

## A. INTRODUCTION TO THE RULES

1 These rules (the “Rules”) apply to the mountain bike multi-day stage race Wild Bear MTB stage race held on National Park Tara, Serbia

### 2 Structure, Applicability, and Interpretation of the Rules; Certain Defined Terms

2.1 Sections. The Rules are set out in the following four sections:

● Section A (Introduction to the Rules)
● Section B (General Rules – Applicable to All Riders)
● Section C (Penalties)
● Section D (Pricing and Registration)
● Section E (E – Bike)

2.2 Applicability. Applicable to Riders.

2.3 Completeness; Later Updates. The Rules are intended to be definitive and complete. Unless the Rules specifically and expressly incorporate any rules or regulations from an external source, such external rules and regulations are not applicable to the Races. The Rules may, however, be updated and amended from time to time. The version of the Rules in force on the start date of a Race in any year will remain applicable to that staging of Race in such year.

2.4 Non-Compliance. Failure to comply with any of the Rules will result in a penalty, which could include a rider’s disqualification in certain circumstances. For violations of certain Rules, the penalties are set out in Section C below. For violations of any other Rules, the penalties will be at the discretion of the Race Jury.

2.5 Interpretation of Rules; Finality. The interpretation of any Rule (including evaluation of any protest, or any other matter related to the Rules; or any other matter related to participation in the Race, whether or not such matter is addressed by the Rules) will be made by the Race Jury and will be final and binding on all Race participants.

2.6 Decisions. Unless otherwise provided for in the applicable Rule, decisions of whether a Rule is violated will be made **(a)** by the Race Director or race official, *where the decision requires, as a practical matter, to be made immediately or promptly during a Race stage*, or **(b)** by the Race Jury, in all other cases (including where the decision is to be made after or before a stage).

2.7 Language. If the Rules are translated into any language other than English, the English language version of the Rules will govern and control in the event of any conflict with the translated version.

2.8 Section Headings. The section, subsection, paragraph, and item headings, subheadings, and captions shown in the Rules are for convenience of reference only and will not affect or be utilized in construing or interpreting any word, phrase, provision, or section in, or all or any portion of, any Rule or set of Rules.

2.9 Certain Defined Terms. For purposes of the Rules, the following capitalized terms are defined as follows:

- “**Slow Bear Rider**” means members of a team who have failed to complete any stage within the Maximum Stage Time, but are allowed to continue the Race in terms of Rule 15.
- “**DNF**” means status of “did not finish the applicable stage.”
- “**DNS**” means the status of “did not start the applicable stage.” A rider whose status is DNS by definition also has DNF status.
- “**DQ**” means “disqualified”.
- “**GC**” means “General Classification”.
- “**Maximum Stage Time**” means the maximum amount of time allowed (as determined by the Organiser) to officially complete any stage of the Race.
- “**Organiser**” means the Race organizer that represent the owner of the Race.
- “**Physical Assistance**” means the sharing of water and nutrition, sharing of bike parts and accessories (including the swapping of bike frames), assistance with maintenance and repair, and pushing/towing by physical contact only (but excluding any pushing/towing using any mechanical or physical devices).
- “**Race Director**” means the primary supervisory Race-operations staff member employed or contracted by the Organiser.
- “**Race Jury**” consists of the persons appointed by the Organiser in their sole discretion.

- “**Rider Separation Limit**” means the maximum allowable time separation between team members at any time during the Race, namely two (2) minutes.
- “**Separated Rider**” means any rider who, at any time during the Race, has been separated from his/her team member in excess of the Rider Separation Limit.

## B. GENERAL RULES – APPLICABLE TO ALL RIDERS

### 3 Riders; Registration; Briefing

#### 3.1 Eligibility.

3.1.1 The minimum age of participation is determined by the Organiser.

3.1.1.1 With respect to the **WILD BEAR**: 18 years old, as of the day the Race starts in the applicable year.

3.1.2 At Race registration desk, each Rider must **(a)** produce a valid, government-issued identification confirming the Rider’s identity, **(b)** meet all requirements regarding insurance, and **(c)** have completed the rider’s medical and race disclaimer form (will be available on the Race website)

#### 3.2 Registration.

3.2.1 Riders must report to registration as a team. Find out more in Section D below

3.2.2 All riders must have registered by the registration cut-off time indicated on the Race website on the day preceding the first stage of the Race.

