

Operating Plan

Safety Measures for COVID-19

15th Annual Fears Tears and Beers Mountain Bike Enduro

September 26, 2020

Description of Event

The Fears Tears and Beers Mountain Bike Enduro pits racers against the clock in 3-6 timed trials. The mountain bike course is approximately 10 miles to 40 miles long and takes place in the hills surrounding Ely, NV and consists of mostly singletrack trail, ATV trail and dirt roads. Lowest combined time in each class wins. Riders will all receive t shirts, prize packs, and trophies will be awarded to the top three finishers in each class. In the past a banquet and raffle were held at the Bristlecone Convention Center. This year the end of race banquet will be canceled to comply with state guidelines for COVID - 19.

The race will start and end at Broadbent Park. Safety measures include wearing a mask, social distancing, and hand sanitation. The race directors for this event will require all participants follow the safety measures put in place. In addition, the race directors will enact the following safety measures throughout the event.

Attendance

We expect 50 or less participants at this event, but due to the outdoor venue and large area of the event and the way that the individual time trials naturally separate racers on the course, we can safely accommodate more than 50 if necessary.

Volunteers and Staff

ALL volunteers and staff will be required to wear masks when interacting with the public or when working within 6 feet of each other. ALL volunteers and staff will have their temperatures taken as well as a verbal questionnaire to ensure no one who interacts with the public is exhibiting a fever or other COVID-19 symptoms.

Registration

All registration will be online only this year in order to avoid long lines and congregating at the sign up area as in the past and packet pickup will take place Friday night and Saturday morning at the park. At the packet pick up, all staff and personnel will be wearing masks. Participants will also wear their masks in the packet pick up line. Hand sanitizer will be provided at the table. To ensure social distancing there will be lines on the ground 6 feet apart that encourage participants not to hover in line. Each participant

will be scanned with a touchless thermometer to assess if anyone has a fever, they will also be asked about potential symptoms based on CDC to reduce the risk of having potentially sick participants. If a participant has symptoms or registers a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher they will not be allowed to participate. Participants will social distance at least 6 feet apart as they wait to load the train. Participants will wear their masks as they load the train and while they sit on the train.

Shuttles

In past years we shuttled pro racers to the top of Ward Mountain for their final stage by truck. **This year we will either require racers to get themselves up to the last stage on their own, or more likely will forego that final stage.**

On the Course

At the start we will group racers together 5-6 racers to a row, at least six feet apart and stagger the start times by three minutes between each row in order to keep racers separate. In years past we have routed the racers through two downtown casinos. We will proceed directly to the course without passing through the casinos this year to avoid contact with other members of the public and to maintain safe distancing. At checkpoints along the race course, riders will line up at 6 ft apart. The course is designed to naturally spread out riders from the start. Riders will not be required to wear masks while competing.

Aid Stations

There several checkpoints along the course. We will ask racers to spread out six feet apart and step off and away from their bikes when the course worker writes their times on their number plates. Volunteers at the aid stations/checkpoints will be required to wear masks and use hand sanitizer. Some of the aid stations will provide bottled water. Volunteers will serve items to competitors. Competitors will not be allowed to serve themselves to keep the amount of people touching the items in this area to a minimum.

Finish Line

The finish is at Broadbent park and racers come in at different times throughout the day. Never more than two or three at a time will show up together. They will turn their number plates into the scoring booth and vacate the area, where results will then be tallied by volunteers. Again, volunteers will be masked up. Trophies will not be awarded at this time. We will tally results and mail trophies to participants after the event. Riders do not mingle at the finish line, but volunteers will watch for groups of 6 or more forming or not practicing social distancing and encourage them to disperse.

Banquet

The banquet for Fears Tears and Beers is usually held inside the Convention Center and offers buffet style dining and refreshments. This year to ensure participant safety, we will be offering outdoor picnicking at Broadbent Park or will encourage participants to support local restaurants and encourage pick up/dine out options. Volunteers will of course have a mask on and will utilize hand sanitation. Participants that do not live in the same household will practice social distancing while dining outside. Tables will be placed a minimum of 10 ft apart

Questionnaire for all participants:

1. Are you experiencing body aches or chills?
2. New loss of taste or smell?
3. New or worsening cough?
4. Sore Throat?
5. Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing?

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>