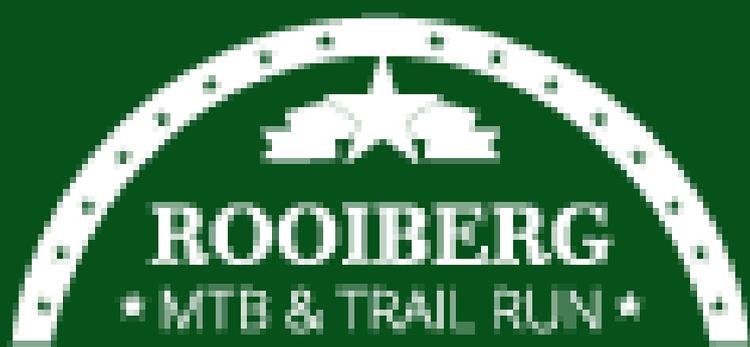




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# RACE RULES

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# INTRODUCTION



## A. INTRODUCTION

The Rooiberg Mtb Challenge is a one-day mountain bike race with three distance categories.

This event starts and finish at the Rooiberg Lodge in the Klein Karoo, Van Wyksdorp.

The following race rules are divided into two sections, namely:

- A. Entries, Cancellations and Substitutions
- B. Race Rules

**PLEASE READ THROUGH THE BELOW SECTIONS THOROUGHLY AND REMEMBER THAT THE RULES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**

# CATEGORIES, CUT-OFFS, DOPING

## 1. CATEGORIES

### 1.1 The categories are:

**24 Km:** Nippers, Sprogs, Sub Juniors & Grand Master Women

**35 Km:** Youth, Junior, Master Women & Grand Master Men

**55 Km:** U/23, Master Men, Vets, Sub Vets & Elites

**Age as on 31/12/2020**

## 2. CUT-OFFS

**2.1** The official cut-off times will be announced on the event website, where applicable.

**2.2** You will have two months post-race to claim any lost and found items.

## 1. DOPING

**3.1** The race organisers reserves the right to test all riders for doping and/or the use of any illegal substances.

**3.2** Any person who is under provisional or final sanction by an Anti-Doping Organisation with jurisdiction under the WADA Code ("a person under sanction") is Prohibited from participating or being involved in the race, whether as a rider, team manager or official or in any other capacity whatsoever.

**3.3** Should the race organisers only become aware that any rider, team manager or official is a person under sanction after having accepted such rider's entry and/or team manager or official's participation in the race, such entry or right of participation shall immediately be cancelled.

**3.4** The organisers also reserve the right to refuse any athlete (professional or amateur), whom was under sanction during any part of their career, to Participate in the race.

**3.5** Should any athlete under sanctioning, as stated in point 2 above, participate in the race and the organiser is not aware of the status of the athlete, then all prize monies and/or any prizes received must be returned to the organiser within 7 days of such request.

# PRIZE MONEY, CANCELLATIONS, FORCE MAJEURE

## 4. PRIZE MONEY

- 4.1 No prize money will be paid to any winners until an official notice has been issued by SAIDS (South African Institute for drug free Sport) clearing Athletes concerned.
- 4.2 Please note that the win is provisional until all winning criteria are met which includes compliance to the event and UCI rules and regulations. The final decision lies with the race commissaire panel.
- 4.3 Riders must be present at prize giving to receive prize money. If they do not comply, they will forfeit their prize money.

## 5. CANCELLATIONS

- 5.1 No cancellation refund will be given from 90 days prior to the event –  
**NO EXCEPTIONS (INCLUDING MEDICAL)**

## 6. FORCE MAJEURE

Jakhals Events reserves the right to suspend or terminate the performance of its obligation to host the event if circumstances beyond our control arise, making performance inadvisable, impracticable, illegal, dangerous or impossible.

This includes forces of nature (extreme weather conditions) as well as national and global medical emergencies (pandemic outbreak).

