

FINAL INSTRUCTIONS

*BEERBURRUM STATE FOREST – TRIPOONYS AREA
MTBO STATE SERIES 9*

Beerburrum State Forest

Sunday 8.30 am, 29 September 2019

Thank you all for your entry into the
Queensland MTBO State Series Event No 9

Road Directions:

From Brisbane: Allow 65 minutes from Brisbane CBD to assembly area. Travel north on the Bruce Highway to approx 10km past Caboolture and turn left towards Beerburrum along the Steve Irwin Way. Turn right at the Beerburrum turn-off onto Red Road and follow Red Road back across the Bruce Highway to the assembly area. Turn left at end of bitumen road and follow Orienteering signs.

From the North: Follow the Bruce Highway to the Landsborough turnoff, then follow the Steve Irwin Way to Beerburrum, turn right (east) onto Red Road and follow directions as above.

Park as directed. With care you can park on either side of the recently “crowned” forestry road around the Registration Tent.



Courses:

- Course 1 – ~ 32 km – climb 210 metres – MO, Social Long
- Course 2 – ~ 26 km – climb 170 metres – M17-20, WO, M40,
- Course 3 – ~ 20 km – climb 105 metres – W40, M50 Social Medium
- Course 4 – ~ 15 km – climb 65 metres – W17-20, W50, M60, M70+
- Course 5 – ~ 11 km – climb 40 metres – M12, W12, M14, W14, W16, W60, W70+, Social Short

Score 90 minutes – Social event for individuals or teams
Score 3 hour - Social event for individuals or teams

Score Courses are events which enables the participant to score points by visiting various controls in no particular order. The points correspond to the control group, ie control number 51 = 50 points, control 76 = 70 points

Please be careful to ensure you punch the correct control by checking the number!

Note – there will be a mass start for 3 hour score riders at 08:30am so they have time to finish before the noon course closure time. Don't be late as your start time cannot be altered!













Registration:



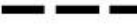







Registration will open at **8.00 am**. Please make sure that all outstanding monies have been paid prior to the event. **ALL** competitors are required to go to registration. Your entry details will be confirmed and you will be issued with an SIAC stick (if hired) and finger strap. If you **own** an SI or SIAC stick **bring it to registration** so that the number can be checked. For newcomers, basic instruction will also be available if needed, just ask the officials. Compasses will be available for loan and if you have requested a hire map board these will also be available at registration.

Map

Map Scale 1:20,000 for Course 1, 2, 3 and Score courses, contour interval 5 metres
Map Scale 1:15,000 for Course 4 and 5, contour interval 5 metres
Map Size is A3 for All courses
The legend will be on map as displayed below.

Legend

Contour/Index contour		 Start Location
Watercourse		 Controls
Out of bounds		 Finish Control
Native Forest		 Obstacle/Log
Pine Forest In Rows		 Dam/Pond/Water
Rough Open Land		 Uncrossable Marsh

	fast	medium	slow	difficult
Bitumen road				
Dirt roads				
Dirt tracks				
Overgrown				

Terrain Notes

The event area is undulating pine plantation with some remnant native forest along watercourses. There is an active logging programme happening and thus there is an Out of Bounds area marked on your maps where work is still in progress.

Please note that if the map does not show “out of bounds” you may enter the area even if signs on the roads prohibit entry due to logging operations.

The map was last used in 2015 so both the vegetation and the track conditions have had major updates for this event. As a result competitors should note the following:

- In addition to the normal track and path grading a broad green stripe has been used to show local areas of thick vegetation or overgrown tracks.
- On previous maps a broad yellow stripe was used to indicate wide open verges on main roads, but since most of these verges are now too rough to ride on this stripe has been removed. Riders should judge track speed by the updated track symbols.
- The tracks are generally dry, but some deep ruts are present from previous wet weather activity. The deep ruts are generally avoidable on two wheels, but riders should exercise care
- Track speed may also be reduced by lantana, long grass or small pine growth, plus fallen pine cones.

It is strongly recommended that competitors wear gaiters or some other form of ankle and lower leg protection.

Clear & Check:

You will be directed through a clear & check area before you reach the start. There will be an SIAC stick check also before you reach the start. It is the competitor’s responsibility to ensure they have correct SI or SIAC stick and that it is cleared before the start.

Start:

In this event, competitors will not have a pre-allocated start time, except for 3 hour course. Please go to the start area which is adjacent to registration when you are ready to start. Two minutes before starting you will move into the start lane for your course. One minute before your start time, you will be able collect and mount it to your map board. You should also check it is the right one for your course while doing this. At end of the series of beeps, you must move forward immediately and punch the “**START**” control to begin your course. You must move away from the start area immediately as there will be riders behind you wanting to start.

