

Right Royal Racing!

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The Emperors Palace Classic is presented by Cyclingnews in partnership with the Airports Company of South Africa, Ekurhuleni Metro Police, Edenvale Pedallers, the Rotary Club of Germiston, Germiston Wheelers and passionate local cycling shop Sweat and Gears.

The 2012 course remains the same for the third year running and it still receives favourable comments from participants. It's an exciting, fast route and a great barometer for cyclists six weeks before the Cape Argus Pick n Pay Cycle Tour.

More than 100 Ekurhuleni Metro Police officers and 100 skilled marshals from the abovementioned institutions are on duty on the road race. The event is very fortunate to have the buy-in of these entities, in particular the Ekurhuleni Metro Police Department. Without them safe passage and the use of these roads would, of course, not be possible.

Sunday, February 5, is reserved for road riders with two distance options – 99km and 50km – both flat and fast. The event starts at 6:00.

Saturday, February 4, also sees the fifth staging of the popular Emperors Palace Mountain-bike Classic, which will start at 08:00 and offer two mildly testing courses over 20 and 40 km.

The Mountain-bike Classic holds fond memories for everyone who has taken part, with most of the route being right next to the runways inside the grounds of OR Tambo International Airport.

At times, it feels as if the aircraft engines are going to blow you away or that a Boeing might land on top of you!

Sweat and Gears' Lee Stockenstrom has been the route designer since the inception and he will again be at the helm of affairs.

The ever popular Emperors Palace Kids Classic for riders 2 to 4 years old and 5 to 8-year-olds takes place on the Sunday at 10:00.

The popular Emperors Palace Circuit Spectacular, which takes place within the Emperors Palace grounds, is also scheduled for the Sunday, starting at 11:00, followed by prize giving at 12:00.

This event is by invitation only to South Africa's top professionals and consists of a 30-minute criterium that will coincide with entertainment provided by Emperors Palace.

Emperors Palace provides the venue for registration for the all the events on the Friday and Saturday while Cycle Lab fills this position on the Thursday prior to race day.

Cut-off

The cut-off time for the event is 12h00, when all officials will be withdrawn from the route. Riders can continue on their own cognisance but officials will remove your race number.

Substitution of numbers/Changing of distances

No cyclist may use another person's cycling number. If you are unable to cycle, someone may take your place with a letter of authorization from you. Your entry fee will not be refunded and the substitute participant will be required to pay a fee of R60-00 over and above the applicable entry fee. Distance changes will be treated as a substitution.

No substitutions will be allowed on race day, regardless of circumstance.

Your entry fee will not be refunded.

Road Safety

- NO HELMET NO RIDE
- Ample Lead and sweep vehicles will be available as well as a strong contingent from Metro Police.
- All participants are deemed to have acquainted themselves with the rules and regulations and are bound to them.
- Cyclists must at all times stay on the left-hand side of the road.
- Cyclists must at all times obey the instructions of the traffic officers and marshals and comply strictly with the rules of the road, unless authorized to the contrary by a traffic officer or a marshal.
- Failure to comply will lead to disqualification.

How do I know whether I am registered?

Your name will be listed on Internet (www.cyclelab.com) as soon as it is added to the database.

Prize Giving and Lucky draw

Prize giving will start at 12:00 on Sunday and 11:00 on Saturday.

A lucky draw will take place.

No prize money will be handed to winners before the prize giving, regardless of circumstance.

You will forfeit the prize money / trophy if you are not present at the prize giving.

Bad weather

The event will take place regardless of weather conditions and will only be cancelled for safety reasons. No refunds will be made.

First Aid

Medical assistance will be provided at the start, along the route and at the finish by ER 24 personnel. Any cyclist requiring hospital care will be taken to the closest Hospital or medical treatment of their choice.

Photographers

The official photographer for the event will be Actionphoto (www.actionphoto.co.za)

Results

The provisional results of the event will be available within 24 hours on the website: www.racetec.co.za. Any objections must be tabled with the race organizer / referee / CSA officials within 1 hour after the finish of the race, and accompanied by a payment of R100. Further changes to the results must be sent to queries@racetec.co.za no later than 7 days after the race. NO CHANGES will be made there after, as they cannot be included in the National Seeding Index.

Late entries

Late line entries will only be accepted at the registration venues as indicated, not on the day of the race.

Urgent note: A penalty fee of R60 will be applicable for all distances on the MTB as well as the road events.

No seeding for late entries, you will be seeded in the non seeded groups

Tandems

Each rider must complete a separate entry form or enter as required. Please fill in your tandem-partner's name and ID. Both Tandem riders must wear Race Tec timing chips to have a result and seeding for the event.

Timing Company

Timing results to be done by Race Tec. Each entrant must be in the possession of a Race Tec timing chip to receive timing. Each cyclist must carry the Race Tec timing chip for the duration of the event.

NO CHIP: NO RESULTS, NO PRIZE MONEY

Race Tec timing chips will be for sale at the registration venues as well as at the start at a cost of R110.00

REFRESHMENTS

Powerade are providing five well stocked refreshment stations on route.

MEDALS

All finishers of the race will receive medals.

REGISTRATION DATES

Thursday 2 February 2011: Cycle Lab Nicol Grove, Design Quarter Shopping Centre, Fourways. 10h00 - 16h00.

Friday 3 February 2011: 64@The Palace, Emperors Palace, Kempton Park. 10h00 - 16h00

Saturday 4 February 2011: 64@The Palace, Emperors Palace, Kempton Park. 8:15 – 15:00