

# Reglement BIKE Marathon

## 1. General

(1) Applicable for the hobby categories of the marathon are the competition rules mtb of the BDR. For the license category of the long distance the regulations of the UCI for XCM races in the C2 class apply.

(2) The BIKE Marathon (the "**Event**") is an event organized by Delius Klasing Verlag GmbH (the "**Organizer**").

(3) These rules govern the terms of participation of every participant in the Event ("**Participants**") and are binding on them. A precondition of participation is full acceptance of these rules.

(4) The Organizer has complete discretion in respect of the Event and is entitled at any time to make decisions relating to the event, particularly to change the route, to extend or shorten to a reasonable extent the distance of the route for objective reasons (e.g. damage to roads) - even shortly before the route in question.

(5) Instructions from Event staff and uniformed forces (police, fire service, THW - technical assistance organization) must be complied with immediately and in full. In the event of non-compliance the Organizer is entitled to penalize the Participant in question (see point 16 of these rules entitled "Sanctions"). "Event Staff" and those acting on behalf of the Organizer means all those persons identified as such (e.g. marshals).

## 2. Eligibility - health

(1) Recreational, amateur and professional athletes are eligible to participate.

(2) Men and women are eligible to participate.

(3) It's only possible to start as individual starter.

(4) The race will be run according to the BDR regulations. Participants born between 2007 and 2011/minimum age of 14 years are just allowed to register for the short distance (33,7km). Minor riders need to have a declaration of consent from their parents. If the registration is carried out online, the parents have to consent with a written parental authority.

Participants born in 2006 and older can choose between the long, middle and short distance.

(5) Only persons whose general health permits participation in the Event are eligible to participate. **The Organizer strongly advises participants to undergo a medical examination by a qualified medical doctor immediately before participating in the Event.** The Organizer is entitled at any time to have the health of participants assessed by a qualified medical doctor, and if he or she expresses justified concerns in respect of the physical condition of the Participant, to exclude the Participant in question from the entire Event (or the rest of it) without same grounding a legal claim by the Participant.

(6) A precondition for participation by every Participant is the presence of a confirmation of participation (see general terms and conditions of the Event) as well as accepting the declaration of liability in the registration process.

(7) Persons banned by the BDR (German cycling association) or other national associations are ineligible to participate.

### 3. Equipment

(1) Only mountain bikes are permitted in the Event. Each Participant shall ensure that his or her bike is fully functional and free from defects at all times, in particular that the bike does not pose any risk for the Participant or third parties, this applies especially in respect of the brakes and other safety components. **The Organizer strongly advises that the bike be examined for functionality/safety by a specialist immediately before participating in the Event.**

(2) Helmets must be worn without exception at all times throughout the entire Event. Each Participant shall ensure that his or her helmet is at all times free from defects, in particular that it has not been damaged and meets the recognized DIN standard 33954, the SNELL and/or ANSI standards and is adapted to fit the Participant's head. **The Organizer strongly advises that the helmet be examined for damage/safety and proper fit by a specialist immediately before participating in the Event.**

(3) The event is a mountain bike event. Every participant should equip themselves accordingly. This includes clothing for all weather conditions and first aid equipment. It is recommended that you carry tools and equipment.

(4) The Organizer reserves the right to forbid the use of certain items of equipment for objective reasons. Currently the material listed below is expressly forbidden:

- Panniers or any kind of bicycle trailer
- Bottle holders behind the saddle
- Water bottles from non-malleable materials such as glass, aluminium etc.
- E-Bikes
- Tandems

(5) The Organizer is entitled to have bicycles/equipment examined by an expert at any time. If this expert identifies breaches of the requirements set out above in section 3 of the rules, the Organizer is entitled to exclude the relevant Participant from the Event (or the rest of it) until the breach identified has been removed, without same grounding a legal claim by the Participant. Does not apply to participants in the UCI race.

### 4. eBike Marathon

(1) E-mountain bikes are also permitted as part of the Bike Marathon. Participants with an eMTB will receive a time, but will not be ranked or classified.

(2) Admitted are commercial mountain bike pedelecs with motor support up to a maximum of 25 km/h and 250 w motor power. These are considered bicycles and therefore do not require insurance or registration for use on public roads. S-Pedelecs with unlimited support are considered as mopeds or motorcycles and are not allowed to compete. Anyone who competes on an S-Pedelec with higher motor support than 25 km/h and 250 w is not just breaking the rules, but also in violation of road traffic regulations and is therefore guilty of a criminal offence.