In the event of the above, Jakhals Events and its partners will do everything in its power to postpone an event to a suitable date within a reasonable time.

If the postponement is not an option or impossible to execute, then cancellation will apply.

**Please note that there will be no refunds for a Force Majeure, which includes entry fees, optional extras or costs (e.g. flights and accommodation etc.) incurred outside of the actual event.**

# REGISTRATION AND BRIEFING, RIDERS, MEDICAL, BICYCLE

## 7. REGISTRATION AND BRIEFING

- 7.1** Online entries close 5 days prior to the event start date or when the allocated spots are sold out.
- 7.2** Electronic transfers take up to three days to be allocated – please do EFT payment for online entries at least 10 days before the event start date.
- 7.3** Race registration venue(s) and time(s) will be indicated on the website and Facebook.
- 7.4** All riders must report to registration, and bring any form of ID with a photograph and a valid CSA licence from their national federation.
- 7.5** Riders need to register by the deadline indicated on the website and on Facebook.

## 8. RIDERS

- 8.1** All South African residents participating in the race will be required to produce a valid Cycling South Africa (CSA) licence at race registration or will be charged the applicable fee levied by CSA. All international riders will be required to produce a valid license from their national federation or pay the applicable fee levied by CSA.

## 9. MEDICAL

- 9.1** All riders need to be in good health and well trained.
- 9.2** If the race organisers receive advice from the official race medic/ doctor regarding any rider, the decision to prevent the rider from continuing/participating lies with the race organiser and will be final.

## 10. BICYCLE

- 10.1** Please ensure that your mountain bike is in safe working condition at the start of the race/start of each stage otherwise you will not be allowed to start.
- 10.2** Tandem bikes will only be allowed if the race organisers are contacted for permission prior to the race, if such categories can be created.
- 10.3** E-bikes will be allowed at the Ostrich Crawl MTB Challenge. Riders will have to adhere to the following rules:
  - a.** Riders will start at the back of the bunch with a separate starting time.
  - b.** Riders will not be allowed to compete within the top riders and will be penalised in the form of a time-delay, if they fail to comply.
- 10.4** Each rider is responsible for the maintenance of his/her own bike for the duration of the race.
- 10.5** In all cases of maintenance and repairs, riders are required to complete the full distance of the race.

# HELMETS & CLOTHING, IDENTIFICATION, PROHIBITED EQUIPMENT, RACE TIMING, TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

## 11. HELMETS AND CLOTHING

- 11.1 Each rider must wear helmet at all times while riding during the race.
- 11.2 All helmets must comply with international "SNELL" and "ANSI" standards.
- 11.3 Appropriate riding attire, including a shirt, must be worn at all times.
- 11.4 A rider will only be allowed to race in the discipline SA Jersey if he is still the current SA champion.

## 12. IDENTIFICATION

- 12.1 Riders must display their race numbers at all times.
- 12.2 Bike numbers must remain firmly fixed on the front of the bike and may not be obstructed by cables or any other item.
- 12.3 Race numbers may not be modified or mutilated in any way, including cutting, adding stickers, removing existing stickers or trimming.
- 12.4 No official sponsor logos may be removed from race numbers and/or be obstructed in any way.
- 12.5 Bike number boards remain the property of Jakhals Events, thus it should be returned, unless a rider prefers to purchase it for R50.00 at the race office.
- 12.6 Podium finishers must be present at the finish line awards ceremony (if applicable) and the final prizegiving ceremony.

## 13. PROHIBITED EQUIPMENT

- 13.1 The use of Tri-bars is prohibited, but handlebar ends are allowed.
- 13.2 Note that the race organisers may at any time prohibit any other item of equipment at their discretion.

