



Event Overview and Race Format:

Enduro mountain bike racing is designed to be the definitive test for the mountain biker, with the focus of each event on creating a great atmosphere, community and adventure for the competitor. The GoPro Mountain Games is excited to continue our expansion into Eagle, Colorado for the second annual GoPro MTN Enduro, and encourage all riders and their families to enjoy all other GoPro Mountain Games events and activities in Vail.

The GoPro MTN Enduro will consist of multiple stages over the course of the day on Friday, June 9th. Riders will start at Eagle Town Park, transfer directly from one stage to the next and then finish back at the Town Park. Each downhill stage will be run in an individual time trial format. There will be untimed transition stages (transfers) that require pedaling to the next stage. Shuttles are not allowed. A rider’s time on any stage will be chip-timed. Riders will have a window in which to complete all the stages/timed segments. If you miss the time allocated, you will not be eligible for category awards, but you will be listed in the results. The racer with the overall fastest combined timed stages will win the event.

Categories and Fees*:

The 2017 GoPro MTN Enduro has a total cap of 350 riders across the following categories with the respective associated tiered fees per category:

<u>Categories</u>	<u>Feb 15- March 14</u>	<u>March 15- June 6</u>	<u>June 7</u>
Pro/Open Men	(\$110)	(\$115)	(\$120)
Pro/Open Women	(\$110)	(\$115)	(\$120)
Amateur Men – 19-39	(\$100)	(\$105)	(\$110)
Amateur Women – 19-39	(\$100)	(\$105)	(\$110)
Masters Men 40+	(\$100)	(\$105)	(\$110)
Masters Women 40+	(\$100)	(\$105)	(\$110)
U21 Men	(\$100)	(\$105)	(\$110)
U21 Women	(\$100)	(\$105)	(\$110)

* Fees and categories subject to change.

Cash Purse and Prizes:

The top three racers with the overall fastest time from all stages combined in the Pro Men and Pro Women categories will split the \$7,500 prize purse. As was the case in 2016, GoPro Mountain Games sponsors will again provide prizes for the winners in each of the eight categories.

Schedule & Location:

Riders will start at the Eagle Town Park the morning of Friday, June 9th, transfer directly from one stage to the next and then finish back at the Town Park for post-race festivities, bike maintenance and official awards.

Please be aware that while bib pick-up will be available on-site Friday morning from 7:00- 7:30 am, all riders will have to go to the main GoPro Mountain Games Registration in Golden Peak, Vail, during open hours Wednesday- Sunday (see ‘Registration Info’ below) to pick up their athlete gift bags.

To preserve the course’s trails, we will not have an official practice before the race begins. However, stage maps and course descriptions will be published at 8:00 am on Thursday, June 8th along with the official start list. Competitors will be sent out from Eagle Town Park in groups according to the official start list, and subsequent start times will be discussed at the rider meeting at 4:00 pm on Thursday, June 8th.

- Wednesday, June 7th
 - 8:00 am – 5:00 pm: Bib and gift bag pick-up open in Golden Peak, Vail.
 - 11:00 pm: Online registration closes. There will be no on-site registration.
- Thursday, June 8th
 - 8:00 am – 5:00 pm: Bib and gift bag pick-up OPEN in Golden Peak, Vail.
 - 8:00 am: Official start list, course maps and routing published.
 - 4:00pm: **Mandatory Rider Meeting** at the Golden Peak Grill in Vail to discuss race route, rules, start list, and overall event schedule.
- Friday, June 9th
 - 7:00 am: Eagle Town Park opens to riders for breakfast, coffee, bike maintenance, etc.
 - 7:00 – 7:30 am: On-site bib pick-up in Eagle Town Park.
 - 7:30 am: Course Marshals sweep the course.
 - 8:00 am: **Race Begins**- First wave of riders departs from Eagle Town Park.
 - 1:00 – 4:00 pm: Festivities in Eagle Town Park (expo vendors, awards, food & beverage, music, etc.)

Registration Information:

- All GoPro MTN Enduro athlete registrations include a GoPro Mountain Games athlete gift bag (t-shirt included).
- Competitor racing age is determined by the age of the rider on the date you register. Please take care to register for the correct age group, as category change fees may apply.
- GoPro MTN Enduro registration closes at 11:00 pm on Wednesday, June 7th.
- Athletes are encouraged to pick up their bibs and gift bags at Registration in Golden Peak in Vail on Wednesday, June 7th and Thursday, June 8th from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.
- On-site bib pick-up will be available Friday, June 9th from 7:00- 7:30 am in Eagle Town Park, but there will be no gift bag pick up on race day in Eagle. If you pick up your bib in Eagle on Friday morning, your gift bag must be picked up in Golden Peak during the following hours:
 - Wednesday (6/7): 9:00 am- 5:00 pm
 - Thursday (6/8): 9:00 am- 5:00 pm
 - Friday (6/9): 9:00 am- 6:00 pm
 - Saturday (6/10): 8:00 am- 6:00 pm
 - Sunday (6/11): 8:00 am- 2:00 pm

Safety and Equipment:

- First Aid & Evaluation:
 - A medical plan and First Aid locations will be reviewed in the mandatory racer's meeting on Thursday, June 8th. The Event Medical Director will also be present to address any questions or concerns. There will not be any sanctioned medical personnel on-site any time before the competition begins on Friday morning.
- Equipment:
 - All riders must wear a helmet during competition, including the pedal transfers/ untimed transition stages. If you are walking your bike, your helmet may be removed. The fit, condition and suitability of a rider's helmet are the sole responsibility of the rider.
 - Body protection such as: knee pads, elbow pads, full-fingered gloves, full-face helmets and torso protection are strongly encouraged for some stages and rider abilities, but not required.
- Riders must supply and carry their own food and fluids for the duration of the day.