3.3 No category changes will be permitted after Race registration closes.

#### 3.4 Team Categories.

3.4.1 Race has the following four (4) riding categories for teams: MEN, WOMEN, MIXED, and MASTERS, except in E-BIKE race which will have only one riding category.

3.4.2 To start in **(a)** the masters 40+ category, both riders must be 40 years or older on the day the Race starts in the applicable year.

3.4.3 To start in **(a)** the masters 50+ category, both riders must be 50 years or older on the day the Race starts in the applicable year.

### 4 Medical

4.1 Responsibility. Each rider must ensure that he/she is in good health and well-trained for the Race.

4.2 Medical Removal. The Organiser reserve the right to prevent a rider from starting or continuing the Race on receipt of medical advice from an official Race medic or any other medical doctor recognised by the Organiser. The decision of the Organiser in this regard is final.

### 5 Bicycles

5.1 Responsibility. Each rider is responsible for the maintenance of his/her own bike for the duration of the Race.

#### 5.2 Race-Ready.

5.2.1 Only Riders whose mountain bikes are, in the opinion of the Race Jury, in good working order and race-ready (defined below) at the start of each stage will be allowed to start that stage.

5.2.2 For purposes of Rule 5.2, “**race-ready**” means the following:

5.2.2.1 the front number board is securely fitted and visible from the front;

5.2.2.2 the bike is in safe working order, as determined in the discretion of the Race Jury; and

5.2.2.3 handlebar ends and handlebar extensions must be plugged and must not have sharp or jagged edges. The use of tri-bars is not allowed.

5.3 Propelling. Bikes may be propelled only through a chainset (or belt) and only by the rider’s leg action, without any form of assistance (electrical or otherwise), subject to Rule 22.4., except in E-BIKE race where bike can have an electrical form of assistance

## 6 Helmets and Attire

- 6.1 Helmet Requirement. Each rider must wear a helmet at all times while riding during the Race and can't start the race without the helmet.
- 6.2 Helmet Standards. All helmets must comply with international '[ANSI](#)' standards.
- 6.3 Proper Attire. Appropriate riding attire, including a shirt, must be worn at all times.

## 7 Compulsory Equipment

Each rider (or, as applicable, each team) must carry an additional compulsory equipment, such as: whistle, bad weather gear, and bike repair. Any such additional requirements will be communicated via the applicable Race website.

## 8 Team Riding

- 8.1 Teams of Two. Teams must consist of exactly two riders, who must race together with no further separation than 2 minutes between the riders (subject to the Rider Separation Limit) for the entire distance of the Race.
- 8.2 Separation Limit Enforcement.
  - 8.2.1 Compliance with the Rider Separation Limit may be checked and enforced at the start and finish of each stage and at various designated check points during the stage, but may also be checked and enforced at any point during the Race.
  - 8.2.2 Compliance with the Rider Separation Limit may be checked and enforced more than once during any stage, and penalties (as set out in [Section C](#) below) may be applied to each occurrence of rider separation outside the Rider Separation Limit during a stage. In other words, riders can be subject to more than one Rider Separation Limit violation during the same stage
  - 8.2.3 The Rider Separation Limit will not apply if one rider on the team continues ahead, or doubles back, solely for the purpose of requesting or obtaining assistance (medical or technical), provided that during such time the other rider on such team does not advance his/her position on the course until the assistance-seeking rider returns to the waiting rider's position.
- 8.3 Doubling Back. A rider is allowed to "double back" on the route at any time in order to re-join his/her team member or for the purpose of requesting or obtaining assistance (medical or technical), provided that he/she does not endanger any other rider in doing so.

## 9 Rider Identification

- 9.1 Displaying Race Numbers.
  - 9.1.1 Both riders in a team must display their race numbers at all times.
  - 9.1.2 The front race number board must remain firmly fixed on the handlebar, and may not be obscured by cables or any other item.
  - 9.1.3 Race numbers may not be modified or mutilated in any way, including without limitation cutting, adding stickers, or removing existing stickers or trimming.
  - 9.1.4 No official sponsor logos may be removed from race numbers and/or be obscured in any way.
- 9.2 Presence at Ceremonies. Podium finishers and GC category leaders must be present at the finish line awards ceremony (if applicable) and the evening awards ceremony as advertised in the event programme, including the final ceremony.

