



DOWNHILL RULES AND SAFETY

Race

After the compulsory briefing, riders will be given the go ahead to start.

DH is a point-to-point format race involving a course of between 1.5km and 3.5 km. The course must contain a maximum of 3% paved roads and will consist of a variety of different terrain types. There should be an emphasis on technical skills rather than pedaling.

Only registered racers may compete in an event. No kidding, you must be registered to race. An official race number plate must be displayed by each racer. No competitor shall cut, fold, mutilate, apply stickers to or alter in any way the number plate. Numbers are not transferable. Penalty is simple; the timers will not be able to score you, when you complain, it will lead to disqualification.

Brief Rundown

- Full-face helmets with a fixed non-detachable mouthpiece are mandatory at all AusCycling sanctioned events.
- A jersey or shirt covering the elbows must be worn as a minimum. 3/4 length jerseys are acceptable. Knees must be covered by full-length trousers and/or self-fastening knee or knee/shin guards expressly designed for off-road competition.
- For all riders who are eligible to compete in Under 13, 15 and Under 17 categories, the following equipment is mandatory at all times while on track regardless of registered category:
 - Full-finger gloves must be worn;
 - Full length jersey – jersey must cover elbows at all times;
 - Knee pads and elbow pads must be worn.
- AusCycling strongly recommends the use of the following for all competitors:
 - Neck brace expressly designed for off-road competition;
 - Back and shoulder protection expressly designed for the purpose;
 - Full finger gloves;
 - Elbow protectors and/or long sleeve jersey to the wrist;
 - Goggles expressly designed for the purpose.
- Your bike must be in good working order, with front and back working brakes.
- Follow all marshal's instructions.

- Riders that are caught by faster riders must yield. Approaching rider must give advance notice.
- Unsportsmanlike behavior under any circumstance will not be tolerated.
- If carrying a phone, please put the event directors' number in your phone for emergency use 0417 740 535

The Finer Details

Safety Equipment

Helmets

All riders are required to wear a helmet meeting AS2063/NZ 2063 or equivalent. Helmets must have a manufacturer's mark stating its compliance with the Standard. Helmets may be inspected at any time by a Commissaire. It must be a full face.

Racing Format

You will have a qualifying run and then one race run only. Shuttles will be included in this.

Timing

Timing controls are located at the start and finish of each stage. Each rider will be issued with a timing device that will activate the timing control points; this is to be attached the rider.

Riders will start each stage at 30 second intervals with a maximum of 1 minute between each rider.

Course

Race course will be published during the week before the event.

Environmental Rules

We love riding in our great parks around the Scenic Rim, so this is very simple, let's look after our place and don't litter.

Injured Rider

If you come across an injured rider who is not able to continue, please wait with the rider. The second person on the scene should continue along the trail to the next marshal point. Anyone affected by assisting with medical situation will be given either a rerun or a result reflecting similar ranking to other stages. Safety first,

Riders who carry mobile phones can call Andrew on 0417 740 535.

Conduct

Just be a good sport!

Observe all rules and instructions provided by organizers and marshals. Foul and abusive language aimed at anyone will not be tolerated. The organizers may impose penalties for going outside the rules or poor sportsmanship.

Ebikes Rules

Competitors are allowed to use ONE BATTERY ONLY for the event. It is not permitted to carry a spare battery or change batteries during the event.

- Riders should ensure that their battery is fully charged before the start.
- Bikes with a separate throttle control are NOT permitted.
- The Manufacturers ebike factory speed limiter must not be tampered with.
- 25kmph is the max speed the bike is allowed to travel assisted by battery/motor.
- All sensors are not allowed to be repositioned or changed from manufacturer's original position.
- Electronic settings relating to Wheel Circumference must not be tampered with.
- All other Scenic Rim Gravity Enduro rules must be complied with.

Attaching Your Bike Number Plate:

Attach your bike number to the front of your bike using at least 3 ties, securely fastening in an upright position ensuring that can be easily seen from the front. Your Number should be *in front of the brake cables* and not wrapped around any part of the bike. The number cannot be altered, obscured, cut or de-faced. If the race number is not attached correctly there is a possibility that the timekeepers will not read your number. It is your responsibility to ensure it is fitted correctly.

