

PARTICIPATION

By participating in this event, participants accept that riding will be at their own risk. The routes used during the event are open to traffic. There are no road closures, police escorts, or course marshals. Cyclists must ride defensively with safety as their utmost priority. Neither the organisers nor its volunteers are responsible for the negligence of motor vehicles during these events, even if it results in injury or loss of life.

SAFETY

Riders shall obey all rules of the road. It is the rider's responsibility to know the laws of the road and to follow them. Flagrant disregard of local and provincial traffic laws will result in disqualification. Please come to a complete stop at all stop signs and red lights and use hand signals appropriately.

Slower participants must make way for faster racers.

Faster riders - this is not a race. Approach slower riders calmly and do not startle them, communicating properly that you will be passing. Only pass when it is safe to do so.

Riders must take caution when the route is not clear or coming to an intersection or roadway.

Faster/stronger riders - offer a helping hand to the slower riders and encouragement along the route.

Riders should be prepared to brake during steep down hills.

Riders must obey all traffic rules.

Bike repairs should be done in a visible area on the edge of the trail, road or path.

If you have a mechanical issue, pull over to the side of the trail/road/path when it is safe to do so, first checking that there are no other riders passing you.

RIDE BATCHING

If you're not sure what time you're starting, you can view the batch times on the info pack provided for the ride. Please ensure you arrive at least 45 minutes prior to the batch start to load your bags onto the various vehicles, as well as finding the group at the start for a briefing 15 minutes prior to departure.

CONDUCT

We expect you to conduct yourself properly, with respect to fellow riders and vehicles on the road.

Drake Events has the right to disqualify any participant for the following reasons:

Technical or equipment problem beyond repair.

Health problems of any participant.

Disregarding any fair play rules.

Un-sportsman-like behaviour.

" Pushing" or "pulling" by a third party.

Any disrespect to the environment or personnel.

A rider not wearing a helmet at any stage of the ride.

All helmets must comply with international 'ANSI' standards.

Appropriate riding attire, including a shirt, must be worn at all times.

Smoking on route is not permitted.

There will be no reimbursement of costs to the participant in case of disqualification.

NUTRITION AND WATER POINTS

Riders retain the ultimate responsibility to carry enough water and nutrition with them.

Drake Events will provide water at water points on the route, as well as possible sponsored hydration. You are not obliged to drink what is provided

and in doing so you trust the water is pulled from a safe source and the sponsored products are up to standards for retail sale.
Water point locations will be made available in ride documentation.

RIDE TIMING

This is not a Race!

There will be no official timing of the ride. Drake Events will be using their own timing to gauge group speeds and ensuring riders make it through check points timeously. This will allow for the groups finishing in the allocated time at the finish to avoid delays in transfers back home.

Riders have to arrive at the start location 45 minutes before the start of the group ride.

Riders will be briefed 15min before the start. In case of batches riders will be briefed before the start of each batch.

Should you arrive late, you may start after your batch and catch up, or you may choose to wait for the next batch start time.

Riders that do not reach designated cut-off points in time will be prevented from continuing to ride and will be asked to get into the sweep vehicle. They will be transported to the ride finish in the vehicle.

Cut-off points are as per the ride info pack.

Cut-off points can be enforced at any time if the organisers deem the situation as unsafe.

Riders who want to start in a batch which is higher than the batch they should be riding in, need to notify management ahead of time. Failure to notify management will mean that Drake Events are unaware that you started early, and you did not show up for your original batch.

Riders may start in a slower group. The responsibility lies with the rider to report this to the management personnel.

NAVIGATION

Prior to the start of the ride, each participant will receive a GPS route file that will provide the route. Riders must stop at each waterpoint/lunch/checkpoint to have his/her time recorded by Drake Events management. If personnel are not present, the cyclist should make a mental note of the time they reached a checkpoint. A participant may be disqualified if he/she misses a checkpoint. If a cyclist leaves the route, he/she must return to the route at the exact same location.