

# N3TC DIRTY HARRY MTB CHALLENGE

## 8th August 2010

- Events:
- 75 km Former SA Champion Route
  - 38 km Foothills of the mountain
  - 10 km Botanical gardens.
  - 1 km For the kiddies

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### ENTRY FORM

Send to: HARRISMITH CYCLING CLUB  
P.O.Box 1001  
HARRISMITH 9880

Fax No. 086 50 20 191

#### INDEMNITY

On entering this event, I indemnify the organisers and sponsors against any claim of whatsoever nature which may arise directly or indirectly as a result of my participation in this event.

(PLEASE PRINT)

First Name: ..... Surname: .....

ID No. ....

Age: .....years Gender: M  F

Address: .....

E-mail address: .....

Phone No. Cell ..... Home .....

INDEMNITY SIGNED / GUARDIAN IF UNDER 18:

Signed:- .....

#### Tick Category:

Open Male:  Open Female:  Sub Vet Male:   
Sub Vet Female:  Master Male:  Master Female:

#### PAYMENT

	Pre-entry	Tick	Late-entry	Tick	Sub total	
75km	R 150.00		R 170.00			
38km	R 120.00		R 140.00			
10km	R 20.00		R 20.00			
1 km	R 10.00		R 10.00			
Total						

#### T-shirts for first 500 entries on 75 km and 38 km routes only

T-Shirt size	Small	Medium	Large

## **RACE RULES**

- 1. No helmet no ride !!!!**
- 2. Athlete qualifies for only one cash prize.**
- 3. Age category as on 31 December 2010**
- 4. All entrants need to sign indemnity.**

## **ENTRIES:**

### **Online entries:**

<http://www.entrytime.com>

Online entries close on 25 July 2010: HARRISMITH CYCLING CLUB  
Account details: Absa Bank P.O.Box 1001  
No. 910 155148 HARRISMITH  
Branch code 334633 9880

Fax Entry Form to No. 086 50 20 191

**Late entries** will also be allowed on the race day (8<sup>th</sup> August 2010) from 06h00 – 07h30.

Late entry fees: R 170 - 75 km  
R 140 - 38 km  
R 20 - 10 km

**Prize money :-** 75km and 38km

**R 30 000 - 00**

All finishers receive medals

All children and kiddies participating in the 1 km ride receive a surprise packet.

**Race start:** 75 km at 09h00  
38 km at 09h15  
10 km at 09h30  
1km at 09h45  
Kiddies 1t 10h00

All routes will be marked and marshals will be placed at strategic points.

**Prize giving:** Direct after 3<sup>rd</sup> overall woman in the 75 km race. ± 13h30.

## **Route description:**

### **N3TC Dirty Harry 2010 MTB Challenge (Harrismith)**

#### **75km Route.**

**Start:** 9h00 8<sup>th</sup> August 2010

So that all supporters may see, the race adventure begins in front of Harriston School entrance. From here riders will be escorted through Harrismith suburbs, heading for the main gate into the Platberg Nature Reserve, with a 10km spectator "show off" ride back to the main gate, up a short 23° climb all along the reserve fence on jeep track. The first big climb starts at 16km, where Water point No.1 will bring relief to some riders. Here the challenge to the King of the Mountain Hotspot at 20 km mark, becomes serious. Water point No. 2 awaits riders at the "Akkerbos" after a small climb into dense forest area followed by an awesome 3 km single downhill track down into the Botanical Gardens.

From the Botanical Gardens riders will ride up a single track towards the "Old Sawmill" where the split starts between 38 km and 75 km. The big ascent of 350m up to "the donkey pass" on a rocky jeep track through the forest will take riders up to a magnificent panoramic view, where Water point No. 1A gladly awaits all deserving riders that make it up to this point. The fact that you are up on top will bring you and more of your friends back to next year's event.

From here riders will follow a jeep track all along the foot of "Platberg Mountain" towards the "Northern Gate" ( Water Point No. 3) followed by another jeep track that takes riders to the back of the mountain with breath taking views of sand stone formation cliffs and caves. Now you are halfway, still on jeep track followed by single track leading to a pleasant welcome Water Point No 4 on a "Game farm" farmstead. After a refreshing time spend with "braaivleis" smell, riders will follow a 1,5km single track onto a 2 km of secondary gravel road which knits another 1km single track together. Surprisingly Water Point No. 5 will definitely be welcomed by all riders with 57 km already behind them.

Heading home on cattle and jeep tracks with small steep climbs, riders will head back to the "Northern Gate" of the "Platberg Nature Reserve". From here, there is only 8km to the finish and its all downhill, with some unwanted small climbs towards the "Main Entrance". Riding into Harrismith suburb, straight down to the Green Pavilion around the cricket field to the finish line, opposite the grand stands, with a smile on a face saying "WALLA" I've MADE IT.

#### **38km Route.**

**Start:** 9h15 8<sup>th</sup> August 2010

The start of the 38km race is the same as the 75km route up to the King of the mountain, down the single track to "Botanical Garden" and up to the sawmill. Here the split takes place between the 75km and 38km routes where the 38km riders turns left following a jeep track which will take riders up to "Die Skuiling" with an ascent of 200m and a well deserved Water Point No 3. Followed by a technical rocky single track back to the "Main Entrance". Also riding into Harrismith suburb, straight down to the Green Pavilion around the cricket field to the finish line, opposite the grand stands, with a smile on a face saying WALLA I've MADE IT.

#### **10km Route.**

**Start:** 9h30 8<sup>th</sup> August 2010

This race also starts in front of Harriston School entrance and ends at the "Green Pavilion". From the start a escorted parade lap on tar road heading for the main gate into the Platberg Reserve followed by a steady climb will take riders up to the Botanical Gardens. Some jeep and single track will take riders back to "Main Entrance", into Harrismith suburb, straight down to the Green Pavilion around the cricket field. The finish will also be opposite the grand stands.

### 1km Route.

Start: 9h45 8<sup>th</sup> August 2010

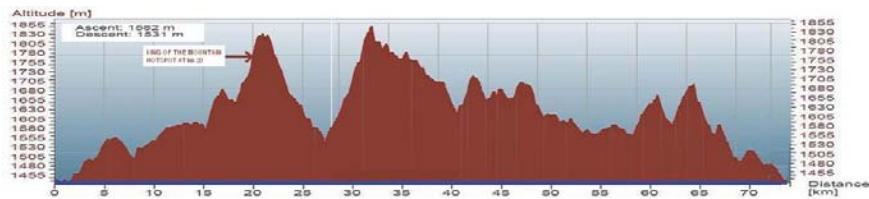
For those brave kids, the route circulates around the parameter of the Green Pavilion.  
Entry fee is R10 with great prizes to be won.

### Kiddies Race.

Start: 10h00 8<sup>th</sup> August 2010

Start and finish on the oval track at the green pavilion.  
The route circulates around the oval athletics track. (Kiddies and their parents).  
Entry fee is FREE and goodie bags for all finishers.

### Route profiles:



**DIRTY HARRY**  
75 km MTB ROUTE PROFILE



**DIRTY HARRY**  
38 km MTB ROUTE PROFILE

### Links

<http://www.harrismithcycling.co.za>

<http://www.n3tc.co.za>

<http://www.drakensberg-tourism.com/harrismith.html>