

# Travers

## MTB SERIES 2021



25/04/21 - Round 1

09/05/21 - Round 2

23/05/21 - Round 3

13/06/21 - Round 4

27/06/21 - Round 5

Potash Race Venue, Hall Road, Hockley, Essex SS4 1PL on

Guidance for marshals, volunteers, participants, spectators and vendors

## Race Location

Use postcode SS4 1PL. This is the postcode for the main house, the entrance for the race carpark is a further 100m down the road in the Hockley direction (there will be banners outside).



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Google Map Reference - [51°35'09.5"N 0°40'18.2"E](#)

## KEY INFORMATION SUMMARY

- No entries on the day.
- You can NO longer pay in cash or in person on the day, only ONLINE.
- You will be gridded based on your series standing.
- Entries close midnight Friday.
- Your number board must be used for all races in the series. They have chips attached to them and will cost £5.00 to replace.
- You no longer need to Sign On, just pick up the Number Board at the first event you do from the Travers Gazebo.
- Please remember 'Hands – Face – Space' to limit the chance of spreading COVID19.
- Alcohol Gel and Wipes will be available at the main Travers Gazebo and at the toilets.
- We are fortunate to have use of these beautiful woods, but need to share it with others. Please do not ride through on the hard-standing near the caravans.

## INTRODUCTION

Thank you for being involved in Travers MTB Series.

Please note that, from 2021, The Travers MTB Series will no longer be held under British Cycling Rules and Regulations, freeing us up to run fairer races where riders can compete against others of similar ability rather than similar ages. This also allows us to make changes in other areas which will be outlined below.

Despite not being held under British Cycling Rules and Regulations, we have closely followed the new guidance for holding races, comprehensively covered in the British Cycling document, "The Way Forward". This document outlines how we have adopted our practices to these guidelines, what you can expect from us to ensure everyone is kept safe; and what is expected of all attendees.

We ask that you read this document in conjunction with The Way Forward. Reading and understanding this document, along with the Risk Assessment is mandatory for all attendees.

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## **1. Event entries**

There will be no entries on the day. All entries are online via Webscorer.com online entry system for all participants. You will be gridded for each round based on your standing throughout the series. All entries close the Friday before the event at midnight.

In 2021 there will be chip timing. The chips are on your Number Board and the same number board must be used for the ENTIRE Season - If you lose/forget it you need to buy another which will be £5.00.

There will be no signing on! You just need to collect your Number Board at the first event you race. You do not need to sign your name at each race.

As we incur certain fixed costs in setting this race up, there will be a limited refund policy and refunds will be at the discretion of the event organiser. We don't seek to make a profit but we do need to recoup our costs over time.

In the event of the race being cancelled due to a change in government guidance, we will offer a partial refund, please refer to appendix 1 for more information.

All attendees are to take responsibility for their own health and their potential risk to others by practising good hygiene, keeping a social distance and you **must not attend** if they are displaying any symptoms of COVID 19 which are a new and continuous cough, loss or change of taste or smell or a high temperature or fever.

Participants will receive a refund less administration charge if they are unable to attend due to displaying COVID 19 symptoms.

## 2. Event timetable

### 2021 Full Race Day Timetable

Every round will have the same start time for the races. Practise times are a guide and may alter a little, depending on conditions and riders on the course.

**08:00** - Under 9s and 12s course open for practise  
**08:50** - Course closed - UNDER 9's go to the start  
**09:00** - Under 9s race start (15 mins) Shortened main course  
**09:25** - Under 12s race start (20 mins) Shortened main course  
**09:50** - Course open for practise  
**10:10** - Course closed  
**10:20** - Female - Adult (1 Hr) + 1 Lap  
**10:35** - Female - Juvenile - Youth (45 mins)  
**11:35** - Course open for practise  
**11:55** - Course closed  
**12:00** - Male - Adult (1Hr) +1 Lap  
**12:15** - Male - Juvenile - Youth (45 Mins)

In the event of unforeseen circumstances, timings are subject to alteration. Changes will be announced on the public address system.

For each non-rider in attendance, we request that you sign in using the track and trace QR code found at the Travers Gazebo.

