



Mckayos - Frequently Asked Questions!

When Is Mckayos?

Sat Oct 5th 2019

How Do I register

Head to Mckayos.com.au

How Old do I have to be?

Minimum age is 15 ON THE DAY OF THE RACE!

Can I race my E-bike?

Yes! You can race your devil bike, there is an E bike specific category there are no age restrictions so long as your over 15. It's just Male and Female open category E-bike

How good / Fit do I have to be?

Mckayos is a competitive mountain bike event open to all riders. Intermediate riders and upward can enjoy the event so long as you can comfortably ride a blue grade trail and you are able to spend an extended period on your bike without a break (up to 2 hrs) then your good to go! Remember the event start line is self seeding meaning if you know your not an expert head more towards the back and take it easy!

What Bike Do I need?

The Best bike to ride is one you are most comfortable on. Ideally a full suspension trail, all mountain or Enduro bike should be good. However, so long as it safe, has working front and rear brakes, undamaged tyres and bar end plugs your good to go. If you want to ride your rigid fat bike be our guest! We wouldn't ride a road bike though!

What equipment do I need?

All riders MUST HAVE:-

- Handlebar plugs in their bars.
- A mountain bike in safe working order
- A full face helmet meeting AS2063 or equivalent, during all stages of the event. Helmets with a detachable mouthpiece are permitted providing they meet AS2063 Standard or equivalent and that the detachable mouth piece is fitted.
- A spare tube and essential repair tools
- A fully charged mobile phone
- Suitable clothing
- All riders must wear a jersey or shirt covering the elbows as a minimum, $\frac{3}{4}$ length jerseys are acceptable
- Knees must be covered by full length trousers or self-fastening knee guards or knee / shin guards expressly designed for off road riding



- In addition to the above all riders competing in the Junior 15 - 16 and Junior 17 - 19 Category MUST wear:
 - Knee Pads
 - Elbow Pads
 - Full finger / Full length Gloves
 - Full length jersey

What categories are there?

- Junior 15 - 16 (Female / Male) – You must be aged 16 or under and a minimum of 15 on the day of the event. No exceptions will be made concerning minimum age so please don't ask.
- Junior 17 - 19 (Female / Male) – You must be aged 17,18 or 19 on the day of the event
- Elite Male / Female – Must be a minimum age of 15 years or older on the day of the event
- Open Under 30 Male / Female – Must be 30 or Under on the day of the event
- Open Under 40 – Male / Female – Must be 40 or under on the day of the event
- Masters Under 50 Male / Female – Must be 50 or under on the day of the event
- Super Masters 50 + Male / Female – Must be 51 and over on the day of the event
- E-bike Male / Female – Open category, no age restrictions, open to any participant on a road legal pedal assist E mountain bike

What if I'm Under 19 but want to race in Elite? Do I get the Junior entry price?

No sorry, anyone racing in Elite pays the full senior price regardless of age.

I can't make it now, can I get a refund?

Yes, you have to let us know in writing to events@fallscreek.com.au before 08:00am on Friday 20th Sept (AEDT). All refunds will attract a \$20 administration fee. No refunds will be offered after this date.

Can I transfer my entry to a friend?

Yes, All transfers must be requested in writing to events@fallscreek.com.au by 08:00am on Tuesday 1st October (AEDT) and will attract a \$20 administration fee.

How does the start work?

It's self seeding and first in best dressed. Meaning keen beans need to be there early and stake a claim to the front if you're being competitive. If not chill out at the back with the cool kids and enjoy the ride. If you're late up top and you can't get to the front, unlucky. You'll have to try and be earlier next year.



What time do we start?

The rider briefing will be at 7am in front of the day shelter out FCRM office. Riders will start uploading on Halleys Comet chair lift from 7.30am. RIDERS MUST LOAD BY 7:45AM AS THE LIFT WILL STOP TURNING AT 8AM. Depending on weather conditions, riders may be held in Cloud 9 until everyone has uploaded before starting the ride/walk to the start line at the Ski Patrol Base. Please follow directions at all times. The race will start at 8:30am.

Do I need Resort Entry?

Yes, but this is included in registration for race day. You will be provided with a day ticket when you collect your riders pack for display on your dashboard. If you are arriving after 5pm on Friday, there is no charge for that night but you will need to head to the Accommodation Transfer Service terminal for a ticket to display. You can extend your stay for \$20 from Saturday night and Sunday at the Visitor Information Centre, 1 Slalom Street.

Do I need to carry snow chains?

Yes, this is mandatory until the end of the declared snow season. These can be hired from Mt Beauty.

What accommodation is available in resort for the weekend?

These are going to be epic spring snow conditions so make a weekend and stay overnight. Special deals will be announced soon. As well as Mackayos we've got an Oktoberfest beer festival in the Resort on Saturday evening (for kick ons!) and the amazing pond skim. Bring friends and family and make an epic weekend biking, skiing and party!

Where do I park?

Head to the Slalom North day car park on Bogong High Plains Road.

Where do I pick up my rider pack?

Friday – from the Visitor Information Centre, 1 Slalom Street – open Midday - 7pm.
Saturday – from the day shelter underneath the Visitor Information Centre – from 6am to 7am.
Leave plenty of time as the rider briefing is at 7am SHARP!

Where can I get a coffee and breakfast?

Stingray in QT Falls Creek (Slalom Plaza) will be open from 6am for coffee and egg & bacon rolls.
Cloud 9 at the top of Halleys Comet will also be open for coffee & Brekkie

Will it be cold at the top?

Possibly, but you can keep warm in Cloud 9 until it is time to head up to the start line. If you want to bring some extra layers until the start of the race we will have a baggage collection point for jackets and boots at Cloud 9 where you can drop you stuff and we will then bring your gear to the finish line at Bogong Village.

Where are the best spectator locations?



There will be some key spots, Ory's Trail, Milch Café, Koki Corner (for the Village Green drop) and Slalom Plaza (for the 3 sets of stairs descent) are the best spots in the village. Final course route TBC so keep your eyes peeled on the socials for any new course developments.

What is available at the finish at Bogong Village?

Water and toilets are available. A complimentary sausage sizzle will be running courtesy of FCRM and we will have coffee available for purchase so stick some cash down your sock before the race. Presentations will take place later once all riders have been shuttled back up to the village.

What prizes are on offer?

There will be loads of merch and accommodation prizes for all podium winners.

How will we get back up to Falls Creek?

We will be running shuttles back to Falls from 10.00am onwards. There will be enough of these to get all riders back to Falls. There will be a bike wash available at the shuttle stop and up top.

What's the weather forecast?

Who knows! Keep an eye on the Bureau of Meteorology as conditions can change quite quickly so we recommend coming prepared for all conditions, sun, wind, rain and snow.

What if I have a mechanical issue on the course?

All riders should be prepared with any tools & spares they need for a mid-course repair job. If you're really stuck we can pick you up from the nearest accessible vehicle point.

What if I am up for a party on Saturday night?

We are sure to be hosting an after party and the Falls Creek Tennis and Social club are going to be running Oktoberfest in the village.

What social media hashtags shall we use?

#ridefallscreek #fallscreekmtb #mckayos #snowdirtroad

Where can we see event photos?

Keep an eye on the Facebook event page. If you have any to share feel free to post them to the page or send us any footage to nathanfenton@fallscreek.com.au