



Coronet Loop Mountain Bike Race Briefing

- ☐ **Check the weather and prepare for the conditions on race day! This Briefing is subject to change based on course and weather conditions. A compulsory briefing will take place at your start line just prior to race start. It is compulsory for you to attend your race briefing.**
- ☐ Before you enter the start chute, ensure you have collected your race number and have attached it to your handle bars. Your timing transponder is attached to the back of your race number.
- ☐ Athletes with an expected finishing time under 4hrs will start in a group at 8:30am. All other athletes will be started in a self-seeding, controlled rolling start format. 2 riders at approximately 5-second intervals. It is very important for your enjoyment and for the other athletes that you seed yourself appropriate to your ability and expected finishing time. There will be signage to direct you to the correct starting area in the start chute.
- ☐ Total Fire Ban On Course
- ☐ Gear. You will be in the mountains and as in any alpine situation you are the person primarily responsible for your own safety and you must carry the compulsory gear at all times.
- ☐ **Cut offs** –Re-Fill Station 1 (Coronet Peak Road) - 11:00am. Full course cut off is 5:00pm. Cut off times will be strictly enforced, noting the time listed is the time you must be leaving, not arriving and then stopping for 15 minutes.
- ☐ **Please do not litter on course and TAKE ALL YOUR RUBBISH OUT.**
- ☐ There are 3 Re-Fill Water Stations on course, at 18.5km from the start, 26km from the start and 44km from the start. You should be carrying what you need to complete the event. If you need to refuel, please move off the track to allow others to pass.
- ☐ Toilets - start line and 1 x each of the refill stations.
- ☐ iPods/headphones are not recommended as there may be emergency 4WD vehicles moving through the course.
- ☐ **Course Etiquette** - If you are unsure you will make the hill climbs get off and walk and KEEP LEFT – if you do have to stop in the middle of the climb be aware of the bikers behind and beside you. GET OUT OF THEIR WAY so they can continue their climb. Same for descents. You may encounter walkers and runners on the final section of the course. They have been asked to stay left, so please take care when passing on their RIGHT and ensure you call “coming right”.
- ☐ There are four NO PASSING ZONES which are sign posted, please do not attempt to pass in that immediate area – wait until no passing zone ends sign.
- ☐ **Not all hazards on course are not marked. Please keep your eyes open and take extra care on steeper descents, on narrow sections, and near drop offs. The Macetown track (final 12km) has some sections with large ruts and steep drop offs, extreme care is required. Ride within your ability.**



- ☐ While Macetown Track is officially closed to vehicles there may be official vehicle movements and others that ignore the road closure. Treat all roads as being open and watch for vehicles. There is a stop/go crossing at Coronet Peak Road, follow directions of marshals at this point. Bush Creek/Water race/Hot Rod and Dan O'Connell's track open to the public but requested to refrain from riding.
- ☐ If you are first on scene at an accident please stop and assist the competitor who is injured or in distress, and then go on and report it to the nearest marshal or send a person for help. Three roving medics will be on course.
- ☐ Course overview. Track starts with 500m open section with a hard right onto Sawpit singletrack – Marshall will direct you. Be careful to cross on the carpet on the water pipe especially if wet.
- ☐ Bush Creek Saddle - approx. 300m section, danger is due to steep bluffs, first bluffs, clear area then a second set of bluffs.
- ☐ Hot rod - fast flowy downhill trail - take care and walk your bike if in doubt.
- ☐ Pack sack n track. (First 30 metres shared with DH from rude rock) three rock rolls, 1st small, 2nd one more significant, have a look and walk if unsure, 3rd one small but exposed. If you come to the water at the bottom of pack track, you've gone too far.
- ☐ Approx. 500m past 8 Mile hut (refill station 3) where the track joins the Macetown road, there is a narrow ledge - if unsure, walk your bike along this short section (approx. 100m).
- ☐ Didymo - there will be a Didymo wash at the finish line, you must bike/walk with your bike through this. After the event you must ensure your footwear and bike is completely dried before entering another waterway in a different area.

BE SAFE AND HAVE FUN!