### 3. Planning for good hygiene

Please find the latest government COVID 19 guidance here <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-coronavirus-restrictions-what-you-can-and-cannot-do>

Please adhere to the latest guidance and generally ensure that you follow the 'Hands – Face – Space – Fresh Air' message. You need to be aware of 'touch points', using alcohol gel before and after touching objects others have touched and keeping a 2m distance from others not in your household.

Please use common sense and avoid busy areas. We understand that the nature of MTB racing is that often several family members will all be racing, so appreciate that it may be necessary for family groups to remain on site for that reason. If you do please maintain social distancing at all times.

The organiser will make reasonable provision to ensure good hygiene, providing hand sanitiser and wipes at the toilets and the Travers Gazebo.

Participants are asked to take personal responsibility for their own hand and respiratory hygiene. Please sanitise your hands at regular intervals and after any contact. Please cough or sneeze into a tissue and dispose of it in the bins provided.

Equipment for officials should not be shared, especially things like microphones for the PA, starting whistles but also first aid kits and pens/clipboards for judging.

All equipment such as the PA system and tables to be cleaned after use.

Riders should not clear their nose or spit whilst racing.

All attendees should try to keep a distance of 2 metres from anyone not in their household.

#### **4. Travel to and arrival at event**

Attendees are asked to consider their travel to and from the event in light of government guidance on general travel. Further guidance can be found here [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/978597/coronavirus-safer-travel-easy-read-guidance.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/978597/coronavirus-safer-travel-easy-read-guidance.pdf)

Riders are asked to arrive no earlier than 30 minutes before the course is open for your practise lap., although we do appreciate that this may not be possible due to household groups participating in different races.

#### **5. Movement at the venue**

Once you have collected your Number Board, please move away from the registration area and avoid congregating closely with others not in your household.

#### **6. Event registration and gridding information**

There will be a designated area for event registration, and this will be socially distanced. A physical signature is not required but riders will need to identify themselves by giving their details when requested.

A sign on volunteer will place your race number on a table at a distance and withdraw. The table will have disinfectant or wipes for the rider to clean their number and hand sanitiser. Cable ties will be available.

The gridding position for each round will be emailed out in advance and will also be displayed at the Travers gazebo, please familiarise yourself with your position.

#### **7. Equipment**

Riders will not be allowed to borrow any equipment for bike maintenance. Riders should neither share nor lend equipment to one another. It is therefore important that you have inspected and maintained your own equipment before the day.

#### **8. Refreshments**

Please note that there is no drinking water on-site, so please ensure you bring sufficient supplies of food and water with you.

#### **9. Use of facilities**

There will be 2 Portaloos on site. Please queue in a distanced fashion for these and use alcohol gel before and after using the toilets, particularly after touching any contact points, including the handle, flush and seat. We will also be conducting regular cleaning of these contact points.

#### **10. Technical Area/Feed Zone**

There will be no manned Technical Area or Feed Zone. This is to avoid people congregating in a small area. We will have an area marked out close to the arena where you may leave tools, feed or drink. It must not be attended however.

#### **11. Course practice, warm up and starts**

Feel free to complete a practise lap within your designated time, and please return to your vehicle once complete.

Ensure you are aware of your gridding position if relevant and make your way to your gridding position 5 minutes before your race start time, remaining cognisant of social distancing as much of possible.

The start will be designed to draw riders out so as to minimise close contact as quickly as possible. Please deploy common sense and fully utilise the space provided to maintain distancing.

#### **12. Spectators**

In accordance with the government guidelines, we would like to minimise spectators but recognise that parents will be there to watch their children race. As mentioned before, please maintain your distance from those not in your household and feel free to spectate from remote areas around the course.

If a parent is needed to assist younger riders at the start of the race, they must observe social distancing and follow the instructions of the marshal.

### **13. Event finish areas**

At the end of the race, riders are asked not to congregate at the finish and to maintain social distance or return to their vehicle.

### **14. Results**

Results will be available online only after the event. There will be no podiums or prizes.

### **15. Dispersal**

All event attendees should disperse as quickly as possible after their race, unless you are kindly volunteering to help with taking the tape down.

### **16. First Aid**

The designated first aider will have PPE for single use only and will safely dispose of any PPE used in contact with another person after each use.

### **17. Track and Trace**

There will be Track and Trace QR codes on display at the Travers gazebo. All non-competitors who enter the site should scan the QR code on the day.

