



## 2026 PATHFINDERS REGULATIONS V1



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**All race meetings shall be held under these Regulations. In interpreting these regulations and specifications "what is not specifically permitted is disallowed"**

**1. CONTROLLERS**

Trax & Trails and Pathfinders committee

**2. ELIGIBILITY OF RIDERS**

- a) Pathfinders shall be run strictly as a two (2) person team event. Only teams comprising two (2) duly-registered participants shall be eligible to enter and compete.
- b) Individual entries, and entries consisting of more or fewer than two (2) participants, shall not be accepted under any circumstances.
- c) The participant acknowledges that medical aid/medical insurance is not compulsory for the event. However, all riders accept full responsibility for their own medical expenses. In the event of injury, participants with no medical insurance may be transported to a state medical facility and will be liable for all associated costs.
- d) Both team members are required to complete all prescribed entry and indemnity documentation and must comply fully with all event rules and regulations. A team shall be deemed ineligible to start the event should either participant fail to meet the requirements set out herein.
- e) A fine of R250 will be imposed for indemnities submitted after the deadline stated in the official WhatsApp group and/or event regulations.
- f) Any participant who has been banned from entering a Pathfinders event due to previous misconduct or rule violations will not be permitted to participate.

**3. AIM OF PATHFINDERS**

The Trax & Trails Committee at its sole discretion shall declare the winners in the following classes. The Committee is entitled to withhold such declaration, should circumstances warrant such action:

- **Cape Leopards - Gold X**
- **Caracul Cubs - Gold**
- **Klipspringer Tribe - Silver**
- **Baboon Troop - Bronze**

**4. CLASSES**

| CLASS                         | CLASS AGE                                                                                                                                                      | CAPACITY                                                                                                     |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Cape Leopards - Gold X</b> | Open to riders from the year of their 16 <sup>th</sup> birthday and older<br>(Gold X entries subject to approval / vetting by event organisers)                | Any capacity motorcycle permitted.<br>(No motorcycle smaller than 125cc 2-stroke allowed on the Gold X loop) |
| <b>Caracul Cubs - Gold</b>    | Open to riders from the year of their 15 <sup>th</sup> birthday and older<br>(Participants under the age of 16 to team with a chaperone of 18 years and older) | Any capacity motorcycle permitted.<br>(No motorcycle smaller than 125cc 2-stroke allowed on the Gold loop)   |

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| <b>Klipspringer Tribe - Silver</b> | Open to riders from the year of their 13 <sup>th</sup> birthday and older<br>(Participants under the age of 16 to team with a chaperone of 18 years and older) | Any capacity motorcycle permitted.<br>(No motorcycle smaller than 85cc 2-stroke Big Wheel allowed on the Silver loop) |
| <b>Baboon Troop - Bronze</b>       | Open to riders from the year of their 10 <sup>th</sup> birthday and older<br>(Participants under the age of 16 to team with a chaperone of 18 years and older) | Any capacity motorcycle permitted.<br>(No motorcycle smaller than 85cc 2-stroke Big Wheel allowed on the Bronze loop) |

## 5. CLASS WINNERS AWARDS

Any awards made will be at the sole discretion of the Organisers / Promoters

## 6. ENTRY TERMS & REFUNDS

- If any Pathfinders event, by Trax And Trailer (Pty) Ltd is cancelled or postponed due to circumstances beyond the control on the event organizers, such as natural disasters, government regulations or other force majeure events, refunds will be subject to the discretion of the event organizers.
- There will be no credit / entry transfer allowed to roll over to the next event
- The event organizers reserve the right to modify or amend the entry fees and refund policy at their discretion.

## 7. GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR ALL MOTORCYCLES

It is the participants sole responsibility to ensure their vehicle meets the following requirements. All Motorcycles must:

- Be fitted with ball-ended clutch and brake levers even if fitted with a suitable wrap around protector
- Be fitted with brakes operating on front and rear wheels.
- Be fitted with a self-closing throttle.
- Be fitted with adequate mudguards.
- Not have any fuel leaks.
- Not discharge exhaust gasses so as to raise dust or in any way inconvenience another motorcycle.
- Be fitted with folding foot pegs
- Must display advertising decals supplied by the Organiser / Promoter
- Number board decals must be as supplied by or permitted by the Organiser /

## 8. ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT

All participants must carry, at all times while participating

- A first aid kit, including a space blanket or lightweight coverall
- A cellphone
- A tow rope
- A minimum of two (2) litre of drinking fluid at the start of an event.

