



Howdy Riders!

Not long to go! We have got 275 riders locked and loaded who are heading to the Kellevie Mtb Park 6 hour, if you are reading this you are one of them! Last time we rolled out a race it was pre pandemic (just by a week) so to be up and running again means a lot to the team. The support from riders has been amazing and we are stoked to have you on-board. We are very fortunate to be able to race this year, but it has meant some changes due to COVID-19. We appreciate everyone's ability to adapt. Please take the time to read through this information as there are changes to the way we usually run things ☺

(Teams and pairs please, make sure your team members have seen this email! We can only send the info to the emails supplied to us in your entry. So if you weren't able to grab an email when you entered your team it won't be on our list).

Course is groomed and test rides done. Once again the team has smashed out the trail work, the course is prime with a fresh configuration and some new trails, and we are looking forward to some exciting racing and race village stories. This year we have the biggest solo field ever and heaps of new and old faces coming to K-town. As always the social and fun nature of our endurance events has meant that people have felt comfortable to participate in events at all different levels. Bearing this in mind we have lots of juniors and new riders riding, so we ask more experienced riders to remember to embrace the fun and laidback nature of event and ensure that they have a good time, so they continue to participate and grow the sport.

Announcement! New community fundraising partner!

We would like to introduce our new fundraising partner (who we will be working with to bring back the 24 hour with a 6/12/24hr format – Stay Tuned!) [The Tasmanian Bike Collective](#) The team at the bike collective run a whole heap of social programs to help young people build resilience and skills, with bikes as their primary medium of connection. Starting off in Risdon Vale the team are now extending to other areas of the state. They do great work and have been instrumental creating amazing opportunities and life outcomes. for young people. If you want to give them some support [head here](#)

The important responsible stuff

Yes we know the rules and info can be really boring, but we ask that you please read them as the information is there to make your life easier.

There are often changes from previous events and the original event information around the start, transition, registration and other mysterious things are in this document.

Race briefing

You are reading it 😊 due to AusCycling and Work safe Tas COVID-19 event guidelines, we will not be having a live briefing on site as we normally do, so as stated elsewhere, please make sure your team mates receive a copy of this document.

Juniors (under 18) need to have a parent or guardian sign a copy of their waiver. Most waivers have been emailed out and returned (thank you to all who returned them via email!), however, if you have not had it returned, please bring your signed waiver to registration. A copy of the waiver is attached to this email if you need a copy.

If you are not a junior you do not need to sign a waiver as your online waiver was completed in your online entry process. Please also note our private promoter affiliation was sourced under MTBA who have now been auspiced by AusCycling who are providing our insurance. Any references to MTBA in your entry process now refer to the auspicing body AusCycling.

Start loop

There will be a short start loop for the first lap to spread everyone out before the single track. This will now be starting on the property access road due to recent storm damage on the normal start loop. We also need more room to apply social distancing in the start line pen.

All solos and teams start riders need to be at the start pen by 9:50am at the latest

- The start pen format to meet COVID-19 jiggery is two riders on the grid side by side with a 1.5 m gap between them and the same back to the next riders and so on
- The Property road will be closed to all traffic during the start procedure- from 9:30am till the last rider clears the race village(around 10:05) so if you want to be on the start line you will need to be settled in to the race village well before 9:30am. Anyone trying to access the property by vehicle after 9:30am will have to wait till all riders have cleared the start loop and follow the directions of the marshal.
- The start order is self-seeding so be realistic about your pace and place yourself in the line up accordingly (remembering your social distancing)
- Race Directors tip – Plenty of race days have ended on the start loop... watch the descent into the race village and washouts ,potholes from the recent storms.be respectful of others when passing.

Changing categories

Any changes in category need to be completed before race day – please email any category changes to [registration](#)

Race Plates

This is fairly straight forward and following a couple of key things saves us and you a lot of hassle.

Each race plate has an RFID electronic chip on it, each chip is assigned to a rider. If you put someone else's plate on your bike the timing computer doesn't know. If you swap bikes/plates with other riders the timing system does not know, it just reads the chip. It is very simple: if you ride with a plate that was not allocated to you, you will have messed up times.

So here are the simple rules to follow with race plates:

1. Check your race plate when you pick up your reg pack and make sure you have yours and not your team mates attached to your bike.
2. If you change bike you have to put your plate on that bike.
3. The timing area is bunted off - please don't enter the area with your bike with your number plate attached.

If the supporters of the junior teams could go through this with them prior to the race that would be great. 😊

We no longer use single use cable ties they are not much chop for the environment we use reusable Velcro ties that you can return to us, use at other events, or use for something else. Just don't throw them out or cut them 😊

Please note some riders used the plate mail out option when entering online to have their race plates mailed out to them – if you received yours via mail please do not place the race plate on your bike until you arrive at the race hub on race day so your plate doesn't fly off on your journey to the race.