Please note that you MUST ride through the START triangle and that you cannot ride back through the start gate and pre-start area after you have started. If you attempt to do so you will be disqualified.

Finish:

At the finish, punch the “**FINISH**” control and make your way to the finish tent to have your SI or SIAC stick downloaded. If you have a hired SIAC stick you must return it. Results will be posted via the Electronic Scoreboards as soon as possible after the event. Posted results will be preliminary, until all competitors are in and any protests are resolved. If you decide not to finish your course, you **must report** to the **finish tent** when you return to the assembly area **to avoid a search being mounted for you!**

Safety:

In an emergency call the number on the map or Triple Zero (or 112 if you don't have reception from your usual mobile carrier). Mobile phone coverage is available on courses and assembly area.

If you encounter an injured rider, you **MUST** abandon your course and render whatever assistance you can. Send another rider back to registration for assistance, if possible.

Bring your own medical items for pre-race treatments. There will be a trained first-aider in the assembly area.

Hazards on this course may include fallen trees, potholes, lantana and small pine tree regrowth, long grass, pine cones, wildlife, motor bike riders and 4WD's. Please keep alert and ride to the conditions. You must obey all road rules.

Safety Bearing:

The assembly area is adjacent to the Red Road on the southern edge of the map. Red Road runs East - West through the centre of the map. If you need to abandon your course ride to Red Road and return to the assembly area.

Out of Bounds Areas:

Areas marked “out of bounds” on the map are strictly “OUT OF BOUNDS”.

Rules

http://www.mtbo.com.au/mtbo_rules.pdf

The Australian MTBO rules shall apply to this event. These can be found on the MTBO Club page. All competitors are urged to read and understand these rules. Some key items include:

All MTBO competitors must wear bike helmets.

Competitors must stay on the tracks marked on the competition map. If terrain or road conditions force the rider to dismount, they must carry the bike on a marked track. No off-road shortcuts through the bush are permitted.

Competitors on normal courses must visit the control sites in sequential order. Check the control number on the marker is the same as the one on your map before punching.

Competitors must not become separated from their bike during a competition, unless through injury or mechanical failure.

Courtesy and sensible behaviour is expected when mountain bike riders encounter, horseback riders, and motor vehicles during an event.

Competitors and officials must avoid disturbing local flora, fauna and stock at the event and respect the local environment.

Practice and observe the rules of the road – keep to the left on roads and tracks.

Approach all track/road crossings, corners and hillcrests with caution.

Ride defensively and in control at all times.

Give way to faster riders wishing to pass on narrow tracks.

Riders going downhill should give way to riders going uphill

Calling out to other riders, sharing information about control locations, or seeking assistance with regards to your location, will bring instant disqualification unless you are riding on a social course.

Give assistance to injured competitors on the course. Organisers may give a restart or organiser points for the rider who gave assistance.

Course Closure:

Courses closes at 12.00 pm.

If you have not finished your course at this time, you must abandon your course and return to the assembly area as quickly as possible and **report to the Finish Tent**. The SPORTident units are programmed to turn off at set times so you will be unable to punch controls if out after the closure time.

Please ensure you punch the finish control if using an SIAC stick even if you have abandoned your course to switch the stick off and preserve battery life.

Water:

Everyone is urged to drink plenty of water before starting their ride. There is no water out on the course, so you must take all water you require for the event with you. Please bring your own water for use before and after the event. Bottled water will be available for purchase in the assembly area.

Complaints and Protests:

Complaints must be lodged within 15 minutes of the last finisher in any class. Complaints must be made in the first instance verbally with the Event Organiser via the Registration Desk. The Organiser will assess the complaint and make a ruling. If the complainant is still dissatisfied, they may lodge a formal written protest with the Registration Desk. The Event Organiser will then appoint a three person jury to assess the complaint. The Event Organiser will chair the jury meeting but will not vote on the outcome. The decision of the jury will be final.

Catering:

BBQ'd sausages in bread and soft drinks will be sold.

Bush toilets are located adjacent to the registration/assembly area.

Control Collection:

Many hands make light work. The organisers for this event would very much appreciate it if competitors could provide some assistance after the event collecting controls. If everyone assists by collecting the controls from within one small "region" of the map we will have them all in very quickly. **Please don't be shy in volunteering for this activity!**

Anything Else you Want to Know:

Then contact Geoff Moore email: gemoore123@bigpond.com phone: 0411 231 006