

# BSi Steel dusi2c 2014

## Newsletter 2 for 2014

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Hi again all BSi Steel dusi2c riders!

I trust that you all received your 1st newsletter last week. With only 3 weeks to go before BSi Steel dusi2c 2014 you will need to get some planning done. Herewith an overload of important information you will need to know. If there is something you need or further information you would like to know please feel free to contact us at any time.

### COMPETITOR ACCOMMODATION

#### PRE-RACE:

Dusi2c provides accommodation at our tented race village for all competitors during the event. Competitors must make their own accommodation arrangements in Pietermaritzburg before the start of the event and in Durban post event.

The dusi2c pass through Ascot Bush lodge on the outskirts of Pietermaritzburg. The majority of the accommodation takes the form of traditional, thatched rondavels. The units comprise of a queen size bed with tea / coffee station, DSTV, shower and air conditioners on request. For Further information contact Reservations on 033-3468910 or Hayley Holder on 071 494 9105. Email address:

[reservations@ascotbushlodge.co.za](mailto:reservations@ascotbushlodge.co.za)

Alternatively go to our website. [www.dusi2c.co.za](http://www.dusi2c.co.za)

### COMPETITOR ACCOMMODATION

#### During the race:

We encourage all riders to stay over at Mfula Store Race village for the "Fula Experience"!

Each team is allocated one four-person tent. This requires you to share a tent with your riding partner. Comfortable chip foam mattresses will be provided. You will be required to bring your own warm sleeping bag, pillow and towel. For logistical reasons, all supporters will need to make their own accommodation arrangements. (Refer to "Personal Supporters below".)

#### AFTER THE RACE:

Competitors are required to make their own accommodation arrangements should they wish to stay on after the race end. There is no race village in Durban.

## PERSONAL SUPPORTERS

Although we encourage family and friends to support their riders during the event they are not allowed into the overnight race village. Any riders not staying in the race village and being fetched by seconds need to inform their seconds that they need to drive to Mfula Store via Hillcrest as they will not be allowed to drive over Marion Foley causeway. This is for the safety of their riders. Due to the limited space we do not suggest supporters come down to the race village at Umfula Store unless absolutely necessary.

We encourage family and friends to support their riders along the route and have a supporters map available for them. There will be restricted roads for supporters. This will be indicated on their route map. Supporters follow the event at their own risk.

## SUBSTITUTIONS

You will be able to do substitutions online from now until Friday 13 June 2014. The website contains instructions on how to do this. Late substitutions can be done at registration.

## MASSAGES

Those of you who would like to pamper yourself after a long day in the saddle you can pre-book to secure a massage. Please get your bookings done a.s.a.p. to ensure you get your preferred time slots.

Contact Gill on 083 644 9011 or [dusi2cmessages@gmail.com](mailto:dusi2cmessages@gmail.com)

## VEHICLE SHUTTLE SERVICE:

Maritzburg College will, for a fee of 550.00 ZAR shuttle your cars from the start in Pietermaritzburg to the finish in Blue Lagoon, Durban. Should you wish to make use of this service follow these simple steps.

- Team Leader to Login to their current entry from the [dusi2c](#) homepage
- Click on Edit Products
- Add the Shuttle service product to their cart
- Accept the Disclaimer and complete all required info re vehicle etc.
- Proceed to Checkout and pay via credit card only! **NOTE** Shuttle service bookings are limited.

## GPS NAVIGATION

Dusi2c will move away from the traditional way of marking mountain bike routes and use GPS navigation. We have done this to prevent competitors from getting lost. Many areas through which we will be riding are heavily populated and from experience we have learnt that children love removing or worse, moving markers. Navigation via GPS is very accurate and your unit will alarm you as soon as you are off the race route. It is also very easy to find your way back onto the route. Not only this, but navigating your way through a route gives one a whole new sense of achievement which is not experience with the old traditional method of merely following markers.

It is mandatory that each team has at least 1 GPS unit to share. It is compulsory to use a GPS, the route is not marked, not indicated nor marshaled so without one, you will get utterly lost on your own. The only way you can follow the route is by using a GPS unit with the very precise route map of the [dusi2c](#) route.

By using a GPS there is little chance of getting lost, and the additional information that appears on the screen means you don't even have to hesitate when you come to an intersection or crossroads. Your performance on the trails will be exactly the same as if you were following physical course markers, with the added benefit that you are unlikely to take a wrong turn, and you will never get (totally) lost, unlike if you were following a marked course.

You are free to use any make of GPS.

### **GPS Easy as 1, 2, 3.**

- To those of you who have not yet realized dusi2c will be GPS marked only. We have moved away from the traditional way of marking mountain bike routes. Sorry, you will be a fast learner and amaze and surprise yourself.
- Routes will available to download from various sites 1 week prior to the event starting 14 June 2014
- You don't need to know anything about orienteering, nor need you be an expert on GPSs. The only thing you do need to ensure is that when you look at your screen - you are the arrow and the race course is a fat line. As long as you keep the arrow on the line, then you are on course.
- EasyGIS will be at dusi2c to offer support for all GPS makes and models.