(3) The eBike Marathon takes place the "Mittlere Stecke" (71,8 km / 1.880 hm). The start time of the eBike Marathon is 08:15 a.m.

(4) The minimum age for the eBike Marathon is 17 (seventeen) years. Persons under the age of 17 must ride the eBike Marathon accompanied by an adult.

(5) It is strictly forbidden to help participants of the Bike Marathon by, for example pulling or pushing them or by giving them slipstream. Violations of this will result in the disqualification of both riders.

(6) The e-mountain bikes and all other components and equipment must be in perfect condition.

## 5. Start

(1) The official start time of the marathon is determined by the Organizer.

(2) Formation of the start grid in the hobby categories begins 45 minutes before the official start time. Formation of the start grid in the UCI categories begins 20 minutes before the official start time.

(3) Depending on the chosen length, the participant is assigned to a starting block. All starting blocks start with a block start time.

(4) The Organizer reserves the right to implement a so-called "**Neutralized Start**" in the marathon. A Neutralized Start will be announced by the race management in advance at a briefing and signaled with a red light or a red flag on the roof of the race control vehicle. The following applies:

- After the usual start grid, the starting signal is given and the riders are led out by a race control vehicle. No Participant may overtake the race control vehicle.
- The race control vehicle decides when the route may be cleared. Clearance is given by placing a green light or a green flag on the roof of the race control vehicle.
- The race control vehicle will attempt to stay in front of the lead riders even after clearance has been given. If this is not possible due to the traffic situation, the riders may overtake the race control vehicle as long as there is a green light/green flag on the roof. They will then be accompanied by an advance motorcycle rider.

(5) The organiser reserves the right to adapt the entire starting procedure to the Covid-19 protection regulations valid at the time of the event. This applies to starting times, starting blocks and the starting procedure.

## 6. Important rules of conduct during the Event

The Event is taking place on public streets that are not closed off, so that the following basic rules must be adhered to in particular when participating:

- The Participants must at all times obey the rules of the road of the German country.
- Participation requires constant vigilance and mutual consideration. Care must be taken on parts of the course with blind turns, when travelling downhill Participants must always be ready to brake, and oncoming traffic should be expected.
- Participants must conduct themselves in a way that does not harm or endanger others or obstruct or disturb them more than is unavoidable in the circumstances.
- All Participants must travel on the right hand side of the road (as far right as possible) throughout the entire event. Cutting corners is not permitted. Traffic overtaking from behind should be expected.
- Helmets are compulsory at all times without exception for the entire duration of the event (see also the provisions on material in section 3 of the Rules).

- Under no circumstances may items be thrown away or permitted to fall, particularly not food packaging, bottles or drinking cups.
- Accompanying vehicles are not permitted on the route. In the peloton of the marathon, riding with vehicles between the official cars, i.e. the lead vehicle (race director) and the terminal vehicle is strictly prohibited.
- Help from other Participants or third parties is not permitted, particularly pushing, towing and slipstreaming using external third parties or accompanying vehicles. The only exceptions to this are the provision of food, drinks, articles of clothing or replacement part by companions standing at the side of the road. For the UCI category there are special feed zones. Further information are in the technical guide.
- Slower Participants must immediately make way for those overtaking.
- At closed railway crossings, once the red light is lit no crossing is permitted. No time will be credited to Participants held up at closed railway crossings.
- Participants must repair defects alongside the route, without obstructing other Participants.
- During the sprint to the finish, changing course is not permitted.

## **7. Start numbers**

(1) Every Participant is obliged to have their start number clearly visible on both their bike (handlebars) and body (on their back) throughout the entire Event. The advertising on the start numbers may not be covered or otherwise rendered unrecognizable.

## **8. Transponder**

(1) Every Participant receives a transponder during accreditation at the start location.

(2) The transponder serves to record the individual time.

(3) The Participant is responsible for ensuring that this transponder is affixed to the mountain bike or to his or her body as instructed throughout the entire Event. Otherwise the time cannot be recorded nor as a result can the standing be determined, and the following applies:

- The Participant in question is automatically entered in the standings with the penalty time (see section 14).
- The marathon is not deemed to have been finished by the Participant.

## **9. Food and drink**

(1) Every Participant is responsible for his own food and drink.

(2) The Organizer will provide appropriate food at the food stations, while supplies last. However the Organizer provides no guarantee as to the availability of food and drink.

(3) These food zones will be signposted in advance advising of the distance. To receive food, each Participant must give a clear hand signal, move to the right and then carefully enter the food zone before finally coming to a stop.