## 10 Stage Starts

- 10.1 Chute Opening Time. The start chute opens 30 minutes before the start of each stage, unless communicated otherwise.
- 10.2 Start Zones; Staggered Starts.
  - 10.2.1 Differential start zones will be allocated according to overall ranking in the Race (as indicated in the seeding index), and the Organiser may allocate different (i.e., "staggered") start times for each start zone. Any reference to start times in the Rules will be to the start time applicable to the particular rider's start zone.
  - 10.2.2 The start zones will close strictly ten (10) minutes before their start time. Teams arriving late must start at the back of the field.
  - 10.2.3 Riders must enter the start zone as a team with their bikes, and once entered must remain in the start zone with their bikes.
- 10.3 Call Ups. In start zones where provision for a call up has been made, eligible teams (as indicated in the seeding index) are entitled to line up at the front of their respective start zone. Such teams must assemble in the call-up zone immediately next to the start line no later than ten (10) minutes before their start time. Additional requirements for call-ups may be applicable to specific Races.

## 11 Route and Stages; Finishing

### 11.1 Completing Routes.

11.1.1 Riders must complete the full, final designated route and distance of all stages.

11.1.2 Only riders who complete each of the stages within the Maximum Stage Time will qualify as official Race finishers.

11.1.3 A rider must at all times follow the official route, obey the directions of the course marshals, and may not take any shortcuts or take any other advantage of a similar nature against other riders.

11.1.4 The responsibility for following the official route lies with each rider.

11.2 Route/Distance Variances. The actual Race route or distance may vary from the published or briefed distance.

11.3 Exit and Re-entry. Riders who exit the route for any reason must re-enter the course at the same point from which they exited.

11.4 Activity Outside of Route. Any walking, running, or riding by a rider outside the Race route that is carried out without the intention of promptly re-joining the Race route, or any other activity in violation of the Rules that takes place outside of the marked Race course area, is not permitted.

11.5 Finishing on Foot. Riders may cross any stage's finish line on foot provided that they have their complete bike with them when doing so.

## 12 Prohibited Equipment

12.1 Audio. The use of earphones/ear buds or two-way radios (i.e., 'walkie-talkies') is not allowed during the Race.

12.2 Cameras. Cameras (which includes video cameras) may be mounted on the rider's bike, but not on the rider (including the rider's helmet or chest). Cameras mounted on the rider's bike must be positioned in a safe location and manner and cannot protrude an unreasonable (in the Race Jury's opinion) distance from the bike (for example, no 'selfie' sticks).

12.3 Other Equipment. The Race Jury may at any time prohibit any other item of equipment (other than essential cycling equipment) in its discretion and riders shall at all times comply with any such prohibition.

12.4 Inspection. The Race Jury reserves the right to inspect, at any time, any rider's bike, apparel, gear, equipment, components, and accessories used in the Race, in order to determine compliance with the Rules.

## 13 Race Timing; Late Starts

13.1 Race chip Each rider must have his/her race chip at all times during the Race. No rider may carry more than one (1) race chip at any time, and no rider may pass his/her race chip on to anyone else at any time.

13.2 Advertised/Recorded Times. Only team times will be advertised, but individual rider times will be recorded for purposes of determining compliance with the Rider Separation Limit.

13.3 Timing Start. Timing will start at the applicable start time each Race day as set out in Rule 10.2. The start line will remain open for 15 minutes after the start time.

### 13.4 Late Starts.

13.4.1 Any rider who cannot make his/her start time must report to the Race Jury at the start line within 15 minutes after the start time to request approval for a late start.

13.4.2 No rider is allowed to start late without approval. If no approval for a late start is given, the rider will be considered a DNS, and therefore as a DNF for that stage.

13.5 Non-Starting. Any rider who does not start a stage at all will automatically be deemed a DNF for that stage.

13.6 Team Finish Time. The team time is the time at which the second team member passes the stage finish line with no further separation than 2 minutes between the riders.

13.7 Effect of Time Penalties. All time penalties under the Rules will be added to the rider's time for the stage in respect of which the penalty is given (and as such to GC time), but, pursuant to Rule 14.6, will not be taken into account in determining whether the rider has exceeded the Maximum Stage Time.

