**Red Lodge Randonnee Races**

**General Rules**

Timed event: fastest time in each category determines winner.

Competitors must be prepared for variable weather conditions. Wind, snow and cold temperatures are all possible and should be prepared for.

Competitors are required to abide by all directives of the race staff and race marshals.

The race director and organizers reserve the right to cancel, change or modify the course before or during competition in the interest of safety and changing weather conditions.

This competition takes place within a public ski area and competitors are expected to comply with any directives given by ski area staff.

Public skiers are always given right away. Failure to adhere to this rule will result in competitor disqualification from the race.

All participants will sign an event waiver, a Red Lodge Mountain specific waiver, and have their pass or lift ticket always affixed to their person during the race.

Course markings: Green = up with skins on. Yellow = up with boots. Red = down with skins off.

All competitors are required to use a ski retention devise at all times. This can include leash or brakes.

Helmet use is required at all times. Helmet type can include: ski, bike, climbing or ski mountaineering.

Penalties: see attached description. Timing infractions and/or disqualifications will be enforced by the race director.

Appropriate ski touring gear is required. For safety and time considerations, this event is not open to boot packing or snowshoeing

Bootpack sections require skis/board to be attached to backpack at two locations. No carrying or shouldering of skis/board.

During uphill portions of the race, including boot packs, all participants must stay within designated areas as determined by race organizers and RLM. This includes within established skin tract and boot pack sections. On the downhill, competitors must stay within 30 ft of course markers.

Transition areas will be marked, and competitors must transition within this area.

Skins must be put away in backpack or ski suit before leaving transition areas.

Competitors that fail to make the specified cutoff time will be required to notify a race volunteer that they are no longer in competition and exiting the course.

If at any point during the race a competitor chooses to retire or op out of the race, they must immediately notify a race organizer, volunteer or ski patrol.

A course sweep will be completed by ski patrol and/or race volunteers to assure the course is clear and no one is injured.

This is an individual competitor race and athletes cannot receive support from other competitors or outside personnel at any time during competition.

Helping others in distress or injured is required. The race director may adjust competitor’s final time to account for their assistance to a distressed competitor.

No littering, gear ditching or gear caching.

Public viewing will be limited to public skiers who have purchased a ski ticket/pass from RLM. No designated viewing area will be installed.