## 14. RACE TIMING

- 14.1 The race start time will be announced on the website and or Facebook. If any start time has to be changed, notice hereof will be conveyed at the compulsory race briefing.
- 14.2 Riders will not be allowed to start late.
- 14.3 The race cut-off remains the same even in case of a late start.
- 14.4 It is the rider's responsibility to return the number board, failing to do so will lead to a penalty fee.

## 15. TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

- 14.1 The race start time will be announced on the website and or Facebook. If any start time has to be changed, notice hereof will be conveyed at the compulsory race briefing.
- 14.2 Riders will not be allowed to start late.
- 14.3 The race cut-off remains the same even in case of a late start.
- 14.4 It is the rider's responsibility to return the number board, failing to do so will lead to a penalty fee.

# NUTRITION & HYDRATION, SUPPORT, MEDICAL, WITHDRAWALS, ENVIRONMENTAL & ETHICAL, PROTESTS

## 16. NUTRITION & HYDRATION

- 16.1** Riders retain the ultimate responsibility to carry enough water and nutrition with them.
- 16.2** The race organisers will provide water, energy drinks and supplements at official water points on the route.

## 17. SUPPORT

- 17.1** Any non-official support vehicles will not be allowed on the route and all official vehicles will be allowed at the designated points.
- 17.2** If any non-official support vehicle can be linked to a specific rider, it will result in a time penalty, with a second offence resulting in immediate disqualification.
- 17.3** Supporters may drive their own vehicles along public roads to reach vantage points to vocally support riders.

## 18. MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

- 18.1** Medical assistance will be supplied on-route in the form of medics and at the finish venue(s) in the form of medics.
- 18.2** The medical team reserves the right to prevent any rider from continuing the race if it deems necessary. Their decision is final.

## 19. WITHDRAWALS

- 19.1** Riders that cannot continue the race for whatever reason must immediately inform the race office. This can be done at the race start, the finish, water points or by calling Jakhals Events emergency number (061 145 1925).
- 19.2** Should any rider fail to inform the race office or race officials of his/her withdrawal and should a search and rescue operation be initiated for such rider, the cost of the search and rescue will be for the account of that rider.
- 19.3** A rider that withdraws during the race must please convey his/her intentions to the nearest marshal.
- 19.4** A sweep vehicle will transport all withdrawals and their bicycles to the stage finish venue.

## 20. ENVIRONMENTAL & ETHICAL

Riders are urged to respect the environment at all times during the race by following these rules, in particular:

- 20.1** Do not throw away water bottles, packaging or bike spares;
- 20.2** Do not deviate from the route; and/or
- 20.3** Do not smoke at any point on the route as this is not permitted.

## 21. PROTESTS

This race is run in accordance with UCI and CSA rules and any protest must be submitted in writing to the Chief Race Commissaire within 20 minutes of your finish time.

## 22. EQUIPMENT

- 22.1** Always carry a mobile phone, fully charged, and programmed with all the emergency numbers supplied at race registration.
- 22.2** We recommend that each rider carry a first aid kit consisting of the following:
- 1 x stretch bandage
  - 2 x dressings
  - Adhesive plasters
  - Foil survival blanket
  - Sun block with a minimum SPF factor of 20
- 22.3** Each rider is responsible for his own personal medication as prescribed by his physician. Please consult the race medical team if doubt about the legality thereof.
- 22.4** We cover areas populated by honeybees, if you are in any way allergic to bee stings it is of paramount importance that you at all times carry your prescribed medication on you. If you are not sure about your allergy status, please consult our race medical team at registration.
- 22.5** A minimum of 2.5 liter of fluid to be carried by each rider.
- 22.6** Bike repair tools:
- Spare tubes
  - Multi tool
  - Replacement derailleur hanger
  - Inflation device (pump etc.)

## 23. CODE OF CONDUCT

**We urge all riders to display good sportsmanship throughout the duration of the race by keeping to the following guidelines:**

- No use offensive or abusive language during the race;
- Act in an unsporting manner;
- Be disrespectful to the officials;
- Or ignore the race regulations

