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MTB RIDE

# FINAL INSTRUCTIONS

**Discovery 947 Ride Joburg MTB Ride**  
**25/55km | Sunday, 10 November 2019**



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**You've done the training, got the gear, your bike and your race pack.**  
Now all that is left is to read through these last few details and guidelines.

## Start times

- 25 km seeded starts from 07:00 until 08:40\*
- 55 km seeded starts from 07:00 until 08:40\*

\*Distances may vary by 5km

The start closes at 08:45. No late starts allowed.

This year, we are delighted to be hosted by Steyn City, which means that an all new start protocol and timings will take effect.

Please note that no late starters will be allowed through the start point or onto the routes, so allow enough time to get from the parking area to the start point. Remember which parking area your car is parked at. Please co-operate with start/finish officials and parking marshals.

### IMPORTANT

No helmet = no ride

No number = no start

No chip = no time or prize money

Medals to all finishers

Remember that this year the start and finish are at Steyn City, so please read parking and access instructions carefully.

## Parking

Parking access is only through Cedar Road gatehouse.

Parking is inside Steyn City and the only access into the venue on the morning of the ride is from Cedar Road. William Nicol gatehouse is closed to the public.

You will be directed into the Cedar Road gatehouse or Runnymede Road toward the Runnymede gatehouse. From the gates you will be directed into the parking areas by event marshals. Please follow their instructions and be patient.

Take note of which colour parking area you parked in. Also be mindful that people will be making their way to the start from the parking areas, so please drive slowly in these areas.

Make sure that you only park in the designated parking areas where official and accredited event security is. Do not park in areas demarcated by hazard tape: organisers have the right to tow any vehicles parked in these areas.

## Race numbers

Your race number is in your race pack envelope along with cable ties. Please attach the race number securely to the front of your handlebars. Only attach your race number when you get to the venue to avoid losing your number on the way to the event.

Please make sure that you ride with the race number that was assigned to you: it contains critical information, which is vital in the case of emergency, and also ensures that you get accurate results.

You will be disqualified if you are riding with another person's race number.

## Routes

For the first time in the history of the MTB Ride, the 25 km\* route will be taking in some parts of the beautiful Steyn City parkland residence. This fun new route offers a single track, jeep track, and some interesting urban obstacles to pique your interest on fat tyres. Not overly technical, this route will explore parts of northern Joburg you may not have known existed.

The 55 km\* route, which takes place on Sunday, is for more technically advanced mountain bikers. It provides an exhilarating challenge that features hand-cut single track, purpose-built bridges and water crossings, primarily on private land. Please be aware of the marshals along all the routes. They are there to assist you – always obey their instructions.





## Off-road etiquette

Please be courteous on the route. Call out to someone and politely ask them to allow you to pass if you are attempting to pass them. Racing past slower riders causes unnecessary and unintentional accidents. If you need to dismount to push your bike, keep to the left to allow faster riders to pass on the right.

Please don't leave anything but your tracks on the course. If you are able to carry an energy bar, gel or drink on you during the ride, you are also able to carry their empty wrappers, packets and bottles home with you.

The route has been marked according to Central Gauteng Cycling specifications. Please listen carefully to the race briefing on the start line for final instructions and course information.

MTB Ride markers, orange day-glow stickers and hazard tape are all used to demarcate the route. It is your responsibility as a race participant to familiarise yourself with the route. Check out the map at number collection.

Always obey the route marshals.

## Medical emergencies

**The emergency number for the day is 082 911.** Save the number on your phone in case you need it. Netcare 911 is the official medical supplier to the MTB Ride. They will provide all medical assistance during the event.

If you come across an accident, take note of your surroundings and try to give as much information as you can when calling the accident in to **082 911**. The distance on your GPS device is particularly handy to give an idea of how far into the course you are.

## Waterpoints

You can power-up on ice cold Coca-Cola, Powerade and water at all the waterpoints along the two routes. Racefood will provide FASTbars and FARbars at each waterpoint. Nutriseed snacks and bananas will also be available at the waterpoints.

\*25 km

There will be one waterpoint on the 25 km route at approximately 12 km into the route.

\*55 km

There will be three water points on the route:

At approximately 16.5 km (Heronbridge)

At approximately 37 km (Heronbridge)

At approximately 47 km (Steyn City)

There will also a waterpoint at the finish line.

## Liqui Moly mechanical stations

Liqui Moly will provide technical and mechanical assistance at the start and at each waterpoint. Look out for them if you have a small mechanical problem and need help.

Please carry cash on you, as Liqui Moly will charge you at the same point you used their services. If you're not happy to ride with too much cash, Liqui Moly accepts payment through the Zapper app.

## Bike wash

Once again, we are able to offer a complimentary bike wash service at the finish area for the Sunday event thanks to Maxxis Tyres.

## Finish

All finishers will receive a medal. There will be food and refreshments on sale at the hospitality village.

## Sweep

If for any reason you are unable to complete the route, there are sweep vehicles out on the course. These will transport you to the nearest waterpoint, from where you will be transferred to a shuttle that will take you to the finish area at Steyn City.

Your bike will travel with you. While every care is taken to transport your bike safely, the organisers and sponsors are not responsible for any damage.



## Results

The provisional results will be available from Sunday, 10 November, after 16:00 on our website ([www.947ridejoburg.co.za](http://www.947ridejoburg.co.za)) and official race results will be available from 28 November. If you have any queries on results, please email [947ridejoburg@947.co.za](mailto:947ridejoburg@947.co.za)

You will be able to download a digital certificate of completion once the official results are available. We will send you an email with a link to your certificate once results are finalised.

## Prize giving

The prize-giving ceremony will take place at the finish venue on the main stage at 11:00 if you have won a prize in your category. Not all categories will receive prizes on the day.

If you don't collect your prize on the day, the organisers will contact you to collect your prize.

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# Venue and parking map

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