



Expression of Interest to supply the Timing and Results Service for 2010-2011 National Season

Preamble

Each year MTBA is the promoter of a set of high level events within the overall National MTB season. These include the National MTB Series and Australian MTB and XCM Championships. In 2011 MTBA will also deliver the Oceania MTB Championships.

Service Required

MTBA is seeking a vendor or individual to provide a comprehensive timing and results service for our marque events.

Term of Engagement

This is a contracted position to supply the specified services for the current season as per Annex 1 which includes estimated day requirements to fulfill the role. MTBA may consider a multi-year contract upon satisfactory completion of the Service Provision for the first season and satisfactory performance in each preceding season.

Service Description

Timing (general)

1. Provide key staff to operate the software and electronic equipment needed for the start, timing and finish. Additional volunteers will be provided to assist you in manual recording and number spotting tasks as follows:
 - XCO: 2
 - XCC: 2
 - DH: 3
 - 4X: 2
2. Provide a redundant mechanism for timing such that in circumstances of catastrophic failure of your equipment results can still be determined.
3. Provide the infrastructure you need to undertake the Service. (see also note 1)
3. Take registration data and prepare start lists for Commissaires, Media, Announcer and others as required and in an agreed format. The preparation of the start lists may/will require minor adjustments to the information provided from the registration data.
4. Manage each race, ie recognise the start, finish and time the participants of the race.
5. It is highly desirable that you are able to publish results to the internet in close to real time as the race unfolds.

Timing (XCO and XCC)

6. Provide the means for an audible start (start gun or hooter).
7. Provide for transponder recording of lap passes with rider number and elapsed time.
8. Provide and set up highly visible timing boards that will display at least rider name, race number, current place, time for the race to that point and time differential from leader.
8. Provide a high speed video coverage of the race finish to discriminate sprint finishes.
9. Provide "lap to go" boards and a 'last lap' bell.

Timing (DHI)

10. DHI must be timed completely using electronic means ie a start wand or beam and finish beam with the start time transmitted to the finish location electronically by either a wire or radio linkage. The start time must also be retrievable from the start equipment if required. No manual time entry will be considered as acceptable unless under exceptional circumstances.
11. DHI will have a standard count down clock with audible indication of start.
12. DHI timing will be to at least 1/1000s and be displayed and reported to 1/100s.
13. Provide and set up highly visible timing boards that will display at least rider name, race number, race time, current place.
14. It would be desirable to have the capacity to deliver mid-point timing and display.

Management (4X)

15. Provide the software and management of 4X through a multiple moto mechanism whereby riders in each race class contest 3 motos each with points allocated according to finish position in each moto. The summation of the points after the 3 motos determines a ranking list for the subsequent elimination. Riders on equal points in the same race class will be resolved through count-back or a new moto.
16. Additionally, be able to provide a timing service to allow for the UCI method of a timed run of the 4X course to determine a ranking list.
17. Provide management of the 4X eliminations through the traditional UCI method.

Results

1. Provide a results service that will give printed results as the race unfolds (as required) and once the race has concluded. The format will be as agreed by MTBA and you.
2. Provide a printout of the podium positions within 15 minutes of the podium winners finishing their race.
3. Provide Microsoft Excel and PDF files of results with sponsor logos in a suitable format as agreed by MTBA and you. These results will be given to MTBA by way of physical transfer and/or email within 1hr of the race conclusion (last rider in class finishing).
4. Provide the results as follows:
 - a) XCO results containing lap times, total race time and time difference from class leader.
 - b) DHI results must contain race time for both seeding or qualifying and final race and time difference from class leader.
 - c) 4X results must be presented as a ranking table with their cumulative points or race time (as appropriate) for all participants and elimination tree for those that progressed to eliminations.
 - d) XCC results must be presented as finish order and the order of withdrawn riders in each class.
5. You must be able to provide for any adjustments to the 'live' results as the race is progressing whilst still timing the race.
6. Provide post-race back up in the case of any adjustments needed to the results as required (usually name spellings or place adjustments due to 'lost' laps) and be able to republish results in a timely manner.

Goals

- Increase the quality of MTBA's national level events by the provision of accurate timing coupled with timely and highly visible results both as the race unfolds and upon completion.

Target Group

- MTBA (corporate), National Season Series, UCI listed MTBA events, any other events that MTBA host and participants in the National level events listed.

Monitoring

- The successful service provider will be responsible to the Event Manager.
- At events satisfactory delivery and approval of results will be at the discretion of the Chief Commissaire.
- The EO will monitor performance of the delivery of and adherence to the specified Service Descriptions above.

EOI Submission

EOIs must:

1. Comprehensively address your ability to meet or exceed **all** of the Service Descriptions above
2. Provide details of your previous experience in providing timing and results services at sporting events at a high level of competition.
3. State your tender cost (including GST is applicable) to provide the Service to MTBA. The tender cost to MTBA must be inclusive of transport costs for the equipment and infrastructure you need and all travel, accommodation and meals for staff required by the Service Provider to undertake the contract
4. State any terms for payment required

Please send EOI to:
Mountain Bike Australia
PO BOX 17
MIRANI QLD 4754

Attention: National Season Timing and Results EOI

or email to:
eo@mtba.asn.au

Submissions must be received by MTBA (as above) by COB September 20 2010. Applicants shortlisted will be contacted by September 24 2010. The contract will be confirmed by October 1 2010.

Questions relating to this EOI can be directed to the MTBA EO by email as above.

Suggested Service Delivery Schedule

Activity	Location	Set up	Event dates
National Round (XCO1, XCC1, DH1, 4X1)	Gold Coast, Qld	5th November 2010	6-7 November 2010
National Round 2 (XCO2, XCC2)	You Yangs, Vic	20th November 2010	20-21 November 2010
National Round (XCO3, XCC3, DH2, 4X2)	Hobart, Tas	11th December 2010	12-13 December 2010
National Round 2 (DH3)	Mt Baw Baw, Vic	15th January 2011	15-16 January 2011
National Round (XCO4, XCC4, DH4)	Mt Buller, Vic	4th February 2011	5-6 February 2011
Australian MTB Championships	Adelaide, SA	23rd February 2011	23-27 February 2011
Oceania MTB Championships	Shepparton, Vic	17th March 2011	18-20 March 2011
Australian XCM Championships (note 2)	TBC		Est: 1 day

Note 1.

Apart from the electronic equipment you need your infrastructure requirements also need to include at least the following:

- Equipment needed to undertake the tasks defined in Service Description
- Tables and chairs needed for your staff
- Portable power generation for your equipment
- Tentage for start and finish areas

Note 2:

The provision of timing services at the XCM Championships may not be required. We will discuss this with you further when both the location and date are known and if your services will be required.