Environmental Rules:

- Enduro mountain bike racing allows us to ride into remote areas of natural beauty. It is of the utmost importance that all racers respect their environment and consider the impact they leave behind for the local riding community. The below rules have been put in place to protect the Eagle trails and our riding environments:
 - No disposable goggle tear-offs are allowed to be used.
 - The disposal of food packaging on the trail is strictly prohibited.

- GoPro Mountain Games organizers reserve the right to penalize any rider whose actions are deemed to have seriously damaged the local environment.
- Riders must not store food and drinks on the trail. Packaging left behind and uncontrolled food supplies may have a serious impact on local wildlife and the local environment. Any rider found to be hiding or retrieving food from unofficial feed stations will be penalized.
- Do not use trails when they are excessively wet or muddy.

Course and Competition Rules:

- **Course Cutting:**
 - Course tape and signs will be used to identify the course. Where two pieces of tape on opposite side of the course are installed, the riders must pass between them. In these areas, missing, crossing or passing the course tape on the wrong side will be deemed as course cutting.
 - Any rider leaving the obvious line must be aware that they risk a DSQ. Stay on the trail!
- **Transition Stage Delay/Missed Start:**
 - An individual's time on a timed stage will start in accordance with the specified start time on the published official start list, even if the rider is not present. Riders arriving late to the start must follow the starter's orders and join the course when instructed to do so. Failure to follow starter's orders will result in a suitable time penalty.
 - Any riders arriving at the start of a stage later than 30 minutes after their specific start time will be disqualified from the race.
 - The race director and staff hold the right to send riders outside their specified start times. This will only be done in accordance to concerns with weather, other missed starts, and daylight operating hours.
 - Start times for stages 2+ will be discussed at the riders' meeting on Thursday, June 9th.
- **Headphones:**
 - Riders are not allowed to wear headphones at the starting lines or during any part of the competition stages for the safety of the rider and others.
 - Riders are permitted to wear headphones during transfer stages and before staging of individual categories.
- **Rider Down Rule:**
 - If you come across a downed rider, please stop to see that they are okay before continuing on. Use your judgment. If a rider is in serious pain or unconscious, then STOP. If a rider has fallen but is not in distress, ensure an official has already been notified of the injury if necessary and then ride on.
 - Officials will sort out time loss for any competitors who assist a downed rider in need.
- **Illegal Outside Assistance:**
 - Any competitor receiving outside assistance from a non-racer without prior agreement from the race director will be disqualified. This includes using team staff/outside help to carry equipment around the course or perform repairs during the race.
- **Rule Violation Recording:**
 - The Enduro race director is responsible for the application of the rules and has the final say. The race director can appoint special 'Flying Marshals' to travel around the course at their own discretion to undisclosed points. These 'Flying Marshals' can report rule violations to the race director.
 - Any rule violations must be registered with the race director within 30 minutes of the last competitor finishing the final stage. Any protest on final race times must be registered with the race director within 30 minutes of the official results posted at the event 6 headquarters. All final decisions on assessing penalties and race time corrections will be made within 60 minutes after the protest period closes.
- **Penalties**
 - Missed Start: Up to 5 minutes late = 1 min. penalty; 5+ minutes late = 5 min. penalty; 30+ minutes late = DSQ
 - Other Start Violation (ex. pushing into queue, delaying start, jumping start, etc.). Rider must have one foot on the ground at start buzzer: 30 seconds
 - Not obeying course marking/course cutting: Disqualification
 - Unintentional course cutting: 30 seconds
 - Illegal Outside Assistance: Disqualification
 - Environmental Disrespect: From 1 minute to Disqualification
 - Changing a piece of equipment with authorization: 2 minutes

- Changing a piece of equipment without authorization: Disqualification
- Disposal of a goggle tear-off on the trail: Disqualification
- Altering the course: Disqualification
- Missing number plate: 30 seconds
- Food stashing: 5 minutes
- Lost number plate during weekend: \$20 replacement cost
- Result Dispute: \$20 charge to initiate dispute. If rider is correct, \$20 is refunded. If rider is incorrect, \$20 is non-refundable.

GoPro Mountain Games Reservation of Rights:

- Organizers reserve the right to disqualify any athlete for any reason, including, without limitation, acting in an unsafe, unsportsmanlike or disruptive manner and/or with intent to intimidate, threaten or harass, or harm another person. All decisions with respect to the disqualification of an athlete shall be made by Organizers and/or appointed judges. Failure to comply with any term or condition of these Official Rules may result in an athlete's disqualification and the forfeiture of his/her interest in any prize. Organizers reserve the right to amend these Official Rules at any time in its sole discretion, and athletes shall have no recourse for any such changes or for any failure (whether inadvertent or otherwise) by Organizers to follow the stated rules. In the event that the competition is canceled prior to the completion of the final event, no prizes will be awarded. If the Tournament is cancelled prior to June 1st, for any reason, athletes will be reimbursed only for his/her entry fee. Athletes will not be otherwise compensated for any costs or expenses associated with their participation in the competition.
- The Mountain Games® will be organized and produced by staff and contractors hired from and by the Vail Valley Foundation. The decisions of Organizers regarding the selection and elimination of athletes, the selection of finalists and winners, and the production and administration of Mountain Games® related events, and all other aspects of the event, shall be final and binding in all respects. Organizers will not be responsible for typographical, printing or other inadvertent errors in these Official Rules or in other materials relating to the event.