



## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Coca Cola Road Race

Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 7:30 a.m.

Buckley Park, 12<sup>th</sup> St and Main Ave, Durango, Colorado

### PRE-RACE PREPARATION

- If you registered before March 4th, 2019, your bib number will be mailed to you the third week of April. If you are a local rider (zip codes 81301, 81302, 81303, 81122, 81137, or 81326), international rider, or registered after March 4th, 2019, you will pick up your bib number Friday, May 24, 3 - 7 p.m. at Buckley Park, 12<sup>th</sup> St and Main Ave, in Durango.
- You can drop off a bag of clothes to be delivered to Silverton on Friday, May 24, 3 - 7 p.m. at Buckley Park, 12<sup>th</sup> St and Main Ave. Please use labeling products provided and make it a small bag. Bag will be loaded on to truck and delivered the next morning to Silverton ahead of the riders.
- If you have a friend or family picking you up in Silverton, they must be past Purgatory Ski Area (25 miles north of Durango) by 7:45 a.m. on Saturday morning and proceed to Silverton before road closes.
- Prepare for race day by putting the bib number on your jersey (attached to the left side of your torso, slightly back so it can be read as you cross the line) and the bike number on your bike (centered on the handlebars, facing forward). Numbers must be visible on course at all times.
- Prepare bottles, food, and spare clothes for ride. It will be cold on passes and downhill sections. Plan ahead for inclement weather and be prepared.
- In the case of severe inclement weather on the passes, we may shorten or cancel the event. That info will be posted before 7 a.m. on our website, social media, and at the Tour start. If the weather deteriorates during event, riders will be removed from the course for their own safety.

### DURING THE RACE

- Please make every effort to ride to start, as parking in downtown Durango is limited.

- Start times for individual categories are posted on the Road Race webpage. Please review and be there a minimum of 20 minutes ahead of start.
- We have a maximum amount of time that riders can be on road. We will pull riders from road at 12:40 p.m. on Coal Bank Pass and 1:20 p.m. on Molas Pass. We must have the road completely clear of cyclists by 1:30 p.m. Riders that are pulled will be transported by bus, and their bikes by truck, to the Silverton finish. If you do not feel you can make it in time allowed, please utilize the early start. The Colorado State Patrol manages removing riders from course and there are no exceptions. Plan ahead and start early if you are concerned.
- No headphones of any kind – they are a safety issue. If we identify riders using headphones, we will remove them from course.
- Crossing the yellow center line will result in a time penalty.
- Once you are on road, keep in mind to always stay on the right side of the road, as the first 20 miles will have cars on the road in both directions. Also keep an eye out for hazards on the road such as potholes and debris. This is a high mountain road and things change quickly.
- The road will narrow 10 miles north of town at the Hermosa Creek Bridge and riders will go from the width of two lanes to the width of just under one lane for approximately 1 mile as the road crosses the train tracks. Please slow down and be careful in that section. It will be well marked and have course marshals.
- When you reach Purgatory Ski Area, the road is completely closed with the exception of support and emergency vehicles. Continue to stay to the right in case vehicles have to move on course. **Safety is our first priority.**
- Emergency busses will be stationed on top of Coal Bank Pass, Lime Creek Road, and Molas Pass in the case of deteriorating weather conditions. Based on how severe the weather becomes, Colorado State Patrol can stop the event, direct people to busses, and clear roads. Please make your way to one of those locations for safety and warmth.
- There will be emergency personnel stationed along the course, so ask any official vehicle or aid station if you need assistance. All aid stations can communicate with emergency personnel.
- There will be aid stations at the bottom of Shalona Hill (10 miles north), Haviland Lake (16 miles), Purgatory Ski Area (25 miles), Coal Bank Pass (30 miles), then minimal aid at Molas Pass, which is the top of the last climb before the descent into Silverton. These stations have liquids and food items. Do not rely only on the aid stations, take a supply of items on your own. We do not provide mechanical support, so please bring your own repair provisions.

- There will be porta potties at the start line, bottom of Shalona Hill, Haviland Lake, Nordic Center turn off at Purgatory, Coal Bank Pass, Lime Creek, Molas Pass, and the finish line.

## **POST-RACE FESTIVITIES & LOGISTICS**

- When you arrive in Silverton, you will ride down the main street to the end of town and finish line. Upon arrival, leave the chute area and enter the Memorial Park area. There will be bathrooms available in the park.
- If you have provided a bag to be delivered to Silverton, look for the baggage area pick up in the park that is laid on a tarp just north of the finish line.
- Finisher gifts and medals will be given out to racers in Silverton. You must have your bib number to get your gift. This will be your only time to get your gift and medal; we can not ship them to you later.
- Results will be posted as quickly as possible in marked area of Memorial Park.
- Prizes (checks) will be sent in the mail during the two weeks after the event. If you have not received your within three weeks, please email us. There will be no prize distribution at the event with the exception of Juniors and Road Race winners. Once again, checks will be mailed, no exceptions!
- Please be kind to all volunteers who help with results, they are donating their time. Without them, we have no race.
- If you have scheduled return transportation, you should deliver your bicycle to the truck loading area, northeast of the finish line. Staff will ask to see your ticket on the back of your jersey bib #. Make sure your bike number stays on your bike, so you can match it with your bib number when you pick up your bike. Bikes are loaded on trucks, with a blanket separating bikes. While we do everything we can to take care of bikes, we are not responsible for damage. We have had no major issues to date, but if you are concerned, find another means for bike return. Take all seat packs, bottles, computers etc. off of bikes to ensure they do not get lost.
- There are many restaurants within Silverton, along with a few vendors selling food in Memorial Park. Silverton is a small town, so it gets very crowded. Expect to have a wait at restaurants, and plan accordingly if you need to catch a bus or train.
- If you have scheduled return transportation, plan accordingly.
  - Busses begin departure for Durango at 1:30 p.m. and leave as they fill. We do not have a seating system, it is first come, first served. Get there early! Look for the big yellow busses just north of the finish line.

- If you have chosen the train, it will leave at 1:30 p.m. The train station is a few blocks southeast of finish line at 12th St and Blair St.
- Busses will make two stops to drop off passengers: Durango High School on 24<sup>th</sup> St and Main Ave, then the train station at 5th St and Main Ave. Please plan accordingly with your own vehicles to get you back to your lodging location.
- Train riders will be dropped at the train station at 5th St and Main Ave.
- Please do not ride back from Silverton! When the road reopens, there are five hours worth of traffic backed up and ready to go, which creates a hazard. The San Juan County Sheriff will turn riders around if they attempt to ride back. It is dangerous for everyone on the road.
- Bikes will be returned to Durango High School. Bike pickup will be from 2 - 7 p.m. All bikes must be picked up! We do not keep them overnight. You must have the bib number that matches your bike number to take your bike. Volunteers help with bike pickup, so please be kind.
- There is a whole day of festivities on Sunday May 26 in Downtown Durango, including cycling events, beer gardens, vendors, a kids festival, live music, e-bikes and other activities for the whole family. Please come down, check it out, and join the excitement!

Thank you for joining the tradition! We encourage all participants to take part in what our area has to offer. Please keep in mind an event that has lasted this long has done so because of the outpouring of support from our participants, volunteers, sponsors, law enforcement, and community. We are happy to have you here. We hope you enjoy your experience!!!

The IHBC contributes a portion of all entry fees to supporting the Mercy Health Foundation, Durango Derailers and other programs in our region.