



RACE RULES

The Snowies Mountain Bike Festival is a 3 day, 5/6 stage race.

A rider must complete each stage to accumulate an overall time for the whole race.

The race organiser reserves the right, in its absolute discretion:

- a) To accept or refuse an entry for the event (without giving a reason).
- b) Change or vary the route of any stage of the event without notice.
- c) Cancel, postpone, reschedule or change the time and place of the event, or any stage of the event for any reason, at any time.

The organisers will not be liable for any loss, damage, cost or expense whether direct, indirect, consequential or otherwise suffered or incurred by any rider as a result of any such action taken by the organisers.

The race may be interrupted or delayed in part or in whole cancelled by external influences including but not limited to rain, wind, flooding, fire, earthquake, force majeure and/or acts of third parties.

The race organisers will not be liable to any rider for any loss, damage, cost or expense of any kind including, but not limited to refund of entry fees, travel expenses and related costs in the event of the organisers having to cancel, alter, reschedule or otherwise change any aspect of the race due to weather, Acts of God, third party intervention or other matters outside the control of the organisers.

Race organisers / Commissaires panel reserve the right to make changes to the track, stages and organisation as may be required.

1. All riders must register in person before the start of the event.
2. The wearing of a standards approved helmet is mandatory under Australian law and it is a requirement that all riders wear a helmet at all times during the event, including warming up and whilst riding a bike pre and post event at the event site.
3. All participants must wear fully enclosed footwear.
4. The ends of handlebars and any extensions must be solidly plugged to prevent injury.
5. Bikes must be fitted with at least one front and one rear brake, both in working order at the start of an event.
6. All bikes used in the competition must be powered by human power alone.
7. Bikes must use a wheel on both front and back that is no bigger than 73.6 cm (29 inches).
8. Competitors are not permitted to wear personal audio equipment whilst racing, as they must be able to hear calls from Marshals and other riders at all times.
9. Attendance at race briefings is mandatory for all riders.



10. All riders must sign in before the start of each stage.
11. Riders must obey the directions (written or verbal) of Event Organisers, Commissaires and Marshals at all times during the event and around the event site.
12. Riders must affix the race numbers to their handlebars in front of brake and gear cables, ensuring that the number displays clearly.
13. The race number is not to be folded, cut or modified in any way.
14. Riders must obey all course directions and are responsible for following the designated course.
 - a. It is expected that riders will follow the formed line of the trail even if the course is not bunted (e.g. the lack of bunting will not imply a lack of necessity to follow the formed trail).
 - b. It is the rider's responsibility to understand the layout and direction of the course.
 - c. Failing to complete the whole course or taking shortcuts may result in the rider being recorded as a DSQ.
 - d. It is the rider's responsibility to ensure that the correct course is followed.
15. All riders must behave in a sportsman like manner at all times no matter what their status in the event.
 - a. This includes not using abusive language or behaviour towards other riders and officials,
 - b. Allowing faster riders to promptly overtake when safe to do so,
 - c. Riders pushing their bikes should give way at all times to those riding. They should attempt to walk on the least rideable portion of the trail,
 - d. The overtaking rider should indicate the side they wish to pass on by calling 'Track Right' or 'Track Left' to indicate which side they will pass on.
 - e. All riders will be encouraged to report 'Un-sportsman like conduct' and any such incident may result in a DSQ result for the offending rider.
16. Appeals/Protests must be lodged with the Race Director in writing within 15 minutes of the Stage times being posted for the event.
 - a. A \$50.00 cash protest fee must accompany the protest for it to be accepted.
 - b. The fee will be refunded if the protest is upheld or the Panel determines that the protest was not frivolous.
17. A 'Judging Panel' of three (including the Race Director) will adjudicate on all protests and other contentious matters, and their decision will be final.
18. All riders must carry out what they carry in. Littering will result in a DSQ for the event.
19. In the event of an accident, riders must stop to assist an injured rider, warn other riders, and ask passing riders to inform a race official at the nearest check point, notifying them of the nature of the incident and its location.
20. If you stop to give assistance for a safety reason, a time adjustment will be made to your final time; this does not apply if you stop to offer mechanical assistance.
21. If a rider withdraws for any reason, they must notify an official as soon as is practical.



