

Recce Mission 2019 ('the Recce Mission')

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Definitions

Events	
<i>Recce</i>	- Individuals that qualified as South African Special Forces operators were called the 'Recces', a term derived from the Reconnaissance Commando that was established in 1972
<i>Recce Mission</i>	- A 3-in-1 non-stop ultra MTB, Trail Run and MTB-Trail Run combination adventure that takes place simultaneously in the Highlands region of Mpumalanga where solo riders and trail runners, or teams, must complete the entire route within the allowable time, including any time cut-offs that might apply during an event.
<i>MTB Mission</i>	- A non-stop single stage MTB adventure over approximately 220 km within 24 hours that forms part of the Recce Mission for solo riders and teams of two riders.
<i>Trail Mission</i>	- A non-stop single stage Trail Run adventure over approximately 100 km within 25 hours that forms part of the Recce Mission for solo trail runners and teams of two runners.
<i>Dual Mission</i>	- A non-stop dual stage Trail Run and MTB adventure over approximately 185 km within 26 hours that forms part of the Recce Mission for solo trail runners and riders, or teams of two.
<i>Heavy</i>	- A solo rider or trail runners attempting to complete the MTB Mission, Trail Mission or the Dual Mission event.
<i>Small Team</i>	- A team consisting of two riders or trail runners attempting to complete the MTB Mission, Trail Mission or the Dual Mission event.
<i>Jammie events</i>	- 'Jammies' (or Jam Stealers, the terminology used for military personnel who supported Recce operators while on a mission) will complete between 50-60% of a Recce Mission event.
<i>Light Duty events</i>	- Light Duties will complete roughly 25% of a Recce Mission events which should be completed before dark.
Organisation	
<i>Forts or Temporary Base</i>	- A Fort is a temporary recce base used as re-supply zones. Forts will provide participants in the Recce Mission events with equipment, water and food supplies, as well as technical support.
<i>Local Operating Centre (LOC)</i>	- The LOC is located at Fort Mission (Recce bases are referred to as a "Fort"), the Recce Mission Base and all race control take place at the LOC, including riders and trail runners register, as well as the finish of the Recce Mission events.
<i>Check Points (CPs)</i>	- Manned points that riders and trail runners must pass through and sign in (or out) to validate that they have completed the entire route; failure to pass through a Check Point will result in disqualification.
<i>Observation Points (OPs)</i>	- Unmanned points that riders and trail runners must pass through and obtain a specific number, letter or code for their Recce Mission passports to validate that they have completed the entire route; failure to record the Observation Point information will result in disqualification.
<i>Start</i>	- Fort Gate is located at Highland Gate Trout & Golf Estate, approximately 15 km from Dullstroom in Mpumalanga.
<i>Finish</i>	- Fort Mission is located in Dullstroom, Mpumalanga.
<i>Time cut-offs</i>	- Riders and trail runners must complete all the legs and/or the overall route of a Recce Mission event within the allowable time to qualify for a Recce Mission dogtag.
<i>Recce Mission dogtag</i>	- A uniquely numbered Special Forces style Recce Mission dogtag for official finishers of the MTB Mission, the Trail Mission and the Dual Mission.
<i>Jammie medal</i>	- A dogtag style Jammie medal for finishers of any of the Jammie events.
<i>Light Duty medal</i>	- A dogtag style Light Duty medal for finishers of any of the Light Duty events.
<i>Recce Mission Tented Camp</i>	- The Recce Mission Tented Camp is located at ESA, Dullstroom and offers the option of own tented accommodation to a limited number of riders and trail runners.