## 14 Maximum Stage Times

14.1 General. Maximum Stage Times are determined according to the length of each stage and the terrain to be covered, but may be adjusted at any time by the Race Director pursuant to Rule 14.2. Maximum Stage Times will be included in the Race registration pack. The Maximum Stage Time will not be adjusted for any rider who is permitted a late start and/or who started in a start zone with a later start time than his/her own.

## 14.2 Intermediate Cut-Off Points.

14.2.1 The Race Director may, at any times, designate intermediate cut-off points on each stage ("**Cut-Off Points**") which must be reached by specific times designated by the Race Director ("**Cut-Off Times**"), and may at any time impose additional Cut-Off Points and Cut-Off Times due to safety reasons.

14.2.2 Any teams that fail, or will in the sole opinion of the Race Director be unable, to reach any Cut-Off Point by the applicable Cut-Off Time will be prevented from continuing to ride, removed from the course, and classified as DNF for that stage.

14.3 The Race Jury has discretion to waive a Cut-Off Time for certain riders, in special circumstances such as mechanical problems or injured/sick team members, if the Race Jury believes the team or rider will ultimately be able to reach the *next* Cut-Off Point by the applicable next Cut-Off Time (or, as the case may be, to reach the finish of the stage within the Maximum Stage Time).

14.4 No Extensions to Maximum Stage Times. In all cases of maintenance and repair of bicycles or other equipment, riders are required to complete the full distance of the stage and must complete the stage within the Maximum Stage Time. Time spent on maintenance and repair will thus not entitle a rider to any extension of the Maximum Stage Time.

14.5 Time Penalties Disregarded. No time penalties under the Rules will be taken into account in determining whether the rider has exceeded the Maximum Stage Time.

## 15 **SLOW BEAR RIDER**

15.1 First Shortfall. Any rider who does not complete a stage within the Maximum Stage Time for the first time will be classified as a "Slow Bear Rider". Slow Bear Riders may continue the Race (i.e., they may start the following stage), but will not be classified as official Race finishers.

15.2 Effect on the Team Member. Any rider, whose team member is a Slow Bear Rider, will (provided that such rider has completed all stages within the Maximum Stage Times) be entitled to continue riding in the Race and may qualify as a finisher, but will not qualify for any rankings.

## 16 **Abandoning or Cancellation of a Stage by Organisers**

16.1 Organisers' Discretion. The Organiser may abandon or cancel any stage at any time, in their sole discretion, due to safety concerns or any other reason that they consider appropriate. In case of an abandoned stage, the following Rules will apply:

16.1.1 If three teams have completed the stage prior to the time at which it is abandoned, the stage will be classified as an official stage of the Race and count towards the GC results. Otherwise, the stage will not constitute an official stage and will be disregarded for purposes of the GC results.

16.1.2 Where an abandoned stage will count towards the GC results, each rider who is on the course (and otherwise not disqualified or withdrawn) when the stage is abandoned will be allocated a projected stage-finish time estimated by the Race Jury, where such estimate is calculated taking into account the stage winner's time, and based on the rider's position in the field at the time the stage is abandoned or the last timing point or other relevant point (e.g., Cut-Off Point, official water point, etc.).

16.1.3 Riders will be classified as DNF if, before the stage is abandoned, they withdraw from the stage or do not reach any Cut-Off Point by the applicable time.

## 17 **Roadways; Compliance**

17.1 Closed Roads. Some sections of the course (including some public roads) may be closed to non-Race-related traffic. Their closure must be respected by all.

17.2 Shared Roads. Riders might not always have exclusive use of certain public or private roads (or other pathways) during the Race.

17.3 Traffic Regulations. All traffic regulations must be complied with at all times during the Race.

17.4 Marshal Instructions. Riders must strictly adhere to all Race course-related instructions from Race course marshals.

## 18 **Checkpoints**

18.1 Checking Separation Limit. There will be checkpoints on each stage, during which the Rider Separation Limit (2 minutes between the riders) will be checked.

18.2 Non-Detections. Teams that are not detected when passing the checkpoints may be disqualified.

18.3 Hidden Checkpoints. The location of the checkpoints will not be published, and the Organiser may utilize hidden checkpoints.

