



25th August 2018

Castlewellan

8hr PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Time to get PSYCHED! And join us on the 25th August 2018 for Castlewellan's ultimate XC MTB Endurance Event.

Clock as many laps as physically possible within 8 hours on our creative event course including much of the awesome Castlewellan MTB single track.

With entry options as Solo, or relay via Duo or Trio, Male, Female or Mixed, this event is ideal for novice and experienced riders alike, a great day out or the ultimate challenge!

Entries are only possible via online event booking SiEntries.

Entries Open: 1st February 2018 at 0000hrs

Entries Close: 21st August 2018 at 0000hrs or earlier if entry limit is reached in advance.

The event is open to both novice and experienced riders entering as Solos or relay via Duos/Trios - Male/Female/Mixed.

All charges for this event will be made in Pounds Sterling

Early Bird Entry Fee: Pre-1st April 2018 0000hrs Solo £29pp, Pair £27pp, Trio £25pp

Standard Entry Fee: Solo £37pp, Pair £35pp, Trio £33pp

In addition to Event Facilities including SI Timing, the entry fee will also include an Event Medal and post Event Food.

REFUNDS

We will provide a full refund, less a £21 per person administration fee, to participants who contact us to cancel their entry before 0000hrs on 1st May 2018. After this date there will be no further refunds.

USEFUL TIPS SO YOU CAN ENTER WITH THE GREATEST OF EASE

Ensure you are already registered and/or logged into Si Entries by 0000hrs on the 1st February 2018

If you are entering a Duo or Trio ask all your team members to ensure they are registered with SiEntries and to let you have their SiEntries ID, Surname and Postcode before 0000hrs on the 1st February 2018. This will save you typing in all their personal details.

RULES (In brief)

Riders must be proficient cyclists.

Riders must use human power only – no exceptions.

Riders will be limited to 1 per team at any given time **participating** – see more.

Riders must 'dib' at the control on completed **laps** – see more.

Riders must contact an official as soon as possible if **non-finishers** – see more.

Riders must provide and use only a serviceable mountain **bike** – see more.

Riders must provide and use an appropriate bike helmet - see more.

Riders must provide and use appropriate clothing and **equipment** – see more.

Riders must provide and use sufficient individual/team **support** – see more.

Failure to observe the rules or any action deemed to be out with the spirit of the event may result in penalty or disqualification. The event director's decision on any such matter or in case of any appeal or objection shall be final.

ADDITIONAL ESSENTIAL EVENT INFORMATION

Please read the following carefully to ensure your enjoyment of the event and to help the event run as smoothly as possible. If you are a Team leader, please ensure you share this with your team members!

REGISTRATION

Registration will take place at the event Hub.

Two opportunities will be provided to facilitate registration as follows;

Friday 24th August 2018; 2000-2100hrs.

Saturday 25th August 2018; 0800 – 0900hrs.

ALL participants MUST be registered by 0900hrs on Saturday 25th August 2018.

PARKING

Parking will take place at the event Hub.

To facilitate the event, parking at the event Hub will open as follows;

- Friday 24th August 2018; 1700hrs.

Each entry, Solo, Duo or Trio will be allocated only ONE car parking space per entry alongside which you'll have a pit area equivalent to a car parking space.

Each entry must ensure that they manage themselves accordingly to meet with this allocation to avoid impinging on other entries given limited space within the event Hub.

Additional car parking may be available, but this will not be within the event Hub, cannot be guaranteed, and is not included in the entry fee (Forest Service charges may apply).

PITS

Pits are included within and immediately adjacent to each team's allocated parking within the event Hub and provide space for technical needs, impromptu naps or even BBQ's.

Each entry must ensure that they manage themselves accordingly to meet with this allocation to avoid impinging on other entries given limited space within the event Hub.

BRIEFING

Briefing will take place at the event hub.

Only one briefing will take place for the 8hr event as follows;

- Saturday 25th August 2018; 0930hrs.

ALL participants MUST be present for the briefing.

START

Start will take place adjacent to the event Hub.

A mass start, with a slight PSYCLE difference will take place as follows;

- Saturday 25th August 2018; 1000hrs.

Solo participants and one participant from each Duo or Trio entry MUST be present for the official start.

PARTICIPATION

Only 1 participant per entry will be permitted on the course at any one time.

The split between participants in Duo or Trio entries is left entirely at your discretion but all participants must attempt at least 1 lap to classify within your chosen category.

LAPS

Laps are approx. 12km in length and include a creative mix of red single track interspersed with forest road.

Each lap must be completed in full by the participant that started – no mid-point changeovers - no exceptions.

Each lap will be individually timed, and a fastest lap prize will be awarded - the first lap will not count towards the fastest lap time.

NON-FINISHERS

Non-finishers are always a possibility in any endurance event for many different reasons.

If this happens, the participant must report immediately to the nearest course Marshall with their intentions and make their way to the Start/Finish and check back in with the Officials.

In a non-finisher situation the lap in question will not count within the entries overall results.

If the non-finisher is a Solo entry, they can if they wish/course officials permit, continue in the event.

If the non-finisher is in a Duo or Trio, they can also, if they wish/officials permit, continue in the event but likewise so can their fellow participants.

BIKE

Riders must provide a serviceable Mountain Bike.

HELMET

Riders must provide and wear an appropriate bike helmet always when on the course.

EQUIPMENT

Riders must provide and wear and/or carry appropriate clothing for the event.

Riders must carry sufficient fluid and emergency food supplies.

Riders must carry a first aid kit and whistle.

Riders must carry tools and spares.

SUPPORT

Support is the responsibility of each entry and while Duos and Trios have the benefit of 'team' support, Solo participants will need to consider bringing additional support.

Included within support are all the technical needs that may arise in addition to the on-going participant welfare required.

Riders can only receive 'planned' support within their designated pit at the event hub.

Riders can, where necessary receive 'emergency' support from other participating entries only while on the course.

Riders are expected to offer 'emergency' support where suitable within the spirit of the event to other participating entries while on the course.

FACILITIES

Facilities will be available at the event HQ, at the Life Adventure Centre.

Included are Shower, Changing and Toilets open as follows from;

- Friday 25th August 2018; 1700hrs.

The centre also has an excellent Coffee dock and provides free WiFi access... something to do during the down time!

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation in the area is plentiful ranging from Camping and Caravanning on-site within Castlewellan Forest Park (Forest Service +44(0)2843778664), to local Hostels, B&B's, Self-Catering Cottages and Hotels (Newcastle Visitor Information Centre +44(0)2843722222).

No matter which option you choose, please be sure to book well in advance.

Wild Camping or Caravanning (Including Campers!) is not permitted anywhere within the Forest Park.

SPECTATORS

Spectators are warmly welcomed but we ask that they refrain from 'gathering' at the event Hub and avail of the many opportunities to get spectate/support along the course.

Car parking for the public will be available (Forest Service charges may apply).