

Reglement

1. General

- (1) The Bosch eMTB Challenge supported by Trek ("**Event**") is an event organized by Delius Klasing Verlags GmbH (the "**Organizer**").
- (2) These rules govern the terms of participation of every participant in the Event ("**Participants**") and are binding on them. A precondition of participation is a full acceptance of these rules.
- (3) The Organizer has complete discretion in respect of the Event and is entitled at any time to make decisions relating to the event, particularly to change the route, to extend or shorten to a reasonable extent the distance of the route for objective reasons (e.g. damage to roads) - even shortly before the challenge.
- (4) Instructions from Event staff and uniformed forces (police, fire service, THW - technical assistance organization) must be complied with immediately and completely. In the event of non-compliance the Organizer is entitled to penalize the Participant in question (see point 16 of these rules entitled "Sanctions"). "Event Staff" and those acting on behalf of the Organizer means all those persons identified as such (e.g. marshals).

2. Eligibility - health

- (1) Amateur and professional athletes are eligible to participate.
- (2) Each participant younger than 18 years need to show a letter of agreement of their parents.
- (3) A precondition for participation by every Participant is the presence of a signed original declaration of liability by registration. The declaration of liability can also be signed on-site.

3. Equipment

- (1) Allowed are all usual electric Mountainbikes with an engine performance of maximum 25km/h. These are the ones, who are count as bikes and aren't in need of a special insurance or admission. S-Pedelecs with an unlimited support of pedalling are valid as mopeds or motorbikes and aren't allowed to participate at the race. Who starts with an electric bike with more than 25km/h, is going to infringe against the regulations but also against the road traffic regulations, and is going to commit a criminal act.
- (2) Systems which can be changed from pedelec to speed pedelec are going to be suspended.
- (3) All participants have to wear an admitted and proved helmet during the whole challenge. Furthermore it is obligatory to wear closed gloves, kneepads and a short- or long armed tricot.
- (4) If someone infringes against this rules he is going to be suspended directly from the challenge.
- (5) We highly recommend to take a mobile phone with you all the time to get in contact in case of emergency.
- (6) Each participant is responsible for a faultless state of his used material on the bike as well as for his protective clothing. It's only allowed to use material which is designed especially for this situations. The

state, the quality or the construction can't be a danger for other persons. The protective clothing has to show a seal of approval of an international known testing center.

4. Supervision and Tuning

It's not allowed to tune or to manipulate the system. There will be a check right before the race as well as random controls during the race and in the finish area by the organiser of the event.

5. Start

(1) The start of the challenge is going to take place in groups, which are starting with short time lags in between. The starting times get announced on the evening before the challenge starts.

(2) There won't be any fixed starting times at the stages. The participants will start free, but only by announcement of the staff at the stages.

(3) Each participant starts alone into the stages. The time lags between the participants are minimum 30 seconds.

(4) A member of staff will tell each participant when to start.

6. Important behavioural rules during the event

(1) The participants must at all times obey the rules of the road of the respective country.

(2) The participants aren't allowed to receive any help from outside (no participants). This contains help of any team members or persons from the audience by carrying the equipment or by reparations on the bike during the race. The participants can support each other without any problems.

(3) The riders have to behave in a way so that nobody gets hurt, restrained or in danger.

(4) It's not allowed in any case to throw away or let any things fall down, especially bottles, cups or something else of the catering point.

(5) There won't be a tech zone so every reparation has to take place next to the course, without restraining anybody.

(6) It is not allowed to take any glass containers with you during the challenge.

(7) The riders are allowed to cross the finish line by foot, assumed they are taking their bike with them.

(8) If a rider leaves the course of any reason, he or she has to get back to exactly this point to restart there.

(9) There won't be any training. It's only allowed to get on the track by bike during the challenge. By infringing against this rule the participant will get disqualified directly.