Smoke Free Environmental Act 2000 Law:

All On the Edge Events are smoke free. Spectator areas at sports grounds or other recreational areas used for organized sporting events it is not against the law in QLD to smoke.

Categories and Rider Age:

A rider's age is calculated on the day of racing for age grouping & the term General Classification means all riders.

Pausing or Abandoning the Race:

The race may be paused or abandoned due to extreme weather, emergencies or any other reason decided by the organizer. If the race is paused, all riders must complete the lap they are on and their time and laps will be recorded. If the race is then abandoned, that will determine the placings. If the race is resumed at a later time, then the riders will be started on their lap in a staggered start method, so that each rider has the same time off the bike due to the pause and there is no unfair advantage gained. There will be no refunds or other considerations if the race is paused or abandoned.

Withdrawing from the Race:

A rider may withdraw from race at any time. If they choose to withdraw, they must notify the event staff at the timing tent. A rider who withdraws is not allowed to rejoin or resume the race. They must remove their race numbers and cannot ride on the course for the remainder of the event. If they have completed at least one lap, they will be awarded a race result.

Medical Assessment and Assistance:

There will be qualified medics available at the race precinct area.

Following treatment, the Race Director will decide on whether you are allowed to continue the race, based on available medical advice. The Race Director's decision is final and non-appealable.

The Race Director may remove a rider from the course for assessment if in the Race Director's opinion, the rider is showing signs of extreme fatigue or other condition which may be detrimental to the rider or to other riders in race. Following medical assessment, the Race Director will either:

- Allow the rider to resume racing,
- Mandate a rest period before the rider can resume the race, or
- Withdraw the rider from the race.

This decision is the sole responsibility of the Race Director and is non-appealable. There will be no compensation for the rider for the time taken for the assessment process.

Leave no trace, go ahead, and put the empty GU packet in your jersey pocket.

Race Finish:

There will be a winner for each category for overall.

All decisions made by the race director are final. Protests must be made within 15mins of results being posted.

Series Points System

We will be having overall winners, male and female (1st, 2nd and 3rd) of each category. Points will be awarded for each round.

To be considered for a series result a rider must complete all 4 races.

Age Categories - The following categories will be recognised at each of the 2024 DH events.

Elite 19+ Male & Female

U19 Male & Female

Junior U13 Male & Female

Expert 19-29 Male & Female

Junior U15 Male & Female

Masters 50+

Junior U17 Male & Female

Masters 30-39 Male & Female

Masters 40+ Female

Masters 40-49 Male

Ebike Male & Female

Categories will be determined by your age at the end of the year.

If there is tie in points, we will look at each individual results of the tied riders across all series events.

REFUND POLICY

We are giving you the option when signing up to select the Race Roster Refund Protection program. It will give you peace of mind if you are unable to attend due to a variety of unforeseen circumstances, a below:



Injury & Illness



Pregnancy Complications



COVID-19



Layoffs / Termination



Severe Weather



Mechanical Breakdown

These descriptions are offered as a summary only. The specifics of what is refundable are determined solely by the specific refund program wording.

If you don't take out the above refund protection, no refund will be given under any circumstances.

If you are injured prior to race day, you can transfer your entry to another round in that series. You will not be issued a refund.

Participants can transfer their entry to someone else – these requests can be made on race day, for a transfer fee of \$10 or email us at andrew@ontheedgeevents.com.au 7 days prior to the event.

Event organisers reserve the right to alter the course without notice and/or cancel the event in consultation with, and under the direction of emergency service agencies and major event stakeholders or landowners. In the unlikely circumstance that the event is cancelled for reasons outside our control such as weather, fire, flood, park closures or any other reasons, we will offer a full refund of your entry fee minus a 10% administration fee within 1 week of announcing the new date. We will not refund you after this 1 week.

If you have other questions about the event, please don't hesitate to ask. You can email us at andrew@ontheedgeevents.com.au.