14th ANNUAL MELTING MANN RACE DAY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION

Registration, start, finish, and awards will all take place at the Vandalia Community Center, Vandalia, Michigan. Packet pick-up is available Friday night (3/19) from 4pm-7pm & again on Saturday (3/20) 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 17th). If you have not already done so, please read the "Details" page on the 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

RACE RULES - Safety should always be on your mind. Please think of your safety as well as your competitor's safety when competing in this event.

- Helmets are mandatory for this event.
- NO Time Trial / Aero bars.
- NO audio devices with the exception of hearing aids are allowed inside or covering a rider's ear or ears. 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.
- For general safety we ask that slower paced riders ride on the right most side of the roadway and yield to faster riders who wish to overtake them. Slower riders should not ride side by side for long periods of time. This includes staying to the right when riding or walking up a steep hill. Racers 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".
- LAWS - Riders must follow Michigan laws of the roads including stopping at stop signs unless otherwise directed by Law Enforcement.
- NUMBER PLATES - Computer chips are attached to your race number plate. Do not fold, bend, curve, or alter race number plates in any way as doing so could damage the chip. If altered, you are subject to being disqualified. Chips are best read when positioned in a vertical position on the front handlebars of your bike. If the chip fails to read and we cannot read your number because it has been altered or is not placed vertically, you are subject to being disqualified.
- NON COMPETITIVE and ELECTRIC/MOTOR ASSISTED BIKES – are welcomed to ride (NOT RACE) only in distances that offer a category specifically for them. Participants who enter this class are not allowed to catch up to a competitive racer who started in a wave before them for the purposes of assisting them with their finish outcome. Violations are grounds for disqualification and banishment from future events.
- COURSE CUTTING - Leaving the intended racecourse surface (roadway/driveway) by cutting through a surface not intended to be driven on (ditch, yard, private property) is considered cutting the course and is subject to disqualification. The only exception is at the top of Patterson Road where it meets Mann Road.
- FAT TIRE BIKES – To qualify for the division your tires must be at least 3.7 inches (94mm) wide.
- You must be present at the awards presentation to receive 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 men's wave start (all categories)
9:05am	58 mile women's & coed tandem waves start (all categories)
9:10am	58 mile non-competitive ride
9:15am	39 mile race staging opens
9:55am	39 mile pre race instructions
10:05am	39 mile men's wave start (all categories)
10:10am	39 mile women's & coed tandem waves start (all categories)
10:15am	39 mile non-competitive ride
10:20am	24 mile race staging opens
10:35am	24 mile pre race instructions
10:45am	24 mile men's wave start (all categories)
10:50am	24 mile women's & coed tandem waves start (all categories)
10:55am	24 mile non-competitive ride/electric bikes wave
1:05pm	Cut off time for podium awards eligibility
1:10pm	Race results become official
1:20pm	Podium awards begin at the main stage

CELEBRATION & AWARDS - After you finish your race, we invite you to 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 1:20pm. 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!!!**

FREE PHOTOS – Our official photographers are **Christina Bowers Photography and Stellafly.** Event photos will be made available through our Melting Mann Gravel Race Website and Facebook page once they have been uploaded. We will try to have these up for everyone the day after the race, so please be patient. Photos will also be available at https://www.cbowersphotography.com

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

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DIRT ROAD BIKE CHALLENGE
MELTING MANN
MARCH
FLY AWARD WINNER
GOLD - FAVORITE RACE DIRECTOR 2025
BRONZE - MOST SCENIC RACE 2025
GOLD - TOUGHEST RACE 2024

DIRTY DONUT
MARTIN MI
JUNE
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

Uncle John's GRAVEL RACE
SEPTEMBER
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