

Melting Mann 2018 Race Day Outline

ONLINE REGISTRATION CLOSSES AT 11:59PM, FRIDAY, MARCH 23rd

Registration is then available on site Saturday from 1pm-5pm & Sunday 7:30am-9:30am

CASH PREFERRED

ALL PARTICIPANTS will need picture identification at registration!

Registration Headquarters, Parking, Start, Finish & Celebration Area located at
18035 W State Street / M-60 Vandalia, MI 49095

**PRE-RACE PACKET PICK UP IS AVAILABLE ON SATURDAY FROM 1PM-5PM TO
ONLY THOSE WHO PAID \$46 AND REGISTERED BY WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2018**

Welcome to the Melting Mann Dirt Road Bike Challenge, brought to you by Heart Smart Events, LLC.

Day of Race (March 25th) Registration and packet pick up begins at 7:30AM and is available until 9:30AM. Registration Headquarters are located at 18035 W State St on the North West corner of Main Street and State Street in the John B. Cooper Vandalia Youth Recreation Center. Registration is in a heated building with bathrooms. We will have coffee, hot chocolate and Melting Mom Chocolate Chip Cookies available as you register. We will also have outdoor bathrooms available in the celebration area. Parking attendants will be there to assist you as you park, most parking will be within a block of the Start, Finish and Celebration Area. Please follow the direction of the attendants and do your best to park in close proximity of other vehicles so we can keep participants as close as possible to the race area.

During registration you will be asked to show Picture Identification, sign a Liability Release Form and fill out a Prize Drawing Slip as you pick up your packet and event T-Shirt. We strongly encourage you to stick around and celebrate with us after the race.

The Pedal of Kalamazoo, Michigan, will be providing pre-race bike adjustments. Course bike support will be provided by Diane Ruggles, the Mobile Bike Lady of Three Rivers, Michigan.

The race will start at 10:00AM north of the John B. Cooper Vandalia Youth Recreation Center and ending there as well. Please place your number plate on the front of your bike, (attaching it with the zip ties provided in your registration packet). The timing device is secured to the back of that plate, and will record your start and finish.

Wave 1: 10:00am 35 Mile Loop, Male Age Class Racers, Cross and Mountain Bikes. We ask that the fastest riders go to the front, (20+ mph). (18-20mph line up behind them). (15-18mph behind them). (12-15mph behind them). (11 mph or less, line up in the back of the group).

Wave 2: 10:05am 35 Mile Loop, Female Age Class Racers, Cross and Mountain Bikes, Fat Tire 35 Mile (Male & Female), Single Speed and Tandem (Co-ed). We ask that the fastest riders go to the front, (20+ mph). (18-20mph line up behind them). (15-18mph behind them). (12-15mph behind them). (11 mph or less, line up in the back of the group).

Wave 3: 10:15am All 24 Mile Loop Racers Includes 24 Mile Fat Tire, (Male & Female). We ask that the fastest riders go to the front, (20+ mph). (18-20mph line up behind them). (15-18mph behind them). (12-15mph behind them). (11 mph or less, line up in the back of the group).

It is your responsibility to get into your assigned start wave and be on time, or you may be disqualified.

Please yield to passing racers, a passing racer should say, ie "Passing on your right".

We have assigned volunteers at each corner or intersection on the race course. They will assist with traffic and point you in the right direction. At 12:45PM we will begin to pull volunteers from the course and the last rider will be followed into the finish. There will also be **ORANGE Arrows for the 35 Mile Race** and **GREEN arrows for the 24 Mile Race** before the turns or intersections to alert you of your direction. **It is your responsibility to look at all crossing to make sure it is clear, and safe to proceed!** Show the volunteers some appreciation, as you pass, thanking them.

After the race, please use the designated male & female warming huts provided by Affordable Solutions to change into warm clothes, so you can comfortably wait and cheer on everyone as finish. Additional refreshments will be served post-race and before the awards ceremony. We will start the awards shortly after the last racer passes the finish line. After we announce the winners we will draw for the Grand Prize, 2018 Specialized Fatboy SE, the HED Ardennes Plus LT Wheels, the SportCrafter Rollers, and other misc. prizes and gift cards. ***All participants will be put in a hat, and we will draw names, and announce the winners. YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!!! Stick around, have fun, sit back, relax and enjoy the 5th Annual Melting Mann Festivities.***

We expect that all racers should finish around 2:00PM, and we will wrap up by 4:00PM with the awards. You can warm-up by the bonfire, or the warming barrels placed though out the celebration area. All racers, and volunteers will be welcome to coffee, hot chocolate, water, and refueling refreshments served in the celebration area. Spectators are welcome to enjoy food and beverage for a \$5.00 Fee. CASH PREFERRED. Those attending may want to bring their own chairs. We will have a DJ and the race will be professionally announced by Frankie Andreu.

We thank Moreno's Sports Bar & Grill for providing parking to our volunteers. Stop in after the race and thank them. Event photos will be made available by Photographer Dean Evan Francis of Granger, Indiana. A link will be sent with our post event email and posted to our Melting Mann Facebook page shortly after the event.

We accept CASH for apparel purchases, spectator food/beverage purchase and day of registration. Additional Melting Mann Merchandise will be available for purchase while supplies last: Custom Jerseys are available for special order.