



ADRIA BIKE®

ISTRIA MTB STAGE RACE 2023

Terms And Rules of Participation in the Race

1. General rules

- By applying for the recreational ISTRIA Mountain bike Stage race (in further mentioning: „Race“), the participant confirms that he/she is familiar with, and fully agrees with the following provisions of the Terms of Use and the Rules of Participation in Race. The race will be held from **September 21st - September 23rd, 2023** in the **Istria region, Croatia**, in 3 stages.
- The Race is recreational in style, and open to all participants aged 18 or above.
- The Race will be carried out in teams of two people.
- The Race Organiser is HD NAVIGATIO d.o.o. (in further mentioning: Organiser)
- The minimum number of participants required for the Race is 50 teams (100 cyclists).
- The number of participants is limited to 200 teams (400 cyclists) and reserved only for persons who have applied for the race online via application form published on adriabike.hr website and which have registered at the information desk which will be open at the starting point of the race. Information desk working hours will be announced prior to the race.
- The organiser reserves the right to deny the race start to all competitors who have purchased an entry fee but did not register at the time specified for registration, without the obligation to refund the paid entry fee.

2. Minimum age

- All participants must be at least 18 years old on the day of the race.
- Riders must be in good health and well trained.

3. Medical state

- All participants must ensure to be physically and medically fit to participate in the race, and they need to contact their doctor in order to check their medical condition and receive doctor's permission to endure the race.
- The organiser may request doctor's permission during registration if the competitor is showing signs of weak state.

4. Technical regularity of bicycles

- Mountain bikes or similar in good working order will be allowed to start the race.
- No more than one bike per rider is allowed. Riders must start and finish the event on the same bike.
- Participants must use only human-powered bicycles suitable for mountain biking, except in the category E-BIKE.
- Organiser reserves the right to disqualify contestants with defective or inadequate bikes.
- The organiser is not responsible if any damage to the participants, equipment or a third party would occur due to malfunctioning of participant's bike.
- Maintenance of bicycles during the race is the responsibility of each rider.
- In all cases of maintenance and repair, riders are required to complete the full distance of the stage with their bikes and within the time allowed.

- It is forbidden to use the following:
 - saddlebags and bicycle trailers
 - drink bottles that are not of flexible materials (glass, metal...)
 - tandem bicycles

5. Personal clothing and equipment of competitors

- All participants must wear protective racing helmets during the race.
- All participants must wear clothing and footwear appropriate to the weather conditions during the race.
- Participants need to provide themselves with beverage bottles.
- It is desirable that participants take with them basic equipment and tools for bike fixing.

6. Categories

- Participants take part in the race in teams of two, and will be divided in categories depending on age and gender, according to following categories:
 - MEN: 18 – 39 years old (born between 22.09.1983. and 21.09.2005.)
 - MEN MASTERS: 40 – 49 years old (born between 22.09.1973. and 21.09.1983.)
 - MEN GRAND MASTERS: older than 50 (born up to 21.09.1973.)
 - WOMEN: both ladies must be at least 18 years old (born up to 21.09.2005.)
 - MIX: man and woman, both participants must be at least 18 years old (born up to 21.09.2005.)
 - E-BIKE: both participants must be at least 18 years old (born up to 21.09.2005.); at least one competitor rides E-Bike
- In case that team members belong in different categories according to their age, the team will be categorised according to the age of a younger team member.