## 19 **Nutrition and Hydration**

- 19.1 Responsibility. Riders retain the ultimate responsibility to carry enough water and nutrition with them during the Race.
- 19.2 Water Points and Use. The Organiser will provide water at official water points on the route, which water is intended for drinking purposes only. No excessive use of water for any other purpose will be permitted at official water points.

## 20 Outside Support; Drafting

- 20.1 No Outside Assistance. No outside assistance is permitted under any circumstances. For purposes hereof, "outside assistance" includes Physical Assistance by any person other than **(a)** his/her team member participating in the Race, **(b)** a fellow rider participating in the Race, or **(c)** an accredited Race staff member (provided the staff member's assistance is within the scope of his/her official duties for the Race).
- 20.2 Drafting.
- 20.2.1 Riders may draft behind team members and fellow competitors.
- 20.2.2 No other form of drafting is permitted whatsoever, including but not limited to drafting behind private vehicles, motor cycles, trucks, or official Race vehicles.
- 20.3 Support Vehicles. No escort or seconding vehicles are permitted on the Race route unless such vehicles are provided by the Organiser and display the relevant accreditation. However, supporters may, subject to Rule 18, drive their own vehicles along public roads (only if they are open to the public during the Race) to reach vantage points to vocally support riders.

## 21 Technical Assistance

- 21.1 Neutral Support Zones. Race offers technical assistance for riders at neutral tech support zones along the Race route, and riders will be informed on the Race website if such assistance will be available.
- 21.2 Spare Parts. Any spare parts must be paid at the time received.

## 22 Physical Assistance

- 22.1 Permitted Assistance. In addition to the other assistance restrictions in the Rules (e.g., other subsections of this Rule 22), riders cannot receive Physical Assistance from anyone other than **(a)** his/her team member participating in the Race, **(b)** a fellow rider participating in the Race, or **(c)** an accredited Race staff member (provided the staff member's assistance is within the scope of his/her official duties for the Race).
- 22.2 Prohibited Assistance from Separated Riders. No rider may receive Physical Assistance from a Separated Rider, unless, at the time such assistance is provided, the Separated Rider is separated from his/her partner because such partner had withdrawn from the Race.
- 22.3 Towing/Pushing. Subject to the other provisions in this Rule 22, towing between or pushing of riders is permitted by direct hand contact (e.g., hand-to-hand or hand-to-bike), but is prohibited by means of any mechanical or physical devices (including without limitation a rope, tube, or cable).
- 22.4 Restriction on Ongoing Assistance. No rider may receive ongoing or excessively repetitive assistance from any other rider *whose team is in a different category*, even if the type of such assistance is otherwise permitted by the Rules.

## 23 Withdrawals

- 23.1 Duty to Immediately Inform. Teams or riders that cannot continue the Race for whatever reason must immediately inform the Race office. This can be done at the Race start, the finish, water points, or by calling the emergency hotline as specified in the Race registration packs.
- 23.2 Cost of Search and Rescue. If any rider or team fails to inform the Race office of his/her/its withdrawal, and if a search and rescue operation is initiated for such rider or team, such rider or team (as the case may be) will be responsible for the cost of such search and rescue.
- 23.3 Remaining Team Member. If either member of a team is incapable of continuing the Race, his/her team member will be entitled to continue riding subject to Rule 15.

## 24 Code of Conduct

- 24.1 Sportsmanship. All riders must display good sportsmanship at all times, and must not use offensive or abusive language during the Race, act in an unsporting manner, or be disrespectful to anyone, including without limitation the members of the Race Jury, other

riders, Race staff members or service providers (e.g., course marshals, medics, water-point staff, etc.), or spectators.

- 24.2 Littering; Detouring; Smoking. Riders must respect the environment at all times, and no littering or damage to the environment will be tolerated. In particular, but without limiting the generality of this Rule, the following actions are specifically prohibited: throwing away of water bottles, packaging, or bike spares along the Race route; deviating from the Race route; smoking.
- 24.3 Restricted Areas. No rider and/or team supporter may access any restricted and/or prohibited area in connection with the Race (including without limitation any such areas in connection with the Race route, the Race village, etc.).