- e) All motorcycle participants must wear suitable protective clothing, with a minimum standard of gloves, motocross type pants, motocross type boots reaching above the calf and a long sleeve motocross type shirt. Participants without suitable protective clothing may not be permitted to start an event.
- f) Only motocross full-face type helmets will be allowed and are compulsory to be worn at all events. The helmet must be properly fastened, be of a good fit and be in good condition. The helmet must have a chin-strap type retention system and be undamaged, and no alteration must have been made to the construction.

## **9. THE COURSE**

Anywhere a vehicle can go is deemed to be a public road. Participants are urged to consider that they are on such public roads and to exercise caution whilst traversing them. Whilst the Organisers / Promoters have taken every reasonable precaution to ensure the closure of these roads, to advise local population of the event and to mark and marshal such roads, the absence of traffic, carts, animals and pedestrians etc. on these roads cannot be guaranteed. Therefore, participants must be vigilant at all times with regard to racing through villages and on public roads.

- a) In order to cater for all the participants needs, the event will be marked and named as per the Organiser / Promoter e.g. Gold X, Gold, Silver & Bronze. These routes will be explained fully via a track report sent on the official notice board
- b) In many places the route may be narrow, and dust may be a problem. Participants should be considerate and afford another rider who has caught up with him / her every opportunity to overtake in the interest of fairness and safety.
- c) Participants and crews are to be considerate to the landowners when retrieving stranded racing motorcycles from the route and to ensure that damage to cultivated and grazing lands is avoided.

## **10. TIME TRIAL & START ORDER**

A time trial will be held on the Friday prior to the main event, on Saturday. Participation in the time trial is not compulsory. The exact schedule and rider start times will be published in the Event Regulations, closer to the event date. The time trial will run on a first come, first serve basis within the allocated time window, unless otherwise specified by the organisers.

The time trial loop will be the same for all classes. Each rider will be permitted one (1) timed run.

- a) Time trial results will determine the starting order for the main event, at the organisers discretion.
- b) Riders will start in order of their time trial results, with the fastest rider starting first within their class.
- c) Any rider who does not start or complete the time trial will be seeded, at the organisers discretion, after the slowest rider in their class.
- d) Both team members are not required to complete the time trial. The fastest time set by either rider in the team will determine the team's starting position.

## **11. ASSISTANCE RENDERED**

When a competitor has, with the approval of the organisers, assisted with the organisation/planning of the event, the penalty of exclusion will not apply. A record of the names of the competitors who have "officially" assisted will be kept on record.

## **12. REFUEL**

- a) No participant or service crew member may smoke within five (5) metres of a motorcycle being refuelled.
- b) All service crews must carry a fire extinguisher suitable for liquid fuels, per participant or team to be serviced, with a minimum capacity of 2,5kg or an equivalent Fire Stryker, to be located approximately five (5) meters from the vehicle being refuelled or the refuelling rig.
- c) The use of an environmental mat is mandatory and the vehicle must be on the environmental mat, not next to it, when refueling and servicing is concerned.
- d) At unassisted refuel points, fuel cans must be set up in an orderly fashion. Refuel points need to be suitably bunted off to ensure the safety of participants and officials and to control the flow of race traffic through the refuel point. The routing of the participants must ensure that all participants pass through the refuel point even if they do not take on fuel. There may be no alternative around a refuel point. Adequate signage indicating the start and end of a DSP or pits and refuel points must be clearly marked and visible to participants.
- e) Empty fuel drums must be removed from any fuel storage area / DSP by the participant's service crew or race officials.
- f) Failure to comply with this requirement will result in repercussions as applied by the Organisers/Promoters