7. E-Bike category

- E-Bike category consist of two riders where at least one rider riding E-Bike.
- E-Bike category participants can start exclusively on the E-Bike "Pedalec" type with a limited speed up to 25km/h. The construction of the engine and the bicycle drive must be such that the engine is switching off the moment the rider stops turning the pedals.
- The power of the electric motor on the bicycle can be a maximum of 250 W.
- The E-Bike category competitors will start from a special start block after the start of the main group(s). Exact start time for each stage to be defined prior the race.
- It is allowed for competitors to change their battery only once during each stage, at special appointed points by the Organiser. These change points will be defined and announced prior to the race. This service cost 45 EUR for all 3 stages and should be paid on the registration. No credit cards allowed / cash only.
- The Organiser will check if the bicycle matches the rules from this point by random selection before the start of the race and after entering the finish line. If a competitor's bike does not meet the prescribed standards from this section, the competitor will be disqualified.
- Natural inequalities in the physical fitness of competitors resulting from age and gender are corrected by factors add or subtract from the achieved time according to the following criteria (the criteria will be calculated for higher factor team member and apply to the team time):
 - Female team: -8%
 - Mix team: -6%
 - Men Team with 2 Grand Masters: -8%
 - Men Team with 1 Grand Master -6%

- Men Team with 2 Masters: -3%
- Men Team with 1 Master: -1%

8. Rider identification

- During registrations each participant will get a starting number which they need to attach to bike handlebars by laces, in a way that number and sign are visible from the front at all times during the race.
- Starting numbers must be displayed on the bike during the whole race. Chip sensor for measurement of time is attached to a start number.
- It is each rider's responsibility to ensure that their bike is appropriately marked.
- Both riders in a team must display their entire race numbers at all times.
- Race numbers must not be modified or mutilated in any way, including cutting, adding stickers, removing existing stickers or trimming.
- Race leaders and Stage Winners are obliged to wear the leader jerseys/boards.
- A rider's sponsor badge/logo fixed on any leader jersey must not cover or obscure the existing Istria MTB stage race branding and sponsors logos
- Upon registration each participant will receive a number for their back, which needs to be visible at all times during the race (except in case of using a rain jacket).

9. Race start

- Detailed race schedule (stages start times by categories and stages start locations) will be published in the race program which the participants will receive on the spot upon registration at latest. The race Organiser reserves the right to change provided schedule at any time prior or during the race, due to safety or any other relevant reason.
- Start positions will be open 30 minutes before the start of the race, and participants must arrive no later than 10 minutes before the race starts.
- Participants will be able to approach to start position if they meet all the rules.
- Starting positions at the first stage are determined by the starting numbers that will be given to the participants according to the order of purchasing the starting package, and starting positions for the other stages will be determined by the overall ranking (results). The organiser reserves the right to choose to assign the starting numbers according to the criteria that the organiser sets.
- Race timing of each participant starts by passing through the starting line.
- Participants who fail to arrive at the starting position 10 minutes before the start, will be positioned at the back.
- Participants that arrive to starting positions within 15 minutes after the race starts will be allowed to start, and if they arrive after 15 minutes after the race starts, will not be allowed to start and will be listed in results as DNS (did not start).

10. Stages

- Istria MTB stage race consist of 3 stages, one stage each day of the race.
- Riders must complete the full designated route and distance of all stages.
- Only riders who complete all 3 stages will be considered Istria MTB stage race finishers.

11. Timings segments

- Each stage is divided into 3 timings segments (in further mentioning: Segments). Time measurement starts at the entry into the segment and ends at the exit from the segment.

Competitors whose total time of all 3 segments within the stage is the lowest are the winners of the stage.

- The beginning and end of each segment will be clearly marked on the trail itself. The schedule and length of the segments will be published on the Organisers website no later than one month before the start of the race.

12. Neutralisation zones

- There are 2 neutralisation zones between Segments (in further mentioning: „Neutralisation“). Race timing in Neutralisation is stopped.
- Neutralisation starts with end of the previous Segment and ends with the beginning of the next Segment.
- The 1st Neutralisation is located between the first and second Segment. The 2nd Neutralisation is located between the 2nd and 3rd segment.
- Neutralisation parts are up to 3 km long.
- Refreshment zones will be located inside Neutralisation (article 13).
- Each competitor / team decides on their own when will exit each Neutralisation zone and start the next Segment, with respecting a maximum allowed 2 minutes time difference between team members at control points. (Group start will be held for 1st segment of each race stage only / there are no group starts for 2nd and 3rd segments).
- The time each competitor can spend in the Neutralisation is 20 minutes without penalties.
- If the competitors spend more than 20 minutes in the Neutralisation, the excess will be added to the total score of the Stage.
- Total time limit of the stage is the time with Neutralisation spend included.

