

## Melting Mann 2022 Race Day Outline

**ONLINE REGISTRATION CLOSSES AT 5:00PM, WEDNESDAY, March 16th.**

**Registration is then available during packet pick-up Friday night (3/18) from 4pm-7pm at *Trek Bicycle of Granger* (7225 Heritage Square Drive #266, Granger, Indiana 46530) & on Saturday (3/19) 6:30am-9:30am at the Race Registration Headquarters (18035 W State Street/ M-60 Vandalia, Michigan 49095).**

**CASH PREFERRED**

**ALL PARTICIPANTS will need picture identification at registration!**

**Registration Headquarters, Parking, Start, Finish & Celebration Area located at  
18035 W State Street / M-60 Vandalia, MI 49095**

Welcome to the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Melting Mann Dirt Road Bike Challenge, brought to you by Heart Smart Events, LLC.

Day of Race (March 19th) Registration and packet pick up begins at 6:30AM and is available until 9:30AM. Registration Headquarters are located at 18035 W State St on the North West corner of Main Street and State Street in the John B. Cooper Vandalia Youth Recreation Center. Registration is in a heated building with bathrooms. We will have coffee and Melting Mom Chocolate Chip Cookies available as you register. We will also have outdoor bathrooms available in the celebration area. Parking attendants will be there to assist you as you park, most parking will be within a block of the Start, Finish and Celebration Area. Please follow the direction of the attendants and do your best to park in proximity of other vehicles so we can keep participants as close as possible to the race area.

During registration you will be asked to show Picture Identification and sign a Liability Release Form as you pick up your packet and event T-Shirt. We strongly encourage you to stick around and celebrate with us after the race.

Course bike support will be provided by Diane Ruggles, the Mobile Bike Lady of Three Rivers, Michigan.

The 60 Mile Race will begin at 9:00AM, the 35 Mile Race will start at 10:00AM and the 24 Mile Race will start at 10:15AM. All Races start north of the John B. Cooper Vandalia Youth Recreation Center and end there as well. Please place your number plate on the front of your bike, (attaching it with the zip ties provided in your registration packet). The timing device is secured to the back of that plate and will record your start and finish.

**60 MILE RACE STARTS AT 9:00AM. ALL 60 MILE RACERS BEGIN TOGETHER.**

To all **60 MILE RACERS**: Please note that you will be encountering a Rail Road Crossing at 3.75 Miles and again at 18.25 Miles, which is in the first 3<sup>rd</sup> of your 60 Mile Route. The volunteers staffing these crossings will be instructed on protocol should a train pass during the race and we deem the interruption a

disadvantage. Due to the fact that the crossings are before the first third of the race, unless a train stops, it should not affect the outcome.

**FOR SAFETY OF ALL RIDERS IN THE 35 MILE RACE:** We ask that **MALE AGE CLASS 35 Mile Racers** that intend to average **18-22 mph** to Race in **WAVE 1. MALE AGE CLASS 35 Mile Racers averaging less than 18mph** please start in **WAVE 2.**

The **35 MILE RACE** starts with WAVES as stated below with the first WAVE starting at 10:00AM.

**WAVE ASSIGNMENTS WILL LINE UP ON BOGUE ST, EAST OF THE MAIN ST START LINE, YOU WILL BE RELEASED IN WAVES TO APPROACH THE START LINE TO ELIMINATE CONGESTION.**

**Wave 1: 10:00am MALE AGE CLASS RACERS:** *Riders Averaging 18-22 mph* in the 35 Mile Loop, Male Age Class Racers, Cross and Mountain Bikes. We ask that the fastest riders go to the front, (20+ mph). (18-20mph line up behind them).

**Wave 2: 10:05am MALE AGE CLASS RACERS:** *Riders Averaging 17mph & below* in the 35 Mile Loop, Male Age Class Racers, Cross and Mountain Bikes. We ask that the fastest riders go to the front, (15-17mph). (12-15mph behind them). (11 mph or less, line up in the back of the group).

**Wave 3: 10:10am FEMALE AGE CLASS RACERS, FAT TIRE 35 MILE (Male & Female), SINGLE SPEED (Co-Ed) and TANDEM (Co-Ed) 10:10am 35 Mile Loop** We ask that the fastest riders go to the front, (20+ mph). (18-20mph line up behind them). (15-18mph behind them). (12-15mph behind them). (11 mph or less, line up in the back of the group).

