



# Cumilla MTB Challenge 2025

## Official Rules

### 1. Race Format & Starting Position

The race will follow a Mass Start format.

During registration, participants will be asked to provide their expected finish time.

Based on this information, BIB numbers will be assigned strategically.

Riders with faster expected finish times (lower BIB numbers) will be placed in the front rows, while those with slower times (higher BIB numbers) will be positioned further back.

All riders must strictly maintain their starting position according to the assigned BIB sequence.

Failure to follow this sequence will result in a 2-minute time penalty.

Repeat violations may lead to disqualification (DSQ).

### 2. Male and Female Races

The men's race will start first, followed by the women's race.

No female rider is allowed to start without the race authority's permission.

If any female rider starts with the men without permission, a 5-minute time penalty will be applied.

### 3. Mandatory Helmet

Wearing a helmet during the race is compulsory.

Riders caught riding without a helmet will be immediately disqualified (DSQ).

### 4. No Riding in the Wrong Direction

Riding in the opposite direction or off the designated route is strictly prohibited.

Violation will result in immediate disqualification (DSQ).

### 5. Misbehavior with Volunteers

Riders must treat volunteers, race director, and other participants with respect.

Any rude or abusive behavior towards volunteers will incur:

- First offense: 3-minute time penalty.
- Repeat offense: Disqualification (DSQ).





## 6. Shortcutting

Taking shortcuts or deviating from the official route is forbidden.

First offense will incur a 5-minute time penalty.

Severe or repeated offenses may lead to disqualification (DSQ).

## 7. External Assistance

Receiving food, water, or technical assistance outside designated aid stations is prohibited.

Penalty includes a 3-minute time penalty or disqualification for serious cases.

## 8. Intentional Contact or Injury

Any rider who intentionally pushes, knocks down, or injures another rider will face strict penalties:

- First offense: Disqualification (DSQ) plus 3-6 months suspension.
- If injury occurs: DSQ plus a 1-year ban from competition.

## 9. Physical Altercations

Physical fights or altercations among riders are not tolerated.

Immediate removal from the race and official report submission will follow.

## 10. Drafting

Since it's a mass start race drafting is allowed within the categories. However, drafting among different categories (male and female) riders will result in time penalties (per occurrence 1 min)

Drafting means staying behind wheels within 5 meters for 20 sec or above at one occurrence. First time the marshal will alert the drafters and the next time riders will get time penalties.

## 11. Important Reminder

All riders must participate with honesty, respect, and safety in mind.

Violations will be met with strict penalties to ensure fair competition.

## 12. Appeals and Complaints

Any rider with complaints during or after the race must submit a written appeal within 15 minutes after the race finishes.



### 13. Final Decisions

Race Director's decisions are final.

No reconsideration will be entertained if the appeal is not submitted within the stipulated time.

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