13. Refreshment zones

- On each stage there will be 2 refreshments zones, located inside of Neutralisation.
- On Refreshment zones participants will be able to refill the race bottles with isotonic drinks and water and use energy bars and fruit.
- The participant is obliged to take care of fluid and food intake during the race. The Organiser shall ensure that there is enough food and liquid refreshment on zones, but is not responsible if there will not be enough refreshments for all of the participants.
- If a participant throws away any waste outside of the refreshment zones, will be fined with 10 minutes onto his time.

14. The Racing route

- The participants of the race must stick to the given routes, which are described in the instructions and marked on the site, during the entire course of the race.
- Adjustments or shortenings of the route are strictly forbidden. It is the responsibility of each participant to follow the racing route, and should they for any reason abandon the racing route, they will have to re-enter the route at the exact same location they have abandoned it.
- Depending on the stage of the race each participant will have to pass through one or more control points whose locations will not be disclosed beforehand.
- Disposal of drinking containers and leaving waste behind on the racing route is strictly forbidden.
- Participants who do not follow these rules will be fined with additional time on their timing or disqualified.

15. Part of the Racing route on public roads.

- Istria MTB stage race will not have exclusive use of any public roads during the race. Please do not presume that because you are competing in a race that there will be no other traffic on the route.
- All regular traffic regulations must be observed at all times during the race. (In the Republic of Croatia we drive/ride on the right hand side of the road!)
- During the ride along public roads participants need to comply with the traffic regulations of the Republic of Croatia and not interfere with other road vehicles.
- During the race, race participants are also traffic participants, so they must comply with applicable traffic regulations of the Republic of Croatia.

16. Assistance by other persons

- Competitors may receive assistance from a fellow competitor along the route.
- Outside seconding, feeding or assistance is permitted in designated areas only (Refreshment zones)
- Outside assistance includes assisting with bike maintenance, water and nutrition support and physically assisting riders. (This implies that team members may receive physical assistance from their team partner like pushing up a hill. Towing is not allowed).
- Bike repairs may be performed on the route but without obstructing other riders.
- Neutral feeding, watering and medical assistance will be supplied by the Race Organisation at the feed stations.
- Riders are not allowed to draft behind other riders who are not participating in the Istria MTB stage race, but may draft their own team partner or other riders taking part in the Istria MTB stage race.
- No other form of drafting is permitted whatsoever including, but not limited to, horses, tractors, donkey carts, postmen, private vehicles, motor cycles and trucks.
- Specific escort or seconding vehicles not provided by the Race Organisers are not permitted to follow the race route. However, supporters may drive their own vehicles along public roads to reach vantage points to vocally support riders.

17. Codes of conduct during the race

- All participants must adhere to fair play rules of behavior during the race and show due consideration to other participants, other people and the environment.
- Participants are obliged to ride carefully, in accordance with their skills and abilities, especially when lowering down hills.
- Slower participants need to let the faster ones pass by at the earliest possible place along the route.
- In the case of the final sprint toward the finish, participants are not allowed to change the line of movement.
- Participants are obliged to report to the closest responsible person if they notice any accident, defect or violation during the race.
- In case of an accident participants are required to provide emergency medical assistance to other race participants.

18. Quitting during the race

- Participants who are not able to finish the race are required to report to the Organiser and to return the GPS sensor if they took it from the Organiser.
- In case a participant does not make it to the finish, the Organiser will initiate the seeking action at the expense of a missing participant.

- In case of quitting the race due to health problems, the participant can report to any staff member of the Organisation.
- In case of a bike failure or participant's injury it is necessary, if possible, to move to the edge of the trail to allow the passage to other participants of the race.

