

SUPPORTERS: RULES AND INFORMATION

What is a Support Driver: (Supporter)

A Support Driver is NOT a spectator. If you make the decision to be a Supporter, you make the decision to support your team, this Event, adhere to the rules and assist with certain functions and requirements e.g. Transport Cyclist that have withdrawn from the event, from Checkpoint #5 or #7 to Finish. It will be required that you not only support YOUR riders, but any that require it.

Supporters are a crucial part of this event and the decision to be a Supporter should not be made lightly. You will be required to listen to Checkpoint Marshals when your assistance is necessary and follow their instructions in certain situations, when needed.

Checking-in at Checkpoint #5, Checkpoint #7 and The Finish is mandatory to Supporters. Checking –in at Checkpoint #5 will be mandatory to Supporters. If you are not prepared to comply with this, do not go to Checkpoint #5. Go straight to the Finish and check-in at the Finish Marshal.

Take the time to understand the rules and information provided. Should this be neglected resulting in rules not being obeyed, penalties will be given to the team of that support driver, or even disqualification.

NO SUPPORTERS WILL BE ALLOWED THROUGH THE BAVIAANSKLOOF - ONLY OFFICIAL VEHICLES ARE PERMITTED ON THE CYCLIST ROUTE!

Support vehicles will ONLY be allowed at Checkpoint 5 and Checkpoint 7. They must travel to these checkpoints through the Langkloof (via Uniondale and Joubertina).

CHECKPOINT #5 – IMPORTANT INFORMATION – READ BEFORE THE TIME

- If you have registered to be a Supporter, travel to Checkpoint #5. Please read the following Rules carefully, before checking-in at this Checkpoint.
- You will not be allowed to enter Checkpoint # 5 without your Support Driver Badge. Your vehicle sticker needs to be displayed at all times.
- Cyclist will be traveling on the SAME route as you on certain sections, drive considerate and with caution.
- There will be 3 parking areas for supporters as they fill, the next one will be used and NOT before. There will be parking assistants to assist with this.
- No Support is allowed to be given at vehicles. Support can only be given at the checkpoint area designated as the Support Zone.
- Check-in and Check-out at the Support Check-in / Check-out sign. Know your race number and have your Support Drivers Badge with you.
- There will be Food available to buy for Supporters. Food and drinks provided to the riders will be in a designated area for riders only.
- Please stay in the Supporters waiting area (Support Zone) in order for the riders to move around more freely.
- Due to the Baviaans kloof being in a non-signal area, Officials DO NOT know where your riders are. Please be patient while waiting for them. In the instances that Officials might know, only Supporters that know their race numbers will be accommodated.
- Going to Checkpoint #7 IS mandatory. After you have checked out at Checkpoint #5 travel to Checkpoint #7.

Please adhere to all of the above. Your cooperation will be appreciated by riders and oarganisers.

While you are at Checkpoint #5, relax and enjoy the atmosphere – this is a great way to experience the event

AT THE FINISH

- After Checking out at Checkpoint # 7, travel to The Finish.
- Supporters must arrive at the FINISH at least 20 minutes before their team.
- Check-in at the Finish is mandatory in order to coordinate times and for supporters to receive their free burger ticket.
- At The Finish, Support Drivers should park in front of Fountains Mall Do not park at the back in the Finish Area

ON ROUTE

- Only one support vehicle is allowed per team.
- The road is open to normal traffic. Please obey all traffic rules, officials, marshals and medics.
- The route will not be marked. Ensure that you are familiar with the information and maps provided.
- Due to the Eastern Cape Parks Board instructions to reduce the number of vehicles travelling through the Baviaanskloof during the event, NO supporters is permitted to travel through the Baviaanskloof during the event. This will be enforced and controlled by EC Parks at the entrance gate.
- Event Sweep vehicles will be available to act as pick-up vehicle for those that are forced to withdraw. Medical and mechanical assistance will be available at specific checkpoints and on-route.
- No assistance will be allowed along the route. Assistance may only be provided at Checkpoints #5 & #7.
- Cyclists will have the right of way during the race!
- Take caution at Checkpoint #5 when travelling with the cyclists on a portion of the road
- Ensure that you know the route and location of checkpoints. KEEP ON YOUR DESIGNATED ROUTE
- No driving through the veld. Stick to the road and demarcated areas (at checkpoints
- Supporters are not allowed to travel back on the route.
- No littering, please!!

