

## 13<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MELTING MANN RACE DAY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION

**Parking, registration, start, finish, and awards will all take place at the Vandalia Community Center, Vandalia, Michigan. Packet pick-up is available Friday night (3/27) from 4pm-7pm & again on Saturday (3/28) beginning at 7:00am.**

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 February 28th). If you have not already done so, please read the "Details" page on the [www.meltingmann.com](http://www.meltingmann.com) web site.

Several great bike shops will be at the race, but **BEDLAM BICYCLE COMPANY** is our **Official Bike Shop**. Bedlam will be on hand on race day for repairs and adjustments at no charge. If you need parts, you **MUST** pay for them at the time of service. On course bike support will be provided by Diane Ruggles, whose contact information will be on the back of your race number plate.

**RACE STAGING** – As you enter the staging area, we ask that the faster riders start in the front and slower riders start near the back. As you enter the start finish area, you will see signs with anticipated average race speeds. The first sign you will see is 0-12 mph, followed by 13-15 mph, 16-18mph, 19-21 mph and finally at the start line 22+ mph. Please line up behind the appropriate sign for your anticipated speed. A few minutes before the actual start, we will have everyone move up / or close any gaps between the signs for the start. Please do not stage your bike in the start area until staging opens for your race distance.

**RULES** - Safety should always be on your mind. Yes, this is a race, but it is a fun race. Please think of your safety as well as your competitors' safety when competing in this event.

- Do not fold, bend, curve, or alter race number plates in any way. The number with the computer chip sticker on the back must be tied to the front of your bike without bending it so that it can be read. If altered you are subject to being disqualified.
- ELECTRIC/MOTOR ASSISTED BIKES are not allowed because of drafting advantage concerns for other riders.
- NO aero bars
- Any rider who follows/drafts a motor vehicle will be disqualified
- Helmets are mandatory for this event.
- NO headphones allowed while riding. You need to hear what is going on around you in this event.
- IT IS THE RACER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO FOLLOW THE MAP AND KNOW THEIR COURSE. The entire course is marked with directional signs, paint arrows on the edge of the road, and confidence dots painted on the side of the road after a turn. Corner worker volunteers and Law Enforcement will also be present on some corners and/or intersections on the racecourse to direct you, but it is ultimately your responsibility to stay on the route. We encourage all riders to study their maps and download the course maps for navigation computers beforehand.
- Although considered a race, riders must still follow Michigan laws of the roads. This includes stopping at **stop signs**.
- For safety reasons we ask the slower riders to move towards the right side of the roadway and yield to the group of riders behind them. This is for the safety of both the faster and slower groups of riders. Racers who are not part of the lead group are asked to call out to slower riders and advise them of your passing intentions prior to overtaking them. The most accepted way of doing this is to call out "ON YOUR LEFT" as you approach a slower rider.
- For safety as well as courtesy to your fellow riders, if you have to stop and walk your bike up a hill, please do this on the right side of the road and leave the left open for those very fast climbers.
- Fat Tire Bikes – To qualify for the division your tires must be at least 3.7 inches (94mm) wide.
- You must also be present for the awards presentation to receive your awards. We will not send awards to you after the race.

## SCHEDULE FOR RACE DAY -

7:00am	Registration opens at the Vandalia Community Center, Vandalia, MI
8:10am	58 mile race staging opens
8:50am	58 mile pre race instructions
9:00am	58 mile race starts
9:10am	39 mile race staging opens
9:55am	39 mile pre race instructions
10:05am	39 mile race starts
10:15am	24 mile race staging opens
10:35am	24 mile pre race instructions
10:45am	24 mile race starts
1:00pm	Cut off time for podium awards eligibility
1:05pm	Race results become official
1:15pm	Podium awards begin at the main stage

**CELEBRATION & AWARDS** - After you finish your race, we invite you to change clothes and warm up around the wood fire rings that are located around the celebration/awards stage area. Be sure to bring your lunch tickets and beverage tickets with you before you enter the area. YOU MUST PRESENT YOUR TICKETS TO BE SERVED. A limited number of additional lunch tickets are available for purchase at the Registration/Merch Area inside the Community Center building. Awards presentations will begin at the awards stage at 1:15pm. After the awards presentation is complete, we will draw a winning ticket for a Trek Bicycle sponsored by **Trek Bicycle of Granger**. Raffle tickets will be provided to you when you arrive at the celebration area. You must have your ID or race number with you to get a raffle ticket and **YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!!!**

**PHOTOS** – Our official photographer is **Christina Bowers Photography**. Event photos will be made available through our Melting Mann Facebook page and at <https://www.cbowersphotography.com/browse/> Stellafly will also be taking photos this year and their photos can be found here <https://www.flashframe.io/search/2837/>

**THANK YOU** – Our goal is to do our best to provide all of our racers with a great race experience. We hope you have a great day and wish to visit us at one of our other gravel races in Michigan this year!



FLY AWARD WINNER

- GOLD - FAVORITE RACE DIRECTOR 2025
- BRONZE - MOST SCENIC RACE 2025
- GOLD - TOUGHEST RACE 2024



FLY AWARD WINNER

- GOLD - FAVORITE RACE DIRECTOR 2024 & 2025
- GOLD - FAVORITE BIKE RACE 2024
- SILVER - FAVORITE BIKE RACE 2025
- GOLD - FAVORITE OVERALL AWARDS 2024 & 2025
- GOLD - FAVORITE FINISHER MEDALS 2024 & 2025



FLY AWARD WINNER

- GOLD - FAVORITE RACE DIRECTOR 2025
- TOP 5 - FAVORITE BIKE RACE 2025
- TOP 5 - FAVORITE AFTER PARTY 2025
- BRONZE - FAVORITE FINISHER MEDALS 2025
- GOLD - FAVORITE KIDS RACE 2025