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MTB RISK ASSESSMENT

Mountain Biking involves accepting risks that, if ignored, can cause serious and even fatal injury plus damage to property.

Blu Bike's risk control is based on best practice of the mountain bike industry and management of the state of local paths.

This means that:

- Blu Bike has prepared rules which are mandatory for all users of the tracks
- Blu Bike has chosen the paths according to the best technology, taking into account the speed, skills and experience of the average mountain biker and the average technical characteristics of an off-road bike
- Blu Bike has prepared warnings of obstacles and hazards along the tracks, but not those that may be found in the surrounding terrain
- Blu Bike has ensured the best maintenance of the tracks taking into account the weather and its resources
- Blu Bike makes it mandatory for all riders to wear adequate protection, such as helmets, and recommends they use enough protection to make them feel secure
- Blu Bike reserves the right to close the course, or parts of it, for safety reasons including, but not limited to, the weather.

The risks on using the tracks have been evaluated by Blu Bike as described in a document called Assessment and Resolution of Risks on this site.

Other risks, due to changing conditions, should be evaluated by the bikers and they may also be assessed by Blu Bike staff who will warn the athletes.

Notwithstanding Blu Bike's best risk management, there will be unavoidable and unpredictable risks that it cannot reasonably control.

There are no modifications to the paths to protect the riders, the organisers stress, due to the type of track and the differing abilities of mountain bikers. The athlete must choose which obstacles to tackle taking into account speed, their skills and experience, the specifications of their bikes, other bikers, course conditions and any instructions from staff.

These rules are being constantly updated based on changing conditions, observation by staff and users, checks on the paths, potential accidents and so on. Blu Bike annually reassesses the overall risks in the light of these factors and others.