(4) Participants may not be provided with food or drink from accompanying vehicles, but food, drink, articles of clothing or replacement parts may be provided from companions standing at the side of the road. Other Participants must not be obstructed in any way; the Participant who gains an advantage is responsible for breaches by the companion.

(5) The Participants undertake not to leave behind any waste so as not to adversely affect the environment.

## **10. Checkpoints, minimum passing times and route changes**

(1) The Organizer reserves the right to deploy checkpoints for the marathon and determine minimum passing times. The minimum passing times dependent among other things on the length of the race and the topography of the particular distance.

(2) For Participants who do not pass the checkpoints and/or do not attain the minimum passing times at the measurement points, the following applies:

- The Participant is automatically out of the standings.
- The round is regarded if it's not finished by the participant.
- If the Participant does continue the marathon, it is done outside of the Event and at the Participant's own risk.

(3) Route changes are not permitted during the race. The same penalties as in point 2 apply to participants who change their route during the race.

(4) For participants in the UCI categories the UCI regulations apply.

## **11. Marshals and commissioners**

(1) Compliance with these rules will be monitored during the marathon by appropriately identified marshals and so-called commissioners.

(2) The marshals and commissioners are authorized to immediately impose and implement sanctions for breaches of the rules. The sanctions include warnings as well as (for serious breaches) immediate expulsion from the Event (see section 17 of the rules). The choice of sanction is made by the marshals and commissioners in the proper exercise of their discretion.

(3) The instructions of the marshals and commissioners must in all circumstances be followed immediately, and if necessary the marathon immediately interrupted. An objection to a sanction imposed by the marshals may only be raised after the end of the marathon (see section 17 of the rules).

(4) In addition, every breach (regardless of whether it receives a sanction or not) will be notified by the marshals and commissioners who will submit the breach to the jury for consideration.

(5) For participants in the UCI categories the UCI regulations apply.

## **12. Finish line**

(1) At the finish line the Participants must ride over the contact strips in the ground.

(2) Time is only measured up to the official finish time. The official finish time is determined by the Organizer. The Organizer reserves the right to postpone the finish time particularly on objective grounds such as weather conditions or for similar reasons.

(3) For Participants who do not ride over the contact strips in the ground or arrive after the official finish time, the following applies:

- The Participant is automatically not in the standings anymore.

### 13. Standings

(1) Participants of the BIKE Marathon start as individuals.

(2) There are different categories in the overall rankings ("Categories"). The Participant with the lowest time in its category wins that category:

There are different categories at the BIKE Marathon:

#### Long track

The long track will be an official UCI license race. For the UCI race there will be the following categories:

##### UCI categories (long track)

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ○ Men license overall       | all age-groups (with license) |
| ○ Men license               | age-group 2006 – 1986         |
| ○ Men Masters license       | age-group 1985 – 1976         |
| ○ Men Grand Masters license | age-group 1975 - older        |
| ○ Women license overall     | all age-groups (with license) |
| ○ Women license             | age-group 2006 – 1986         |
| ○ Women Masters license     | age-group 1985 – older        |

#### Long track

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|----------------------------|------------------------|
| a) Men Overall Hobby       | all age-groups         |
| b) Men Hobby               | age-group 2006 – 1986  |
| c) Men Masters Hobby       | age-group 1985 – 1976  |
| d) Men Grand Masters Hobby | age-group 1975 – older |
| e) Women Overall Hobby     | all age-groups         |
| f) Women Hobby             | age-group 2006 – 1986  |
| g) Women Masters Hobby     | age-group 1985 – older |

#### Middle track

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|----------------------|------------------------|
| a) Men Overall       | all age-groups         |
| b) Men               | age-group 2006 – 1986  |
| c) Men Masters       | age-group 1985 – 1976  |
| d) Men Grand Masters | age-group 1975 – older |
| e) Women Overall     | all age-groups         |
| f) Women             | age-group 2006 – 1986  |
| g) Women Masters     | age-group 1985 – older |

#### Short track

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|----------------------|------------------------|
| a) Men Overall       | all age-groups         |
| b) Men               | age-group 2006 – 1986  |
| c) Men Masters       | age-group 1985 – 1976  |
| d) Men Grand Masters | age-group 1975 – older |
| e) Juniors Men U19   | age-group 2008 – 2007  |

f) Juniors Men U15/U17	age-group 2011 - 2009
g) Women Overall	all age-groups
h) Women	age-group 2006 – 1986
i) Women Masters	age-group 1985 – older
j) Juniors Women U19	age-group 2008 – 2007
k) Juniors Women U15/U17	age-group 2011 - 2009

