



Rules, Regulations & Terms and Conditions

1. General

By entering or attending a Joyride Racing event, all riders, parents/guardians, spectators and attendees acknowledge and agree to abide by these Rules, Regulations and Terms & Conditions.

Mountain bike racing is a dangerous activity that carries inherent risks including serious injury or death. Participation in any Joyride Racing event is entirely at the participant's own risk.

Joyride Racing reserves the right to amend these rules, event formats or schedules at any time in the interest of safety, fairness or event operations.

The Race Director, Chief Commissaire and Event Officials retain final authority on all event-related decisions.

2. Rider Responsibility

Riders are responsible for:

- Ensuring their bicycle and equipment are safe and suitable for competition
- Riding within their limits and ability
- Following all directions from event staff and officials

- Understanding the official course and event schedule
- Maintaining appropriate conduct at all times

Parents and guardians remain responsible for the supervision, conduct and wellbeing of their children throughout the duration of the event.

3. Clothing & Equipment

Bicycle Requirements

All bicycles must have:

- Two functioning brakes
- Bar plugs/bar ends fitted
- Safe and structurally sound condition

Recommended:

- Dual suspension bicycle
- Hydraulic disc brakes
- Downhill specific tyres

Rider Equipment

All riders must wear:

- Full-face helmet with fixed non-detachable mouthpiece meeting current Australian or equivalent international standards
- Long sleeve jersey or shirt covering the elbows
- Knee pads
- Fully enclosed shoes

Required unless exempt by category:

- Elbow pads (U19 exempt)
- Full-finger gloves (U19 exempt)

Not permitted:

- Singlets
- Open footwear

Recommended:

- Body armour
- Neck brace
- Goggles

The Race Director or Event Officials reserve the right to deem any rider's equipment or clothing unsuitable for competition. Riders not meeting minimum safety requirements may be refused participation.

4. Concussion Policy

Joyride Racing operates under a strict concussion policy:

“If in doubt, sit them out.”

If concussion is suspected by medics, officials or event staff, the rider will not be permitted to continue riding or racing.

A rider may only return to riding with written medical clearance from a qualified doctor.

Parents, guardians or riders do not override this decision.

Riders are encouraged to look after one another. If you witness a rider suffer a heavy crash involving the head, loss of consciousness or signs of disorientation, notify an official immediately.

Joyride Racing follows the applicable [AUSCYCLING CONCUSSION POLICY](#)

5. Code of Conduct

Joyride Racing is committed to providing a safe, respectful and family-friendly environment.

All participants, parents, spectators, volunteers and staff are expected to:

- Treat others with respect
- Show good sportsmanship
- Follow directions from officials and staff
- Respect the venue, trails and surrounding environment
- Behave in a safe and responsible manner

6. Unacceptable Behaviour

The following behaviour may result in warnings, penalties, removal from the venue, suspension or disqualification:

- Abuse, harassment or discrimination of any kind
- Swearing or inappropriate language directed at others
- Unsportsmanlike behaviour
- Dangerous riding
- Failing to slow or stop for injured riders
- Damaging property
- Ignoring official directions
- Queue jumping or aggressive behaviour in shuttle lines
- Consumption of alcohol at junior events
- Use of illegal substances
- Sledging or harassment online or in person

Joyride Racing reserves the right to remove any individual behaving in a manner deemed unsafe, abusive or inappropriate.

7. Practice

- All riders on course during official event times must be registered participants
- Riders must display the correct event number plate at all times
- Riders may only ride during official practice sessions unless otherwise authorised
- A compulsory practice run may be required prior to qualifying or racing
- Riders must follow all course marshal instructions
- No practice is permitted while racing is active unless authorised by officials
- Riders ride at their own risk at all times

Any riding outside designated practice times may result in penalties or disqualification.

8. Racing Regulations

- Riders must complete the full course as marked
- Riders must finish with their bicycle
- Riders may not take shortcuts or leave the marked course to gain advantage
- Riders exiting the course must return at the same point where they exited
- Riders must allow faster riders to pass safely when possible
- Riders must act in a sporting and respectful manner at all times
- Riders must obey all flagging and marshal instructions immediately
- Riders may only change bicycles between official race runs unless approved by officials

The rider's finish time is recorded when the leading edge of the front wheel crosses the finish line.