**FOR SAFETY OF ALL RIDERS IN THE 24 MILE RACE:** We ask that **24 Mile Racers** that intend to average **17-22 mph** to Race in **WAVE 4, if averaging less than 17mph, we ask you to start in WAVE 5.**

The **24 MILE RACE** starts with WAVES as stated below, with WAVE 4 starting at 10:15AM.

**Wave 4: 10:15am:** *Riders Averaging 18-22 mph* in the 24 Mile Loop, Male & Female Age Class Racers, Cross and Mountain Bikes. Also includes Fat Tire 24 Mile (Male & Female). We ask that the fastest riders go to the front, (20+ mph). (18-20mph line up behind them).

**Wave 5: 10:20am:** *Riders Averaging 17 mph & below* in the 24 Mile Loop, Male & Female Age Class Racers, Cross and Mountain Bikes. Also includes Fat Tire 24 Mile (Male & Female). We ask that the fastest riders go to the front, (15-17mph). (12-15mph behind them). (11 mph or less, line up in the back of the group).

It is your responsibility to get into your assigned start wave and be on time, or you may be disqualified.  
**WAVES MAY BE ADJUSTED CLOSER TO RACE DAY BASED ON PARTICIPATION.**

Please yield to passing racers, a passing racer should say, ie "Passing on your right".

For the safety of ALL racers we will not allow Aero Bars, which follows the USA Cycling Rules.

We have assigned volunteers at most corners or intersections on the racecourse. They will assist with traffic and point you in the right direction. At 12:45PM we will begin to pull volunteers from the course, at that time if you are still riding the course please use caution refer to your map. There will also be **YELLOW Arrows for the 60 Mile Race**, **ORANGE Arrows for the 35 Mile Race** and **GREEN arrows for the 24 Mile Race**, before the turns or intersections to alert you of your direction. **It is your responsibility to look at all crossing to make sure it is clear, and safe to proceed!** Show the volunteers some appreciation, as you pass, thanking them.

A **SAG STATION** will be located at Mann Road & Sodaman, accessible to all routes. For the **60 Mile Riders**, the station is located at Mile 34 going out and Mile 45.75 coming back on the loop merging into Mann Road. The **35 Mile Riders** will pass the Sag Station at Mile 20. The **24 Mile Riders** will pass the Sag Station at Mile 12. We will provide Water, Bananas, Fig Bars, and Energy Gel.

After the race, please use the designated changing shed provided by **Affordable Solutions** to change into warm clothes, so you can comfortably wait and cheer on everyone as they finish. Additional refreshments will be served post-race and before the awards ceremony. We will start the awards shortly after the last racer passes the finish line. After we announce ALL winners, we will draw for the door prizes. At this point we will draw names for the two **Orange Mud** Hydration Packs, two sets of **Sportscrafters** Rollers, the two **Velocity** Wheel Sets, a \$2000 Gift Card to **Spin Zone** and then the Final Grand Prize sponsored by **Trek Bicycle of Granger** a Checkpoint SL 7 eTap Gravel Bike, Retail Value of \$6329.99. **All participants will be put in a hat, we will draw names and announce the winners. YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!!! Stick around, have fun, sit back, relax and enjoy the 9th Annual Melting Mann Festivities.**

We expect that all racers should finish by 2:00PM, and we will wrap up the awards by 4:00PM. You can warm-up by the warming barrels placed though out the celebration area. All racers, and volunteers will be welcome to coffee, water, and refueling refreshments served in the celebration area. **Q It Up** will begin serving our post-race meal at 11:00am. YOU MUST PRESENT YOUR RIDER MEAL TICKET or purchase a ticket for \$12.00 at the **Q It Up** tent to enjoy the meal. CASH PREFERRED. Those attending may want to bring their own chairs. Fun music and the race announcements provided by Loren Souers.

We thank **Sherri Lee's Bar & Grill** for providing parking to our volunteers. Stop in after the race and thank them. The official event photos will be taken by **Rob Meendering Photography**. Event photos will be made available through our Melting Mann Facebook page and at [www.robmeenderingphotography.com](http://www.robmeenderingphotography.com). A link will be provided in our post event email and posted to our Melting Mann Facebook page shortly after the event.

We accept CASH for apparel purchases, spectator food/beverage purchase and day of registration fees. Additional Melting Mann Merchandise will be available for purchase while supplies last: Custom Jerseys are available for special order.