**ATTENTION:**

**Participants of age-group 2012 and younger are just allowed to start at the Junior Trophy!! Categories U15 and U17 will be rated in one group. The minimum age for participation at the marathon is 14 years – that means drivers born in 2011 are only allowed to participate, if they got 14 years old until May, 24<sup>th</sup> 2025 including.**

(3) In the BIKE Marathon, prize money will be awarded for 1st to 10th place in the categories “Men License Overall” and “Women License Overall” of the “Long Track”. The top 3 finishers in these categories must be present on stage at the award ceremony. In all other individual categories, i.e. all categories without the addition “Overall”, the first 3 places will also be invited to the award ceremony. Non-cash prizes will be awarded to the winners in these categories.

**ATTENTION:**

**By accepting these regulations, all participants who receive prize money undertake to pay tax on this amount themselves in accordance with the applicable tax regulations. The organizer assumes no responsibility for tax obligations or the correct payment of tax by the participants.**

<b>Categorie</b>		<b>Prize money</b>
Men license overall	1.	€ 400,00
Men license overall	2.	€ 350,00
Men license overall	3.	€ 300,00
Men license overall	4.	€ 250,00
Men license overall	5.	€ 200,00
Men license overall	6.	€ 150,00
Men license overall	7.	€ 125,00
Men license overall	8.	€ 100,00
Men license overall	9.	€ 90,00
Men license overall	10.	€ 80,00
Women license overall	1.	€ 400,00
Women license overall	2.	€ 350,00
Women license overall	3.	€ 300,00
Women license overall	4.	€ 250,00
Women license overall	5.	€ 200,00
Women license overall	6.	€ 150,00
Women license overall	7.	€ 125,00
Women license overall	8.	€ 100,00
Women license overall	9.	€ 90,00
Women license overall	10.	€ 80,00



#### **14. Prematurely ending a distance or the entire Event**

(1) Participants who end a distance prematurely must sign out immediately with the Organizer on site (race office or checkpoint) or using the emergency phone number printed on the Participant ID. **For Teams or Participants who do not sign out at the race office or check points or use the telephone number provided, the Organizer will launch a search party at the expense of the Participant.**

#### **15. Doping**

(1) Any form of doping is strictly forbidden. Doping is anything which is deemed doping under the WADA code ([www.wada-ama.org](http://www.wada-ama.org)) at the start of the event.

(2) The Organizer is entitled to carry out doping tests before the Event (as part of accreditation). This also includes taking blood samples, provided these are carried out by a qualified doctor. The testing will be carried out in an appropriately qualified laboratory.

(3) Every doping breach will lead without exception to the immediate expulsion of the Participant, without same grounding a legal claim by the Participant. A doping breach means a positive finding of doping by the testing laboratory; no so-called B sample is required.

(5) Participants who refuse doping tests by the Organizer will be expelled from the Event, without same grounding a legal claim by the Participant.

(6) Additional rights of the Organizer in respect of doping breaches by Participants are reserved.

#### **16. Jury and protest**

(1) The Organizer shall create a jury ("**Jury**") for every Event. The Jury consists of three (3) members chosen at the Organizer's discretion (generally race manager, head of the organizing committee, head of timekeeping).

(2) The Jury decides on breaches of rules and protests notified to it (e.g. by marshals or commissioners). "**Protests**" are breaches of the rules notified by Participants from other Teams or complaints by Participants against the actions (e.g. sanctions) of Event staff. Protests must be submitted no later than one (1) hour after the finish time in the race office and set out in writing, if necessary with reference to documentary evidence (e.g. witnesses) The fee for lodging a Protest is €50 and must be paid with the submission of the Protest. The Protest fee remains with the Organizer if the Protest is rejected, otherwise it is returned immediately.

(3) The Jury deliberates and decides on breaches of rules and Protests taking into consideration all the relevant circumstances. The decision, particularly to impose sanctions, is made at the discretion of the Jury. The Jury in doing so is entitled to increase sanctions already imposed or to set aside sanctions already imposed or supplement them with additional sanctions.

(4) The Jury deliberates in private in the absence of the Participant involved. The decisions of the Jury are binding, there is no legal remedy against a decision of the Jury.

(5) The decision is notified to the Participant no later than at the end of the Event up until the announcement of the standings.

(6) For participants in the UCI categories the UCI regulations apply.

## 17. Penalties and other sanctions

(1) The Jury is entitled to impose penalties for breaches of these rules.

