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## 1 SCOPE

The following guidelines have been developed to assist competitors and event organisers in the delivery of the 2018 MTBA Marathon Series & 2018 MTBA Marathon National Championships.

All guidelines must be followed when promoting any 2018 Marathon National Season Event.

For further information please contact Mountain Bike Australia.

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## 2 DESCRIPTION

MTBA are pleased to support the 2018 MTBA Marathon National Season. The season will be made up of the four (4) Marathon Series rounds and the Mountain Bike Australia 2018 Marathon National Championships.

### 2.1 2018 MTBA MARATHON SERIES

ROUND 1:	Easter in the Alice	Alice Springs, NT	Saturday 31st March 2018
ROUND 2:	Golden Triangle Epic	Bendigo, VIC	Sunday 22nd April 2018
ROUND 3:	Marathon Championships	Townsville, QLD	Sunday 29th April 2018
ROUND 4:	Bayview Blast	Mt Cotton QLD	Sunday 10th June 2018
ROUND 5:	Dwellingup 100	Dwellingup, WA	Saturday 18th August 2018

The 2018 MTBA Marathon Series is owned and managed by Mountain Bike Australia (MTBA). All events on the National Series are owned by the individual event organizer, except for the 2018 MTBA Marathon National Championships.

### 2.2 2018 MARATHON NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

April 28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> Townsville, QLD Townsville Rockwheelers Mountain Bike Club

The 2018 Marathon National Championships is owned and managed by Mountain Bike Australia. MTBA will be partnering with the Townsville Rockwheelers Mountain Bike Club in the delivery of this event.

## 3 GENERAL

- 3.1** Unless the category is UCI listed, all series rules in this document override and supersede the rules in the 2011 National Technical Regulations which are used for the event. UCI-listed categories will adhere to the UCI regulations except where explicitly noted.
- 3.2** All riders are required to wear a helmet meeting AS2063 standards. Helmets must have a manufacturers mark stating its compliance with the Australian Standard. Helmets may be inspected at any time by a Commissaire.
- 3.3** At all times whilst at an MTBA event, riders must wear a helmet when they are on a bike.

## 4 ENTRY AND ELIGIBILITY

For the 2018 Marathon Series, entry fees will be determined by the individual event organiser.

<http://www.mtba.asn.au/event/marathon>

Availability of entry is at the discretion of the event organiser.

Entry fees for the 2018 MTBA Marathon National Championships will be determined by MTBA.

[http://www.mtba.asn.au/tsv\\_martahonchamps](http://www.mtba.asn.au/tsv_martahonchamps)

Onsite entry will be available up to the day before the scheduled race start. Entries after the close of online registrations will attract a late fee of \$25. Riders will be able to collect their plates and rider information until 2 hours before the scheduled race start.

### 4.1 2018 MARATHON SERIES

- 4.1.1** Eligibility for overall series prizes and awards will be published in the 2018 MTBA Prizemoney & Awards Guide available from the Publications page of the MTBA website.

To be eligible for overall Marathon Series prizes and awards, riders must compete in a minimum of three (3) rounds of the 2018 MTBA Marathon Series. In all categories, a riders' top four (4) results will count towards series points.

- 4.1.2** To accumulate Marathon Series points and be eligible for Marathon Series prizes and awards, riders must enter and participate in the longest distance event offered for their respective category. I.e where an event organiser offers both 100km and 50km events for a single category, only the 100km category would be considered part of the Marathon Series and eligible for Marathon Series point allocation.

- 4.1.3** In accordance with MTBA Policy, the Junior (17-18 yrs) category will ride half-marathon distance.

- 4.1.4** MTBA will recognise the following categories in the 2018 MTBA Marathon Series:

- Elite Men and Women (19yrs +)
- Expert Men and Women (19-29yrs)
- Junior Men and Women (17-18yrs)
- Masters 1 & 2 Men and Women (30-39yrs)
- Masters 3 & 4 Men and Women (40-49yrs)
- Masters 5 & 6 Men and Women (50-59yrs)
- Masters 7+ Men and Women (60yrs and older)

- 4.1.5** Age for all categories will be calculated based on rider's age at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018.

### 4.2 2018 MTBA MARATHON NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

To register and participate in the 2018 MTBA Marathon National Championships, riders must hold a valid MTBA Race Membership. MTBA members on a Recreation Membership can purchase a discounted Race Day Licence at the time of registering.

### 4.3 MARATHON LEGENDS

In recognition to all riders, MTBA will acknowledging riders who participate in all five (5) rounds of the Marathon Series. Eligible riders will recognised with “Legend” status, including recognition on the MTBA website and a customized clothing memento. Riders who achieve Legend status in 2018 will receive discounted entry into the 2019 MTBA Marathon National Championships.