7. Start numbers

(1) Every Participant is obliged to have his start number clearly visible on his bike (handlebars) throughout the entire Event. The advertising on the start number may not be covered or otherwise rendered unrecognizable.

8. Time measurement and orientation points

- (1) The time measurement will be done by a transponder, which will be handed out at the distribution of starting numbers. The starting number has to be fixed on the wrist of each participant.
- (2) The time gets measured only at the stages and then will get summarized to a total.
- (3) There won't be a time measurement on the transfer parts, but there will be a maximum duration of 5 hours for each participant to arrive in the finish area. The Organizer can change the time limit at each Event venue. Detailed information will be published at the riders briefing.
- (4) There will be orientation points on the transfer courses which have to be collected by riding nearby. For any orientation point not reached, there will be a time penalty of 10 seconds each.
- (5) At the Uphill Stages there will be so called "No Feet Zones". These zones are getting checked by a marshal. If someone touches the ground with his foot there will be an acoustic signal made by the marshal to register the ground contact. Each contact will get charged with a time penalty of 10 seconds.
- (6) There will be a "prolog stage". The prolog stage will be placed near to the event area and the start and finish area of the eMTB Challenge. This stage will be a parcours with different lines and obstacles, which have to be passed by the participant.
- (7) In the prolog stage there will be an eMTB Buzzer, which has to be reached and pressed by each participant. After pressing the Buzzer there will be a signal. If a participant does not press the Buzzer, he will get a penalty time of 10 seconds.

9. Food and drink

- (1) Every participant is responsible for his or her own food and drink.
- (2) The organizer will provide appropriate food at the food stations. These food zones will be signposted but also marked in the map giving to you. Each participant receives food and drinks by showing their start number.
- (3) The participants must not leave behind any waste and not affect the environment adversely.
- (4) it is prohibited to consume alcohol during the challenge.

10. Standings

- (1) Participants of the Bosch eMTB Challenge supported by Trek start as individuals.
- (2) There will be three categories: eMTB Explorer, eMTB Amateur and eMTB Advanced.
- (3) Participants in the eMTB Explorer category just ride the transfer tracks without the stages. They just have to pass the orientation points. For this category, there can be more than ten orientation points. The number of points will be published at the riders briefing.
- (4) In the eMTB Advanced category, the track can get harder with an additional stage or a more difficult transfer track.

11. Premature ending a distance or the entire Event

(1) Participants who end a distance prematurely must sign out immediately with the Organizer on site (race office or checkpoint) or using the emergency phone number printed on the Participant ID. **For Teams or Participants who do not sign out at the race office or check points or who use the telephone number provided, the Organizer will launch a search group at the expense of the Participant.**

12. Award ceremony

(1) There will be an award ceremony round about 30 minutes after the challenge. The first three placed bikers of each category are pleased to come to the ceremony, as they will receive prizes.

13. Course

(1) The track will be announced just shortly before the challenge starts. Each participant gets a map, showing all stages and orientation points. There won't be signposted everywhere on the transfer tracks. Dangerous and important parts will be marked with fences, warning tapes or equal. Each biker leaving the track definitely have to enter the track at exactly the same place.

(2) The order of all orientation points and stages have to be kept.

(3) It is not allowed to shorten the course at any point to get advantages. If so the rider gets disqualified at once.

(4) The course can only be used by the riders during the challenge. There will be marshals and medical staff on the track during the race.

14. Medical supply

(1) The organiser provides an appropriate medical supply by doctors and first aid staff on the course.

(2) Riders who helped in case of an emergency (first aid on course) or get a time lost because of an accident can contact the race director in the finish area. The responsible persons will care about this issue and correct the time in an appropriate way.

(3) To guarantee the free way for the rescue team to reach an injured biker, a stage can be closed or in the whole challenge can get cancelled.