## 25 Protests

- 25.1 Formal Requirements. Any protests related to the Race must be submitted to the Race office in writing on the official protest sheets provided in the Race office.
- 25.2 Deadline – Stage Result Protests. Stage result protests must be submitted within two (2) hours after posting of preliminary results for the relevant stage.
- 25.3 Deadline – Race Protests. Race protests must be submitted within two (2) hours after the rider crossing the applicable stage's finish line.
- 25.4 Cash Deposit. Before a protest will be considered, the protesting rider must make a cash deposit to the Race office, along with the submitted protest, in the following applicable amount: 25 EUR. If the protest is upheld, the deposit will be refunded. If the protest is not upheld, the deposit will be forfeited and donated for trail development.

## C. PENALTIES & FINES

### 26 Penalties for Violations of Rules

26.1 Penalties Table. Any violation of the Rules will be subject to penalties as per the table below. ("DQ" means disqualification from the Race.)

Rule # and/or Offence	First Offence	Second Offence	Third Offence	Remarks
<b>Section B Penalties</b> ( <i>generally applicable</i> )				
Significant false information in Race registration	DQ			
5.2	Not allowed to start	DQ		
6.1	DQ			
6.2, 6.3, 6.4	Verbal warning	30 min	DQ	
7	15 min	30 min	DQ	
8.1, 8.2	30 min	1 hr	DQ	This penalty will not apply if the team member of the Separated Rider withdraws from the stage.
9.1	Verbal warning	DQ		
9.2	If prize money (a prize) is awarded, the team loses the prize money (the prize) of that day (if one rider is not present the team still loses the prize money)			
10.2.2, 10.2.3	5 min penalty	15 min	1 hr	
10.3	5 min penalty	10 min	15 min	
11.4	DQ			
12	15 min	30 min	DQ	
13.1	DQ			
17.4	15 min	1 hr	DQ	A serious first offence can result in higher time penalty or disqualification.
20	1hr	DQ		



22.3	1 hr	1 hr	DQ	
22.4	DQ			
24.1	1 hr	1 hr	DQ	A serious first offence can result in disqualification.
24.2	1 hr	DQ		A serious first offence can result in disqualification.
24.3	Verbal warning	15 min	1 hr	A serious offence can result in higher time penalty or disqualification.

## D. PRICING AND REGISTRATION

All riders can register via: [LINK](#)

TIER	PRICE PER TEAM	REGISTRATION DEADLINE
<b>TIER 1</b>	<b>380 EUR</b>	<b>29.2.2024.</b>
<b>TIER 2</b>	<b>480 EUR</b>	<b>31.5.2024.</b>
<b>TIER 3</b>	<b>580 EUR</b>	<b>15.8.2024.</b>

### COMPETITOR'S PACKAGE (included in the registration fee for the race)

BY FILLING IN THE REGISTRATION AND PAYING THE REGISTRATION FEE, THE PARTICIPANT ACQUIRES THE RIGHT TO THE COMPETITOR'S PACKAGE. **THE COMPETITOR'S PACKAGE APPLIES TO TWO TEAM MEMBERS AND ALL THE BENEFITS OF THE PACKAGE APPLY TO BOTH TEAM MEMBERS.** THE COMPETITOR'S PACKAGE FOR EACH MEMBER OF THE "WILD BEAR MTB STAGE" RACE INCLUDES:

- 3 days of mountain biking in Tara National Park
- Full marking of each race stage
- Professional timekeeping system
- Personalized race kit (race numbers with chip, race stickers, stage profile stickers) available for registration until 31.5.2024.
- Daily post-stage meal (3)
- Official race T-shirt
- Finisher medal (for official finishers of all three stages)
- Nutrition stations throughout the race route and finish zone
- Professional on course medical service (The Mountain Rescue Team)
- Medical assistance at the start and finish of each stage (Ambulance with paramedics)
- Daily self-service bike wash in the race village
- Bike service station in the race village
- Stage award and final award ceremony
- Online results
- Online certificate (for official finishers of all three stages)
- SIM card with free Internet for International teams \*
- Relaxing massage for all participants after every stage in length of 10 minutes per participant

\* eSIM or SIM card with free Internet for a limited period of use for all International teams, which is delivered prior to team arrival in Serbia.

