
Rawhide Trail Race

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Flat Rock Ranch - Comfort, TX

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Mountain Bike Race Rules and Recommendations

(rules and recommendations apply to everyone riding the MTB race)

Racers are expected at all times to represent themselves with good sportsmanship. We're here to race, but also to have fun, accomplish our goals and see every rider have a successful day! Poor sportsmanship, course cutting, or cheating of any kind will not be tolerated. To learn the rules and race etiquette, read below.

- Helmets are mandatory. No helmet, no race :(
- Try to pre-register for your race. This makes race day less hectic.
- Double check your entry form to be certain you are placed in the proper race and category.
- All competitors who register prior to race day, must check in with the race staff before race start to receive your timing chip and wrist band (we use wrist bands instead of race bibs).
- Race Day Registration closes 30 minutes prior to class start.
- Racing License is not required.
- Roll call will happen approximately 10 mins before race start.
- If you want to pre-ride the course, come to Flat Rock Ranch the day before the MTB race (Saturday) and pre-ride the course after the running race is over. Pre-riding is not permitted on MTB race day.
- Upon arriving at the event, go first to pick up your race packet and number, then go back to your vehicle to dress and get your bike ready.
- Warm-up for at least 15 minutes. If you need a longer warm-up, plan to be at the start line about 20 minutes prior to your start.

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- Come prepared. Your bike should be in race ready condition—don't save repairs for race day! Bring your own food and water to the event. It is always better to be self-contained and self-sufficient. A first aid kit is a good idea. That said, there will be one aid station on the course, at approximately the halfway point.
 - An athlete should always drink plenty of water, but this is particularly important prior to a race. It is good practice to begin heavy hydration 72 hours before the start of any competition. Be sure you have a water bottle with you at all times.
 - Once the race begins, all repairs during the race shall be performed by the individual racer. No outside support is permitted. If you have a mechanical before the race, onsite mechanics are available for help at the CHUMBA Cycles USA tents.
 - Follow the course with your designated distance. Race tape and directional arrows must be followed to earn completion of the course and achieve a finish time/placement.
 - Lapped riders must yield to leaders. (This applies to a lead rider overtaking another class) Riders should voice the command “track” when overtaking another. It is the responsibility of the challenging rider to overtake safely. You must yield to the passing rider on the first command.
 - Racers riding a bicycle have the right of way over racers pushing bicycles. When practical, racers pushing should stay on the least rideable portion of the path when being passed. A racer pushing or carrying his bicycle can overtake a racer riding his bicycle, provided he does not interfere with the rider's progress.
 - Awards will be at the start/finish area following the finish and protest period of each category.

- Check your results after your race to ensure they are correct. If you have a concern, please see a race official and let them know. You have 15 minutes after the results are initially posted to file a protest. You must have a racer witness with you when you protest a result. Protests are very time consuming- make absolutely sure your protest is legitimate before you dispute the results.
- This race flier and the race website have all the pertinent information about the race. Read these notices carefully as most questions will be answered in these resources.

Bike Race Categories and Start Times

Kids race

- 8:00 AM start
- 2 laps around start/finish area (Chumba will have race personnel to oversee this and lead a short safety clinic beforehand)
- 5-10 mins anticipated race duration
- Everyone gets a Cowbell award from CHUMBA!

10 and under

- 8:00 AM Start
- (2 - 3 mi) 15-20 mins anticipated race duration
- Everyone gets a Cowbell award from CHUMBA!

12 and under

- 8:00 AM Start
- (4 - 5 mi) 20-30 mins anticipated race duration
- Everyone gets a Cowbell award from CHUMBA!

Junior Men 13-18 yrs

- 8:30 AM start
- 1.25 to 1.5 hrs anticipated race duration
- Awards for top three finishers

Junior Women 13-18 yrs

- 8:33 AM start
- 1.25 to 1.5 hrs anticipated race duration
- Awards for top three finishers

Half Men

- 9:00 AM start
- Recommended for CAT 2/3 riders
- 1.25 to 1.5 hrs anticipated race duration
- Awards for top three finishers

Half Women

- 9:03 AM start
- Recommended for CAT 2/3 riders
- 1.25 to 1.5 hrs anticipated race duration
- Awards for top three finishers

Open Men

- 10:20 AM start
- Recommended for Open and CAT 1/2 riders
- 1.5 to 2 hrs anticipated race duration
- Awards for top three finishers

Open Women

- 10:23 AM start
- Recommended for Open and CAT 1/2 riders
- 1.5 to 2 hrs anticipated race duration
- Awards for top three finishers

Open Fatbike Men & Women

- 10:30 AM start together (one category)
- 13.5mi
- 1.5 hrs anticipated race duration
- Chumba will have 3 awards for top 3 finisher male or female

Run + Bike Categories and Scoring

Categories

For racers **racing both** Saturday's Run and Sunday's Bike races, we offer a multi-sport, multi-day category. In 2017, we only offer two competitive categories for the multi-day, multi-sport race element:

1. Marathon Run + Marathon Bike Race
2. Half Marathon Run + Half Marathon Bike Race

A Rawhide competitor may register for any run and bike race distance outside of these two categories if they wish; however, there is no price discount outside of these two categories and there are no awards or other notoriety.

For example, if a Rawhide competitor wants to run the Rawhide 10K and ride the half marathon, you may independently register for and race both competitions, but there is no official race category for this. Instead, your reward is two days of trail fun and the sense of accomplishment your effort will bring!

Scoring

In 2017, since we have only two categories, where all competitors are running the same two races, scoring is computed simply by adding the times from each race and using total cumulative time across the two races to determine a competitor's position.

The competitors with the lowest cumulative time across their two respective races are ranked from 1-n in the list of competitors.