Race Registration

Please only one person per team to come to the registration desk to pick up the race plates for their team. This is part of our congestion management due to the required COVID Safe management strategy.

The nominated person can pick up the entry pack for their team at the Jettech Event Village 7:30 am – 9:00 am Sunday April 18th. Riders who have had their registration packs mailed to them prior to the event do not need to present at the registration desk.

There will be no on the day entries accepted - registration is purely for those that have previously entered online and need to collect their teams race plates/s.

Some Race Directors tips

1. Read this document and ensure your team read this document
2. If you are new to solo racing, or longer events, pace yourself, either someone is fitter than you or they aren't. If they are you won't catch them anyway, if they aren't you will get 'em when they are walking. Ride your own race. (Even more important during a hot race.)
3. Remember it is a fun and social event. **If you think you will struggle with being respectful and keeping your cool this event is not for you. The more everyone works together, whatever their skill level, the better time everyone will have**
4. The following spares are worth having: joining link and chain breaker, tubes, derailleur

hanger chain lube if it's dry, chain lube if it's wet.

5. Check your bike during the week before, not the morning before.

6. Be Early for Registration. Get there and get your reg pack early, the reg team are also the timing team and will be doing other things when registration closes.

Results

Will e available live and will also be regularly updated and displayed in the race village

[Live Results will be live here baby!](#)

Time Table

Sunday 18th April 7:30 am - 9:00 am - Registration at the race village (see registration information above)

Sunday 18th April 9:30 am - Call to Start Pen (see start loop information above)

Sunday 18th April 10:00 am - Race Start

Sunday 18th April 4:00 pm - 6 Hour race finish

Sunday 18th April 5:15 pm – Brief presentations for Kellevie MTB Park 6 hour Solo Overall only (all category podiums will have their winner certificates emailed out to them as per AusCycling COVID guidelines to keep presentations brief)

Car Parking

As there is no camping this year there will only be day parking. The day parking area is clearly marked and set up so people can leave without interfering with the main transition and improve safety for competitors, supporters, and for contractors that come and go throughout the event. Usually everyone uses common sense and the day parking works well. To leave there may be course crossings which will be clearly marked and marshalled, riders have right of way and you will need to obey all direction of signage and staff. The race organisers are not held liable for any damage or stolen property in parked vehicles. Please adhere to the speed limit signage.

Fires

Fire-bins may be placed around the village depending on the conditions. NO other fires are to be lit by competitors. Sealed gas heaters (the big "mushroom" style) are allowed in personal site areas, as well as cooking stoves etc. However if there is high fire danger any direction from Tas Fire Service or race management must be adhered to.

Litter

We ask that you please keep the village and transition zones clean and take rubbish with you. Please take the time to remove your rubbish. Dumping of carb/gel packs on the trackside as opposed to tucking them in your attire somewhere will be frowned upon. Our team have been really impressed by the way people at our events have managed themselves so we feel like people reading this will already be on the same page. To be clear though, this one is pretty simple:

Bought it in with you - take it out with you. Littering intentionally leads to disqualification.

Drinking Water

You will need to bring your own drinking water this year as communal drinking water will not be available as normal. This is due to the COVID Safety management plan.

Start list

Start list can be found [here](#)

Food

We will have Dulcie Van providing kick arse coffee and snacks including egg and bacon rolls, vegetarian toasties and some sweet treats. Head Honcho Stephen will have coffee ready to go when you rock up and will be onsite fulfilling your caffeine and nutrition requirements throughout the day. Please bring cash - we will be trialling a mobile boosting service so Dulcie Van can run EFTPOS, however, this may be intermittent so we recommend bringing cash to avoid missing out on coffee and a toastie.

Pets

Pets are not permitted within any part of the property. There is no exception. It is not that we don't like them we don't want them running under bike wheels and it's a farming area.

Little Tackers

The event is family friendly, however, we insist that kids be kept out of transition area and off the course for their own safety. Kids must be supervised at all times. It is not that we don't like them, they are very good for making merchandise, cleaning chimneys and trail work, we just want to make sure every one is safe and sound.

On course mechanical and assistance

if you encounter a mechanical issue you must proceed along the course back to the race village with your bike and go through the timing station if completing your lap. Riders can assist each other on course, but outside assistance is not permitted. You must be able to either repair your bike on course without assistance or be able to make your way back to the race village via the course to complete your lap.

Prizes

All podium places receive recognition however due to bat virus times the presentations will be brief and limited to Solo Overall only. All category podium winners will be emailed a bespoke unique ktown winners certificate

Your safety driving home

After the race you will be tired, perhaps like you have just swum across a river made entirely of cheese (perhaps not), please take some time to rest if you are cooked before you hit the road.