All attendees are to take responsibility for their own health and **must not attend** if they are displaying any symptoms of COVID 19 which are a new and continuous cough, loss or change of taste or smell or a high temperature or fever.

### **18. New To The Series**

The Travers MTB series is a grass roots event designed to encourage new riders into the sport. There will be a wide range of abilities on the track at once, but please do not be intimidated. Mountain Bike Racers are generally a friendly bunch and willing to offer support if needed.

Here are some basic things to remember;

- Helmets must be worn whenever on the track and you must make sure that your bike is capable of handling off-road conditions.
- When faster riders overtake, they will call out indicating whether they are planning to pass on the right or left - you are not obliged to jump out of the way, but be aware of them and look for a safe spot to move over and allow space, or go wide on a corner.
- No potty mouths! We are all here to enjoy ourselves and pride ourselves on being family friendly.
- No littering – mountain bikers love the outdoors and we want to look after our environment.
- Hydrate before you race, and make sure you have access to a drink during the race. Small sips before you feel thirsty are best.
- Please let us know how it was for you after the event. We are interested and are always looking to do better so feel free to drop a line to [info@traversbikes.com](mailto:info@traversbikes.com)

### **Thank You**

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Thank you to the sponsors of the 2021 Travers Bikes MTB Series



## 19. Appendix 1: Event Rules

1. Be kind and considerate of others to ensure everyone has a good day.
2. For the foreseeable future we will run under COVID secure protocols. Please be sure to read the pre-race information pack which will be sent out once entries close. Important things to note are .....
  - a) Riders and spectators must comply with the COVID secure rules.
  - b) No person may participate or attend knowing themselves to be showing symptoms of, or having been found to be suffering from COVID19.
  - c) A **maximum** of £5.00 may be considered as an administration fee and thus potentially non-refundable.
  - d) The organiser undertakes to use their best endeavours to minimise any costs prior to the event and thereby minimise the risk of loss to entrants in the event of cancellation.
  - e) Except in the case of cancellation, (especially due to COVID 19 outbreaks or restrictions), entries are only refundable up to 14 days prior to the event.
  - f) Between 14 & 5 days prior to the event, entries can be transferred to a later date, again that is except in the case of cancellation due to COVID 19 outbreaks or restrictions, where a refund, as described at c. above will be the only option.
3. Travers MTB 2021 will run as a league, with 3 Adult Male & 2 Adult Female ability divisions, Youth and Juvenile, plus separate events for Under 12s and Under 9s.
4. At the end of the season there will be some movement within the leagues, including promotion and relegation. This will be on the basis of equalising numbers in leagues and allocating riders to the most appropriate class for their race ability.
5. It is intended that there will be end of Series prizes – dependent on COVID 19 precautions (see 12. below).
6. For 2021 only it is the rider's responsibility to select the appropriate ability division to suit their own level of ability.
7. Should it become apparent that a racer is in the wrong league, the organisers reserve the right to alter your league of entry.
8. To encourage competitive racing, series position will be determined by your percentage of the winning time, based on your best 4 out of the 5 races.
9. All riders will finish on the same lap as the winner. Riders will get a bell with 1 lap to go and the checkered flag will be waved signalling the end of the race as close to the time limit as possible. It is the rider's responsibility to make decisions regarding pace and time elapsed against time remaining. Where riders have completed the same number of laps, the finishing order will be judged by time taken to complete those laps. Any laps completed outside of the allotted time will not count.
10. Riders will be gridded after Round 1 on the basis of points held. For round 1 only the organiser will utilise a ranked list of average lap times from prior Travers MTB events to determine gridding positions.
11. Riders who have not raced in the series previously may at any point in the series provide the organiser with a detailed account of recent results from other events

and request priority gridding. This must be done by the end of the Wednesday prior to the event. In this, the organisers decision is final.

12. Series prizes to be awarded according to the top 3 places in each of the following age categories. (Age is calculated as the age as at 1st January at the outset of the age group and age as at 31<sup>st</sup> December at the close.

Under 9: (Born Since 2012 inclusive)

Under 12: (Born 2009-2011)

Juvenile: (Born 2007-2008)

Youth: (Born 2005-2006)

Adult: (Born prior to 2004)

13. Under 12 riders may not compete in any league of racing other than that specifically for their age group.

In the event of dispute, the organisers decision is final.