

BRIEFING NOTES

2022 ACT Schools Mountain Bike Championships

Friday 26th August 2022Br

Emergency: Call Jeff Hughes (Race Director) - number on your race plate

- Any other issues, find: Jeff, Mike, Scott, Lou (in Village).

General

- Timing is electronic so don't put multiple plates on the one bike. If you are sharing a bike, pin your plate onto your body.
- Please keep bikes away from the timing van.
- It's a team race, to get on the podium ...
 - There is a minimum number of female laps for mixed teams, and a maximum number of laps any one individual can do in a team. See the Race Info Sheet.
- You must be properly wearing a helmet whenever you are on the bike
- No bikes on the grass running track.
- Smile at the Photographer, he takes great photos for you, for the love of it. Search for 'Talentspotter' on Flickr.

Transition

- Get off your bike through transition (ie walk / run)
- **Next Riders** must stay behind the fence on the edge of the grass/tarmac.
- **Finishing Riders** - dismount in the finish chute. Walk/run across the finish line, then around on the grass area, tag their **Next Rider**.
- **Next Riders** walk/run their bikes to the mounting line.
- **Finishing riders** then go through the fence into the village.

Injured riders on track

- Stop; check; provide assistance if needed. We'll correct your time if you are delayed.
- If further assistance is needed, call the phone number on the race plate (the Race Director, Jeff), and let a marshal know.

Passing: You will be passed and/or pass a lot of other riders.

If done right, it's easy ... check the course notes.

- Both riders should politely talk to each other. "*Hi, track please; when you're ready*" "*Sure, round the corner*" "*OK*" "*On my right, NOW*" "*Thanks, have a nice day*" "*You too*"
- Choose a good spot; not half way down Luge.
- The rider being passed chooses the spot, ie when it's safe *for them*; and they have right of way until the passing rider is a bike length in front.

- Do not just scream “TRACK” or “RIDER” and barge straight through. **Laps will be deducted...**
- Stuff-ups happen. If you stuff up, take responsibility. Stop; say “*Sorry, that was my fault. Are you OK?*” When you finish your lap, tell Jeff in the race village: he wants to hear about it *from you* before he hears about it from someone else.
- Long trains of riders are not good: If you catch someone, do pass them. If someone catches you, they probably want to pass.

Track notes

- The tracks are well marked with bunting and arrows at all junctions.
- There are marshals on track. Say “Hi”.
- Let them know about any issues on the track.
- Half of each course is shared.
- There are two places where the College and Senior/Junior tracks split (at the top of *Fenceline*, and at the top of *Cockatoo Switchbacks*) They are sign posted.
- And two places where the tracks merge (top of *Fenceline*, and at the bottom of *Luge* / beginning of *Old Duffy*). Obey the marshals at these points.
- If you take a shortcut on the wrong track, **the timing system will automatically ignore your lap.**
- Everything is easily rideable, but there are a few spots riders should watch out for on the track ...

College:

- The fire road up to the top of *Luge* is shared with horse riders. If you encounter any horses, talk to the riders, and move well to the side.
- Take care on *Luge*, especially if you are not familiar with it. The drop off near the top is closed.

Senior/Junior:

- *Evolution climb* has a section with A and B lines, be polite merging here or we'll close the A lines.
- *Evolution descent* is a bit loose, tight, rough and muddy. Take it easy on your first time down.

All riders:

- Mud - there will be patches of mud in quite a few places. And maybe some diversions.
- Near the end, there is a *rocky culvert* (dam wall thing) you ride across. Take it easy; don't try to pass on it or right before it, and the corner after is tight ...

Start loop

- Around the north end of the crit track, past transition, then on to the regular course ...

- *Keep this area clear at the start of the race*

Finally, we love feedback. To make the next event even better for you and us

- Talk to one of us, leave a message on Facebook CORC or email.

