

# E-BIKE RULES AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION



## 2024 FNB WINES2WHALES – PINOTAGE

The FNB Wines2Whales Pinotage will once again host two dedicated E-Bike events, where E-Bike riders will have a choice between the E-Bike Open Categories starting 30 minutes before the A batch or the E-Bike Tour, starting 30 minutes after the last start group.

The 2024 FNB Wines2Whales E-Bike Open will see the return of podiums and leader jerseys for the following categories:

- E-Bike Men Open (19+)
- E-Bike Women Open (19+)
- E-Bike Mixed Open (19+)

### FNB WINES2WHALES PINOTAGE E-BIKE OPEN RULES

All general FNB W2W Mountain Bike rules are applicable with the addition of the following E-Bike Specific rules.

1. To compete for official positions, the podium and leader jerseys both riders must be on an E-Bike.
2. Riders will only be allowed to participate on E-Bikes without a throttle device. The organisers reserve the right to test any e-bike if they deem necessary.
3. One battery change will be allowed in the E-Bike Open category at Water Point 2 of each stage and will only be available to riders who have purchased the battery swap package.
  - E-Bike Open riders will need to hand the spare battery in at the Bike Park before 06H30 in the morning and fetch it from the Bike Park by 17H00 for Stages 1&2 and by 15H00 for Stage 3.
  - All batteries must be clearly labelled with your rider number and the provided barcode sticker.
  - Riders will be required to sign their batteries in and out at each collection and drop off point.
  - Organisers will not be held liable for any batteries that have not been signed in and out during these times.
4. E-Bike Open teams form part of either Open Men, Woman or Mixed categories. No age group categories.
5. No prize money for any category in the FNB Wines2Whales Pinotage will be paid.
6. E-Bike Open teams will be classified separately from non-E-Bike Categories and will not form part of overall FNB Wines2Whales Pinotage results.
7. E-Bike Open riders are required to maintain a minimum average speed of 18km/h for the duration of each stage to qualify to start the next stage in the E-Bike Open Category.
8. All riders taking part in the E-Bike Open need to complete all 3 full stages including portage sections.

## FNB WINES2WHALES PINOTAGE E-BIKE TOUR RULES

All general FNB W2W Mountain Bike rules are applicable with the addition of the following E-Bike Specific rules.

1. The E-Bike Tour is a controlled and guided ride for the novice rider. Teams must ride together for the duration of each stage. Self-seeding in one of the following 3 groups – Fast, Medium, Slow. No rider in the E-Bike Tour will be allowed to pass the leading guide of the E-Bike Tour fast group. E-Bike Tour Riders will not be allowed to start the E-Bike Tour on Stages 2 & 3 if such riders pass the lead guide.
2. Riders will only be allowed to participate on E-Bikes without a throttle device.
3. One battery change will be allowed in the E-Bike Bike Tour category at Water Point 2 of each stage and will only be available to riders who have purchased the battery swap package.
  - E-Bike Bike Tour riders will need to hand the spare battery in at the Bike Park before 08H00 in the morning and fetch it from the Bike Park by 17H00 for Stages 1&2 and by 15H00 for Stage 3.
  - All batteries must be clearly labelled with your rider number and the provided barcode sticker.
  - Riders will be required to sign their batteries in and out at each collection and drop off point.
  - Organisers will not be held liable for any batteries that have not been signed in and out during these times.
4. There are no categories in the E-Bike Tour, results will be published for overall results only.
5. No prize money for any category in the FNB Wines2Whales Pinotage will be paid.
6. E-Bike Tour teams will be classified separately from non-E-Bike Categories and will not form part of overall FNB Wines2Whales Pinotage results.
7. All riders taking part in the E-Bike Tour need to complete all 3 full stages.
8. An optional shuttle service will be available to E-Bike Tour teams to bypass the portage down Gantouw pass. Riders wanting to use this service must book theirs in their online registration at a cost of R200 per rider.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### **Bike Maintenance and Safe Keeping:**

- It is the rider's responsibility to ensure that their E-Bike battery is sufficiently charged for the stage and carry the necessary equipment to ensure they can complete the stage successfully. South African 3 prong plug points will be available and it is the rider's responsibility to bring all relevant adaptors and charging cables.
- The FNB Wines2Whales takes no responsibility for any loss or damage to E-Bikes and their batteries of whatsoever nature or howsoever caused. The FNB Wines2Whales will not take any responsibility for any water damage to electronics, motors etc.

- The rider is solely responsible for washing their own E-Bike bike if the official bike wash area is used by the rider.
- There will be a separate area within the official bike park with charging facilities available.
- FNB Wines2Whales take no responsibility for any E-Bike not stored within the official bike park.

**Please Note:**

- All batteries, charging cables and adaptors must be clearly labelled and identifiable with your name and rider number.
- E-Bike Open riders will need to hand the spare battery in at the Bike Park before 06H30, and E-Bike Tourriders will need to hand the spare battery in at the Bike Park before 08H00 in the morning and all batteries are to be collected from the Bike Park by 17H00 for Stages 1&2 and by 15H00 for Stage 3.
- It is very important that you conserve your battery life during each stage. Turbo mode is not recommended. The organizers of FNB Wines2Whales do not provide shuttle services for any additional battery changes on route.
- Riders are responsible for the charging of their own batteries and general maintenance of their E-Bike between stages.

**NOTE:** FNB W2W E-MTB Open and Tour riders have the option of purchasing the battery swap service in order to have a spare battery available at Water Point 2.

*\*Rules are subject to change*