

Mt Buller Downhill January 16th/17th 2021

RIDER BRIEFING AND EVENT NOTES FOR ALL ATTENDEES, RACERS, SPECTATORS & STAFF

The Mt Buller Bike Park is excited to get back on the bike and go racing this weekend.

To say the past 12 months have been tough (no thanks to bushfires and a global pandemic) is an understatement, and we are simply stoked that you too, the riders, are pumped to swing a leg over a bike, get between the tape and send it this coming weekend.

As of Wednesday 13th January 2021, we have well over 200 riders entered already.

2021 is also a year with many new components thrown into the mix here at Mt Buller in order to deliver our traditional January DH event:

- A new governing body in AusCycling
- Blue Dirt shuttles to replace the Northside Express chairlift
- State Government guidelines to deliver a COVIDSafe Community sporting event

The following notes are **REALLY IMPORTANT**, yes they're a tad boring to read, but they are **REALLY IMPORTANT** to ensure that the weekend is as successful as it can be, so grab a tea or a coffee (or a Vodka/Red Bull) and take the time to soak the following information in:

DELIVERING A COVIDSAFE EVENT:

- **Bring your mask, maybe even bring two.** Masks are mandatory inside all venues; this includes the Spurs venue (hospitality and public toilets) located adjacent to the event site, plus other locations such as the Buller Grocer, the Kooroora Hotel, Coffee Garage, Alpine Central Information Centre, Village Square Plaza, All Terrain Cycles and the Village Bike Café. Our mountain staff are doing everything they can to stay safe, return the gesture when you are in their venues please **WEAR A MASK**.
- Masks **MUST** be worn on the Blue Dirt shuttle busses, **NO MASK NO RIDE**. Simple!
- There are no venues selling masks here at Mt Buller, so please come prepared.
- Practice **social distancing**, 1.5 metres is the go-to distance between you and anyone else, even when on your bike, line up for your next practice lap wheel to wheel, not side by side.
- Don't congregate in groups, no group hugs at the end of a hot lap and remember elbow bumps and no High-5's!
- Practice good hygiene wash your hands, sneeze into your elbow.
- When you're done, you're done: what we mean to say is that once you've completed your practice runs or race runs, remove yourself from the event zone, head back to your accommodation or campsite. Please minimise your time 'hanging around' at the event.
- There will be no rider briefing prior to the event, this is all on line via the VDHS website. This is to lessen the likelihood of large groups gathering in the one place.
- If you are experiencing COVID symptoms, PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND THE EVENT.
- COVID Event Marshals will be present all weekend, they may just tap you on the shoulder and say "hey can you put your mask on please" or "can you stand a little further apart" they are simply doing their job to keep the event running and to keep you safe and healthy.

PRACTICE/RACE TIMES SATURDAY AND SUNDAY:

- Saturday 16 January the entire day is **OPEN** practice, the International DH trail will be open to all race competitors between 10:00am and 4:30pm, with shuttle support from Blue Dirt.
- Sunday 17 January as follows:
 - **8:00AM – 11:00AM: OPEN** practice session
 - **11:30AM – 4:00PM: RACING** all categories

EVENT REGISTRATION

- Located within the event village at Spurs, open 9:00am Saturday and 8:00am Sunday

MORE INFORMATION

- Website: <https://www.mtbuller.com.au/Summer/>
- In resort: via the Reception/Information desk located inside Alpine Central (open weekdays 8:30am – 5:00pm and on weekends 10:00am – 4:00pm)
- Or call Mt Buller on 03 5777 6077

Finally, we would like to thank the following organisations and businesses who have all worked tirelessly over an exceptionally short timeframe to piece together this weekend's event:

- The Mansfield & Mt Buller Cycling Club (MMBCC)
- The Victorian Downhill Series committee (VDHS)
- AusCycling
- The Mt Buller & Mt Stirling Resort Management (RMB) and their Environmental Services Team
- Blue Dirt Mountain Biking
- Ambulance Victoria
- St John First Aid
- Living it Live event timing
- Buller Hospitality
- The Coffee Garage

All the best, we hope you have a great weekend riding and racing and keep it rubber side down.

The Bike Buller Team