To be eligible, riders must enter and participate in the longest distance event offered for their respective category in each round of the Marathon Series.

## 5 RACING

### 5.1 NUMBER ALLOCATION

MTBA recommend categories are allocated distinct number ranges to assist marshalling and confirming finish order.

### 5.2 JERSEYS

**5.2.1** 2017 Australian Champions may wear either the UCI registered design of green and gold band, cuffs and collars with gold arms, or a jersey design as awarded.

**5.2.2** Riders who have won a National Championship are eligible to wear the previous champion stripes on their jersey cuffs and collars. However, this may only be worn in the discipline, speciality and category in which it was earned.

**5.2.3** An exception is made to any rider who has previously won a National Championship in the Elite Men or Elite Women category. These riders will be permitted to wear the former champion cuffs and collar in any Masters category of the same speciality.

### 5.3 START ORDER

**5.3.1** Categories should be started to allow lead riders to have as clear a track as possible. MTBA recommends the following category start order:

- Elite Men
- Elite Women
- Other Male full marathon categories
- Other Female full marathon categories
- Other full marathon support categories
- Junior Men
- Junior Women
- Other half marathon support categories

**5.3.2** MTBA recommend complete categories are started in a wave. It is the riders’ responsibility to ensure they are in the correct wave. Riders who gains an advantage by starting in the incorrect wave shall be disqualified.

## 6 RIDER BRIEFING

Every MTBA event must hold a rider briefing prior the race commencing and attendance is compulsory. Changes to the rules, course, timetable etc and details of course marking, feed stations and assistance locations will be communicated at this briefing. Non-attendance of the rider briefing will not be accepted as an excuse for any rule violation by any rider. Failure to attend the rider briefing may result in the rider not being permitted to start the event.

## 7 COURSE

**7.1** Courses should be clearly marked. Course maps will be available at registration. Where separate loops are used, different coloured arrows should be utilised. It is the rider's responsibility to follow the correct course.

**7.2** Marathons are endurance events and as such riders are expected to be self-sufficient. MTBA recommends riders carry:

- Adequate water for hydration
- Basic first aid kit
- Spare tube and tools to repair
- Adequate food

**7.3** A rider who comes across an injured rider must stop and render assistance. The assisting rider should stay with the injured rider until assistance arrives. They should inform the next rider to pass to advise the next race official to send assistance. Time will be credited the assisting rider so their race will not be affected.

**7.4** Feed zones are offered at the discretion of the event organiser. Zones will be defined as either:

- Feed Zones
- Feed and Technical Zones
- Neutral Feed Zones
- Neutral Feed and Technical Zones

The explicit difference between a neutral zone is that competitors may not leave their own personal equipment, including food, bottles, spare parts or tools at neutral points, and may only make use of shared resources which are provided by the event organiser or event sponsors.

**7.5** Regular feed and technical zones are permitted to be accessed by helpers. In addition, riders may be given the opportunity to have bottles or other food/technical supplies delivered to the feed/technical zone by the event organisers ("Bottle drop").

If a bottle drop is available, organisers must publish no later than 48 hours prior to the event the close-off time for items to be left. Items left for collection must be clearly labelled, and it is the rider's responsibility to ensure items can be identified both by the rider and marshals.

Bottles are to be returned to the bottle drop point at the conclusion of the event, but no sooner than the sweep rider has passed the checkpoint for the final time.

- 7.6** Maximum allowable times to complete segments of the race may be defined by the race organiser, and should be made available in the schedule no more than one week prior to the race. These points and times must indicate both the complete course distance completed by that point, and the time of day by which it must be reached.

The Chief Commissaire may elect to modify these cut-off times prior to the race starting.

These times are the point at which any rider approaching that point will be removed from the race. When a rider is removed from the race they will be recorded as a finisher and given a finish position above all riders recorded as a DNF.

- 7.7** Marathon racing allows us to ride into remote, backcountry areas of natural beauty. It is of the utmost importance that all riders respect their environment and consider the impact they leave behind for the local riding community. The below rules have been put in place to protect our trails and our riding environments.

- The disposal of food packaging on the trail is strictly prohibited. This will result in disqualification. Repeat offences may warrant a license suspension.
- Replaced tubes must be carried with the rider should they ever need to change a tube. As with the disposal of food, non-compliance will be seen as littering and result in disqualification.
- Riders must not store food and drinks on the trail (Food Stashes), and may only do so at allocated feed zones. Packaging left behind and uncontrolled food supplies may have a serious impact on local wildlife and the local environment. Any rider found to be hiding or retrieving foods from unofficial feed stations will be penalised.

