

2025 FNB WINES2WHALES – PINOTAGE

IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND RULES - E-BIKE EVENTS

The FNB Wines2Whales Pinotage will once again host 2 dedicated E-Bike events. E-Mountain Bike riders will have a choice between the E-Mountain Bike Race (starting 30 minutes before the A bunch) or the E-Mountain Bike tour (starting 1 hour behind the last start group).

The 2025 FNB Wines2Whales E-Bike race will see the introduction of podiums and a leader's jersey for the following categories, with no battery changes permitted.

- Open Men
- Open Woman
- Mixed

FNB WINES2WHALES PINOTAGE E-MTB RACE RULES

- ❖ All general FNB Mountain Bike rules are applicable with the addition of the following E-Mountain Bike Specific rules.
- 1. Riders will only be allowed to participate on E-Mountain Bikes without a throttle device.
 2. Teams racing for a Leader Jersey in the E-Mountain Bike Races will not be permitted to swap batteries and must therefore complete full stage distance with one (1) battery. All riders taking part in the E-Mountain Bike Race who opt a battery swap will not be eligible to compete for the Leader's Jersey.
 3. Teams who opt for the battery change will be allowed in the E-Mountain Bike Race category but will not be eligible to compete for the E-Bike Leader's Jerseys.
 - E-Mountain Bike Race riders will need to hand the spare battery in at Race Office before 07h00 in the morning and fetch it from race office by 17h00 for Stages 1 & 2 and by 15h00 for Stage 3.
 - Battery change will be at Water Point 2 – only for batteries handed in before 07h00
 - All batteries must be clearly labelled.
 4. To compete for official positions, both riders must be on an E-Mountain Bike.
 5. E-Bike Race Teams form part of either Men, Woman or Mixed Open categories. No age group categories.
 6. No prize money for any category in the FNB Wines2Whales Pinotage will be paid.
 7. E-Mountain Bike Racing teams will be classified separately from non-E-Mountain Bike Categories and will not form part of overall FNB Wines2Whales Pinotage results.
 8. E-Mountain Bike Race riders are required to maintain a minimum average speed of 22km/h for the duration of each stage over the 3 days of racing to qualify to start the next stage in the E-Mountain Bike Race Category.
 - E-Mountain Bike Race teams are required to apply for this category by emailing a screenshot of their results from recent stage race mountain bike events covering at least 65km per stage or their Strava profile details and to motivate their application in writing to; registration@wines2whales.com. The FNB Wines2Whales reserve the right to use their discretion in selecting the riders who qualify for the E-Race group.
 - E-Mountain Bike Race riders who fall to far behind on a stage and who get caught in the racing of the following start groups, will automatically be relegated to the E-Mountain Bike Tour for the remaining stages.
 9. All riders taking part in the E-Mountain Bike race need to complete all 3 full stages including portage sections.
 10. Bike Maintenance and Safe Keeping
 - It is the rider's responsibility to ensure that their E-Mountain 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, it is the rider's responsibility to bring all relevant adaptors and charging cables.

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- The FNB Wines2Whales takes no responsibility for any loss or damage to E-Mountain 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-Mountain 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-Mountain Bike not stored within the official bike park.

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- ❖ All general FNB Mountain Bike rules are applicable with the addition of the following E-Mountain Bike Specific rules.
 1. Riders will only be allowed to participate on E-Mountain Bikes without a throttle device.
 2. One battery change will be allowed in the E-Mountain Bike Tour category at Water Point 2.
 - E-Mountain Bike Tour riders will need to hand the spare battery in at Race Office before 07h30 in the morning and fetch it from race office by 17h00 for Stages 1 & 2 and by 15h00 for Stage 3.
 - All batteries must be clearly labelled.
 3. One of the E-Mountain Bike Tour riders will be allowed to ride on a normal Mountain bike – teams do need to ride together for the duration of each stage.
 4. No categories in the E-Bike Tour, results will be published for overall only.
 5. No prize money for any category in the FNB Wines2Whales Pinotage will be paid.
 6. E-Mountain Bike Tour teams will be classified separately from non-E-Mountain Bike Categories and will not form part of overall FNB Wines2Whales Pinotage results
 7. The E-Mountain Bike Tour is a guided ride, and all riders are required to ride behind the relevant guides.
 8. All riders taking part in the E-Mountain Bike Tour need to complete all 3 full stages. Tour riders have the option to use a shuttle from water point 2 to 3 on stage 1 to avoid potage over Gantouw Pass.
 9. Bike Maintenance and Safe Keeping
 - It is the rider's responsibility to ensure that their E-Mountain 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, it is the rider's responsibility to bring all relevant adaptors and charging cables.
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

All batteries, charging cables and adaptors must be clearly labelled and identifiable with your name and rider number. FNB E-MTB Race and Tour riders who take the option of a spare battery on route need to sign battery in at the race off between 05h30 and 07h30 and sign out before 17h00 stages 1&2 and before 15h00 for stage 3.

NOTE – FNB W2W E-MTB RACE RIDERS WHO WISH TO COMPETE FOR THE LEADER'S JERSEYS DO NOT HAVE THE OPTION OF A SPARE BATTERY ON ROUTE.

It is very important that you conserve your battery life during the event. Turbo mode is not recommended. The organizers of FNB Wines2Whales do not provide shuttle service for additional battery changes on route for the Tour.

Riders are responsible for the charging of their own batteries and general maintenance of their E-Mountain Bikes between stages.

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