

WAX RECOMMENDATION



SKI TO THE SUN MARATHON AND RELAY

Mazama Trailhead, Mazama, WA – Saturday, Feb 8

8:15 A.M. 40k Classic, 8:45 A.M. first wave 40k Skate, Relay

Wave starts, Point-to-Point

<https://methowtrails.org/events/ski-to-the-sun>

Forecast/Conditions: Overnight low of 3F at the start area, potentially rising to 8F at the start and rising to 25 by noon at the finish. A 50 percent cloud cover. This week a quite substantial older snowpack received 8 inches or so of new snow that is colder and dryer than we normally see here. PistenBully groomers on this new snow which will continue daily through Saturday. Some dirt may be encountered in road crossing areas but generally a clean albeit slower than normal snowpack exists.

Glidewax: Apply Performance Blue Hot Wax, scrape and brush, then apply High Performance Blue Hot Wax, sprinkle on X-Cold Powder, iron in together, scrape and brush. Then spray on HP Liquid Paraffin Blue, let stand overnight, then polish with the Polishing Brush Liquid Paraffin. If you do not have LP, apply P Blue Hot Wax, scrape and brush, then apply HP Blue Hot Wax, sprinkle on X-Cold Powder, iron in together, scrape and brush.

Gripwax: Roughen base with 150 grit sandpaper, iron in Nordic Base Wax Green, cork smooth, let cool. Then apply 1 layer of Nordic GripWax Red in the klist zone, then apply 2 or 3 thin slightly longer layers of GripWax Blue, corking smooth between layers. A top layer covering of GripWax X-Cold will be used by those wishing to be less draggy in the initial double pole fest prior to the major climbing sections of the course. Emphasis is on the pyramiding and thinness for each layer.

Structure: A fine structure covered by one pass with the Blue Structurite tool after scraping and brushing the final Hot Wax will best suit these conditions.

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Check the [Wax Tips](#) page at TokoUS.com before all of your races for the latest waxing information. Toko Race Wax Tips offer racers precise waxing advice on how to make skis perform optimally for a given event. If you do not have High Performance wax, substitute Performance or Base Performance wax of the same color (Yellow, Red or Blue), as the temperature ranges are the same. All Race Wax Tips recommend ONLY fluorine-free products. Older HP or P Toko waxes (Liquid or Hot Wax) contain fluorine. New labels look very similar but all say PFC Free. To see optimal application procedures for both Glidewax and Gripwax, go to the [How To](#) link at TokoUS.com.