Terms & Conditions

1. The Recce Mission makes use of provincial, district, farm, forest, plantation, Jeep, single and other tracks that might not be maintained and which might be challenging or difficult to navigate and use by foot or MTB due to natural and other obstacles.
2. The Recce Mission and Jammie routes are unmarked and participants must rely on GPX navigation. Only the MTB Light Duty and Trail Light Duty routes would be marked and these participants do not require GPS devices.
3. The Recce Mission final route options will depend on enemy and hostile activities in the area, collaboration and support from local population, accessibility and escape routes, as well as water and food replenishment.
4. All riders and trail runners must pass through the CPs and OPs along the routes; it is riders and trail runners' responsibilities to check-in and/or check-out at CPs, or to record the information displayed at OPs. Any rider or trail runner that miss any CP or who did not record the correct information at an OP will be disqualified and classified as a Did-Not-Finish ("DNF").
5. Support stations at the Forts will provide hydration and nutrition, including food and other refreshments; sufficient water should also be available from mountain streams.
6. Medical support and emergency evacuation will be provided along the route and at the Finish.
7. Limited mechanical and other support will be provided at Forts, while a 'sweeper' team will assist on-route for mechanical, mental and other breakdowns.
8. Solo riders or trail runners and teams will be timed individually; the slowest time of a team counts.
9. Teams are obliged to stay together and time penalties will apply if teams are split up; it is strongly advisable that teams with female members adhere to this regulation to ensure safety, support and lasting friendships.
10. Riders and trail runners must deal with river crossings and other obstacles along the way; they might also find certain 'hostile' activities or 'no-go' zones along the route that can compromise their mission or delay their progress.
11. Riders and trail runners must deal with darkness along the route and make use of public and other roads; the necessary head lights for everybody and (red) tail lights (for MTBs only) are required by all participants in the Recce Mission and Jammie events.
12. The ascents on the Recce Mission routes may be very steep with riders being forced to dismount to make progress while trail runners might be exposed to open cliffs that are considered dangerous; each participant should use caution to exercise control over their mountain bikes or legs when exposed to these dangers.
13. The descents on the Recce Mission routes may result in riders and/or trail runners reaching speeds that are considered dangerous and each participant should use caution to not exceed speeds where they cannot exercise control over their mountain bikes or legs anymore.
14. Time cut-offs apply at specific points on the Recce Mission and Jammie routes; riders or trail runners that fail to make any of the time cut-offs will be categorised as DNF and will be re-routed on a shortened route and/or Returned-to-Unit ("RTU").
15. A rider or team who completes the MTB Mission within the allowable time will qualify for the uniquely numbered Recce MTB Mission dogtag.
16. A trail runner or team who completes the Trail Mission route within the allowable time will qualify for the uniquely numbered Recce Trail Mission dogtag.
17. A rider / trail runner who completes the Dual Mission route within the allowable time will qualify for the uniquely numbered Recce Dual Mission dogtag.
18. A rider or trail runner who completes any of the Jammie events will qualify for a 'Jammie' dogtag medal.
19. A rider or trail runner who completes any of the Light Duty events will qualify for a 'Light Duty' dogtag medal.

Recce Mission Rules

The Recce Mission has the following rules that will be applied throughout the event:

Rule #1: The Recce Mission routes traverse spectacular mountains, valleys, natural forests and plantations along rivers and dams – respect nature.

Rule #2: The Recce Mission is an environmental friendly endeavour and a strict no-littering policy applies along the routes; any rider or trail runners found guilty of transgressing this rule will face immediate disqualification, and be prevented from entering any future Recce Mission events.

Rule #3: The Recce Mission makes use of private farm and forestry land, concessions and nature conservancies, as well as public places, and riders are obliged to adhere to and to comply at all times with general traffic rules and all the terms and conditions required in any permits issued by third parties and/or landowners for making use of such access routes.

Rule #4: Riders and trail runners can expect wild and farm animals, river crossings and or other obstacles that may require the assistance of a buddy to cross, and each rider or trail runner is responsible to ensure that he or she is in a condition to cross such obstacles in a safe manner.

Rule #5: Riders and/or trail runners need to respect each other along the route; in the event of a medical emergency it is expected that co-participants assist the injured or incapacitated participant until such time that a medical team arrives.

Rule #6: Any person intending to participate in the MTB Mission, Trail Mission or Dual Mission events is obliged to submit the 'Recce Mission – Medical Questionnaire' completed by a General Practitioner at registration prior to the start of the event. Any participant that failed to complete the Medical Questionnaire will be obliged to sign a Medical Waiver in order to register and to obtain a race number.

Rule #7: Any person intending to participate in a Recce Mission event is obliged to complete the 'Recce Mission – Limitation of Liability Waiver of Claims and Indemnity Agreement' in person at or before registration. No Indemnity, No Race Number.

Rule #8: No seeding applies for any of the Recce Mission events and participants start the MTB Mission, the Trail Mission, the Dual Mission and the Jammie events in single blocks at the allocated start times.

Rule #9: Riders and trail runners must follow the route instructions for the Recce Mission and Jammie events – these routes are unmarked and participants must rely on GPS (or other) navigation. Most of the turnoffs on the Light Duty events are marked; these riders and trail runners must always follow the marked routes.

Rule #10: Riders and trail runners must be self-sufficient between Forts as no support other than medical evacuation will be provided between these points.

Rule #11: Time cut-offs apply at certain points along the routes that will ensure everybody completes the Recce Mission events within the allowable time, as well as to ensure everybody's safety and compliance with the route requirements.

Rule #12: There are NO-GO areas along the routes due to hostile enemy activities or unsafe areas. Riders or trail runners captured at these locations or areas will become POWs and will immediately been RTU'ed with no further participation in the Recce Mission.

Rule #13: Participants that want to abort any of the Recce Mission events need to do so at a Fort or manned CP and inform the Fort Commander or CP Captain of his / her decision. Transport will be provided back to Fort Mission for all riders and trail runners that abort the Recce Mission or a Jammie event. Due to the remoteness of Forts and CPs riders or trail runners that abandon the Recce Mission or a Jammie event must wait either until logistic support arrive or until the Recce Mission support crew evacuates a Fort or CP.

Rule #14: Once a team member has withdrawn at a Fort or at a CP, or once the team member has been safely evacuated the remaining team member can continue after the LOC has cleared the team member to proceed. Remaining team members that finish a Recce Mission events will receive their uniquely numbered Special Forces style dog tags.