



GUIDANCE FOR MTB east FINISH LINE JUDGES

Main Contact Name:

Emergency Mobile Number:

Time of arrival:

Meeting place:

Race day schedule:

08:15 - Under 7s, 9s and 12s course open for practise

08:40 - Course closed - Under 7s go to the start

08:45 - **Under 7s - (M + F)** race (7 min) +1 lap

09:05 - **Under 9s - (M + F)** race (13 min) +1 lap

09:35 - **Under 12s - (M + F)** race (18 min) + 1 lap

10:00 - Main Course open for practise

10:10 - Course closed to start a new lap

10:30 - **Elite - F/S1 - F** race (1 hr) +1 lap

10:45 - **U14 - F/U16 – F, Fun - (M + F)** race (45 min) +1 lap

11:40 - Course open for practise

11:50 - Course closed to start a new lap

12:10 - **U14 - M/U16 – M, S2 - M** race (45 min) +1 lap

13:20 - **Elite – M/S1 - M** race (1hr) +1 lap

Riders should line up five minutes before the start of the event.

- The best strategy is to work in pairs, with one calling the numbers and the other writing them down.
- Sheets to write down rider numbers can be downloaded from the MTB east website - Start a new timing sheet for each race.
- Start a new column each time the leader starts a new lap.
- You will be working alongside the timing system as a backup.
- Don't panic if you miss a rider's number, place a question mark on the sheet to show there is a rider passed but not recorded.

Ending the race

- With one lap to go, ring the bell for each race. Be aware of any confusion that may be caused by lapped riders.
- Ideally, have a visible stopwatch running so you can easily keep track of the race and when to ring the bell.
- Riders will speed up and slow down during the race, so it's never a perfect science when to ring the bell for the last lap.
- Determining the last lap e.g. in a race that is 1 hr plus a lap:
 - If the lead rider comes around after 56 minutes or later, ring the bell for the last lap.
 - If the lead rider is earlier, 55 minutes or sooner, allow the lead rider to go for another lap before ringing the bell for the last lap.
- Hand in your timing sheets to the timing official at the end of the race.

Your role as a Finish line judge is very important and, if done correctly, will help us to provide a well-organised and safe event. Thank you for volunteering to assist.