



## MOUNTAIN BIKE TOUR TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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By completing the online registration, all participants are acknowledging that they have read and accepted the following:

- A. Indemnity form
- B. Mountain Bike Tour Terms and Conditions as per the below
- C. Payment Terms and Conditions

In this document 'the Event Organisers' shall mean and include the following parties: Children in the Wilderness Mkambati, Nedbank Limited, Wilderness Holdings Limited, South African National Parks, The Northern Tuli Game Reserve, Zimbabwe Parks and Wildlife Management Agency, Wildlife and Environmental Society of Zimbabwe, Sentinel Limpopo Safaris, Venetia Reserve and Nottingham Estate as well as all affiliates, employees, directors, agents, shareholders, officials, concessionaires, contractors and representatives of any form of the foregoing entities.

### **PARTICIPANTS:**

- Minimum age requirement for any participants is 16 years of age and a maximum of 70 years of age, unless permission has been requested and granted by both a medical practitioner and the Tour Director.
- Safety approved riding helmets are compulsory (gloves are recommended).
- All participants will be allocated to a group of comparable riding ability and will ride in groups of around 12 to 16 participants to ensure the safety of the riders is never compromised.
- All participants must be in good health and of good fitness. Although this is not a race, you do need to be mountain bike fit and healthy and well prepared with ample training to be able to enter.
- Acceptance onto the mountain bike Tour is subject to the rider completing and submitting the following a) Online registration b) Acceptance of the Indemnity form and c) adhering to Payment Terms.
- The Event Organisers reserve the right to decline any registrations for any reason whatsoever at their sole discretion without having to give any explanations. In these cases full refunds will be given.
- Should any participant behave in such a way that it negatively affects either the enjoyment or safety of themselves or other participants, that person will be warned and if need be, evicted off the Tour without compensation. This includes any participants that arrive that are not fit enough to participate in an event of this nature.
- Participants must have completed at least one mountain bike event in the nine months leading up to The Nedbank Tour de Tuli covering a minimum of 70km.



## **SAFETY:**

- Participants may not deviate from the official route.
- The mountain bike Tour may take you into close contact with wild animals. Neither the organisations, the sponsors, their employees, partners nor agents can be held responsible for any injury or incident on the Tour.
- The Tour/Support Leaders and official's word is final! The safety precautions need to be taken seriously, and strictly adhered to. Anyone found in contravention of the officials or any safety regulations will be evicted from the Tour without compensation.
- Should you arrive on the Tour without adequate preparation and are holding back your group, your Tour/Support Leader will be fully entitled to prevent you from riding and allocate you to a support vehicle or an alternative more appropriate riding group.

## **HEALTH:**

- The mountain bike Tour takes place in a low risk malaria area; please consult your doctor regarding anti-malaria precautions.
- Please speak to your local travel clinic and/ or doctor on the requirements and recommendations regarding vaccinations for specifically South Africa, Zimbabwe and Botswana, being the countries traversed as part of the Tour.
- For more on Health and Safety details, please find these on [www.tourdetuli.com](http://www.tourdetuli.com).

## **LUGGAGE AND BICYCLES:**

- Space on the luggage vehicles is limited, thus luggage is restricted to one 20kg soft carry bag per participant. Overweight bags will receive a surcharge.
- Please ensure that your luggage and bicycles are clearly LABELLED.
- We cannot be held liable for damage to your bike or luggage. Bikes will be loaded onto and off trucks for transport to/from the start of the Tour. All Bike Transport will only be conducted upon receipt of the necessary payments and signature of the Bike Transport Indemnity Form.
- Please ensure that your luggage and bicycles are adequately insured as the Event Organisers cannot be held responsible for any damage or loss to personal belongings, luggage or bicycles.
- Only mountain bikes in good working condition will be allowed to participate.
- Please note that tubeless conversions are MANDATORY. If you arrive without a tubeless conversion, you will be asked to pay for a conversion on site as well as a donation to Children in the Wilderness.
- Due to the area we travel through, sand is inevitable. We will do all possible to stay away from sand, but we suggest that participants prepare for sand and get wide tyres to ensure you are better equipped to deal with this.
- Should you be riding an e-bike on the Tour, please ensure:
  - That you have done sufficient training and have mountain biking technical skills. You will still have to ride each day. Riding an e-bike can sometimes be more challenging.
  - Be able to carry your bike through the portage sections.
  - That you have ridden your e-bike in a previous event so you are aware of its limits.
  - That you have a spare battery and charging cables to bring along to the event. Charging of the e-bike will be your own responsibility. Charging facilities will be located near the bike technicians and Bike Park.

## ENVIRONMENT:

- The mountain bike Tour will travel through National Parks and remote wilderness areas. All participants must agree to respect the wildlife and environment through which we travel and to obey all National Park rules and regulations.
- No littering. All food packaging must be kept on the participants until the next refreshment stop.
- Please burn all toilet paper if you have to use the 'bush toilets'. **PLEASE ENSURE THAT THIS IS DONE PRIOR TO COVERING UP THE SITE AND THAT THE TOILET PAPER IS PROPERLY EXTINGUISHED PRIOR TO LEAVING THE SITE.**
- Please assist us in ensuring that we leave the areas through which we travel in a pristine condition. This will ensure that we can continue to ride through these wonderful wilderness areas.

## PASSPORT AND VISAS:

- The onus is on the participant themselves and support staff to ensure that their passports and visas are valid for the countries through which we operate i.e. South Africa, Zimbabwe and Botswana. The Organisers, the sponsors, their staff and their agents cannot be held liable for any visas etc not held by the participant, or the cost of visas.
- Passports must have two blank pages and be valid for a minimum of 6 months after the mountain bike Tour. It is the responsibility of each individual to ensure that their passport is up to date and sent to the Event Organisers 1 month prior to the Tour.

## INSURANCE:

- To partake in the Tour, participants must carry sufficient comprehensive travel insurance. This cover should be in place before arriving at the start of the event, it should cover South Africa, Zimbabwe and Botswana, and should be valid throughout travelling and participation in the event. All details relating to the travel insurance policy must be given to the organisers to enable them to act quickly and effectively in the unlikely event of an emergency.
- Please note that participants will be held personally responsible and liable for the full cost of any medical evacuation, emergency services and associated costs.
- Please also ensure that your bike and personal belongings are insured through your own personal insurance.
- **IT IS ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT PARTICIPANTS TAKE OUT CANCELLATION INSURANCE. DUE TO THE LOGISTICS OF THE EVENT, WE CANNOT REFUND ANY ENTRY DONATIONS.**

## PHOTOGRAPHY:

- The Tour reserves the right without further notice to make use of any photograph or film taken on the Tour without payment or permission. We guarantee that no photographs of a compromising nature will be used.

## CONSENT:

- The payment of the minimum entry donation amount or any other partial payment for this mountain bike Tour constitutes consent by all participants covered by that payment to all provisions of the conditions and general information contained on the following: a) Nedbank Tour de Tuli - Indemnity Form b) Mountain Bike Tour rules and Payment Terms and Conditions.
- The terms under which you agree to participate in this mountain bike Tour, cannot be changed or amended except in writing and signed by the Event Director.