**(2) Participants who have already been sanctioned ride for the rest of the Event on "Probation". Sanctioned Participants who receive another penalty may be expelled immediately from the Event.**

(3) The following list of penalties is not exhaustive. The Jury is entitled to impose penalties and/or sanctions for breaches of the rules other than the following penalties/sanctions. The decision of the Jury whether to impose a penalty and if so at what level (e.g. length of the time penalty) is made at the Jury's sole discretion.

Minor offences	Penalty
At start grid with a bike that breaches the rules, technical defect in equipment	Forbidden to start until rectified
Rear and handlebar numbers not attached legibly	Warning
Wrong position in the start grid	Warning and time penalty
Dangerous / aggressive riding	Expulsion from the Event
Not wearing or taking off helmet along the route	Expulsion from the Event
Intentional obstruction of a Participant, gross lack of sportsmanship	Warning and time penalty
Conduct in breach of the rules, insulting, threatening or improper behaviour	Expulsion from the Event
Attempting to be classified without having finished the entire route	Expulsion from the Event
Attaching a Participant to a vehicle	Warning and time penalty
Mechanical assistance which breaches the rules	Warning and time penalty
Doping	Expulsion from the Event
Non-compliance with the rules of the road	Warning and time penalty or Expulsion from the Event
Failure to comply with the instructions of race management, marshals, commissaires etc.	Expulsion from the Event
Pollution of the environment, littering (rubbish, water bottles etc.)	Warning and time penalty
Vehicle accompanying the Participant holding up the Event	Warning and time penalty

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## 18. Image rights

(1) The Organizer is entitled to take photographs and video of the Participants or have them taken as part of the Event and to use, and especially to publish and/or edit these - subject to subsection (2) - without limitation as to time, location or content on TV, the internet, in printed materials, on any known or future medium, including for advertising purposes, without any time limits and free of

charge, i.e. no payment or damages is required to be paid in respect of same. This includes in particular the right to grant third parties (e.g. sponsors of the Event) the right of use.

(2) Expressly not included is the use of individual Participants (or a group) in such a way that the focus is on the Participant(s) in question rather than the Event or participation in the Event. Such use requires prior approval by the Participants in question.

(3) The Participant agrees that the personal data obtained may be passed on to third parties for the purposes of timekeeping, drawing up the lists of results and putting these lists on the internet.

(4) The Participant agrees to the publication of his or her surname, forename, year of birth, residence, Team name, start number and result (placing and times) in all media relevant to the Event (list of Participants, list of results etc.).

(5) The Participant may object to the disclosure and publication of his or her personal details by contacting the Organizer in writing, by phone or e-mail.

## **19. Liability of the Organizer**

(1) The liability of the Organizer is limited as follows:

a. The liability of the Organizer for loss or damage resulting from fatal or personal injuries caused by negligent or deliberate breach of duty by the Organizer or a legally authorized representative or agent is not limited in terms of either its merits or the sum involved.

b. For other loss or damage resulting from deliberate or grossly negligent breach of duty by the Organizer or a legally authorized representative or agent, the liability of the Organizer is likewise not limited in terms of either its merits or the sum involved.

c. The Organizer is not liable for loss or damage resulting from negligent breach of duty by the Organizer or a legally authorized representative or agent unless the damages result from a breach of a material contractual duty. Liability for damages for breach of a material contractual duty is however limited to compensation for foreseeable, typical loss at the time the contract was entered into. "**Material contractual duties**" are those the fulfilment of which enables the proper execution of the contract in the first place and compliance with which is regularly relied upon.

(2) The Participant is therefore expressly notified that the Organizer and its legally authorized representatives and agents are not liable for loss or damage for which they are not responsible. This applies for example to loss or damage caused by improper conduct/riding errors by other riders or the fact that Participants are prevented from participating in full or in part due to statutory provisions and/or official orders.

(3) This limitation of liability also applies expressly to lost or missing items, articles of clothing and items of equipment and damage to bikes occasioned during transportation.

## **20. Liability of the Participant and indemnity**

(1) The Participant is once more expressly reminded that he or she is liable for damage to the Organizer or third parties (e.g. other riders) to an unlimited extent if the Participant is responsible for same, e.g. the Participant is charged with acting deliberately or negligently. **The Organizer recommends that Participants obtain a policy of public liability insurance for events such as these.**

(2) The Participant hereby undertakes to indemnify the Organizer and/or third parties engaged by the Organizer ("**Indemnified Parties**") in full in respect of all third party claims as soon as so requested and to pay the costs claimed as against the Indemnified Parties in respect of the loss or damage caused by the Participant and all costs incurred in this regard (including legal defense).

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