19. Race timing

- The timing for the participants is measured individually with a timing chip device which will be attached to the starting number.
- Each of the participants will be timed independently from their team partner. The result chart will display only the timing for the team unit. The timing of the team is defined by the time of a slower member of the team.
- Maximum allowed time difference between team members at control points is 2 minutes. A 20 minute time penalty will be applied each time the maximum allowed time difference between team members is exceeded. This penalty will not apply if one of the team members withdraws from the stage.
- The timing chip device must be attached to the bicycle during the entire race.
- The participant is responsible for the timing chip device during all stages of the race.
- If the timing chip gets damaged or lost the participant is obliged to compensate for the occurred damage.
- The participant is forbidden to use more than one timing chip.
- The participant who arrives late at the starting position will be time-delayed at the other stages which will start by the neutral starting.
- The participant who is more than 15 minutes late at the start or fails to show up, will be listed on the daily results as DNS (did not start).

20. Completing the race

- The participants will be acknowledged for their participation in the race if they have arrived at the finish line and have not disobeyed any of the listed rules of the race. The finish line can be crossed by walking if the participants have their own bicycle.
- Each stage will have a time limit within the finish line must be passed (e.g. 18:00h). All participants that do not cross the finish line before that time will be removed from the ranking list. The maximum time is not the duration (e.g. 8 hours) but the exact time of the day (e.g. 18:00h / 6pm local time).
- Stage time limit includes the time spent in Neutralisation.
- The Organiser may extend or shorten the maximum time, and information about this can be found at the information desk at the start of the race.
- Total ranking list: Teams that have completed all of the stages are qualified to enter the final ranking list.
- Finishers: All participants who have lost their team partner are entitled to continue the race and will be listed as FINISHERS, with total timing but without overall placement listed in the results, providing they have successfully completed all of the stages.
- Participants who fail to complete one of the stages have a right to start at the next stage, but will be listed in the results as an OUT OF COMPETITION, and will not qualify for the FINISHER category.

21. Help on the route

- The Organiser will provide a van which will collect any participants who cannot complete the stage, and will take them to the finishing line of the stage.

- If the vehicle would be full, the Organiser will make sure to provide another vehicle as soon as possible.

22. The results and awards

- The ceremony of announcing winners within levels of competitions/categories will be held after each stage. The Organiser will subsequently announce the location of the ceremony after each stage.
- The awards will be granted upon the announcement of winners.
- If the award winners fail to attend the ceremony, the Organiser is not obliged to deliver the reward and the financial rewards will be forwarded to charitable causes.
- All the results will be displayed on the site location following the completion of the stage / race and on the official web site of the event.

23. Penalties and sanctions

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| • Start with bike that is not in accordance to rules | suspension |
| • Starting number is attached but not visible | warning |
| • Starting from wrong starting block | warning & time penalty |
| • Exceeding maximum allowed team members time difference | time penalty |
| • Dangerous/violent ride | disqualification |
| • Riding without a helmet/taking off the helmet while riding | disqualification |
| • Deliberate obstruction of other participants | warning & time penalty |
| • Threats and insults | disqualification |
| • Not finishing the race | disqualification |
| • Holding onto a motorised vehicle | disqualification |
| • Doping | disqualification |
| • Not obeying traffic regulations | disqualification |
| • Not obeying race regulations (route, start, controls, etc.) | disqualification |
| • Disposal of garbage behind during the race | warning & time penalty |
| • Riding under a different identity | disqualification |
| • Driving under the influence of alcoholic drinks | disqualification |

24. Liability

- Each participant is responsible for its own safety during the race.
- Race Organiser is not responsible for any possible injuries or damage caused by or to a participant.
- The race Organiser does not take any responsibility for the possibility of spreading the COVID-19 virus to competitors and among competitors immediately before, during and immediately after the race.
- During registrations, race participants are obliged to sign a document stating their consent with taking the potential risks associated with participation in the race, and the waiver of claims against the Organisers regarding such potential risks, as well as consent to the use of personal data. This Statement and consent is considered an integral part of these Rules and is, from the moment of signing, binding on the Organiser and participants. Failure to sign this Statement and / or consent constitutes an obstacle to participating in the race.
- Organiser reserves the right to ban the right to compete to participants who do not abide by these conditions of use and rules. Participants waive the right of possible damage claims from the organisers.

