



## 2026 Roy Varney Hornet Classic Race Info

Saturday, January 10th  
[Maine Outdoor Wellness Center](#), Turner, ME  
10:30am Girls , 12:00pm Boys  
5K CLASSICAL



### UPDATES:

THANK YOU ALL FOR A GREAT DAY!!! Results and photos are here:  
<https://www.mainehighschoolskiing.com/index.php?view=article&id=1648:white-and-rucci-win-2026-roy-varney-hornet-classic&catid=20>

1/10 update: tracks are set and ready to go! Little debris in the woods from the wind but otherwise looking real good. Have fun today, good luck, and ski you out there!



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1/9 Update: Start lists and final info now posted for Saturday's RV  
Hornet Classic:

<https://www.mainehighschoolskiing.com/index.php?view=article&id=1644:2026-roy-varney-hornet-classic-start-lists-final-info&catid=20>

Medical plan info

There will be a trainer on site during the races. If services are needed please see me or any volunteer with a radio. There are also monitors on course with radios.

Grooming plan:

The course was groomed Thursday morning at 4:30am with the Ginzu. The track will be set first thing Saturday morning at 4am. The plan is one track in the woods and two tracks in the fields.

T-shirts:

Skiers will be allowed to wear t-shirts underneath their racing bib. There must be a short sleeve showing; no tank tops and no bare-chested individuals.

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1/7 Update: MORE SNOW!! Another 2 inches and more to fall today. With the fresh snow and a successful shovel party last night, things are looking good.

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1/6 Update. Reminder to coaches that entries are due by tonight at 8pm.

We are doing everything we can this week to make the race happen on Saturday at the MOWC. There is a big shovel party today to dump even more snow onto the race course. We got about 2 inches last night and more predicted tonight. With the forecast for Friday/Saturday, be sure to keep checking for more updates.

**Be sure to keep checking the MHSS website for up to date info.**

Entry Fee: \$11 per skier, check payable to Leavitt Ski Boosters

**Entries:** Coaches must use the spreadsheet on the website. Entries must be entered in the spreadsheet and emailed by 8:00pm Tuesday, January 6th . Email the spreadsheet to [reaster@mac.com](mailto:reaster@mac.com)

Schools who send entries after Tuesday will be charged \$50.00 and their skiers may be at the end of the start list.

**Spreadsheet:** You need to edit it, add athletes for your current team, then indicate a seed position starting at 1 for first out for Girls and Boys, then 2, 3, 4 and so on. In the gender column, put either M or F. You can add as many rows as needed.

Starting lists will be posted on the website Friday, January 9th as well as final info.

## **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 main lodge

**Parking Info:** Buses should park just beyond the new ski lodge. Spectators will need to park prior to the lodge. Parking attendants will direct vehicles and buses. We strongly encourage people to carpool as parking space is limited. **PARKING WILL BE TIGHT!!**

**Wax Info:** There will be dry erase board 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.

**Electricity:** There will be no electrical outlets available

**Registration Info:** Registration will be from 8:00-9:30am. It will be located inside the big lodge.

**Restrooms:** There will be several porte-potties available.

**Awards:** The awards presentation will be in the stadium or lodge after results have been tabulated (approx. 3:00pm). Ribbons will be given to individual finishers 6th-10th. Top 10 finishers will receive a great prize from the MOWC. The top 3 individuals will receive a plaque. The top two male and female teams will each receive a plaque. There will also be several bib draw items donated by Boulder Nordic East.

**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 outside the lodge. Results (along with photos) will also be posted on the MHSS website and be sent to area newspapers.

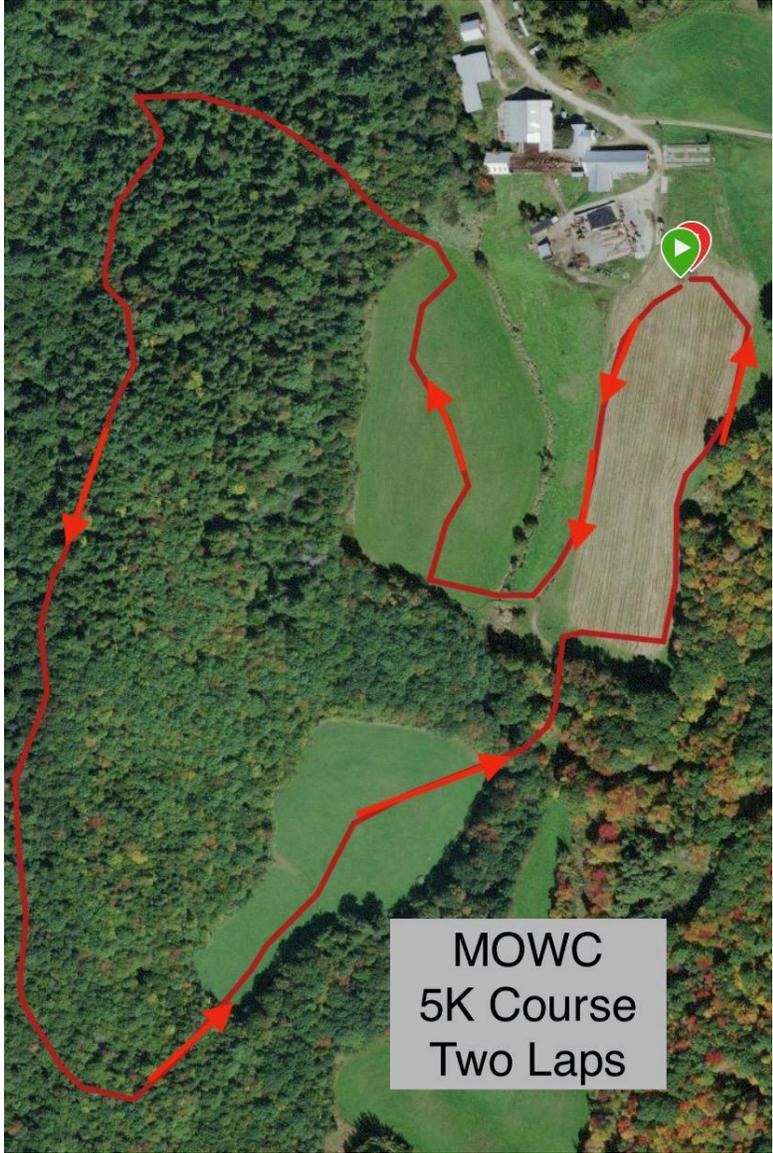
**Course Info:**

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. The course may reopen 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.

**Course map:**



Contact: For race questions, email [dustin.williamson@msad52.org](mailto:dustin.williamson@msad52.org)



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## INVOICE

Jan 10, 2026

Invoice No. 0001

DESCRIPTION OF WORK	QTY	UNIT PRICE	SUB TOTAL
Roy Varney Hornet Classic Race Fee \$11 per skier		\$11	
		<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$.</b>

**PAYMENT TERMS**

Check payable to Leavitt Ski Boosters

**ADDRESS**

PO Box 342, Turner, ME 04282

**APPROVED BY**

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_

FOR \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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.