



# Swan Valley Mudfest 2020 Event Policy

Event Date: Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2020

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For any clarifications required on this document or issues that need to be addressed please contact the Event Manager at Buzz Marketing ([jackrogers@buzzmarketing.com.au](mailto:jackrogers@buzzmarketing.com.au)).

## ELIGIBILITY FOR REFUNDS

There are no refunds regardless of circumstance. This is as per the terms and conditions agreed to by each participant at the time of registering.

In the event that the race is cancelled, there will be no refunds. In the case of other like events, competitors are not entitled to a refund if an event is cancelled, as event costs are similar regardless of whether the event goes ahead or not.

## CHANGES TO START TIMES

Participants select their own start time when registering. If a participant needs to change to another wave start time after being allocated a time this will incur a \$10 admin fee. Participants will only be able to change to wave times that have spots available; there is a limit of 50 participants per wave at all times.

## TRANSFER OF ENTRY

If a participant can no longer take part they will be able to transfer their name to someone else. Transfers will be able to be made online and will incur a \$10 admin fee if event staff are required to do the transfer. Transferring of names will only be available until 5pm on Friday 9th October, 2020. After this time no transferring of names will be accepted nor will refunds be issued for participants who are not able to take part.

## EVENT CANCELLATION POLICY

### Extreme Weather Policy

Buzz Marketing will ensure that they provide a duty of care to all participants and staff, with the wellbeing of individuals being of the highest importance.

Extreme weather may be defined as weather that threatens the immediate or long-term safety of individuals, as a result of rain, lightning, wind or heat. The risk to an individual's wellbeing is determined in line with Sports Medicine Australia's Current Guidelines, as well as the Bureau of Meteorology's forecast conditions.

Events are likely to be cancelled, postponed or modified in the following circumstances, 2 to 5 hours prior to the event:

Weather Condition	Extreme Weather Determinant
Ambient temperature	>36 degrees Celsius
Wet bulb globe temperature (shade)	>30
Apparent temperature (wind chill)	<2 degrees Celsius
Wind speed	>40km per hour
Rainfall	>80mm within 24 hours

In cases of extreme weather Buzz Marketing will make the decision to cancel an event. Notice of event cancellations will be made at least 1 hour prior to the scheduled start time, where possible.

For more information about specific policies for events, see below.

#### Lightning

If there is thunder storms/lightning in the vicinity of the course then the event will be delayed until it is deemed safe to start.

#### High Winds

If wind speeds exceed 40km/hr, or it is determined that the speed and direction of wind will cause risk to participants on course, the Race Director and Technical Officials have the right to change the course, or cancel the event.

#### In accordance with our Terms and Conditions Waiver

Section 13) If the event is cancelled due to flood, cyclone, torrential rains or other Acts of God conditions, I understand that my entry fee will not be refunded.

### **CONTINGENCY PROCEDURES**

#### Extreme Heat

Where high temperatures are an issue on event day, the following actions will be set in place and implemented:

- Medical tent situated and manned at finish and contactable by mobile and radio by event management
- Medical personnel and ambulance in attendance
- Additional medical and safety staff on course
- Participants showing signs of heat exhaustion withdrawn from event by safety teams on course
- Larger or more frequent drink stations located on course

#### Electrical Storm/Extreme Weather

In situations where there is an obvious risk of an electrical storm or extreme bad weather, event organisers will make the necessary decisions:

- Alterations or changes made to course as necessary
- Participants notified of danger areas prior to commencement
- Postponement of start of event to allow bad weather to pass
- Fence off spectator areas which are deemed a risk, organise safe alternative areas
- If the event and its location is seen to endanger the safety of participants, at the discretion of the Race Director the event will/may be cancelled.

### Unforeseen Circumstances

In the case that there are any unforeseen circumstances that require immediate action, the event organisers will refer to the detailed Risk Management Plan for the event and act accordingly.

If you witness a situation as a participant that you feel is unsafe or will jeopardise the safety of participants please report all concerns directly to an event organiser, and appropriate actions will be taken.

### **GENERAL RULES**

Participants must:

1. Practice good sports conduct at all times
2. Be responsible for their own safety, the safety of their own equipment and be considerate of the safety of others
3. Treat other participants, officials, volunteers and spectators with respect and courtesy
4. Not consume alcohol or illicit drugs prior to competing in the course.
5. Be responsible for staying on the designated event course
6. Not wear, use or carry items deemed to be a hazard to self or others e.g. a hard cast, jewellery, glass/metal containers or electronic and entertainment devices such as, but not limited to, mobile phones, iPhones, MP3 players or the like.
7. Not leave equipment or discarded articles of equipment anywhere on the course, except at approved locations
8. Withdraw immediately from the event if deemed by the event medical personnel that they appear to present a danger to the health or welfare of either themselves or another person
9. Meet or exceed the minimum age of 9+ as on the date of the event.
10. Have a legal guardian sign the terms and conditions document and be present at the event if the entrant is under 18 years of age as at the date of the event.