- Participants are aware of and agree that the Istria MTB stage race is an endurance race, an extreme sport, and that there is a risk of serious injury, illness, death and / or damage to participants, sports and other equipment.
- Participants are aware of and understand that for Istria MTB stage race it is necessary to have the skills required by the mountain cycling sport, that the race will be ridden along the cobbled, narrow and steep trails, dirt roads, roads, whose difficulty can be further affect by weather conditions such as rain and wind. The Organiser is not responsible for damage to equipment, participant or any third party.
- Participants are required to have valid insurance for medical care in the Republic of Croatia. The Organiser does not bear the costs of medical care and treatment.

25. Race cancellation

- In case of cancellation of the Race due to force majeure (an extraordinary event or circumstance beyond the control of the parties, such as but not limited to a war, strikes, riots, security threats, dangerous weather conditions, epidemic or sudden legal change), participants waive the right to a refund of entry fees / standard cancellation policy is not applicable.
- If the extraordinary conditions causing the race cancellation have occurred prior the race start date, the Organiser reserves the right to postpone / defer the race to a new time and / or date, with all initially purchased entry fees valid for a postponed race.
- Organiser reserves the right to cancel or stop the race or any stage of the race at any time in case of higher cause, unpredictable situations or security threats to race participants or other persons. In case of cancellation of the race or any stage of the race due to the above conditions, race participants are not entitled to any compensation.

26. Entry refunds

- In case the participant is not able to participate the race due to any reasons, Entry fees cancellation policy and available options are:
 1. Team change or Rider change
 Team leader is able to request the rider change or full team change at any time prior the race by sending an email request to office@adriabike.hr. Organizer is not responsible to assist with finding a replacement for any rider or team. Each change request will be charged with an applicable Change fee, as following:
 - up to 45 days prior the race (actual date: 06.08.2023.): 20 EUR per rider / 40 EUR per team
 - from 45 to 2 days prior the race (from 07.08.2023. to 19.09.2023.): 40 EUR per rider / 80 EUR per team
 - 1 day prior the race / on the spot (after 19.09.2023.): 60 EUR per rider / 120 EUR per team
 Rider or team change cannot be requested for complimentary / free of charge entry fees provided by Organizers, Promotors or Sponsors.
 2. Entry fee deferral
 Team leader is able to request the (free of charge) team entry fees deferral to following season latest by 30.06.2023. by sending an email request to office@adriabike.hr. Organizer will not accept or process any deferral request received after that date. Deferral cannot be requested for partially paid, discounted or complimentary / free of charge entry fees provided by Organizers, Promotors or Sponsors. Deferral request can be accepted and processed for the entire team only (both riders) / there are no partial deferrals (only one rider). Deferral request can be accepted and processed only once / once deferred entry fee is not eligible for a new deferral in following season.
 3. Entry fees cancellation
 Team leader is able to request the team entry fees cancellation. Following cancellation charges will be applied:

- More than 120 days before the race: 30% of entry fee face value + processing fee
 - 91 to 120 days before the race: 50% of entry fee face value + processing fee
 - 61 to 90 days before the race: 80% of entry fee face value + processing fee
 - 60 or less than 60 days before the race: 100% of entry fee face value + processing fee
- / No refund

Dates interpretation:

Date:	Actual date:
More than 120 days before the race	Before 24.05.2023
91 to 120 days before the race	From 24.05.2023 until 22.06.2023
61 to 90 days before the race	From 23.06.2023 until 22.07.2023
60 or less than 60 days before the race	After 22.07.2023

Note: Listed cancellation Terms and provided options are applicable to entry fees only and are not applicable to any other services. For other services please check the Terms provided with the chosen service.