The Race Director and Chief Commissaire reserve the right to apply penalties, time penalties or disqualifications where appropriate.

9. Race Interruptions & Reruns

Reruns are granted solely at the discretion of the Race Director or Chief Commissaire.

Claims regarding:

- Obstructed runs
 - Timing issues
 - Rider interference
 - Course hazards
- must be reported immediately after the run.

Helmet camera footage may be requested as supporting evidence but does not guarantee a rerun.

Failure to stop for yellow flags, marshals or medical incidents may result in disqualification.

10. Officials & Marshal Authority

All riders, spectators and attendees must comply with directions issued by:

- Event Officials
- Marshals
- Medics

- Shuttle staff
- Venue staff
- Race management

Failure to comply may result in removal from the venue or disqualification.

11. Shuttle & Vehicle Safety

All riders and passengers must follow instructions from transport staff and drivers at all times.

Unsafe behaviour around shuttle vehicles, trailers or loading zones may result in removal from transport services or disqualification.

No standing in moving vehicles is permitted.

Bikes must be loaded securely as directed by event staff.

12. Venue Safety

- Spectators must remain in designated viewing areas
- Children must be supervised by a parent or guardian at all times
- No unauthorised persons may enter restricted course areas
- Riders and spectators must remain clear of active racecourses unless authorised

Joyride Racing reserves the right to remove anyone creating unsafe conditions.

13. Environmental Conditions

Mountain bike racing is an outdoor sport conducted in changing conditions.

Events may proceed in:

- Wet weather
- Dust
- Heat

- Smoke
- Mud
- Reduced visibility
where deemed safe by officials.

Riders are responsible for assessing conditions and riding within their limits.

14. Bicycle Eligibility

Unless otherwise specified by event organisers:

- E-bikes and motorised bicycles are not permitted in competition categories
 - Riders may only compete in approved categories
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15. Photography, Video & Media Release

By attending or participating in a Joyride Racing event, all participants and spectators consent to being photographed, filmed or recorded.

Joyride Racing and its partners may use this content for:

- Social media
- Advertising
- Broadcast
- Promotional material
- Commercial purposes

No compensation is payable for such use.

16. Event Cancellation & Refund Policy

Entry fees are non-refundable except where required by Australian Consumer Law.

Once official event operations have commenced — including but not limited to:

- Rider check-in
- Practice
- Course access
- Shuttles
- Rider briefings
- Racing activities

No refunds, transfers or credits will be issued if the event is:

- Cancelled
- Postponed
- Delayed
- Interrupted
- Shortened
- Abandoned

This includes circumstances relating to:

- Weather
- Fire danger
- Medical incidents
- Government directives
- Venue closures
- Force majeure events
- Safety concerns
- Circumstances outside the reasonable control of Joyride Racing

Joyride Racing reserves the right to alter event schedules, formats or stages at any time.

17. Liability

To the maximum extent permitted by law:

- Participants attend and compete entirely at their own risk
- Joyride Racing accepts no responsibility for injury, loss, theft or damage to persons, bicycles, vehicles or personal property
- Riders acknowledge the risks associated with mountain bike riding and racing

Participants waive any claims against Joyride Racing, its staff, volunteers, officials, sponsors and land managers arising from participation in the event, except where liability cannot legally be excluded.

18. Waste & Environmental Responsibility

Riders and spectators must:

- Respect the venue and surrounding environment
- Dispose of rubbish appropriately
- Avoid damaging vegetation or infrastructure
- Ride only on official trails and designated areas

No glass containers are permitted near the course or event areas.

19. Final Authority

The Race Director retains the right to:

- Refuse entry
- Remove participants or spectators
- Modify schedules or formats
- Cancel stages or runs
- Apply penalties or disqualifications
- Make final rulings on any matter not specifically covered in these regulations

All decisions made by the Race Director and Chief Commissaire are final.