



SA MTB Racing Category Exemptions

Introduction

SA MTB has had many requests from Events to allow riders to take part in Events and specifically stage races outside of the age categories as described by SA MTB Racing Categories V5.

This document is to be read in conjunction with the SA MTB Racing Categories V5 document, and is not to be considered in isolation.

Types of Exemption

1. Individual exemption
 2. Event Exemption
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1. This exemption may be given to an individual rider for a period of time. In reality this will only be done for riders at the very top of the sport and will be done by HP for HP reasons and in conjunction with medical testing and advice.
 2. This exemption will be given to events annually, on successful application to SA MTB by such an event in accordance with the guidelines below.

Exemption Guidelines

The following guidelines will help the event make application for exemption. These guidelines are not exhaustive, but are there to provide a guideline for application purposes. The decisions of SA MTB in granting exemptions will depend on the credibility and enforceability of the application by the event.

1. Exemptions are aimed at “team type” events.
2. The basis for exemption is that the people that are going to be exempt are NOT racing, but rather participating.
3. Participation with parents is strongly encouraged and would be supported.
4. Participation by two junior riders as a team for example will be difficult to motivate as their intention will always be to race.

5. Exemption ages will depend on the difficulty of the event and the number of days of participation. This will need technical and detailed input such as distances, climbing meters, expected times, past times, compulsory stops etc.
6. GPS race routes are mandatory.
7. There should be no recognition of these participating categories (a prize for the first father and son team) as this will encourage racing.
8. The entry system will have to be able to “understand” the criteria and enforce them.
9. The event will have to ensure liabilities are adequately dealt with.
10. The event will have to “police” the exemption criteria as agreed with SA MTB

Exemption Application Process

1. Applications are to be made in writing to the General Manager SA MTB (nic@cyclingsa.com)
2. Applications need to be made more than six months before an event is to take place (any events taking place before May 2011 must apply before 20 December 2010)
3. The application will take one month to process. This will involve input from HP and Technical divisions.
4. The terms of the exemption will be sent to the event by SA MTB and need to be displayed on the events official web site and entry documentation.