15. Jury & Protest

(1) The Organiser shall create a jury ("**Jury**") for every Event. The Jury consists of three (3) members chosen at the Organiser's discretion (generally race manager, head of the organising committee, head of timekeeping)

(2) Each decision regarding the challenge, a breach of rule or especially disqualifications are going to be taken by these Jury.

(3) The Jury decides on breaches of rules and protests notified to it (e.g. by marshals or commissaries). "**Protests**" are breaches of the rules notified by Participants from other Teams or complaints by Participants against the actions (e.g. sanctions) of Event staff. Protests must be submitted no later than one (1) hour after the finish time in the race office and set out in writing, if necessary with reference to documentary evidence (e.g. witnesses). The fee for lodging a Protest is €50 and must be paid with the submission of the Protest. The Protest fee remains with the Organiser if the Protest is rejected, otherwise it is returned immediately.

16. Image rights

- (1) The Organizer is entitled to take photographs and video of the Participants or have them taken as part of the Event and to use, and especially to publish and/or edit these - subject to subsection (2) - without limitation as to time, location or content on TV, the internet, in printed materials, on any known or future medium, including for advertising purposes, without any time limits and free of charge, i.e. no payment or damages is required to be paid in respect of same. This includes in particular the right to grant third parties (e.g. sponsors of the Event) the right of use.
- (2) Expressly not included is the use of individual Participants (or a group) in such a way that the focus is on the Participant(s) in question rather than the Event or participation in the Event. Such use requires prior approval by the Participants in question.
- (3) The Participant agrees that the personal data obtained may be passed on to third parties for the purposes of timekeeping, drawing up the lists of results and putting these lists on the internet.
- (4) The Participant agrees to the publication of his or her surname, forename, year of birth, residence, Team name, start number and result (placing and times) in all media relevant to the Event (list of Participants, list of results etc.).
- (5) The Participant may object to the disclosure and publication of his or her personal details by contacting the Organizer in writing, by phone or e-mail.

17. Liability of the Organizer

- (1) The liability of the Organizer is limited as follows:
 - a) The liability of the Organizer for loss or damage resulting from fatal or personal injuries caused by negligent or deliberate breach of duty by the Organizer or a legally authorised representative or agent is not limited in terms of either its merits or the sum involved.
 - b) For other loss or damage resulting from deliberate or grossly negligent breach of duty by the Organizer or a legally authorised representative or agent, the liability of the Organizer is likewise not limited in terms of either its merits or the sum involved.
 - c) The Organizer is not liable for loss or damage resulting from negligent breach of duty by the Organizer or a legally authorized representative or agent unless the damages result from a breach of a material contractual duty. Liability for damages for breach of a material contractual duty is however limited to compensation for foreseeable, typical loss at the time the contract was entered into. "**Material contractual duties**" are those the fulfilment of which enables the proper execution of the contract in the first place and compliance with which is regularly relied upon.
- (2) The Participant is therefore expressly notified that the Organizer and its legally authorised representatives and agents are not liable for loss or damage for which they are not responsible. This applies for example to loss or damage caused by improper conduct/riding errors by other riders or the fact that Participants are prevented from participating in full or in part due to statutory provisions and/or official orders.
- (3) This limitation of liability also applies expressly to lost or missing items, articles of clothing and items of equipment and damage to bikes occasioned during transportation.

18. Liability of the Participant and indemnity

(1) The Participant is once more expressly reminded that he or she is liable for damage to the Organizer or third parties (e.g. other riders) to an unlimited extent if the Participant is responsible for same, e.g. the Participant is charged with acting deliberately or negligently. **The Organizer recommends that Participants obtain a policy of public liability insurance for events such as these.**

(2) The Participant hereby undertakes to indemnify the Organizer and/or third parties engaged by the Organizer ("**Indemnified Parties**") in full in respect of all third party claims as soon as so requested and to pay the costs claimed as against the Indemnified Parties in respect of the loss or damage caused by the Participant and all costs incurred in this regard (including legal defence).