## 27 Registration fee and Refund Conditions

27.1 Teams may refund Registration fee until 1.7.2024. During the following time frames Teams are eligible for a partial refund of Registration fee:

- From opening of registration until 30 April 2024: 90% refund.
- From 01 May 2024 until 31 May 2024: 65% refund.
- From 01 June 2024 until 30 June 2024: 30% refund.
- From 01 July 2024: No refunds will be made

27.2 The declaration of Refund must be requested via the email [info@wildbearmtb.com](mailto:info@wildbearmtb.com) during the above-mentioned time frames in order to be eligible for a partial refund. The Refund becomes binding as soon as it has been confirmed in writing by the Organiser

## 28 Change of data

28.1 If a team member cannot participate due to sickness or injury, a substitute team member can register in that person's place. Rider change requests must be submitted via the following [link](#) until 31 July 2024, after 31 July 2024 requests must be submitted via the following e-mail: [info@wildbearmtb.com](mailto:info@wildbearmtb.com). Both team members will be substituted if you are transferring your entry to another team (full team change). The following fees (per rider substituted) apply:

- Until 31 July 2024: Free of charge.
- From 1 August, 2024, until 15 August 2024: 20 EUR per team member.

28.2 When changing the data in the registration, all data can be changed except the email address.

28.3 Change of data is not possible after 15.08.2024.

## 29 Deferral of Registration fee

29.1 Teams who register before **31 July 2024** are eligible to defer their 2024 race entry to the 2025 Wild Bear MTB Stage Race event free of charge. All deferral requests will be honored until midnight, 31 July 2024, regardless of the reason for deferral. The deferral may only be used once.

29.2 The deferral option is available to a Team that signed up for an entry and completed their registration and entry fee payment before 31 July 2024 for the 2024 Wild Bear MTB Stage Race.

29.3 The process of the deferral is per team and the request must be sent via the email: [info@wildbearmtb.com](mailto:info@wildbearmtb.com), regardless of the reason for deferral.

29.4 A deferral is only possible to the same race taking place the following year.

29.5 Deferrals are only available for teams and not for individual Riders within a team.

29.6 The deferral option is not available for complimentary and sponsored race entries.

## 30 Process for deferrals

30.1 The Team Captain must complete and submit the deferral request via the email: [info@wildbearmtb.com](mailto:info@wildbearmtb.com), regardless of the reason for deferral.

30.2 After submitting the deferral request form, the Team Captain will receive an email of the Wild Bear Team confirming receipt of the deferral request.

30.3 If you are eligible for a deferral, the Wild Bear Team will cancel your registration for the 2024 Wild Bear MTB Stage Race within 7 working days. You will also receive an email to confirm this.

30.4 One week before entries open for the 2025 Wild Bear MTB Stage Race event the Organiser will send you an email with a personalized registration link to sign up at no cost.

30.5 You must redeem your entry within 30 days of receiving that email. Any unredeemed links after 30 days will become void.

## E. E-BIKE

### 31 General rules

- 31.1 E-Bike race will have separate start from the main race for every stage, and there will be only general stand in E-Bike category. General rules (this rules) also apply on all E-bike competitors (teams), expect when there is a special rule for E-Bike (see rule 3.3.1, rule 5.3, etc..)
- 31.2 E-Bike category participants on Wild Bear tracks can start exclusively on an E-Bike type bike "Pedal drive" with a limited speed of up to 25 km/ h. The construction of the engine and drive on the bicycle must be such that the engine is switched off when the driver stops pedaling. The pedals on the bike must be in fully operational
- 31.3 It is forbidden to use E-bike bicycles that have a gas mechanism.
- 31.4 The power of the electric motor on the bike can be a maximum of 250 W
- 31.5 It is allowed for competitors to change battery during the stage but only at special appointed points by the organizer.
- 31.6 The organizer will check whether the bike complies with the regulations from this point of the rule by random selection before the start of the race and after entering the finish line. In case the competitor's bicycle does not meet the prescribed standards from this point, the competitor or a team will be disqualified
- 31.7 Natural inequalities in the physical fitness of competitors resulting from age and gender are corrected by factors add or subtract from the achieved time according to the following criteria (the criteria will be calculated for both team members) :

Women: -14%

Men aged 41-45: -2%

Men aged 46-50: -5%

Men aged 51-55: -8%

Men aged 56-60: -12%

Men aged 61-65: -16%

Men aged 66-69: -22%

Men over 70: -28%

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