We recommend that all entrants become fully acquainted with their GPS units and settings prior to the race. It is a **very, very bad idea** to learn your GPS fundamentals during the race.

### **BIKE MAINTENANCE:**

Get to know your bike intimately so that you can detect and remedy even the smallest fault before it becomes a major problem. Bring with you your own "perishables" like brake pads, tubes, master links, chain, lube etc.

Various bike shops will provide repairs only. There will be no bike shops selling packages. This is a 2 day ride and we expect you to be able to keep your own bike running for this time. Please only draw on them only when absolutely necessary. Should you really require the services of a professional the bike shops will only accept clean bikes.

### **CSA – Cycling South Africa licensing for all events**

You will need a CSA license to ride in all stage races this year. This license needs to be purchased from CSA which costs R75 for the year. If you don't have a license you will need to pay CSA R35 per day for a temporary license which will be payable at registration. It is worth your while to get the license and you won't have to worry about it again for all rides that you may do in the year. CSA Membership cards are emailed to all riders as soon as the process is complete. To avoid registration delays we encourage all riders to print their CSA membership card and bring it with them to registration in Pietermaritzburg. To purchase the R75 Membership license you do not need to belong to a club. Only Domestic Racing Licenses require club membership. If you would like to see where your money is going and to become a member, visit [www.cyclingsa.com](http://www.cyclingsa.com). This will not apply to overseas entrants!

## **BATCH STARTS AND SEEDING:**

In an effort to reduce congestion on the race route, we will be seeding all teams for the start each day. Seeding for day 2 will be based on your overall position. The difficulty for us as organizers is to seed everyone as accurately as possible for day 1. Due to the fact that there is no national seeding available, we will base our seeding calculations on recent events and / or last Nedbank sani2c results. Obviously, it is in everyone's interest to be seeded correctly on day 1.

## **BATCHES:**

### **Day 1:**

All teams will be seeded prior to the event (see above). Batches of 25 teams will leave at 5-minute intervals; Batch A starting at 7h00

### **Day 2:**

Batches of 50 teams will leave at 10-minute intervals; Batch A starting at 7h00. (See all batch start times listed below.) Both team members to check in together with the batch pound marshals. This must happen at least 15 minutes prior to their advertised start time. Any team jumping to an earlier batch will be given a three hour penalty. Scanning mats on the start line will record your official start time and pickup any discrepancies.

## **NO BATCH STICKERS:**

There will be no batch stickers issued. The onus is upon you to assure that you start in the correct batch. Seeding of teams and their relevant batch start time will be available on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2014. Batches lists with start times will also be displayed at registration and before the start.

Together both team members are required to enter their batch pounds after reporting to their batch marshal.

**BATCH START TIMES** The batch starting times are detailed herewith.

Batch	Day 1	Day 2
A	7H00	7H00
B	7H10	7H10
C	7H20	7H20
D	7H30	7H30
E	7H40	7H40
F	7H50	7H50
G	8H00	8H00

## **NUMBER BOARDS**

Each rider will find their number board in their black box at registration. Your timing chip will be in your number board. Do not cut or punch additional holes into your number board as you may damage the electronic filaments needed to time you. Please verify that your timing chip is functional and has your correct details by getting it scanned and checked at registration.

When you cross the finish line please confirm with the time keepers that they have picked up your number. You will be required to hand your number board in at the finish in Blue Lagoon, Durban.

## DATES:

- **Registration** at Natal Canoe Club House at Camps Drift in Pietermaritzburg on the Friday 20th June 2014 12 noon to 6pm.
- **Race briefing** : Natal Canoe Club House at Camps Drift in Pietermaritzburg on the Friday 20th June 2014 at 5pm
- **Day 1:** Saturday 21 June 2014. Start at 7am batches of 25 teams @ 5 minute intervals & finish at Mfula Store. Approx.65km
- **Day 2:** Sunday 22 June 2014. Start Mfula Store at 7am A batches of 50 teams @ 10 minute intervals & finish at Blue Lagoon in Durban. Approx. 60km

## PRIZE GIVINGS:

We will stage a prize giving at the race village on day one. Stage winners and overall category leaders should be present at the daily awards ceremony. The final prize giving will be held at Blue lagoon at 11h00 or 1 hour after the last prize winner is in.

- Day 1: 18h00
- Day2: Sunday 22 June 2014. Blue Lagoon in Durban. 11am or 1 hour after the last prize winner is in.

## SOCIAL MEDIA:

Twitter. Follow [farmer\\_glen](#) for daily updates on developments or dusi2c @ <https://twitter.com/dusi2c>

Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/dusi2c>

Till then, good luck with the preparations and most importantly get on that bike and keep those peddles turning.

Kind regards

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