Race Start

The race start, at 10:00 am, will be a rolling fire road section to spread everyone out before the single track. At 9:30 am on Sunday one rider from each team and solos will proceed to the start area which will be on the property access road, see attached start pen map. The start is designed to open up the field before the single track. SOLO RIDERS will line up with the rest of the field. The start field will go on a 500-meter (approx.) fire road loop and then

start the course. Any one missing the start will have to wait until the field has completed the fire road start section, then await permission to start from race officials. The start line order will be self-seeded and marked to meet COVID-19 guidelines.

Lap Times and Transition

The riders and teams with the most laps win. For riders and teams on the same number of laps, the fastest time wins (least amount of time to complete the same number of laps). **This year we have changed the regulation of having to be on the course at the 6 hour mark. We will no longer have riders congregating at the finish line waiting for the 6 hour mark due to COVID 19 regs. Your laps will still be counted even if you finish your riding before the 6 hour mark.** Riders and teams can take a break at any time throughout the event and your lap time is measured from when your previous team rider finishes a lap until you complete the next lap. The transition area will be after the timing station. You will be given a number plate with a timing chip and live preliminary results will be available for people watching the race online if WIFI allows. We will have a manual backup so if a timer asks for your race number the rider must stop and respond appropriately.

The transition is a rolling transition after the timing station where your partner can leave when you enter the transition pen. Solos do not have to dismount Please see the attached map to familiarise yourself with the solo feed zones and the team transition zone.

Please note that due to a larger solo field and social distancing requirements there are changes to how we normally roll out the solo feed zones. Each solo participant will have a 3 X 3 metre space alongside the course just after timing and transition (no vehicles allowed in feed zone)

Attaching Your Bike Number Plate

Attach your bike number to the front of your bike using at least 3 ties, securely fastening it to the handle bar and ensuring that it can be easily seen from the front. Remember - if we can't see your number, your lap times may not be captured if the electronic timing system goes poo poo.

Minimum Equipment on the Track

Each rider must have the following equipment whilst on the course:· Serviceable mountain bike and Australian Standards certified cycling helmet,· A full water bottle or hydration pack,· Tool kit with spare tube and basic tools . **YOUR BIKE MUST TURN UP AT THE EVENT CLEAN AND HAVE BAR END CAPS FITTED.** You may be taken off the start line by scrutineers if you turn up with a crusty rig with no bar end caps.

Course Etiquette and Passing Rules

Following are a few tips on the course:· A rider walking their bike must give way to a rider who is riding. The rider being overtaken has right-of-way until the overtaking rider is past and clear by a bike length.· If you want to pass the rider in front on single track, call out "TRACK".· When the rider in front feels it is safe to pass, they will pull over to one side and call "PASS". They may also call out "ON MY LEFT / ON MY RIGHT".· Let the rider in front know what you are doing by calling "ON YOUR LEFT / ON YOUR RIGHT". If there is more than one rider passing, let the rider in front know by calling "TWO COMING THROUGH".· If you do not make this call, the rider in front will assume you have decided not to pass and will return to the centre of the track.· There are several small sleeper bridges and ramps on the course,

some of them over water. Overtaking is not allowed on any of these. There are also areas marked with skull and cross bones to indicate danger, extra care must be applied to consider the safety and comfort of other riders during these sections. The same care must be taken with track sections marked with two down arrows to indicate an approaching technical section

On Course Emergency Procedures

There will be a team of marshals riding during the event. If they request you slow down or divert please follow their requests. There are sections on the track where assistance from first aid may take time to reach. If you find an injured rider stay with them and send the next person for help. Any person rendering assistance will be given corrected time based on their average lap times (excluding their assistance lap) .

There will also be marshal points on the track where you can report issues to marshals who will be in communication with race management.

Course

The course is designed to suit the skill levels of anyone who rides regularly. 6.6 kms in length it's fun and predominantly single track with new sections for the event. The riding terrain varies from closed in river forest trails, open paddock sections, a couple of fire road sections for passing and refuelling. The race village accommodates transition and the half way point in the course so feed access points for solos are plenty. **Please note that due to recent storm deluge there is one area of track that we will inspect on Saturday and may not use which will change the course to be around 5.8 km and slightly less elevation. We will advise of any course change on Saturday on our social media page.**

Good Karma

As a philosophical point it is worth remembering although we are racing on a sheep station, we are not racing for one! So be aware that passing involving contact or abuse may result in disqualification. The Kellevie 6 hour is a place to foster good karma. The event provides an atmosphere for a fun social event whilst at the same time finding our own personal hell! How good is that! We thank you for involvement, and to help us make the event a success we ask that you help us by being patient and supporting race officials.

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Thankyous

We would like to thank Dave and the team at [Mtn Trails](#) for their great trail work and use of the land, our tireless trail team and event volunteers who without them there would be no racing , Sam and the team from [Jettech](#) who bring the power to the party.

Good luck to everyone riding, see you at Kellevie for the Kellevie MTB Park 6hour

Duncan, Sarah and the race team.

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