

## 1. Doping Offences

1. Any amateur or professional athlete under sanction from their federation or national anti-doping authority after 1 January 2016 will be banned for life from competing in the Momentum Health Tankwa Trek presented by Biogen.
2. The organizers also reserve the right to refuse any athlete (professional or amateur), which was under sanction from their federation or national anti-doping authority before 1 January 2016, to compete in the Momentum Health Tankwa Trek presented by Biogen.

## 2. Riders

1. The qualifying rider minimum age for stage races are governed by the UCI.
2. Riders will compete in 8 categories namely:
3. Elite Men team  
Elite Women team  
Mixed team Veteran  
men team Masters  
men team Solo Men  
Solo Women

## 3. Bicycles

1. Only bicycles in sound mechanical condition will be allowed to start the race.
2. Riders have to finish the race with the same bike he/she started with – bikes can only be swapped if it is approved by a race commissaire in writing. Bikes may not be swapped for individual stages – this creates an unfair advantage.
3. The race number board must be secured and always visible.
4. The use of Tri-bars is prohibited, but handlebar ends are allowed.
5. Each rider is responsible for the maintenance of his/her own bicycle and that it is in a safe working order before the race start.

## 4. Helmets & Clothing

1. It is compulsory to wear a helmet at all times during the race, failing to do so will result in immediate disqualification.
2. All helmets must comply with “SNELL & “ANSI” international standards.
3. A cycle shirt and short must be we worn at all times.

## 5. Equipment(Recommended)

1. Always carry mobile phone, fully charged, and programmed with all the emergency numbers supplied at race registration. Please ensure that both riders carry a phone.
2. First aid kit consisting of the following: 1 x  
Stretch bandage  
2 x Dressings Adhesive  
plasters Foil survival  
blanket  
Sun block with a minimum SPF factor of 20.
3. Each rider is responsible for his own personal medication as prescribed by his physician. Please consult the race medical team if in doubt about the legality thereof.
4. We cover areas populated by honey bees, if you are in any way allergic to bee stings it is of paramount importance that you at all times carry your prescribed

medication on you person. If you are not sure about your allergic status, please consult our race medical team at registration.

5. Bike repair tools  
Spare tubes Multi  
tool  
Replacement derailleur hanger  
Inflation device (Pump etc)
6. A minimum of 2.5l of fluid to be carried by each rider
- 6. Hydration & Nutrition**
  1. Riders are responsible for their own hydration & nutrition.
  2. Water & energy drinks will be supplied at the water stations.
- 7. Official rules – UCI**
  1. The race will be run in accordance and under the auspices of the UCI.
- 8. Identification**
  1. The race number boards of both riders must be displayed clearly and fixed according to specifications.
  2. Riders are obliged to wear the supplied race leaders jerseys linked to their category.
  3. Race number boards may not be altered with, or any of the sponsors' logos obscured in any way.
- 9. Medical**
  1. It is the rider's responsibility to ensure that he/she is well prepared to take on a race of this nature.
  2. The race doctor and his medical team reserves the right to prevent any rider from continuing the race if it deems necessary. Their decision is final.
- 10. Daily start**
  1. Team and solo riders will be seeded for the start of each day.
  2. The start chute closes 5 minutes prior to the start of race and riders not arriving on time will start at the back.
- 11. Timekeeping**
  1. The race starts each day at 6:30 sharp. If any start times has to be changed, notice hereof will conveyed at the compulsory race briefing.
  2. The time of the 2nd rider of the team that crosses the finish line will be the teams' official finishing time.
  3. Riders will not be allowed to start late – everyone starts together.
  4. The race cut off remains the same even in case of a late start.
- 12. Cut off times and withdrawals**
  1. Cut off times are very generous allowing even the back markers to easily finish – see cut of times below:  
Stage 1 – At water point 2 - 4h30 | At finish 9 hours.  
Stage 2 – At water point 3 - 5h30 | At finish 9 hours.  
Stage 3 – At finish 7h30  
The race commissaire still reserves the right to extend the cut-off times during the race at his discretion.
  2. A rider not making the cut off will be allowed to continue all stages, but will not be declared an official finisher.

3. Riders are allowed to miss 1 stage cut offs, the 2nd time the cut off is missed this rider will not be allowed to continue in the race.
4. Any withdrawals has to be communicated to the race office immediately
5. A rider that withdraws during the race must please convey his/her intentions to the nearest marshal.
6. A sweep vehicle will transport all withdrawals and their bicycles to the stage finish venue.

### **13. Stages**

1. The organizers reserve the right to change a stage or completely abandon a stage if necessary.
2. Such a stage (as in 12.1) will be declared a non-event and have no bearing on the overall results.

### **14. Traffic rules**

1. General traffic rules apply on public roads.
2. The Momentum Health Tankwa Trek presented by Biogen does not have any road closure, so please adhere to above (13.1) rules.

### **15. Rider separation**

1. Riders of the same team have to ride together at all times.
2. Team riders who are separated from their riding partner for more than 2 minutes during any time of a stage will be penalized by 30 minutes.
3. The checking of rider separation will be checked en-route or at the finish line.

### **16. Water points**

1. The exact location of the water points will be advertised in advance.

### **17. Support**

1. Medical assistance will be supplied en route in the form of medical officers and at water points.
2. We do not allow assistance to any rider from anyone outside of the race that being in the form of medical, nutritional or technical assistance.
3. Outside assistance is only allowed at the designated technical zones
4. No other seconding vehicles other than that of Momentum Health Tankwa Trek presented by Biogen are allowed on the route. If any non-official seconding vehicle can be linked to a specific rider or team, it will result in a time penalty, with a second offence resulting in immediate disqualification.

### **18. Teams**

1. In the case of a withdrawal of a rider, a new team cannot be formed.
2. It remains the responsibility of the rider to inform the race organizer of his team's change in status.
3. The remaining team member will complete the race in the Out Of Category section. He/she will receive a Finisher's medal and official result, but no Prize money. He/she will be seeded in last batch for the remaining stages.
4. The rider that withdrew can join us again for one of the remaining stages, but will not be seeded for this stage, receive no result , and no Finisher's medal.

### **19. Rider etiquette**

1. The integrity of each rider is relied upon regards to staying on the course and competing within the rules.
2. If a rider leaves the course, for whatever reason, he has to enter course at the exact same spot he exited it.

3. Basic rider etiquette applies at all times, not bringing the sport in disrepute.
4. We travel through ecologically sensitive areas and persistent littering will result in disqualification. Any form of littering will result in fines imposed.
5. Keep all your rubbish for the water points where race officials will erect disposable bag stands.

#### **20. Protests**

1. The race is run in accordance with UCI rules and any protest must be submitted in writing to the chief race Commissaire within 20 minutes of your finish time.

#### **21. No prize money will be paid to any winners until an official notice has been issued by SAIDS (South African Institute for drug free Sport) clearing athletes concerned.**

The exact same rules apply for the elite women.

Please note that the win is provisional until all winning criteria are met which includes compliance to the event and UCI rules and regulations. To be in contention for the stage prize money, the team has to finish the race. The final decision lies with the race commissaire panel.

Race rules may be changed without notice.