CHECKPOINTS

- Food and sustenance at checkpoints are free for cyclists only, supporters are allowed to buy from the vendors.
- When arriving / departing from checkpoints make sure you report this to the Checkpoint Marshal and that he/she has acknowledged your team number and provide you with a sticker (see back of this booklet).
- Supporters MUST know their team number and display their Support Drivers Badge and Vehicle Number' Arriving at the checkpoints and not doing so, will result to the holding up of oncoming traffic this will be penalised!
- Supporters arriving at checkpoints will not be allowed to leave before their team arrived, unless they continue to the next checkpoint.
- Please obey checkpoint marshals they have discretion to implement penalties.
- Drivers must bring their Support Drivers Badge to the marshal at the FINISH in order to receive their free Spur burger.
- Support Drivers are NOT allowed to travel to Checkpoint # 6

IMPORTANT TIMES

- All supporters driving vehicles must attend the drivers briefing after Race Briefing (19:00), Friday evening at the NG Church Hall.
- The Race starts at 10:00
- Event support will be withdrawn at 12:00 on Sunday. Team supporters must then collect their team.

REMEMBER

- Please be prepared for all weather conditions. The event will take place irrespective of weather conditions unless intervened by Disaster Management.
- Supporters driving vehicles must be experienced and have basic orienteering skills.
- Supporters driving vehicles MUST make way for official and emergency vehicles.
- Riders are allowed to lodge a complaint against supporters driving vehicles.

SUPPORTER DIRECTIONS

- Take the main road out of town towards Uniondale.
- From Uniondale main road take the road to Avontuur and through the Langkloof (Joubertina) to Humansdorp.
- At the Humansdorp turn-off exit the N2 and turn left towards Hankey and Patensie on the R330.
- 24.3km From the N2 you will reach Hankey. At the 4-way stop follow the Patensie sign to the left and continue.
- 13.4km from Hankey you have reached Patensie. Continue straight through Patensie.
- 20km from Patensie you will reach **Hadleigh Pakstoor** to your right. You have reached CHECKPOINT #5 where you can wait for your team to arrive. Drivers must check-in and out of that specific checkpoint before continuing to the next.
- See section for Checkpoint #5 (Read before)
- SET YOUR ODOMETER BACK TO ZERO AT Hadleigh Pakstoor AND FOLLOW THE REST OF THE DIRECTIONS TO CHKPT #7 !! Chkpt #6 is not accessible nor permitted for support vehicles!! *You are not allowed to go to Checkpoint #7 without checking in at Checkpoint #5.
- Going to Checkpoint #7 is not mandatory. After you have checked out of Checkpoint #5 you may proceed straight to the Finish. Go Check-in!
- Return to the main-road and head out in the same direction you were arriving from before and follow the same road back towards Patensie and Humansdorp.
- From here you will drive along the tar road for the rest of the way. NO SUPPORT VEHICLE IS PERMITTED TO FOLLOW THE CYCLISTS ON THEIR ROUTE.
- 20km: You have reached the town of Patensie. Keep following the main road through Patensie towards Hankey.
- 13.4km: From Patensie (About 30km from **Hadleigh Pakstoor**) you have reached the town of Hankey. Continue along the main road through Hankey. At the 4-way STOP in the main street of Hankey is a signboard indicating Humansdorp to the right. Here you must turn right and keep going along this road.
- 10.3km: From Hankey, you have now reached a place (farm) called Zuurbron to your right and farm road turn-off to the right. Turn right here to reach CHECKPOINT #7 set just off the main road. After your team has arrived return to the tar road and continue in the direction of Humansdorp. NO BACK-UP VEHICLE IS ALLOWED TO FOLLOW THE CYCLISTS FROM HERE.
- 14km: From CHECKPOINT #7 you have reached the highway (N2) and must take the Port Elizabeth turn-off to the left and head along the N2 towards Jeffreys Bay.
- 10km: From Humansdorp you must leave the N2 Highway and take the Jeffreys Bay turn-off. Continue towards Jeffreys Bay.
- 2.5km: From the N2 you have reached a traffic circle. Keep going straight to the next traffic circle. At the second traffic circle you must take the third exit towards the Fountains Mall. Follow the route to the Fountains Mall. You have reached the FINISH!!
- Park in front of the Mall. Back Parking restricted to Official Vehicles only.

Supporters must arrive at the finish (Jeffreys) AT LEAST 20 MINUTES BEFORE THEIR TEAM !!

Report your arrival at the finish to the Finish Marshall.

Please ensure that ALL Orange & Black Plastic containers are returned at the Finish!!