

## **Melting Mann 2024 Race Day Outline ONLINE**

**ONLINE REGISTRATION CLOSSES AT 5:00PM, WEDNESDAY, March 20th.**

**Registration is then available during packet pick-up Friday night (3/22) from 4pm-7pm at Swiss Valley Ski & Snowboard Area, 13421 Mann Street , Jones, Michigan 49061 & on Saturday (3/23) 6:30am-9:30am at the Race Registration Headquarters, Swiss Valley Ski & Snowboard Area.**

**CASH PREFERRED**

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

**Each participant must pick up their own race materials.**

**Registration Headquarters, Parking, Start, Finish & Celebration Area located at  
Swiss Valley Ski & Snowboard Area, 13421 Mann Street , Jones, Michigan 49061**

Welcome to the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Melting Mann Dirt Road Bike Challenge, brought to you by Heart Smart Events, LLC.

Day of Race (March 23rd) Registration and packet pick up begins at 6:30AM and is available until 9:30AM. Registration Headquarters are located at 13421 Mann Street, Jones, Michigan, 49061, Swiss Valley Ski & Snowboard Area. 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. 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 (guaranteed for those who registered by March 5<sup>th</sup>). We strongly encourage you to stick around and celebrate with us after the race.

Thank you to SpinZone of Granger for providing race day adjustments and service. SpinZone will have a service tent set up near the start line. 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 a time to be announced based on the participation and number of waves in the 35 Mile Race. All Races start on Mann Road heading east. 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 WAVES START AT 9:00AM, WITH SUBSEQUENT 60 MILE WAVES TO START 5 MINUTES APART. WE INTEND FOR WAVES TO CONSIST OF AROUND 80 RACERS.**

**AND: You must start in your assigned wave, which will be indicated on the back of your number plate. (If you start in the incorrect wave, you will be subject to be disqualified.)**

**THE 35 MILE RACE WILL START WITH WAVES AT 10:00AM, WITH SUBSEQUENT 35 MILE WAVES TO START 5 MINUTES APART. WE INTEND FOR WAVES TO CONSIST OF AROUND 80 RACERS.**

**AND: You must start in your assigned wave, which will be indicated on the back of your number plate. (If you start in the incorrect wave, you will be subject to be disqualified.)**

**THE 24 MILE RACE WILL START WITH WAVES AT A TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED BASED ON THE PARTICIPATION AND NUMBER OF WAVES IN THE 35 MILE RACE, WITH SUBSEQUENT 24 MILE WAVES TO START 5 MINUTES APART. WE INTEND FOR WAVES TO CONSIST OF AROUND 80 RACERS.**

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.

IT IS THE RACER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO FOLLOW THE MAP AND KNOW THEIR COURSE. We have assigned volunteers to some corners and/or intersections on the racecourse. At 12:45PM we will begin to pull volunteers from the course. 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 crossings to make sure it is clear, and safe to proceed!** Show the volunteers some appreciation, as you pass, thanking them. We encourage all riders to study their course using the maps and downloads available.

A **SAG STATION** will be located on Hoffman Road just past Cox Road; accessible to all routes. For the **60 Mile Riders**, the station is located at Mile 34. 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 and Energy Fuel.

After the race, please use the interior bathroom changing stations 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 **Velocity Wheel Sets**, a **\$2000 Gift Card to Spin Zone** and then the **GRAND PRIZE ofa Trek Vale Go! 9D EQ S- Electra Bike** sponsored by Trek Bicycle of Granger. **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 11th Annual Melting Mann Festivities.**

**PLEASE NOTE: ALL BEER MUST BE CONSUMED WITHIN THE FENCED IN CELEBRATION AREA.**

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 fires 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 PRE-PURCHASED MEAL TICKET or purchase a ticket for \$15.00 at the **Melting Mann Merchandise Sales Area** to enjoy the meal. CASH PREFERRED. **Please note Meal Supply is limited – order/purchase in advance if you are planning to eat.** Those attending may want to bring their own chairs. Fun music and the race announcements provided by DJE Envin Billings.

Race 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 and/or CREDIT CARDS for apparel purchases, spectator food/beverage purchase and day of registration fees. Additional Melting Mann Merchandise will be available for purchase while supplies last.