### **13. USE OF GPS DEVICES**

- a) For safety reason, the protection of landowners and participant route compliance checks, the Organiser/Promoter will require the use of a Garmin or Garmin compatible GPS device to be used by all competitors
- b) The onus is on the participant to ensure the GPS is mounted or stored in such a way as to avoid loss or damage or accidental loss of track records. Multiple Garmin or Garmin compatible GPS devices are allowed
- c) The onus is on the participant to ensure the GPS device is in good working order for the entire duration of the event and to ensure that the entire track traversed is available for electronic download. The GPS device must record the complete route taken by the participant from the start of the race to the end of the race. Failure to comply will result in the participant being credited with completing that portion of the course that the Organiser / Promoter may determine at their discretion.
- d) The GPS device must be cleared of all tracks before reporting to the GPS upload officials.

### **14. PRE-RACE / PARC FERMÉ / FINAL IMPOUND**

- a) Competitors must present their machines and remain in a Pre-Race Paddock / Start Grid, a minimum of fifteen (15) minutes prior to the start of the day's racing. Failure to comply may result in a penalty at the discretion of a race official.
- b) There will be a parc fermé after completion of the day's racing. Release from parc fermé, will be subject to the discretion of a race official.
- c) Organisers/Promoters must make every attempt to make the impound secure, and they cannot be held responsible for any damage or losses.
- d) All GPS units must accompany that race bike into parc fermé area and may not be removed from the handlesbars until the motorcycle has been released from parc fermé area by a race official
- e) Race officials may remove GPS's whilst in parc fermé for the purposes of downloading the race data on the GPS units in question. In such instance, the onus will be on the competitor to reclaim his/her GPS unit(s) from the race official once the download is complete, and only after the impound area has been officially opened. GPS units must be clearly marked by owner, indicating their name or race number.

## **15. ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICIALS DECISIONS**

- a) Every rider must accept all official measurements, distances and decisions, and authorises the Organisers / Promoters to publish them in a manner they see fit.
- b) He/she also agrees that any advertising he/she publishes in connection with the competition, or is published in his/her name, will be true, accurate and not misleading.
- c) The rider also consents not to publish any advertising concerning the results until the official results have been issued by the Organisers/Promoter, and that in the event of any alteration in the official awards owing to protests or other cause, he/she will only publish the awards or results as thus amended.

## **16. LODGING A PROTEST**

- a) All protests must be lodged in person with the senior official in charge. An official protest fee of R2500 will apply payable either via cash or immediate eft to the Trax n Trails bank account.
- b) Protests must be made within thirty (30) minutes of the competitor becoming aware of the issue. If the issue occurs on course, the thirty (30) minutes period begins once the competitor has finished the event
- c) If the protest concerns the published results, the thirty (30) minute period begins from the publication of the provisional results.
- d) No protest may be lodged if the competitor has consumed alcohol or any prohibited substance.
- e) Protests against the performance, results or actions of fellow riders must comply with the above time limit, fee and be lodged responsibly.

## **17. CLAIMS TO SPECIAL TIME ALLOWANCE**

- a) If a competitor can provide sufficient evidence to race officials that he/she was delayed by abnormal circumstances outside his/her control, such as a delay occasioned because he/she had to stop to render first aid in the event of a serious accident and or medical emergency, an allowance may be granted.
- b) Alleged blocking caused by another competitor cannot be accepted as abnormal circumstance.
- c) Alleged balking caused by another rider cannot be accepted as abnormal circumstance.

## **18. ACCIDENT PROCEDURE**

- a) If a competitor arrives at the scene of an accident first, he/she is compelled to stop and render assistance to any injured competitor.
- b) Upon the arrival of a second competitor at an accident scene where injuries have been sustained, either the first competitor or the second competitor must:
  - Make a note of the approximate time. GPS's may be used to record accurate times.
  - Where either competitor carries a GPS to establish the co-ordinates of the accident, write them down or mark a waypoint, alternatively to make notes of the approximate whereabouts of the accident.
  - Proceed along the race route to the next marshal point and accurately report the information of the accident.
  - At the time of the reporting to the marshal any time taken which may need to be compensated,

together with the names/race numbers of any other competitors rendering assistance and remaining with the injured competitor must be related to the marshal for verification purposes.

