

Rules and Regulations

The Macpac 24hours of southern **traverse** is an adventure race organised and managed by Southern Traverse (2005) Ltd, a premier international event management company.

By entering 24hours of southern **traverse**, the teams and assistant crew agree to follow the race rules; public regulations (e.g. highway code, etc.); Department of Conservation regulations; to respect the environment of the terrain that they are moving through; and to respect any private properties that they cross.

The organisation subscribes to an insurance that covers fire damages or damage to property only. This is not personal accident/injury or personal property insurance.

All participants compete at their own risk and the organisers will not accept liability for any personal accident or injury during the event. A liability form must be completed and signed by all competitors.

Administrative formalities

Registration

Entries will be considered complete when the Southern Traverse office has the following:

- The entry fee payment
- The completed registration forms per team

Newsletters and mail outs will be addressed to the team captain and distributed via email.

Entries will not be accepted from people under 18 years of age.

Fees

Entry fee for the 2008 Macpac 24hours of southern **traverse** is NZ\$250 per person.

By cheque: Make cheque payable to Southern Traverse Ltd.

By Credit Card: Visa or Mastercard. Note: a additional 3% fee will be charged if you use this method.

A confirmation of entry will be sent by email.

In the event of a withdrawal, registration fees will be refunded minus 30% handling charges. No refunds will be made after the 31st Oct, except for medical reasons. A medical certificate will be required.

If the organisation had to cancel due to unforeseen circumstances, a 30% refund of entry fee will be made.

Program

The organisation will keep registered teams up to date with regular newsletters.

31st Oct 2008	Closure of entries (Teams may try to enter after this date, subject to a late fee)
Friday 14 Nov, 6pm - 8pm	Race Registration & Gear Check
Friday 14 Nov 8.30pm	Race Briefing
Friday 14 Nov - Midnight	Start
Sunday 16th Nov - from 1pm	Post Race Meal & Prize Giving

The Team

The Fairydawn 24hrs of Southern Traverse is open to teams of two or four persons.
2 person categories: Mixed, Men, Women.
4 person division: each team must have one woman.
Each team will need a support crew.

It is recommend that team members have first aid certificates.
Competitors must know how to swim and have a Grade 2 kayak certificate.

Each competitor will have to fill in a medical form and a liability form at registration.
The medical form will stay strictly confidential and be used only by medical professionals.
Note: you will be required to know your blood type

Team members must be able to navigate with compass, altimeter and topographic map, at night and in any weather conditions and possess the skills required in the disciplines of the event.

Each competitor enters under their own responsibility. He / she alone can judge whether they should participate in the event, start and continue to the finish line. Nevertheless, the organisation reserves the right with consultation of a doctor, or for any other reason deemed suitable by the jury / race officials, to forbid a competitor, or a team, from setting off or continuing on the course.

Assistants

Assistance to the teams is available only at designated checkpoints and only within a 100-metre radius around these checkpoints. All outside help is prohibited between designated checkpoints.

Competition

The race covers approximately 150 kilometres of a variety of disciplines which may include kayaking, trekking, rope skills and mountain biking. The race will continue day and night with a anticipated time of 15hrs for the fastest and 24hrs for the slowest teams.

The secret course will be revealed at the pre-race briefing by the race directors with alternative routes and cut-off times indicated. A booklet will also be presented to each team with a team list, rules and regulations and other information.

Competitors must follow the course and alternatives designed by the organisation, and must comply with the spirit of the competition. Team members must travel within 100 metres of each other.

The route of the course may be added to, modified or cancelled at any moment by the organisers due to bad weather, security or other unforeseen circumstances deemed suitable by the race directors.

Competitors will also be briefed on weather conditions and other important issues by race officials.

Check Points and Transitions Areas

The course is punctuated by checkpoints that competitors must pass as a whole team. A checkpoint is usually manned by event officials, but can also be remote and unmanned ie the orienteering stage. A transition area is not only a checkpoint, but also an assistance area where the teams meet their support crew and most likely change discipline.

The checkpoints are placed in locations described in the competitors and assistants notes, with map co-ordinates giving the exact location.

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Each team member must be present at a checkpoint to check in on arrival and check out on departure. The team must sign the checkpoint or transition area sheet to record their passage.

Teams must follow the instructions given by officials responsible for the checkpoints.

In case of a remote and unmanned checkpoint, team must follow the instruction given to them at the briefing. e.g.: record a password / number in order to prove their passage. This information will then be given at the next manned checkpoint.

All checkpoints, manned or unmanned, must be visited. Missing a checkpoint will result in the team being excluded from being ranked. An exception to this are the 'control points' of an orienteering section where teams will have to decide which of these to visit or not.

Officials

A team of various officials, safety officers, mountain guides, and medical personnel assists the organisation.

Team members and assistants must respect the instructions given by the officials and must follow their decisions regarding safety, health, security, or any other decision pertaining to the race and the course in general.

Any abuse towards a member of the organisation's team will entail severe sanctions.

Withdrawal

In case of withdrawal during the race of a competitor, or an entire team, the team captain must inform the organisation by any means available and in the shortest possible time.

If the team fails to notify the race organisation of its withdrawal and a search and rescue operation is mounted the team may be deemed responsible and expected to pay for any financial costs incurred.

A competitor/team who is disqualified will not be allowed back on the course. The organisation is not responsible for a competitor/team who has withdrawn.

Time penalties/disqualification/unranking

Disqualification will occur for:

- Unfair behaviour
- Use of unauthorised equipment eg GPS
- Abandonment of a team member during a section of the race
- Non assistance to person in danger
- Use of performance enhancing drugs
- Use of unauthorised means of transport

Unranking will occur for:

- Missing a CP

The organisation reserves the right to allocate a 2 hour time penalty for:

- Presence of a support member in a forbidden sector
- Non wearing of helmets where required
- Non wearing of bib
- Support crew checking course by foot or bike
- Dropping rubbish

This list is not exhaustive.

Jury

A race jury will view any legitimate protest. All protests must be filed in writing with the organisers within one hour of finishing the section. The jury has the right to impose penalties, or add bonuses to the team times.

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Timing

The organisation will start a chronometer at the start of the race. Times will be recorded at manned checkpoints, and when the teams cross the finish line. When a team decides to rest at a checkpoint, the watch doesn't stop. A 24hr clock is used.

Placings

Teams can only be ranked when all members have crossed the finish line after having completed the entire course.

Official ranking and results of the Macpac 24hours of southern **traverse** 2008 will be announced during the prize giving.

Prizes

The overall winners of both divisions will receive a prize which will include free entry into the next Macpac 24hrs of southern **traverse** and sponsors products. There will also be other category and place prizes provided by our sponsors.

Spot prizes and other awards will be attributed to teams without considering ranking, or to team members, assistants or any other accompanying persons.

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First Aid Kit

Per Team

Painkillers
Disinfectant i.e. Betadine or iodine wipes
Crepe bandage
Gauze pads
adhesive elastic tape
Assorted plasters
Sunscreen