey.

Trip : Flight (from paris) + accomodation (shared bungalows) to the Megavalanche Reunion Island 2019

2^{ème} : 400€

3^{ème} : 300€

7.1.2 CATEGORIES

Hommes :

- **CADETS** : 15 à 16 years old
- **JUNIORS** : 17 à 18 years old
- **SENIORS*** : 19 à 29 years old
- **MASTERS 30*** : 30 à 39 years old
- **MASTERS 40** : 40 à 49 years old
- **MASTERS +** : 50 years old and more

Femmes :

- **DAMES** : 15 years old and more

Champion jersey and rewards to the first of each category

7.1.3 Specificity for the championship leader

The lead rider of the general ranking will get, from the second stage, the red n°1 frame plate as Leader of the **EUROPEAN MASS START® SERIES**.

7.1.4 Top pilotes invitation

The first 10 scratch riders of the stage will get an invitation for the **MASS START® SERIES** stage.

This invitation includes :

- Maxiavalanche : registration fees + Saturday night accomodation in an hotel chosen by the organisation
- Mégavalanche Alpe d'Huez : registration fees (liftpass not included)

For the first stage, the MAXIAVALANCHE® Europe Cup ranking of the previous season is used as a basis. For the Ladies, the same rules works for the 3 first.

6.2 KID MASS START® SERIES

Award to the first of each category

Male categories

- **POUSSINS GARCONS MEGA KID : 7 - 8 ans***
- **PUPILLES GARCONS MEGA KID : 9 – 10 ans***
- **BENJAMINS GARCONS MEGA KID : 11 – 12 ans ***

- **MINIMES GARCONS MEGA KID : 13 – 14 ans ***

Female categories

- **POUSSINS FILLES MEGA KID : 7 - 8 ans***
- **PUPILLES FILLES MEGA KID : 9 – 10 ans ***
- **BENJAMINS FILLES MEGA KID : 11 – 12 ans ***
- **MINIMES FILLES MEGA KID : 13 – 14 ans ***

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6.3 e-MASS START® SERIES

E-Bike riders (article 3.4)

Reward to the first 5 riders of the general ranking :

- **Scratch Hommes**
- **Scratch Dames (if more than 10)**

ANNEXE 1

BARÈME DES POINTS

Pos	Points	Ecart
1	252	
2	217	35
3	187	30
4	162	25
5	142	20
6	132	10
7	124	8
8	118	6
9	114	4
10	112	2
11	110	2
12	108	2
13	106	2
14	104	2
15	102	2
16	100	2
17	98	2
18	96	2
19	94	2
20	92	2
21	90	2
22	88	2
23	86	2
24	84	2
25	82	2
26	80	2
27	78	2
28	76	2
29	74	2
30	72	2
31	70	2
32	68	2
33	67	1

34	66	1
35	65	1
36	64	1
37	63	1
38	62	1
39	61	1
40	60	1
41	59	1
42	58	1
43	57	1
44	56	1
45	55	1
46	54	1
47	53	1
48	52	1
49	51	1
50	50	1
51	49	1
52	48	1
53	47	1
54	46	1
55	45	1
56	44	1
57	43	1
58	42	1
59	41	1
60	40	1
61	39	1
62	38	1
63	37	1
64	36	1
65	35	1
66	34	1
67	33	1

68	32	1
69	31	1
70	30	1
71	29	1
72	28	1
73	27	1
74	26	1
75	25	1
76	24	1
77	23	1
78	22	1
79	21	1
80	20	1
81	19	1
82	18	1
83	17	1
84	16	1
85	15	1
86	14	1
87	13	1
88	12	1
89	11	1
90	10	1
91	9	1
92	8	1
93	7	1
94	6	1
95	5	1
96	4	1
97	3	1
98	2	1
99	1	1
100	1	0