- Competitors arriving subsequently at an accident scene are similarly required to stop and may relieve the assisting competitor
- This process is to be followed by all subsequent competitors.

## **19. PITS & DESIGNATED SERVICE POINTS (DSP's)**

- a) Walking pace is the speed limit in the pit lane or DSP areas
- b) Competitors may overtake in the pit lane / DSP area provided they adhere to point a) above.
- c) Should a rider be deemed reckless, at the discretion of the organisers, a time penalty may be applied or verbal or written warning of observation or exclusion.
- d) All competitors/helpers riding motorcycles in the designated areas MUST wear helmets at all times. Should a competitor/pit crew member be caught riding in the pit area, or on farm land, without a helmet a penalty can be applied at the discretion of race officials or Organisers/Promoter, which could be exclusion.
- e) Decontrols may be implemented at the discretion of the Organisers / Promoters, taking the wellbeing of competitors into account

## **20. CLASSIFICATION & TIME BARS**

- d) The race officials & Organisers/Promoters have the right to call a halt to an event due to 'force majeure' for but not limited to any of the following reasons:
  - Extreme weather conditions
  - Serious or fatal accident
  - Sections of the route being deemed impassable owing to recent extreme weather or other unforeseen circumstance
  - Dangerous circumstances for participants involving spectators or bystanders
  - Any other circumstances which race officials or Organisers/Promoters, in their sole discretion, deem to be dangerous or prejudicial to participants
  - In the event of an event being halted as above or for any other reasons, race officials & Organisers/Promoters will inform all marshal points to stop participants immediately
- e) Once started an event will not, except for the reasons above, be halted.
- f) If the leading participant has reached at least half distance the event shall be declared finished, and points or prizes awarded.
- g) The race officials may at their discretion extend or amend the time bars as advised in the event regulations on the day should circumstances dictate. In determining time bars, Organisers/Promoters should set time bars on safety and organisational deadlines rather than intending them to be punitive

## **21. PENALTIES**

- a) Five (5) minutes
  - i. For jumping the start
  - ii. Exceeding walking pace in the pit lane or DSP area
- b) Fifteen (15) minutes

- i. For leaving a decontrol ahead of time

c) Thirty (30) minutes

- i. Failure to wear a helmet or protective clothing whilst racing
- ii. Deviating off the route i.e being further than twenty (20) meters away from a marker/GPS route
- iii. Should a competitor return an unrealistic lap time or it is obvious that the competitor has deviated from the route and the competitor has gained an advantage, the penalty may be amended at the discretion of race officials.
- iv. If, due to unforeseen circumstances such as injury or a mechanical issue, your team member is unable to continue or is required to withdraw (DNF), you may continue the event. However, a thirty (30) minute time penalty will be applied to the team result.

d) Exclusion

- i. Deviating off the route (2<sup>nd</sup> offence)
- ii. For failing to carry out the instructions of the officials/organisers/promoters
- iii. Smoking while refueling or working on the motorcycle
- iv. Not stopping the engine and dismounting during refueling
- v. Starting the race without two (2) litre of drinking fluid
- vi. Not stopping and putting one foot down at a road crossing for a minimum of three (3) seconds.
- vii. Failing to hand in a working GPS or backup device with the complete travelled route for route download when so requested
- viii. Committing any breach of the regulations, event regulations or final instructions for which specific penalties have not been laid down. Can be amended at the discretion of race officials
- ix. Each competitor is responsible for the behaviour and conduct of every person associated with him/her at the race, this includes a no alcohol or drug policy or intoxication in the pit areas by either riders or crew.
- x. Any act that is prejudicial to the environment, depending on severity

e) RESERVED

- i. Teams must start and finish within one (1) minute of each other. The team's finish time will be recorded as the time of the last arriving team member. In addition, for every minute (or part thereof) beyond the one (1) minute allowance, a time penalty will be added to the team's overall time
- ii. Any rider who withdraws from the event or is unable to continue must notify the Organisers or Race Control before leaving the venue. Failure to do so may result in a R2500 fine and possible exclusion from future events.