

24H of Finale

ASSESSMENT AND RESOLUTION OF RISKS

The most significant risk for bikers on the 24H of Finale course is a fall, which may have a number of serious consequences. Here we analyse the possible causes of a fall (hazards as a source of risk) and, correspondingly, the ways that risk might be mitigated or eliminated, removing the hazards themselves (prevention and control measures) and their consequences. Other risks, statistically less significant, are the possibility of getting lost or being struck by lightning during storms.

RISK ASSESSMENT: FALL BY BIKER

DANGER	PREVENTATIVE MEASURES	CONTROL MEASURES	RESPONSIBILITY
Wet ground, mud	Consult weather forecasts and local assessments		Biker – Blu Bike
		Possible closure of the course (or a part of the course) in bad weather	Blu Bike
	Use wet weather tyres		Biker
Biker with limited technical and/or other experience	Don't compete in the race		Biker
		Signs on the course	Blu Bike
	Offer the option to see in advance whether the course is suitable, to allow all participants to inspect the course and evaluate it before the event		Blu Bike
	Prior knowledge and/or inspection of the course		Biker

Collision between bikers		Moderation of speed to respond to the course layout. Maintenance of a safe distance between bikers. Respecting the rule which forbids overtaking less skilled riders and using common sense in riding prudently	Biker
	A rule prohibits bikers from overtaking less able riders		Blu Bike
Bike breakdowns	Maintenance of bikes. Checks on MTBs before they start the race		Biker
		Checks and repairs at the course workshop	Biker
	Offering a workshop to check bikes and provide free maintenance work		Blu Bike

RISK ASSESSMENT: GETTING LOST

DANGER (source of risk)	PREVENTATIVE MEASURES	CONTROL MEASURES	RESPONSIBLE
Getting lost	Look at the map of the tracks		Biker
	Do preventative work on the trails		Biker
		Pay attention to the signs	Biker
	Put signs up on the course		Blu Bike

RISK ASSESSMENT: LIGHTNING STRIKE

DANGER (source of risk)	PREVENTATIVE MEASURES	CONTROL MEASURES	RESPONSIBLE
Lightning strike	Check weather forecasts and get local information	Don't stand under trees if there is a thunderstorm while you are on the course	Biker
		Abandon your bike, because metal objects are prone to lightning strikes	Biker
	Check weather forecasts and get local information	Closure of the course if there are dangerous storms or if the weather is really bad	Blu Bike

All the risks above may cause injury	MEASURES TO MINIMISE DAMAGE	RESPONSIBLE
	First aid kits available at each support station in the valleys and hills	Blu Bike
	Emergency procedure	Blu Bike