22. Competitors who do not complete a particular stage may still compete in subsequent stages but are ineligible for prizes and their overall result will be shown as “unranked”.
23. Individual competitors must use only one bike frame for the entire event, although wheel changes are permitted.
24. Bikes must be in a safe working condition at the start of each stage.
25. Commissaires or Organisers may withdraw a competitor if their bike is considered to be unsafe.
26. Should a competitor’s bike be damaged, rendering it unserviceable or dangerous, an application to the ‘Judging Panel’ is required to allow a substitute bike to be used, this may result in a rider being marked as ‘Unranked’ for the overall event.
27. Riders may only accept mechanical assistance on the course by other registered racers where it does not advantage them over other competitors in their category.
28. Outside assistance during the race outside Official Feed/Mechanic Zones is forbidden (except in the case of emergency).
29. A competitor cannot provide assistance in, forward progression (pushing, pulling, towing), pacing, food or drinks to another competitor except in emergency circumstances, if deemed by the ‘Judging Panel’ to be a non-emergency then penalties may be applied to the participants involved.
30. Once the event registration closes Competitors are unable to change from the class they registered in.
31. If a competitor fails to finish any stage due to mechanical malfunction or other mishap, then at the discretion of the ‘Judging Panel’ the competitor may be allowed to continue in the event. A time penalty will be imposed by the Panel, this may result in a rider being marked as ‘Unranked’ for the overall event.
32. The leading male and female by overall standing (cumulative time for all stages) must wear the supplied leader’s jersey for a minimum of 1hr before the race starts, during the entire stage and for 1 hr after they finish the stage or until the presentations commence for the latest stage, for the stages where they are the general classification leader.
33. No alterations or covering of the sponsors logos on the jersey is permitted.
34. 1 Personal/Team sponsorship label is allowed to be added to the jersey beneath the official sponsors to a maximum size of 25mm x 25mm.
35. Only the current general classification leader is permitted to wear the leader’s jersey for that stage.

STAGE SPECIFIC RULES

Time Trial & Thredbo Downhill

36. Start sequence/order and format is determined by the Race Director
37. Riders must report to the marshalling area 5 minutes before their allocated start time
38. A rider who misses their start time will be started at the end of the field and may be penalised by the ‘Judging Panel’.



39. Riders must be completely self-sufficient for the duration of each of these stages.

Summit Smash

40. All riders start in a rolling start within the resort grounds.

41. Elite Men and Women start in the front row.

42. Riders must ride under control and maintain their position during the bunch roll out, no overtaking.

43. All age group riders start behind the Elite riders and must not overtake them until the hooter sounds.

Snowy Legends Descent & Gravity Check

44. The Snowy Legends Descent continues straight on from the Thredbo downhill stage without riders stopping at all.

45. A Feed Zone will be in place at Lake Crackenback Resort at approximately half way through the stage.

46. A Timing Point at Lake Crackenback will record all riders passing the halfway stage, all riders must pass through this point.

47. Gravity Check riders will start in mass wave at Thredbo and ride directly to Lake Crackenback Resort.

Team Specific Rules

48. Each team member will be issued with a backing plate to affix to their bike handlebars,

a. One race number will be issued to each team, this will fit to the backing plate with Velcro,

49. The team member riding each stage must ensure that the race number is fitted the right way up and that it is visible at all times,

50. Only the team member with the race number fitted is permitted on the course.

51. During the Marathon Stage team members must complete rider change overs in the nominated Transition Area.

2 Person Teams

52. Each team member must complete at least 2 stages of the first 4 stages.

53. Each team member must complete at least 1 lap of the 45km Marathon.

3 Person Teams

54. Each team member must complete 1 stage of the first 4 stages.

55. Each team member must complete at least 1 lap of the 45km Marathon.

We encourage all competitors to participate in the spirit of the event. This means that no rider should gain advantage to place in their category through the assistance of others, however, we do encourage riders to provide support to each other if required providing it does not gain the rider an unfair advantage in the placing's. In other words "be a good mate to fellow riders, but don't be a coach, pacer, support crew, trainer or instructor during the race"

Enjoy the fresh air of Kosciuszko National Park.