## **8 PODIUMS**

The time of any podium presentation will be called during the event and/or promoted in the event schedule. Individual event prizes are provided at the discretion of the event organiser. All riders who place 1st to 5th in Elite, or 1st to 3rd in any other category are required to be present at presentations.

Eligibility for overall series prizes and awards will be published in the 2018 MTBA Prizemoney & Awards Guide available from the Publications page of the MTBA website.



## 9 MARATHON SERIES POINTS

The 2018 MTBA Marathon Series will operate under the following scoring system. Points will be awarded to the all finishers at each of the series races and the final standings will be based on the total points earned in the series. In the event of a tie the winner will be determined by the competitor who has the most highest places. If a tie remains the series winner will be determined by the competitor with the best placing in the most recent round.

Position	Points	Position	Points	Position	Points	Position	Points	Position	Points
1 <sup>st</sup>	200	11 <sup>th</sup>	70	21 <sup>st</sup>	60	31 <sup>st</sup>	50	41 <sup>st</sup>	40
2 <sup>nd</sup>	175	12 <sup>th</sup>	69	22 <sup>nd</sup>	59	32 <sup>nd</sup>	49	42 <sup>nd</sup>	39
3 <sup>rd</sup>	153	13 <sup>th</sup>	68	23 <sup>rd</sup>	58	33 <sup>rd</sup>	48	43 <sup>rd</sup>	38
4 <sup>th</sup>	134	14 <sup>th</sup>	67	24 <sup>th</sup>	57	34 <sup>th</sup>	47	44 <sup>th</sup>	37
5 <sup>th</sup>	117	15 <sup>th</sup>	66	25 <sup>th</sup>	56	35 <sup>th</sup>	46	45 <sup>th</sup>	36
6 <sup>th</sup>	103	16 <sup>th</sup>	65	26 <sup>th</sup>	55	36 <sup>th</sup>	45	46 <sup>th</sup>	35
7 <sup>th</sup>	90	17 <sup>th</sup>	64	27 <sup>th</sup>	54	37 <sup>th</sup>	44	47 <sup>th</sup>	34
8 <sup>th</sup>	85	18 <sup>th</sup>	63	28 <sup>th</sup>	53	38 <sup>th</sup>	43	48 <sup>th</sup>	33
9 <sup>th</sup>	80	19 <sup>th</sup>	62	29 <sup>th</sup>	52	39 <sup>th</sup>	42	49 <sup>th</sup>	32
10 <sup>th</sup>	75	20 <sup>th</sup>	61	30 <sup>th</sup>	51	40 <sup>th</sup>	41	50 <sup>th</sup>	31
								51 <sup>st</sup> -~	30
								DNF	20

Series results will be published within 48hrs of the completion of an event weekend and be available online at [www.mtba.asn.au/results](http://www.mtba.asn.au/results).

## 10 MARATHON NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS

The 2018 MTBA Marathon National Championships will operate under the following scoring system.

Position	Points	Position	Points	Position	Points	Position	Points	Position	Points
1 <sup>st</sup>	250	11 <sup>th</sup>	87	21 <sup>st</sup>	75	31 <sup>st</sup>	62	41 <sup>st</sup>	50
2 <sup>nd</sup>	218	12 <sup>th</sup>	86	22 <sup>nd</sup>	73	32 <sup>nd</sup>	61	42 <sup>nd</sup>	48
3 <sup>rd</sup>	191	13 <sup>th</sup>	85	23 <sup>rd</sup>	72	33 <sup>rd</sup>	60	43 <sup>rd</sup>	47
4 <sup>th</sup>	167	14 <sup>th</sup>	83	24 <sup>th</sup>	71	34 <sup>th</sup>	58	44 <sup>th</sup>	46
5 <sup>th</sup>	146	15 <sup>th</sup>	82	25 <sup>th</sup>	70	35 <sup>th</sup>	57	45 <sup>th</sup>	45
6 <sup>th</sup>	128	16 <sup>th</sup>	81	26 <sup>th</sup>	68	36 <sup>th</sup>	56	46 <sup>th</sup>	43
7 <sup>th</sup>	112	17 <sup>th</sup>	80	27 <sup>th</sup>	67	37 <sup>th</sup>	55	47 <sup>th</sup>	42
8 <sup>th</sup>	106	18 <sup>th</sup>	78	28 <sup>th</sup>	66	38 <sup>th</sup>	53	48 <sup>th</sup>	41
9 <sup>th</sup>	100	19 <sup>th</sup>	77	29 <sup>th</sup>	65	39 <sup>th</sup>	52	49 <sup>th</sup>	40
10 <sup>th</sup>	93	20 <sup>th</sup>	76	30 <sup>th</sup>	63	40 <sup>th</sup>	51	50 <sup>th</sup>	28
								51 <sup>st</sup> -~	37
								DNF	25

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