

JetBlack 24 Hour race expected to reach capacity and crown new Champion

The Australian Botanic Garden, Mt Annan will host the JetBlack 24 Hour mountain bike endurance race on 1 and 2 December 2012. After last year's inaugural 24 hour event at the custom-built mountain bike trail only one hour south of Sydney, more than 600 riders are expected to participate solo and in teams of up to six riders. The reigning 24H Solo World Champion and four-time JetBlack 24H winner Jason English is expected to be absent from the race due to injury.

With last year's inaugural endurance race, the organisers from Rocky Trail Entertainment had found a new home for their JetBlack 24 Hour event at The Australian Botanic Garden, Mount Annan. For the fifth time they will host the iconic Sydney mountain bike event and a record field of participants is expected to race on the 10 km custom-built track at Mount Annan.



Race start at the JetBlack 24 Hour 2011. Photo: Dan de Witte

High-profile field of racers expected

Unfortunately, one of the big favourites for the race win and title defender in the Elite Male category, Jason English from Port Macquarie, will most likely not be able to race due to a recent collar bone fracture. The reigning 24H Solo World Champion had claimed the Sydney JetBlack 24H title for four times in a row and race organiser Martin Wisata expects a fierce battle for the 2012 victory, "Some of the fastest and most talented mountain bikers will be at the start line with us at Mount Annan. We expect participants to come from the Sydney and

Canberra regions as well as Newcastle, but also from interstate. Riders from Victoria and Queensland have already signed up as well.”



Jason English with Dan Bishop from The Aust. Bot. Garden, Mount Annan (right) and organiser Martin Wisata (left).
Photo: Franz Wisata

The organisers also confirmed today that for the prestigious Elite Male category win a \$800 prize will be offered. The same reward will also be handed out to the winners of the largest rider category, which will be the Male Team of 4 classification.

Also female solo riders are expected to race at the JetBlack 24 Hour event. “The female categories are traditionally smaller”, said Juliane Wisata from Rocky Trail Entertainment. “However, we want to reward the fastest lady in the 24-hour event and are offering a 2013 Rocky Trail Endurance Racing Season Pass to the winning elite lady.” Valued at \$700 the recipient will be able to race more than 10 Rocky Trail cross country endurance or all-mountain events.

A strong supporter of the mountain bike racing scene and of Rocky Trail events, JetBlack Cycling has been confirmed as the major sponsor of the JetBlack 24H Sydney race for the fifth time and promises a plethora of prizes to all remaining podium getters and product demonstrations and giveaways throughout the weekend.

Event schedule and racing options

The race start is on Saturday, 1 December at 12 pm. All JetBlack 24 Hour riders will do a mass start in the event centre near the mountain bike trail head. A more "social" 6+6-hour racing option, sponsored by Mercedes Benz Vans Huntingwood, will be offered as well. Starting in the mass start on Saturday, the team and solo riders then have a break overnight after 6 hours of racing, before finishing with the 24H endurance racers on the Sunday with another 6 hours of riding until 12 pm.



Beautiful scenery out on track at Mount Annan. Photo: Dan de Witte

Event support program

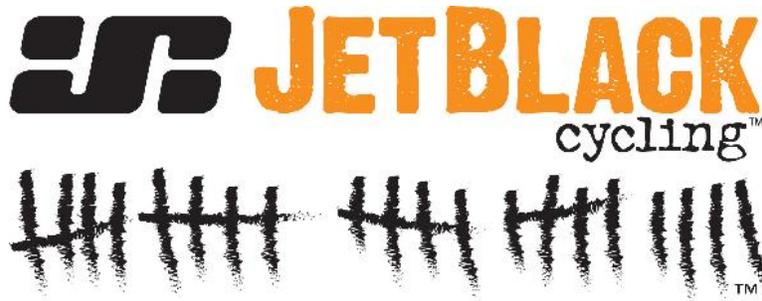
At the fully catered event an entertainment program for spectators will be offered with music, giveaways and kids races. The Rocky Trail Kids Club will keep young visitors busy. Special accommodation packages and rates have been arranged with the Rydges in Campbelltown (about 5 min drive from event centre) and camping will be available on-site at the event venue from Friday evening until Sunday.

Entry for spectators and to kids races and activities is free. Race participants can register online via www.rockytrailentertainment.com



For more event information

- visit the Rocky Trail website at www.rockytrailentertainment.com or
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