



## 12 Hours of Mesa Verde OFFICIAL RACE RULES

- 1. BE Cool, Be Kind.** PLEASE choose your favorite word: Considerate, nice, thoughtful, humane, charitable, generous, courteous etc. Embody that during the race/event. Poor or rude behavior will not be tolerated anytime during the event.
- 2. PLEASE don't be a piggy:** Yes, our event is in a barn at the Fairgrounds, but PLEASE CLEAN UP YOUR MESS. This includes on the course (tubes, gel packs, water bottles, etc.) in the barn (food plates, cans, etc.), your campsite (trash), your campfire ashes. All campfires must be in a firepan and all ashes must be cooled BEFORE tossing them in the dumpster. Be a good steward - refer to Rule #1.
- 3. Please stay off the course.** To minimize congestion, improve safety, and honor the folks that paid to be here - only registered racers and volunteers should be on the course during the race. The North Phil's World trails are open. They can be accessed from the parking lots on Road L and Road M. The Main parking lot north of Hwy 160 is closed.
- 4. This race is self-support.** Racers may ONLY receive support from their teammates and other racers. Search and Rescue is on course for emergencies. Plan your lap hydration (min. 48 oz. recommended) and nutrition accordingly.
- 5. ONLY the racer completing a qualified lap for timing** should cross the finish line. Do not escort your teammate across the finish line. You meet up to exchange inside the barn at your designated timing table (see below).
- 6. The ONLY bikes allowed in the barn** are those that belong to the racers that just completed their lap. Please do not bring your bike into the barn unless you just finished a qualified lap for timing and results. Stage your bikes outside.
- 7. Pass with CLASS:** (Borrowed from our friends at Epic Rides.) 12 Hours of Mesa Verde wants to make sure everyone has a good day on the bike. Please follow these simple passing etiquette guidelines:
  - ✓ Racers pushing bikes yield the right of way to racers riding bikes, and whenever possible should yield the most rideable portion of the course. A racer pushing their bike may overtake a rider but may do so only if they do not impede said rider.
  - ✓ Slower riders should yield to faster riders. When a passing rider says "On your left", it means they will pass on the left, the rider being passed should then bias toward the right side of trail and hold a steady predictable line.
  - ✓ Refrain from speeding up when someone wants to pass. Although it will provide a glimmer of victory provoking thought and imagery, it's an isolated emotion and ultimately only makes matters more frustrating for both riders (sense humor).
  - ✓ For those passing, be vocal but courteous. Give plenty of advance notice by shouting "On your left" or "May I pass when you get a chance". And as you pass, say "Thanks" or "Great Job". Encouragement is always welcomed. Be aware and choose a safe passing zone.
  - ✓ Solos will be given a ribbon to tie to their saddle.
  - ✓ Moms are given a special ribbon to tie to their saddle - Happy Mother's Day!
  - ✓ Please keep this race fun and remember Rule #1 and #16.
- 8. Absolutely NO Headphones while on course.** Doing so ultimately causes a failure to follow Rules 1 & 6.
- 9. Course:** You must ride the ENTIRE course for your lap to count. This includes riding through the barn and exchanging your baton (clothes pin) with your teammate at your timing table.
- 10. PLEASE Slow Down and Dismount** at the beginning of the timing chicane before crossing the finish line. No passing in the chicane. No riding bikes in the barn. We know this is hard to do when your adrenaline has control of you, but this is the moment where we count your lap. Make it count and dismount. Then get your baton ready for the exchange.
- 11. RESULTS:** Unofficial results are available LIVE via [www.12hoursofmesaverde.com](http://www.12hoursofmesaverde.com) and near our Information booth. Please check results during the day. Any protests must be brought to your timing table liaison prior to 8 PM on race day.
- 12. Scoring:** You must complete one, full lap to be included in the results. Fastest lap will not include any times from the first lap. Coed requires that a male and female each complete a minimum of one lap. Geezers must have a minimum average age of 50 on race day. Grommets must be under age 19 on race day. Single speed is open and can be male, or female - every lap must be completed riding only a single speed bike.
- 13. Exchange: Do NOT Start** your lap prior to your teammate completing their lap. You must physically exchange the "baton" (clothespin) at the timing table in front of your timekeeper. Failing to do so may disqualify one or both laps.
- 14. Number plates are SPECIFIC to each Registered RACER.** Each racer's name will be on the back of their number plate. Number plates are NOT specific to rider order. Each team determines their rider order, and the order can change during the race. Number plates must be attached to the front of the bike and fully visible. Please do not pierce, puncture, or modify the number plate which could cause damage to the timing chip on the back of the number plate.
- 15. Riders on-deck:** Stage your bike outside, memorize your number, and check-in with the registrar at your timing table.
- 16. Timing Tables:** RACERS and support - Please communicate any concerns, questions, changes etc. to the registrar at your timing table. They are your Race Liaison. 😊
- 17. Finish:**
  - ✓ **6:00PM Last lap cutoff.** You must start your final lap BEFORE 6:00 PM. The outbound tunnel closes at 6:05PM.
  - ✓ **8:00PM Clock Stops.** Any lap that is not completed by 8:00PM, will not count in the results.
  - ✓ **IF you finish racing BEFORE the 6:00 PM cutoff, PLEASE RETURN** your baton to the timekeeper at your designated exchange table. Otherwise, our volunteers will worry, and then we start searching, making phone calls, and...
- 18. Dogs:** WE LOVE leashed, well-mannered dogs, and they are welcome at the 12 Hours of Mesa Verde venue. Dog owners, you are responsible for making sure your furry pal stays off the course and is not a nuisance to others. Additionally, clean up ALL of your dog's poop. If in doubt please refer to Rule 1 and 2.
- 19. Have a Blast and Make Good Memories!** Thank you so much for choosing the 12 Hours of Mesa Verde as a stop on your event schedule. We do it all for the kids, and we could not do it without you! If you have a great time, tell your friends. If we can improve something, please let us know.