27. Race routes & stages are subjected to change

- The Organiser reserves the right to change trails even right before the start of the race. It can cause the routes to be longer or shorter than scheduled. In the described case of a route change, the participants waive the right to claim damages and claim any other compensation on any grounds.
- The Organisers may change, abandon or cancel any stage at any time, due to safety or any other appropriate reason. In case of an abandoned stage, the following rules will be applied:
 - If minimum of three teams have completed the stage prior to stage abandonment announced by the Organizer, the stage will be classified as an official stage and counted in total race results. Otherwise, the stage will not be listed as an official race stage and will not be counted in total race results.
 - Riders will be classified as DNF if they withdraw from the stage or do not reach a time limit before the stage is abandoned by the Organizer.
 - In case abandoned stage will be counted in total results, estimated time for each rider which was on route (did not completed the stage) and was not disqualified or withdrawn prior to stage abandonment announced by the Organizer, will be calculated based on the stage winner's time and based on the rider's position on the route at the time the stage was abandoned by the Organizer or the rider's time on the latest control point or the latest Segment reached prior to stage abandonment announced by the Organizer.

28. Change of rules

- The Organiser has the right to change these rules or part of the rules without notice at any time, to which participants have no right to complain or the right to a refund of paid entry fees.

29. Waste disposal

- It is strictly forbidden to throw water bottles, gel packs, bars and other garbage.
- Waste must be disposed of in trash cans that will be provided on feed zones and finish line.
- Competitors who intentionally pollute the environment while participating in the race will be time suspended.

30. Final Provisions

- In case of a dispute between the Participants and the Organizer related to the maintenance of the race, the Parties undertake to try to resolve the dispute by mediation. In the impossibility of resolving the dispute by mediation, the actual competent court in Zagreb will be in charge.

31. Personal Data Protection

- Personal data shall be considered as all personal data as established by Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and at the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, as well as the exclusion of Directive 95/46 / EC (General Data Protection Regulation), such as, but not limited to: name, last name, address, year of birth, gender, contact number and e-mail of the participant. The statistical data collected by the Organiser when visiting their website, and which cannot be directly linked to the participant as an individual, are not considered as a personal data.
- By signing up for the race, the participants give a voluntary and explicit consent, by which they are giving their informed and unambiguous approval for the processing of their personal data in purpose of conducting the race and further informing the public about the course and results of the race. By submitting the application, the participant explicitly agrees to the publication of photos and / or any video material from the race with the indication of their personal data (including photos and / or video), on any media, including any reproduction, without territorial, time and / or the language limitation of the announcement, all for the needs of both organisers and promoters of races, promotion and advertising of the race and sponsorship, as well as informing the public of the course and the results of the race. Participants are also expressly forbidden to exercise any rights on the grounds of publication of the said photo and / or video material. By submitting a contest application, the participant expressly states that the treatment described with their personal data will not be considered as a breach of personal data.
- The Personal Data Processing Manager is the Organiser. The personal data of the applicant will be stored for 5 years from the filing date and will be destroyed after the expiry of this deadline, except for the award winners. These data are collected and processed in accordance with all applicable rules on personal data protection, solely for the purposes of running the race and marketing activities of the Organiser and the Promoter, as well as for the purpose of respecting the legal obligations of the Organiser and the Promoter. The Organiser reserves the right to transfer personal data to the Promoter and / or third parties who are contractually linked to the organiser or promoter of the race, such as, but not limited to, sponsors, exhibitors, tourist boards, hotel houses.
- The Participant may request from the Organiser, as the Processing Manager, access to personal data and correction or deletion of personal data or limitation of the treatment pertaining to the respondent or to object to processing of this data. The participant has the right to withdraw this consent.
- The race can be monitored by journalists, photographers and cameramen of electronic and print media. The race is held in public space.

In Zagreb, January 10th, 2023.

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